

# City News

The Newsletter of the  
City of Veneta

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## City Council supports school measures

With state funding for the Fern Ridge School District plummeting, the Veneta City Council urges city residents to vote in support of two measures designed to fill operating and facility improvement gaps.

At its April 25 meeting, the Council passed Resolution No. 1048 in support of ballot measures 20-180 and 20-181 on the upcoming May 17 ballot.

"The City Council supports these funding measures because a strong education system is the

cornerstone of a healthy community," said Veneta Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin.

Measure 20-180, a facilities bond which would make little or no change to local property tax rates, will fund needed health and safety improvements throughout the district. Because of potential economic stimulus funds, the measure could save local taxpayers about \$13 million over the life of \$15 million bond. The bond will only be issued if federal backing is granted.

Measure 20-181, a local-option levy of \$900,000 per year for two years beginning in 2011-2012, would charge an average of \$1.18 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The measure would maintain existing school programs and classroom sizes to the extent possible.

More information about Measure 20-180 is online: <http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond/>. For more on Measure 20-181 visit <http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/localoption/>

## City-wide Spring Cleanup

The City of Veneta, in partnership with Sanipac and Lane County Fire District No. 1, is once again providing free disposal of common yard waste items. The cleanup takes place Saturday, May 7 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 5th Street and Bolton Hill Road.

Only Veneta residents are eligible to bring their yard debris, tree limbs, weeds, grass clippings, wood, metal and recyclables to be disposed of. Residents can also bring up to four automobile tires dismounted from rims. Hazardous materials and household trash will not be accepted.

The City will accept personal documents for shredding. St. Vincent de Paul will have a trailer onsite to collect donation items.

The City holds the yearly cleanup in order to help residents dispose of items that might otherwise clutter yards around town.

"This is a great time to clean out the stuff you have a hard time getting rid of," says Public Works Superintendent Kyle Schauer.

For more information, call 541-935-2191 or visit the city website at: [www.ci.veneta.or.us](http://www.ci.veneta.or.us)

## 6th annual Wings & Wine Festival goes wild

The Sixth Annual Fern Ridge Wings and Wine Festival, the Fern Ridge area's marquee event, happens Saturday, May 14. The event, which coincides with International Migratory Bird Day, includes bird and nature walks, hands-on workshops, children's activities, wine tasting and much more. Many activi-

ties are free, but some require pre-registration and a fee.

Festival partners include Domaine Meriwether, the City of Veneta, Lane County Audubon Society, the Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce and many other groups. City Administrator Ric Ingham says that a new focus for this year's

event "is to bring attention to the many wine makers in the area that don't have their own tasting rooms, but have a national or even international reputation for an outstanding product."

For event locations details and times, visit the festival's website at: <http://www.wingsandwinefestival.com/>

## New members join Veneta Budget Committee

This month, Veneta's Budget Committee will meet twice to review the budget proposed for fiscal year 2011-12. The Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Also scheduled for both days, the Urban Re-

newal Agency's Budget Committee meeting will start between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Each meeting will reserve time for public comments. The City Council has appointed three new members to join Keith Weiss and Robbie McCoy on the Budget Commit-

tee. Billy Curtiss and Jamie Garner will serve until the end of 2013.

The Council also appointed Calvin Kenney to serve out the remaining year of a previous committee member's term. Kenny, Weiss and McCoy will serve until the end of 2011.