

City News

The Newsletter of the
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Identity theft prevention program updated

Recent headlines about security breaches at major retailers such as Target, which have put customers' credit information at risk, draw attention to the problem of identity theft in the digital age. In order to stay ahead of the problem and protect City residents from hackers, the City of Veneta has updated the Identify Theft Protection Program it enacted in 2009.

During its regular May 12 meeting, the City Council adopted guidelines to detect, prevent and mitigate identity theft in connection with City utility accounts and other programs. The policy complies with the federal Fair and Accurate

Credit Transactions Act (FACT Act) of 2003 and the Oregon Identity Theft Act.

Under the program, those signing up for new utility accounts must fill out an application and provide proof of identification, to ensure that the resident is authorized to incur charges on the account.

Such identification includes state issued driver's license, state issued identification card, passport from any country or any other photo-bearing government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence.

While Veneta has never been targeted by hackers,

the City will continue to take a proactive approach to protecting the personal information of its residents.

"The City takes the protection of vital information seriously," says Finance Director Shauna Hartz, adding that the new procedures and the applications will start on June 9. "We encourage existing customers to fill out an application as well, to give the City more information to help protect them from identity theft."

The City will update the program yearly to stay a step ahead of criminals. The application is available online at <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/>.

City permits backyard chickens

After months of thoughtful deliberation and several public hearings, the Veneta City Council voted in May to allow City residents to keep backyard chickens, but not roosters, on single-family lots smaller than one acre. Those interested in keeping chickens on residential lots must apply for an over-the-counter permit at City Hall and will be limited to one chicken per 1,500 square feet of lot size and no more than 10 chickens total.

"We want to be sure that chickens on these smaller lots don't negatively impact neighbors," says Community Development Director Kay Bork. "We also wanted to respond to the growing trend of people having backyard chickens."

The Council voted to allow chickens on residential lots at its May 12 meeting and on May 21 set the fee for the required permit at \$25.

Section 5 of Veneta Land Development Ordinance No. 493 contains the complete requirements for complying with the City's new backyard chicken policy. For more information, contact Bork at 541-935-2191 or view the ordinance online at <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/>

CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - JUNE 2014		
Veneta Administrative Center - 88184 Eighth Street, Veneta Oregon		
3	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	Cancelled
4	Veneta Historical Committee Meeting - City Hall	2:00 p.m.
4	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	4:30 p.m.
9	Veneta City Council Meeting - Includes Public Hearings on the Approved Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget & Use of State Shared Revenue - City Hall Veneta Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Immediately following City Council Meeting - Includes Public Hearings on the Approved Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget	7:00 p.m.
15	Happy Father's Day	
19	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
23	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	7:00 p.m.

Calendar updates will be posted on the City's website at www.ci.veneta.or.us
This Civic Calendar was sent to: Fern Ridge Review, Fern Ridge School District 28J,
Fern Ridge Public Library, and Lane Fire Authority

City refines rules for medical marijuana dispensaries

On July 1, Veneta's Planning Commission will hold its first public hearing on amendments to the City's Land Development Ordinance dealing with medical marijuana facilities legalized by state law. The new rules will prevent marijuana facilities from operating within 1,000 feet of public parks. The City Council will also hold a hearing on the matter during its August 11 meeting.

On March 3, 2014 the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) began accepting applications for medical marijuana dispensaries legalized under HB 3460. Such dispensaries must register with the state and be approved by the OHA to operate legally.

The OHA rules governing dispensaries include provisions that require dispensaries be located more than 1,000 feet from a public or private elementary, middle, or high school or any business or technical school attended primarily by minors. In addition, the rules prohibit dispensaries from locating within 1,000 feet of another dispensary and prohibit dispensaries from locating on the same property that houses a medical marijuana grow site.

State law allows local governments the ability to pass a temporary moratorium on such facilities and to "adopt reasonable regulations on the operations of medical marijuana facilities, including: (1) reasonable limitations on the hours during which a medical marijuana facility may be operated; (2) reasonable limitations on where a medical

marijuana facility may be located within an agricultural, industrial, commercial, or mixed-use zone; and (3) reasonable conditions on the manner in which a medical marijuana facility may dispense medical marijuana."

At its March 24 meeting, the Veneta City Council decided not to enact a temporary ban and to schedule a work session to discuss potential additional regulations of dispensaries. After further studying the issue, at its April 14 meeting, the Council directed City staff to prepare code amendments to require dispensaries to locate at least 1,000 feet or more from a public park, requiring revisions to the Veneta Land Development Ordinance.

According to the OHA, a "medical marijuana dispensary is a facility, registered by the OHA, which is allowed to receive marijuana or immature marijuana plants and transfer that marijuana to a patient or a patient's caregiver if the patient or caregiver has an Oregon Medical Marijuana Program card." Only those with a medical card from a physician will be allowed to purchase marijuana products from a dispensary.

For more information on medical marijuana dispensaries in Oregon, go to the OHA website: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/mmj/Pages/directory.aspx>

For more on information on Veneta's potential code revision, visit the City's website at <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/index.cfm>.

Recreation guide provides information on summer fun

With the summer of 2014 already shaping up to be nice and sunny, it's no doubt that the Veneta Community Pool will be the place to beat the heat once again. The pool opens June 14 this year and closes for the season on August 29.

Several special events will take place at the pool throughout the season, starting with a June 21 Summer Solstice Party for the whole family between 5:00 and 8:30 p.m. Teen Night happens between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. on July 18 and then again on August 15. And this year, a new Family Fun Night takes place on August 1 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

"Teen Night was such a success last year we decided to hold two this year!" says Pool Manager Stacy Cornelius. "Family Fun Night is a new event we expect to become just as popular."

There will be four, two-week sessions of swim lessons that will run June 23-July 3, July 7-July 17, July 21-July 31 and August 4-August 14.

Swimmers who have completed a two-week session are often ready to advance to the next class level and can then register for the next session at that higher level. Classes fill up quickly, so parents are encouraged to register swimmers during the first week the pool is open; however, swimmers can register on the first day of the session if their desired class is not full.

Swimmers interested in private lessons may select a trained swim instructor to get individual attention in developing their swim technique. This is a great option for

those that don't do as well in a group lesson setting.

Water Aerobics will again be offered at the pool this season. This low-impact class mixes aerobics, strength building and stretching with a focus on range-of-motion.

To find out more, look in the Summer 2014 City of Veneta Recreation Guide, available June 2 at City Hall, Fern Ridge schools, the Fern Ridge Library, the Veneta Community Pool and at the checkout counter at Ray's Food Place. Residents can also download a copy of the guide from the City's website: <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us>.

In addition to a complete schedule of pool hours, activities and fees, the recreation guide describes the various levels of swim lessons available. Please note that lap swim and water aerobics times have changed since last season. Pool fees will remain the same, and individual and family passes will be available for purchase at the pool during the first week of the season.

The guide also contains information about the Fern Ridge Library District's summer activities, Food for Lane County's free lunch program at Veneta City Park on Broadway for local children and youth ages 2-18, the Oregon Country Fair's Culture Jam 2014, Applegate Regional Theatre (ART, Inc.) summer drama camps for youth, the Imagination Zone's summer 2014 program for grades K-8, and Veneta Good News Day Camp.

For more information about the recreation guide or the community pool contact Management Analyst Katie Babits at 541-935-2191.