

The Manzanita Minute

CITY OF MANZANITA NEWSLETTER



Greetings Manzanita,

What a summer it has been! We at the city have been extremely busy as our Public Works and Police teams work to help keep our city clean and safe. In fact, Public Works staff have been a little too busy as we are looking for a new team member so if you're interested you can learn more here: <https://ci.manzanita.or.us/employment/>

It was also wonderful to see the return of in person community events such as Muttzanita, where we elected a new Mayor of Muttzanita, Mr. Fuggles, the Hoffman Garden Annual Plant Sale and the Manzanita Farmers Market which continues until October 7th this year. I love having the chance to meet folks in the community and see friendly and familiar faces smiling and enjoying all this wonderful city has to offer.

It's also election season and several members of our community have also been busier than usual pounding the pavement and engaging folks from all across the city and doing loads of research including meeting with me, and city staff to learn more about what we do. The amount of civic engagement has been wonderful to witness. The city will be producing an election guide for the candidates running for office and it will be available on our website at <https://ci.manzanita.or.us/> by the end of September. Check back often and get engaged and VOTE! You can also request a hard copy of the guide by emailing us at cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us or stop by City Hall, we'll have some out front during regular business hours.

This summer also included two Envision Manzanita Town Hall Listening Sessions that will inform our Comprehensive Plan update among other policy initiatives. We heard from over 70 people through an online survey and over 90 people attended the two Town Hall meetings held on July 13th and July 20th. Of the folks that participated in those events more than 50% identified as registered voters. I also met with a business owner stakeholder group on September 13th. In all we gathered more than 140 pages of comments from folks and have been in the process of distilling that information into useable information to help guide future policy in the city and establish a starting point for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

On September 28th, at 5pm we will be holding another Envision Manzanita Town Hall Listening Session to share what we learned and to get your feedback on whether we got it right. It's not an easy job to distill so much information but the hope is we can start to paint the forest through the trees and establish a framework for our Comprehensive Plan update and provide guidance to policy makers on what the top priorities are for Manzanita citizens.

We are also moving forward with the planning of New City Hall. We held a City Hall Town Hall Listening Session in August, where we maxed out participation with 50 community members showing up and digging into the details in small groups. We also received more than 70 responses to the online survey. Our design team has been working through that feedback and developing some initial concepts that will look at a remodel option, a hybrid and a new construction option. We have also been conducting additional due diligence so we can get a firm grasp on the all project costs, including additional testing of the existing buildings, completion of a Phase 1 Environment Assessment and geo technical testing and analysis, all necessary steps for development of any kind. We will be holding another City Hall Town Hall Listening Session on October 3rd where we will share these concepts for additional community feedback.

I hope to see you at these, and many other upcoming events. So, keep your eye on the website, sign up for the list serve if you haven't already. We'll do our best to keep you posted and in the know, but never hesitate to ask. Write to us at envnsionmanzanita@ci.manzanita.or.us

Take care,
Leila Aman
City Manager