

# Manzanita Minute

Community Updates from the City of Manzanita | March 2022 | Water Bill Edition

## City Managers Message | Working Together for the Greater Good

In the nine months I have been here I have found myself continually impressed by the level of engagement, knowledge, and passion of this community. I am grateful to the many of you who have reached out to me, welcomed me to this community, and shared very candidly your thoughts about the issues we are facing. I have also heard about the many wonderful things that we all love about this community and the opportunities before us.

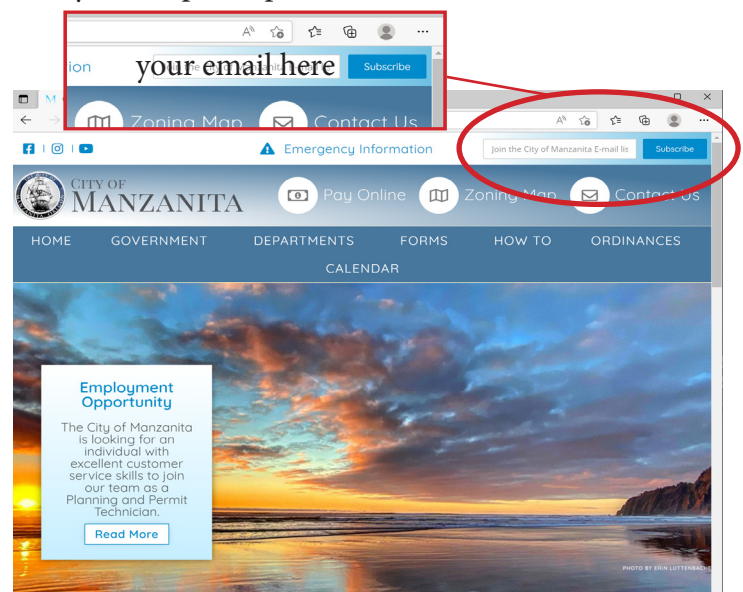
City Council set 3 Goals that will move us forward in addressing these issues together. Goal 1 is **Level Up Manzanita**. The City will be getting up to speed technologically so we can keep up with the community and the ever changing world. Goal 2 is **Budget Forward Manzanita**. This effort will focus on diversification of our revenue and finding ways to distribute the costs of growth equitably. And finally, **Envision Manzanita**. This effort will result in the update of the Comprehensive Plan beginning with a visioning effort that will establish the values for our community for which we will build policy together.

All of these efforts will take time to do right. And doing it right means reaching as many of you as possible. One way I am hoping to do this is to revive the city email listserv. Please subscribe by visiting the city's website at [ci.manzanita.or.us](http://ci.manzanita.or.us) and simply enter in your email address into the box at the very top right of the screen that says: **"Join the City of Manzanita email list."** I will begin sending out at least monthly updates on current events, committee opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and other issues starting in June. Please sign up and get your news straight from the source!

I would also like to hear from members of the community regarding what you are interested in learning more about when it comes to city issues. I invite you to share your thoughts on this and any other questions, comments, or concerns via email to [envisionmanzanita@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:envisionmanzanita@ci.manzanita.or.us). I will review the questions and will include responses to as many as I can in the updates.

I also welcome a chance to meet you in person. Public Works spruced up the front porch, and thanks to some generous and kind community members, I have a stash of tea to share. If you'd like to meet please send an email to [cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us). I typically hold a few Friday mornings each month for meetings with the community and expect to start up a monthly "open office hours" this summer on some Fridays for community members who may want to drop in.

Communication and engagement are top priorities for me and City Council. I hope you will participate in meetings and reach out to me to share your concerns and ideas. Please sign up for the listserv so you can keep up to date with what is happening at the city and how you can participate.



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In this special edition newsletter you will find information on how to nominate someone for Manzanita Citizen of the year and how to participate in City Council meetings. Councilor Steve Nuttall contributed a piece on how to run for office. There will be at least one open seat on the Council this year, so read on to find out more! Mayor Scott also contributed a piece on the future of short term rentals.

I leave you with a quote from one of my heroes, former Oregon Governor Tom McCall who, in his farewell speech said **"May we forever prove by our actions that people can join together for mutual benefit and greater good."** I look forward to working with you for the greater good of this special and wonderful place that means so much to all of us that live, work, and play here.

## Citizen of the Year Nominations Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Manzanita Citizen of the Year. Each year the City seeks to honor those persons who have made a major contribution to the Manzanita community as a community leader, business leader, volunteer, educator, and/or creative artist. A committee made up of former Citizens of the Year will meet in May to consider nominations and select the individual or couple to be honored this year.

To qualify for this honor, one must be a resident of Manzanita, live within the Manzanita Urban Growth Boundary, or operate a business in Manzanita. Currently serving elected officials and City employees are not eligible. The Citizen of the Year may be an individual or couple who performs any volunteer community service that benefits our citizens.

### Nominations must be in writing and submitted by Friday, May 20 to:

Email: [city\\_hall@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:city_hall@ci.manzanita.or.us)

Mail: Manzanita Citizen of the Year Committee  
c/o City Hall  
PO Box 129  
Manzanita, OR 97130

## How to participate and engage with your City Council

If you are curious about what is going on with the City of Manzanita, what policies are being discussed, or decisions being made then you should tune into the monthly City Council meetings. The City Council holds two meetings a month, both held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of every month. These meetings are all currently held via Zoom and are accessible from anywhere in the world!

Even when we return to in person meetings, the City will continue to offer a video option because its proven to be a wonderful way to reach people, and because state law changed on January 1, 2022 and we are now required to provide a remote participation option for in person public meetings.

### City Council Workshop

The City Council Workshop is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Council uses this time to discuss new or complex policy issues that either don't require or are not ready for a decision. Council can ask questions, direct staff to explore issues, and engage with the public on specific topics.

### Regular Session Meeting

Regular Session which begins at 6 p.m. is where decisions and policy are made, public hearings are held, and important debate takes place.

### Meeting Rules and Etiquette

The public has an opportunity to participate at the beginning of the meeting in the public comment section and during the public comment portion of public hearings. The mayor has also made a practice of allowing public comment at the end of agenda items as time allows.

When public comment is open during the meeting, participants are asked to raise their hand and then are given an opportunity to speak. Hands raised outside of that time frame will not be acknowledged because even though the meeting is held in a webinar format, the same rules of order related to public meetings apply. So if you weren't called upon, likely you raised your hand outside the time frame for public comment.



Community members may also submit testimony in advance of the regular session meeting specific to items listed on the agenda. If you send that information to [cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us) prior to the meeting the City Council will receive a copy of your input and it will be included in the final packet.

### What happens if I can't make the meeting?

Not to worry! We record them, and the audio is available on our website going back to 2020. You can find that information here: [ci.manzanita.or.us/city-council](http://ci.manzanita.or.us/city-council).

### How do you find out what's on the agenda?

We post the agenda one week in advance of the meeting on our website, the city calendar, and we post hard copies in the front window of our temporary City Hall building located on 5th and Dorcas, the kiosk at the public restrooms on 5th and Laneda, the kiosk at the Visitors Center and the Post Office. All notices for public meetings such as Planning Commission and the Budget Committee are also posted in these places.

## City Councilor Announces He Will Not Seek Reelection

Councilor Steve Nuttall announced March 1st that he will not seek re-election to the Manzanita City Council this fall. According to Nuttall, he has thoroughly enjoyed his tenure on the Council and wishes to extend his appreciation to the many community members that he has been fortunate to work with.

"I plan to be a strong voice for the remaining months of my term, focusing on the many issues facing our city. Serving on the Council has given me a front row seat to seeing the tremendous work of the talented volunteers in our community, as well as marveling at the strong work of city staff. Although the past five plus years have been at times filled with obstacles, community engagement still is vibrant and energized. It is a testimony to the wonderful place we reside, work, and play." Nuttall's term of office will end in January of 2023.

## 2022 City Council Calendar

**Workshop 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Regular Session 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**All meetings held via Zoom. Links can be found on the agenda located on the city website at:**

**[ci.manzanita.or.us/city-council](http://ci.manzanita.or.us/city-council)**

**April 6, 2022**  
**May 4, 2022**  
**June 8, 2022**  
**July 6, 2022**  
**August 3, 2022**  
**September 7, 2022**  
**October 5, 2022**  
**November 9, 2022**  
**December 7, 2022**

## What does it take to be elected to the City Council?

Have you ever wondered what it might take to be elected to the Manzanita City Council? Interested in seeking a Council position? Here are some key points to consider: To run for City Council, you:

1. Must have been a resident of Manzanita for at least one year and be registered to vote in the City.
2. Must collect 20 signatures from "electors". Electors are registered voters in the City of Manzanita.
3. Must be qualified to serve.
4. Must have all paperwork submitted within the time frames as outlined by law.

All positions on the Manzanita City Council are non-partisan. Don't forget that certain rules of procedure apply to the collection of signatures of electors, including various dates associated with the filing of required paperwork. Interested candidates, at a minimum, should become familiar with election rules





by visiting the Tillamook County Elections website at <https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/clerk/page/elections-division>, along with reviewing the City Charter, located on the city website.

This year, the election for City Council and the Mayor will be held on November 8th, 2022 – and there will be three positions up for election – Mayor Michael Scott, along with City Councilor's Linda Kozlowski and Steve Nuttall. Councilor Nuttall has already announced that he will not be seeking re-election, ensuring Manzanita will be installing at least one new City Councilor.

**REMINDER! THE BALLOT BOX HAS MOVED!**  
**You can now find the ballot box located at the Bus Stop on 5th between Laneda and Dorcas, across the street from the Manzanita Public Safety Building.**



Photo Credit: Officer Mike

## **The Future of Short Term Rentals - A message from Mayor Scott**

What is the future of short-term rentals in Manzanita? And what future sources of income can be found? These are big issues for our community. We have a very small property tax base and get most of our income from the short-term rental tax.

The last two years we had a STR workgroup who worked on many livability issues. We are now in the process of establishing a permanent STR committee to help us with these issues. All stakeholders will have a place at the table; one STR manager, one STR owner, and three non STR owners. This group must respect each other, be able to listen, compromise and find consensus.

The Council will direct this committee. We will advise them as to what we want them to work on and we will control the output and will make all final decisions. The first important issue is the cap of 17.5% on licenses. The current building boom has the potential to add many additional licenses to Manzanita. Because of this the Council is going to freeze the current number of licenses.

We will ask the STR committee to address several livability issues such as how do we handle licenses in subdivisions? How do we handle licenses in areas where there is a homeowners association (HOA)? How can we deal with concentration of STR's in certain areas of town?

We also will be looking at alternative sources of income for the City. While the city is in a solid financial position now, we know our community is growing so we will need to find alternate funding sources to be able to continue to provide services as our housing stock continues to grow. We will be establishing a Revenue Diversification Committee to work with the City Manager and an economic consultant to evaluate our current fees and revenue sources and provide recommendations on alternative sources of funding. We will be asking for your input on these issues and encourage you to submit an application to the STR Committee or Revenue Diversification Committee when they open if you have an interest in volunteering.

