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**CITY OF NEWPORT
CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKETS
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Newport citizens will be electing a Mayor and three Councilors in the general election on November 6, 2012. All positions are at-large which means that the candidates can live in any area of the city, but once elected, represent all citizens, rather than those in a particular district or ward. The three Council positions are elected based on the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The Mayor is voted on separately.

Candidate information packets are available on the city's website. The packets contain important information that potential candidates will need, including the declaration of candidacy form, a candidate's calendar, and links to the Campaign Finance Manual and the Candidates Manual produced by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

This is the third municipal election in which candidates may file by declaration, rather than circulating a petition. The first day to submit a declaration of candidacy is May 30, 2012, and the deadline is 5:00 P.M., on August 28, 2012. This is also the third election in which local candidates file financial reports with the Secretary of State rather than the city recorder.

The packets are available on the city's website, www.newportoregon.gov. Hard copies of this packet may be obtained by calling the city recorder at 541.574.0613, or by e-mail at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov.

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