



**Fall 2020**

## **MANZANITA REPORTER**

### **Mayor's Corner**

Now we are moving into the unknown of fall/winter seasons with the COVID-19 virus. Will the virus infections spike? Will this be a bad flu season? Will we have to go back to stay at home conditions to protect ourselves until we get a vaccine? We have assembled a public health and safety committee made up of local citizens with experience in public health to advise us. You will soon be seeing announcements about flu shot clinics in our area. Obviously this is an important year to get a flu shot. And keep wearing your masks. They say masks can be as effective as a vaccine for COVID-19 and they sure will help us avoid the flu and those bad winter colds we all seem to get. We are in the process of reviewing resumes and holding interviews to fill an interim City Manager position to get us through to the end of the year as we continue to operate the City under a State of Emergency. I will continue to keep everyone informed as we move forward with my Mayor's videos on Facebook and the City's website. *Mike Scott*

### **Good-bye to Cynthia Alamillo**

Friday, September 13 marked City Manager Cynthia Alamillo's last day in her position. After two years of tireless work on behalf of our community, Cynthia has decided to move closer to her family in El Paso, TX.

"It has truly been my honor and privilege to serve this community as City Manager for the past two years," Cynthia wrote in her farewell letter to the community. "COVID-19 has brought significant challenges to all cities. We are not unique or alone in facing these challenges, but we are special in the way we deal with such situations. Manzanita community members, it has been a pleasure to come to know many of you and to appreciate the unique contribution that each one of you makes towards building a great community."

Thank you, Cynthia, for all of your hard work and for enthusiastically representing Manzanita. We will miss you!

### **Posting Signs**

Tis the season for signs. Please remember that political,

business, and realty signs are not permitted in the Manzanita Public Right-of-Ways.

If you believe a sign has been placed in a Public Right-of-Way, please send an email that includes a picture, location and your contact information to [publicworks@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.manzanita.or.us) or call us at (503) 368-5347. *Dan Weitzel – Public Works Director*

### **Please Continue to Wear a Face Mask in Public**

Manzanita is a small town with small spaces, made even smaller during busy weekends and holidays. Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to study the spread and effects of COVID-19 across the United States.

Studies show that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

In light of this evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. The majority of our merchants require the wearing of a face mask to enter their businesses and will do so for the foreseeable future. Share the love, wear a mask!

### **From the Manzanita Visitors Center**

If you have come to stay in Manzanita to escape from inland smoke and fire, hello and welcome! We are so glad that you made it here safely. Air quality at the coast has improved dramatically since the early days of the fire emergency and the rain has finally returned. Stop by the Visitors Center if you have any questions, we are happy to help you find your way around. We also have plenty of free disposable face masks if you need one.

As always, thank you for continuing to patronize Manzanita small businesses. It has been a long, busy summer and local shop owners and employees have worked hard to keep up with evolving health and safety measures while continuing to ensure quality customer service to the public. Your support is appreciated.

We are open Wed.-Sun., 11 am – 3 pm and can be reached 7 days a week by phone or email at (503).812.5510 and [info@exploremanzanita.com](mailto:info@exploremanzanita.com). Dan Haag – Manzanita Visitors Center

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**Emergency Preparedness**

If nothing else, the last six months of quarantine and wild fires have taught us that having an emergency plan in place is more important than ever. Sitting down with your loved ones and planning together to develop a simple emergency plan in advance can reduce anxiety and save lives in a disaster. Everyone’s situation is unique so no one plan is suitable for everyone. It’s important to consider each household member (including your pets) and think of their daily routines and special needs. You may be unable to return to your home so think about how you could otherwise access your critical personal, financial and contact information. By planning ahead, you and your loved ones will be able to act more quickly and calmly in an emergency situation. Learn more at [www.evcnb.org/planning-for-disaster](http://www.evcnb.org/planning-for-disaster).

**Elected Officials**

Mike Scott, Mayor  
Linda Kozlowski, City Council President  
Councilors: Hans Tonjes, Steve Nuttall, and Thomas Aschenbrener

**November Election**

Remember, you can drop off your ballots at the ballot receptacle located in front of old City Hall.

**Holidays (City Hall offices will be closed)**

Veteran’s Day: November 11, 2020  
Thanksgiving holiday: November 26 & 27, 2020  
Christmas Day holiday: December 24 & 25, 2020  
New Year’s Day holiday: December 31, 2020 & January 1, 2021

**Online Short-Term Rental Survey Ongoing!**

The Manzanita short-term rental workgroup invites you to participate in the ongoing online survey seeking input on a variety of short-term rental (STR) issues. The short-term rental workgroup has been working since October of 2019 under the direction of Mayor Mike Scott and the Manzanita City Council. The role of the workgroup is to identify, discuss and take public input on a wide variety of community STR concerns, such as noise, parking, lighting, and a myriad of other issues. To participate and add you voice, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JGTNDPN>. The workgroup meets virtually the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. To find login details, please visit the city website or Facebook page. If you would prefer to receive a written survey questionnaire, please contact the Manzanita City Hall at (503) 368-5343 or email Judy Wilson, STR Coordinator at [jwilson@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:jwilson@ci.manzanita.or.us).



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**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** The Manzanita City Council and staff are interested in your comments on City programs and issues. Please send us a note or use this form as you wish: City of Manzanita, PO Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130-0129; fax to 1-503-368-4145; or e-mail to [cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us).

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**Contacting City Hall**

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OR call (503) 368-5343.  
The following extensions apply:  
NON – emergency Police – 1  
Public works – 2  
Visitors center – 3  
Water/ Court – 4