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Manzanita city manager resigns, city seeks interim

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

anzanita City Council agreed **WI**during a special meeting Monday, Aug. 24, to seek an interim city manager and follow the procedure City Manager Cynthia Alamillo outlined for the council. Alamillo submitted her resignation on Aug. 13.

Alamillo said it was a difficult decision but resigning was the right thing for her.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has required me to reexamine my pri-

orities and after a 10-year absence, I want to return to my family in El Paso, Texas," Alamillo wrote in her resignation letter. "I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Manzanita."

City council is now looking to hire a new city manager.

"The city council has to follow procurement to hire a new city manager," Alamillo said. "My recommendation, because of the timing of everything that's happening, is that council to hire an interim city manager."

The process for this is the same as hiring a permanent city manager. The interim would continue the day-today operations of the city.

Mayor Mike Scott said hiring a permanent city manager could be an issue because of the uncertainty regarding building new facilities for the staff, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the upcoming November election. Going the interim route, it can be for an unspecified time determined by the council.

"I would envision we're talking 4-6 months, which is going to take us to January, March time frame," Scott said. "I know of at least five individuals who are interested in the interim job."

Councilor Linda Kozlowski said this is a good time to have an interim city manager. Other councilors agreed that an interim city manager is the most appropriate route at this time

Applications for city manager are due Sept. 4. If people are interested, they should apply. Finalists will be interviewed Sept. 7.

The council voted and agreed to

seek an interim city manager.

Applicants should send a cover letter, responses to supplemental questions, resume and completed City application form to: City Manager Recruitment, City of Manzanita, P.O. Box 129, Manzanita, OR 97130. or email to: calamillo@ci.manzanita or.us or fax to 1-503-368-4145. The application packet is available on the City's website https://ci.manzanita. or.us/employment

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County discusses COVID-19 updates, tourism

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ounty leadership discussed at a community meeting Friday, Aug. 21, COVID-19 testing, cases in the county, and tourism in the county. As of Aug. 21, there are 32 confirmed cases and four presumptive cases in the county.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson said every in-patient gets tested for COVID-19. They also minimize the number of people in the building to keep everyone safe by restricting the number of visitors.

We have one new positive case," Tillamook County Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said. "That brings our total to 36 cases; 32 are confirmed and 4 are presumptive."

Two out of 36 of those cases are currently active and in isolation. 34 out of 36 of those cases are closed.

As of Thursday, Aug. 20, there has been one new COVID-19 related hospitalization. There have been 2,367 negative tests and no deaths in the county.

Rinehart Clinic continues to screen all patients who come in for an appointment. Tillamook Family Counseling Center continues to provide behavioral health services virtually and by phone. The mobile crisis team continues to serve the community 24 hours a day, seven



NEAH-KAH-NIE CLASS OF 2020 **CELEBRATES GRADUATION**

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

Neah-Kah-Nie (NKN) High School held its Class of 2020 graduation ceremony Friday, Aug. 14, at Abrahamson Field at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Due to COVID-19 crowd restrictions, the celebration was limited to invite only and the event was livestreamed on the school district's Facebook page.

Salutatorian Jacob Waldron thanked the families present, as well as the NKN faculty and staff.

"Ultimately, the graduating class of

2020 is very grateful for everyone here today," Waldron said. "We're looking forward to the fruitful years to come.'

The graduating class listened to a recording of the NKN band, as well as the choir.

Senior Class President Jacob Waldron and Class Representative Jett Johnston presented the gift of the Class of 2020. The senior gift, given to the janitors, was a new Keurig coffee maker and new janitorial cart.

Principal Heidi Buckmaster said the class has prevailed against obstacles to be here today. Because of COVID-19, the Class of 2020 missed prom, band

and state performances, sports, and other school activities.

"You've been honored and celebrated with reader board messages, road signs, banners, Facebook posts, tweets, Friday night lights, and whoo hoos and huzzahs every time one of you met those requirements," Buckmaster said.

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates sang the Alumni song and ended with confetti for everyone to celebrate the Class of 2020.

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Popular Ecola State Park reopens to public after February shutdown

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

Ecola State Park reopened Saturday, Aug. 15, after a landslide caused the park to shut down for road repairs in February. Landslides in the park damaged the park entrance road and wiped out about 100 feet of the Crescent Beach Trail. The main road into Ecola State Park has been reopened



following repairs and the park is open except for two trails: Ecola Point to Indian Beach Trail, and the north part of the Crescent Beach trail.

Chris Havel, Oregon Parks and Recreation associate director, said contractors are at work repairing and rerouting the Ecola Point to Indian Beach Trail. People should obey signs and keep out of the area. The landslide erased part of the trail from the hillside of the north part of the Crescent Beach trail. People should observe the trail closure and hazard signs.

'Be prepared for reduced service levels, full parking lots and long lines on Ecola Park Road," Havel said. "If the park's 200 plus parking spots are full, go to a different park."



Despite the rain last Thursday afternoon Ecola State Park received a lot of visitors. Photo by Katherine Mace

The park crew reported an average of 400-500 cars daily at Ecola State Park since Aug. 15, Havel said. The park has been steady but not overly busy. Sunday, Aug. 16

was a heavy day. "It follows the weather," the park crew's report said. "Overcast or rainy at the

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days a week.

Gordon McCraw, incident command, said KN95 masks are still available for small businesses. They are giving away about 10,000 masks total to the community. Businesses can go to the website to place their order:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2d4a55d1aa-1f4178a456597c2f4e619b

"Small Business Relief Funds are available through the Economic Development Council," Jennifer Purcell, north coast region coordinator for the governor's office. "Folks can get additional information there."

Jennifer Purcell, north coast region coordinator for the governor's office, said every other week, outdoor recreation leaders meet with state parks, Oregon Department of Forestry and the Bureau of Land Management to coordinate strategize and messaging for the influx of visitors to the coast.

Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said the county is working on issues with visitors and there is shoulder signage at Oswald West State Park. As a team, the county and partners approached the increase of visitors from a safety standpoint. Travel Oregon has started a campaign to educate visitors on how to behave when they come here

Bell said the county is not ready for the volume of tourists coming in and they are doing everything they can to mitigate the impact of tourism.

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County leaders discuss influx of visitors

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners discussed tourism in Tillamook County during a board meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Tillamook County Sheriff Jim Horton said the county is inundated with visitors. Community partners have discussed several strategies.

"Over the last several weeks, we have increased our enforcement efforts, particularly in South County," Horton said.

Tillamook State Forest has had very heavy use, as well as Sandlake Recreation Area, Pacific City and Oceanside. The sheriff's office has pulled detectives to work back on patrol on the weekends.

Horton said on a fully staffed day, there are three dep-

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Registration

Neah-Kah-Nie School District online registration opened the second Monday in August for the upcoming school year. Online

registration is only for students who are new to the district. They have never attended here before! Current students who have previously attended Neah-Kah-Nie schools will use the verification

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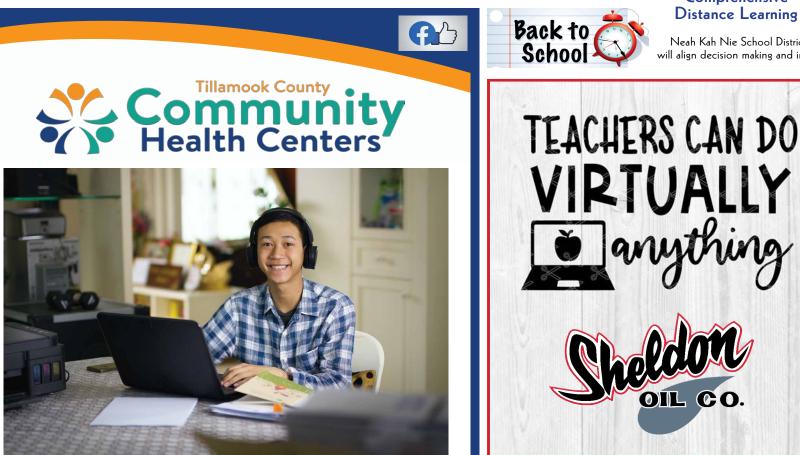
processIf you do not have internet access, or access to a computer, each school and the district office will have computer stations set-up and available for your use beginning the second Monday

in August. Please contact your school or the District Office at 503-355-2222 to make an appointment.

If you already have students in the district but have a kindergar-



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ten student who did not attend Kindergarten Roundup in the spring and you do not believe that you have a ParentVUE account, please contact your school secretary or the district office to obtain a ParentVUE activation code.

If you have questions, please contact the school secretary, Kathie Sellars or Lisa Stanfield at the District Office, 503-355-2222.

Why Distance Learning

The Oregon Department of Education requires three consecutive weeks of 10 or fewer cases per 100,000 population and a 5% or lower test positivity rate in the previous 7 days in a school's county. The state must also have a test positivity rate of 5% or less in the previous 7 days for three consecutive weeks. Currently, the state remains above the 5% test positivity threshold. A positivity rate is the percentage of those tested who have COVID-19. Case numbers can depend on how many people are tested, but positivity rates show the prevalence in a population. The most current positivity rate in Oregon is 5.8% with a case rate per 100,000 of 55.7. Tillamook County had a test positivity rate of 3.3% and case rate per 100,000 of 15.1. The school district surveyed all staff; a high percentage of staff favor a Comprehensive Distance Learning model for staff safety and the safety of students. The school district will begin the school year in a CDL model as a "phase I" for nine or twelve weeks. If the state and county's test positivity rates allow a hybrid model, this will allow the school district to move into "phase II."

Comprehensive **Distance** Learning

Neah Kah Nie School District will align decision making and implementation of our CDL model to the ODE guidance. NKN SD has reviewed all CDL Guidance sections, and we believe we can successfully implement all of the requirements. We have teaching staff and school administrators attending the COSA conference Aug. 4-6 to learn as much as we can to better understand and implement a successful CDL model and will start planning immediately afterward. At this time, the NKN SD does not have any accommodations for ODE to review. The CDL planning team for the Neah-Kah-Nie Preschool will collaborate with elementary staff on platforms and professional development in preparation for CDL implementation.

Plan to Move to Hybrid Learning or **On-Site Learning** Consistent with the Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance

The decision to transition to a Hybrid Learning or On-Site model under the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance depends on the state and county's positivity rates, and recommendation of the Tillamook County Health Department. School district leadership team will meet weekly to discuss the current CDL plan and efficacy of current practice. Each school will revisit plans periodically under the guidance of the school district. The school district's plan is to faithfully implement CDL for the first 9 weeks of the school year (until mid-November). The district will monitor state and county test positivity percentages and case rates to determine when the district can move to a Hybrid or an On-Site model. We hope to be able to move to a Hybrid Learning or On-Site as soon as possible as long as it is safe and each school can meet the requirements laid out in the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance.

Fire Mountain School

Fire Mountain School (FMS) is an independent primary school on the northern Oregon coast, providing an innovative placebased curriculum that helps to foster students' emotional and intellectual development, creativity, and awareness of the world around them. We are launching our Outdoor Program, and are currently enrolling two mixed age classrooms--PreK-First grade (4-6+ years old; Potty-trained) and 2nd-4th graders. Both classes will have a maximum of 12 students to facilitate the mixed age, childled approach. A third class is a demand-dependent possibility. Our Young Class is led by Mrs. Christine Caulkins. Mrs. Caulkins has lived in the area for almost 20 years, has her Masters in Education from George Fox College, and taught in the NKN and Nehalem schools for over 7 years before coming to Fire Mountain in the 2016 school vear Our Elementary Class is led by Mr. John Reseland, returning for his 4th year with FMS. Mr R. had 10 years experience teaching a variety of elementary subjects and levels in Washington State. Mr. Reseland has his Masters in Education from Antioch University in Seattle. Fire Mountain School is a community of mutual support, where teachers and staff are attentive to students' emotional as well as academic needs. Parents provide friendly encouragement to every student, much as they encourage children in their own family. Every week involves group meetings with students to outline overarching goals for the week, to address any student questions or concerns, and respectfully settle any disputes. Through this process, students will gain emotional security and maturity, and will develop a vocabulary for expressing thoughts and feelings. Alongside the core curriculum, this will help the school meet its ultimate goal of helping students to become well-rounded, conscientious individuals, with a firm social and academic foundation that will aid them through all future phases of their lives. For more information contact (503)436-2610 or firemountainschool@gmail.com

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On the ballot

Six candidates announced for Manzanita council, mayor elections

Scott Galvin, Randy Kugler and Jerry Spegman are three candidates who have qualified to be on the November 2020 ballot for Manzanita city offices – Galvin for the mayoral position, and Kugler and Spegman for two open city council seats.

Kugler and Spegman will face incumbents, Hans Tonjes, and Thomas Aschenbrener for the city council spots. (see related story about Aschenbrener's announcement to seek another term on this page). Galvin will face incumbent mayor Mike Scott in the election.

Galvin has deep roots in Manzanita, with parents who owned a retail business in town and helped found the Manzanita Historical Society. He holds a Business Administration degree from Portland State University, which he applied to a long career as a tradesman, and is a former Manzanita City Council member.

Kugler has worked in municipal government throughout his career, including eight years as Manzanita's city manager/



Jerry Spegman

recorder. He earned degrees in both economics and anthropology, and has received several awards for programs he developed in public service. He was instrumental in advocating for the defeat of the bond issue for the proposed Manzanita City Hall in 2019, which was overwhelmingly voted down by nearly 70 percent of voters.

Spegman spent his 40year career in public interest law and public health policy advocacy, and holds a juries doctor degree from New England School of Law in



Randy Kugler

Boston. He currently serves on the advisory board of Tillamook County Wellness, the board of directors of the Rinehart Clinic in Wheeler, and as a state-certified ombudsman with the Oregon Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.

The three men share a platform, as well as complementary experience and skills. Their platform is based on three cornerstones: transparency, inclusivity and fiscal responsibility.

While there are several issues that they are concerned with, their immediate focus is on the issues of



Scott Galvin

Manzanita's Water Fund, the short-term rental situation and the development of a new city hall facility.

"The current city council, through its communication in recent budgets, has warned of the need to raise water rates, as revenues are not keeping up with expenses," Kugler said.

Kugler, Galvin and Spegman disagree on a need for rate increases.

"By ensuring that the water fund only expends its revenue for legitimate activities related to the operation and maintenance of our water system, we see no reason for water rate increases for the foreseeable future," Kugler said.

On the issue of short-term rentals, the three candidates favor a balanced approach that relies heavily on input from Manzanita residents.

"As new housing continues to be developed in Manzanita, our elastic cap on short-term rentals will add to the 257 units we currently have in town. That's a lot of STRs in a town with fewer than 700 full-time residents," Spegman said. "We'll take a careful look

at the balance between the benefits and burdens of STRs, and we want to hear from residents about whether the time is right to establish a hard cap on new permits."

The building of a new city hall has been a hotly debated question in Manzanita, with public discussion of cost, scope and timing increasing as the November election looms closer. Galvin has proposed taking several options directly to the public and basing the direction of the new city hall on voters' expressed preferences.

"We are committed to finding a solution to the replacement of the City of Manzanita's city hall," Galvin said. "The process of this solution is the most important concern.

"Presenting financially responsible options with varying timelines is the first step," Galvin continued. "Mailing a survey to every resident of Manzanita and valuing their input with transparent results is the second step of a phased approach. Crisp execution will provide the timely results that are expected. We have proposed exactly this to the current city council."

Galvin, Kugler and Spegman – reinforcing the open, inclusive theme of their campaign – encourage anyone with questions or comments to contact them directly at: Scott Galvin scott@manzanitacitizensalliance.org

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Jerry Spegman jerry@ manzanitacitizensalliance. org

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uties working in the county and we need to find a way to increase services for the county.

"I'm concerned to the point that if there's a major incident in the county, given the number of people who are here, we would be unable to respond effectively to a major incident," Horton said.

COVID-19 has changed how people recreate. These issues are centered on day use. There are concerns about sanitation and water quality.

Oregon Department of Forestry is in the process of counting cars in some of their parking lots. Community partners have agreed there are problems.

"We're working with ODOT to get additional reader boards in strategic locations, putting out information about limited parking and limited services," Horton said. "We're doing county last weekend. "What we're seeing this year is record numbers of visitors in Tillamook County," Commissioner David Yamamoto said. "I just don't feel it's going to get that much better next summer."

Pacific City has always been an issue in Tillamook County, with parking and an overwhelming number of visitors. There was recently an issue in Oceanside as well. People were stopped on the street leading up to the parking area, waiting for a spot to open up.

Yamamoto said he would like to start talking to OPRD

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and other agencies about the county taking over their parking areas. In Pacific City, they hope to hire two additional deputies, by using \$10 parking fees.

"We need to start this conversation with OPRD and the forest service just to see what kind of agreements we can make," Yamamoto said. "It's evident that they – OPRD, Department of Forestry, US Forest Service – they need additional security in all of their areas."

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Thomas Aschenbrener

for the future of our city. Since 2008 I have been a Manzanita resident. In the spring of 2019 I was appointed to the Manzanita City Council to complete an unexpired term of office following the resignation of the elected member.

I am a retired foundation

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it boils down to is we need to increase our public safety presence within the community."

Horton expects a continued busy season. Oregon State Police have been in Portland due to the social unrest.

"The primary mission of the Oregon State Police is traffic enforcement on the state highways," Horton said.

Every call for service is channeled to the sheriff's office right now, increasing the workload.

"We have great partnerships with all the municipalities," Horton said. "We share resources, we collaborate, they come out of their area to assist us and we respond to their areas to assist them."

Horton said the Tillamook Police Department is down two officers. It is a constant battle trying to keep the departments at full staff.

Horton estimates there were 100,000 people in the



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coast means slower days if it's moderate in the valley. Hotter 'n heck in the valley means crazy busy, no matter the local conditions."

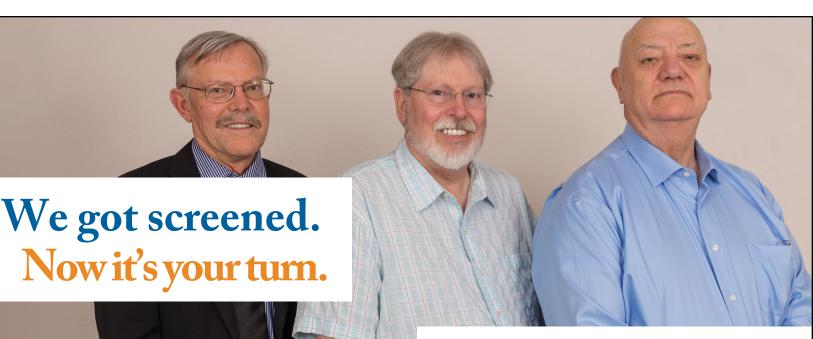
The park crew reported some complaints about speeding on Ecola Park Road and Oregon Department of Transportation is putting up some additional 20 mph signs on their stretch of asphalt.

"People are happy Ecola is open," the park crew said. "Oswald West is less busy, maybe as a result of Ecola opening, but then there's that weather thing."

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Kugler was right about water funds

A good question was raised the other day concerning the use of water funds to pay a portion of the city manager's and assistant city manager's salary in Manzanita. It was thought that it was just a matter of shifting funds around from the same pot of money. Actually, there are two pots of money. One pot, mostly user fees, is used to operate the water department, the other pot, consisting mostly of

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taxes, fees and fines is used to support the administration of the city and the police department. The city government receives funds from the water department to do the billing and administer contracts and such. If the city claims more than is necessary to administer the water department it depletes the water department's ability to do it's job and puts pressure to increase water rates. This extra amount over and above what the city actually does for the water department is a hidden tax and is illegal. Paying 50% of the city and assistant city manager's salary from the water fund is too much.

Mayor Scott says the council spent a year working on the problem and finally had to hire a consultant to solve it for them. The consultant, with very little data, had to construct a payment ratio essentially "out of thin air." He concluded that the 50% ratio was indeed too high and reduced it to 30% thereby validating Mr. Kugler's concern. The 30%

share is still higher then other comparable cities in size and responsibilities. The consultant did find other places to apply the excess water fund transfer ending in little or no change in the money taken from the water department to support the city. Essentially a "rearrangement of the deck chairs." Had Mayor Scott directed all city employees to fill out time cards a year ago, as Mr. Kugler had suggested

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executive with a career funding medical and public health education and policy. My management experience in governmental and non-profit organizations is relevant to the work of the City Council, whether it is being able to monitor the management of large projects, ask the right questions of staff and

consultants, or to understand the intricacies of creating and managing a budget. Over my career of 40 years, I worked as a federal grants officer in Washington DC, state health program manager for the Governor's office in Atlanta, Georgia, and later served as the founding president of the Northwest Health Foundation for the last 15 years of my career.

Manzanita will grow and change. Change is inevitable, but change is an opportunity that can be used by governmental leaders to improve

the lives of people. Our challenge is to manage that growth in a manner that allows balance, cultural integrity and does not exclude people. My work in social equity has been a hallmark of my career. I am a strong supporter of the most recent City Council resolution 20-22 condemning racism. I see the importance for our city to take a stance against racism with this resolution.

My commitment is to the entire community of Manzanita, recognizing that we represent not only our



fulltime residents but also the quality of life of our second home owners and visitors, all of whom are fundamental to the economic base of our community. Mark Hatfield, my former board chair, showed me that

successful societies are about collaboration and finding different paths to produce the best outcomes, not about having one person insist theirs is the only way. This is true for our city council as well, and the mayor and current council members have developed a strong collaborative style where we encourage community input, and challenge each other with dignity and respect as we come to collective decisions.

I am prepared to continue to work for our shared future in Manzanita.

If you have questions, you can contact me at CouncilorThomas2020@gmail.com and we can set up a time to talk

Thomas Aschenbrener P.S. If you want more information about the election issues, please visit manzanita2020.org, a website managed by an independent group of Manzanita citizens.

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Garibaldi leaders consider noise ordinance

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

Garibaldi City Council discussed at a meeting Monday, Aug. 17, a proposed noise ordinance. The city council will vote on the rule at next month's meeting.

Mayor Judy Riggs said there is currently no definition of a time frame for quiet hours in the city. City Manager Geoff Wullschlager found some language that defines disturbing the peace, as well as time frames.

'Disturbing the peace' constitutes the making, causing or permitting to be made or caused to be made anywhere within the city limits of the City of Garibaldi of any loud, unseemly noise or unnecessary noises, clamor, or other sounds to disturb the peace and quiet of the community, and the carrying on of any business, trade, transportation, recreation or amusement at any time, in any place or in any manner which causes and unnecessary noise or disturbances, and all such noises and disturbances are prohibited and subject to citation, the ordinance states.

"In the past, cities actually offer a waiver in circumstances when the noise may carry over, say, past 11 p.m.," Councilor Tim Hall said. "I would like to see some language inserted into this ordinance that basically provides that waiver."

Riggs said this is in the application when someone applies for an event permit. This helps notify the town of events that may have noise until later hours.

It was added in the ordinance that a noise variance can be obtained by a special event permit, and approved by the city council.

The council discussed the quite hours proposed, thinking about bars and taverns, and shift workers and people who work early in the morning, as well as



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the retired community. "We just need to have

something in place so that we don't have people getting done at the bar on a week night and continuing to party on their deck, disrupting the neighborhood," Riggs said.

The council agreed on quiet hours before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and before 8 a.m. and after 11 p.m. Friday through

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and which the Public Works Department already does, the council would have had the exact data to make the apportionment and they would not have needed a costly \$28,000 consultant to conger up a ratio which leaves the validity of the present water fund transfer still on shaky ground.

Until this year, I had been on the budget committee for 28 straight years, ever since its inception, I think. The mayor wrote me a letter and thought that after that long of a stretch I might not want to reapply for the position. I appreciated his concern. I did not reapply not because I was tired, the job is not that hard, but for the following reasons: 1) I found the mayor hard to work with and combative when his views are questioned not only on budget matters but on questions on the new city hall as well. 2) I thought by not reapplying there would be one less excuse not to appoint Randy Kugler, arguably the most qualified person in Manzanita, to the job. And 3) As Harry Truman said of the vice presidency "the job wasn't worth a spittoon full of warm spit". The citizen members of the budget committee have very little ef-

Saturday.

"We can see if we're having a lot of problems between 9 and 10 p.m.," Riggs said. "If we discover that we have a lot of problems, then we can review it at a later date," Riggs said. On New Year's Eve, the

day before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, the day before Independence Day, Independence Day, Garibaldi Days the day before Labor Day, Labor Day, the

fect upon the budget proposed by the city manager and city council. I must admit I voted. but not always, for the budgets proposed by Jerry Taylor for over 20 years including the the 50% water fund portion of the city manager's salary. Without proper records, the only thing I or any other member of the budget committee could do was trust the city manager's assessment. I later found out through figures from other cities in Oregon of comparable size and responsibilities, as researched by Mr. Kugler, that the figure should be closer to 15%. Time cards should be kept so that everyone including the city manager and city council as well as the budget committee members can make more and better informed decisions on the entire budget.

> Terry Staehnke Manzanita

Response to Bloomers letter

I'm writing in response to Ralph Bloemers of Manzanita and his August 14, 2020 opinion piece on the 'Doris Davis Trail.' It is riddled with incorrect information, but I'm most disappointed with his claim that I put up wire fencing to block the 'trail' across two of the properties. I'm a

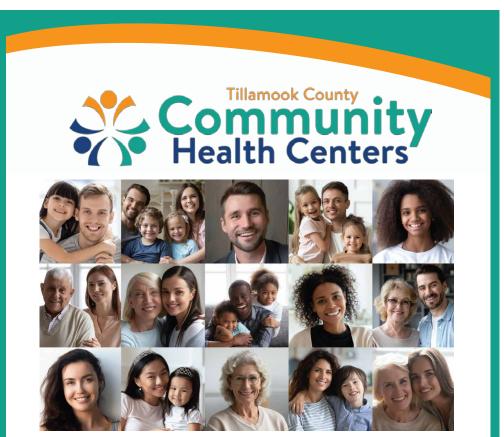
evening quiet hours begin at 11 p.m., regardless of the day of the week.

Riggs said the council would read the ordinance a second time before it can be adopted. The council will read and vote on the ordinance at the next city council meeting, scheduled for Sept. 21.

Send comments to: headlightreporter@countrymedia.net

realtor and I in 2020 I briefly represented two of the property owners in the sale of their property. I advised them to post "No Trespassing" signs, not to put up a fence. Against my advice the property owners constructed the fencing themselves Subsequently I withdrew their listing.I must caution everyone against removing or damaging fencing on private property. I strongly support private property rights, balanced with appropriate rights of public access. In this case, however, there are many ways for the public to access the beach from Classic Ridge without crossing private property. Besides the owners of the two parcels Mr. Bloemers mentioned, the property rights of three other owners are impacted before people reach the public road. Mr Bloemers did not contact me to confirm the accuracy of his opinion piece. Further, I'm concerned that the paper has publish information which encourages people to damage private property.I'd also remind Mr Bloemers that there is a proposal to create a trail to the beach on an existing public right-of-way in Manzanita that would give equal access to everyone on Classic Ridge and provide another tsunami evacuation path.

> David Matthews Manzanita



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