

The Newsletter of the
City of Veneta

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City News

City of Veneta parking guidelines

Veneta is seeing more vehicles parked illegally on City sidewalks, on the curb and in the wrong direction. "The sidewalk is for pedestrians," says City Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick. "The handicapped, elderly, children, people with strollers, and dog walkers are especially endangered when they can't walk on the sidewalk and have to detour out into the street."

The Veneta Municipal Code, Chapter 10 Section 10.05.120 (1) states: "No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of lawful traffic

movement, and with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the edge of the curb, except where the street is marked or signed for angled parking. Parking on any portion of any sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over any portion of the sidewalk" is in violation of the Veneta Municipal Code.

The code also prohibits storing a vehicle on a public street, right-of-way or alley for more than 30 days. A vehicle shall be determined to have been "parked for storage" if it is parked in the same position for 30 days, even if moved elsewhere on the

same city block or in the same alley, unless the vehicle is removed from the block or alley where it was located before it is returned.

After a complaint, the City's policy is to dispatch a Lane County Sheriff Deputy to ticket a vehicle blocking the sidewalk and ticket or post a warning on all other illegally parked vehicles in the area. A citation for illegal parking can cost \$50 to \$250.

The primary goal of Veneta's parking ordinance is pedestrian safety. The City is also concerned about the damage caused when vehicles repeatedly drive up and over a curb.

City of Veneta begins yearly leaf pick-up

The City of Veneta will begin picking up bagged leaves left at curbside starting October 1, 2013. Leaves will be picked up on Tuesday and Thursday of each week through the end of January 2014.

Bags are to contain leaves only, no garbage or other yard debris. Bags must be tied shut.

As an alternative you may place leaves

in your Yard Debris Roll Cart provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens and flowerbeds.

Citizens are asked to help reduce flooding by not raking leaves into gutters or storm drains. Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010

Ditch

Maintenance

City officials want to remind residents that late summer is a great time to clean up drainage ditches before winter. According to Veneta's Municipal Code, residents must keep drainage ditches and waterways on their land free of any flow-blocking debris or plant growth.

Maintenance should ensure that water flows through ditches, so residents should never plug ditches and drainages or allow brush to inhibit flows.

"The flow (of water) should not be impeded in any way," says Public Works Director Kyle Schauer.

Uninformed City residents often put leaves or grass clippings in the low spots of drainage ditches. Blocked drainage ditches overflow, leading to flooding and major damage to roads, landscaping and nearby houses.

Some properties contain protected wetlands. Special care should be taken when removing vegetation. For more information about wetlands and ditch care, call Associate Planner Lisa Garbett at 541-935-2191.

October 2013		Veneta Civic Calendar	October 2013
Date	Time	Meeting/Event	
1	7:00 p.m.	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	
2	4:30 p.m.	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	
14	7:00 p.m.	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	
		Urban Renewal Agency Meeting Immediately Following	
17	8:30 a.m.	Municipal Court - City Hall	
28	7:00 p.m.	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	