

The Manzanita Minute

CITY OF MANZANITA NEWSLETTER

City Hall will be closed from December 23rd through January 1st to allow staff to spend time with their families. You can still email or call, and someone will get back to you shortly. We want to wish our residents and community members a happy holidays. It was such a joy to celebrate with you all at our 3rd annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

If you haven't already, please complete our second survey related to the Comprehensive Plan and Housing Ordinance Update. The first survey garnered 88 responses. We are blown away by the amount of input and feedback from the community. The second and current survey has already garnered roughly 50 responses and will remain open until December 27th. You can find the survey here: [Community Summit Survey – City Of Manzanita](#).

During 2024, the City was committed to increasing housing stock, prioritizing affordable and workforce housing. The City will receive \$2.709 million from the State of Oregon for our Classic Street Connection project. State grant funds will be used for water and stormwater infrastructure to support affordable and workforce housing in our community. City Council also approved the signing of a restrictive covenant on the approximately 12-acre property located at the east end of Meadows Drive. The covenant restricts development to income-restricted housing for affordable and moderate-income households. The City Manager will now be able to finalize the annexation of the 12-acre property so that development can start!

The City also discussed a new business item during [December's City Council Regular Session](#) regarding the implementation of an interim measure to comply with FEMA and address the 2016 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Biological Opinion. Interim measures must be adopted in much of the State of Oregon – 227 communities across 31 counties. Most of Tillamook County is affected, though Manzanita will only be mildly affected. [Three interim measures are available to choose from:](#)

1. Prohibit all new development
2. Adopt a model ordinance
3. Permit-by-permit basis

The City has opted for option number 3, which will directly affect 8 homes in the City, and each of which will be notified directly.

Finally, City staff have begun installing new 20-mile-per-hour signs throughout the City to support the passage of a new ordinance limiting speed limits within residential areas to 20 MPH. This is one step closer to the City's goal of implementing the policies in the Transportation System Plan, making Manzanita a safer community to walk and bike in. If you want to support this effort, we still have a few yard signs available for free at City Hall. Come by and pick one up to show your support for Twenty is Plenty!

We want to thank all of our residents and community members for another great year, and for your participation and hard work in making the City what we all want it to be! Have a happy holidays!