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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON  
THE PLASTIC BAG COMMUNITY PLAN TASK FORCE**

The City of Newport is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the Plastic Bag Community Plan Task Force. This Task Force was created by the City Council to identify different approaches to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastic checkout bags, and ways in which to measure their effectiveness. This may include community outreach and education, local recycling efforts, a local ban either with or without a charge/deposit on paper checkout bags, or a combination of these or other approaches.

The City Council is seeking members at-large, a representative of a small, non-grocery retail business, and a large, non-grocery retail business. The Task Force will be responsible for forwarding recommendations to the City Council for consideration and a potential plan of action. The Task Force will be charged with completing its task by September 4, 2012.

Anyone interested in serving on this task force should apply using the city's committee application which is found on the city website at [www.newportoregon.gov](http://www.newportoregon.gov); click on "City;" then on "Committees;" and then on "Application for Committee/Commission." The completed form can be submitted electronically. Copies of the committee application form can also be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365, or by calling 541.574.0613. The application deadline is March 12, 2012.

The City Council will interview interested volunteers at its March 19, 2012 work session, with formal appointments to be made that evening.

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