

City News

October 2021

Harvest Festival Recap

As summer wanes into fall and we begin to turn to the final months of the year, the Veneta Harvest Festival was the perfect marker for the new “leaf” fall represents. The September 11, 2021 event featured vendors, a car and motorcycle show, a chili cook-off, as well as a tribute to 9/11 and moment of silence. The Harvest Festival, hosted by Mid Lane Cares, was the largest event the City of Veneta has ever seen – a sure sign that members of our community are dedicated to coming together even in the most uncertain of times.

The event comes after a year’s absence for the Harvest Festival – in 2020, Mid Lane Cares was forced to postpone the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year’s event came in a safer context and followed CDC guidelines. With these changes, Mid Lane Cares was able to organize a large outdoor event. Harvest Festival serves as a fundraiser for the Fern Ridge Service Center, which provides local assistance and programming for those in need. Vendors for the festival included artisans, artists, and makers of sweet and savory treats.

The Kiwanis Club of Fern Ridge hosted the Kiwanis Kruise-In, a classic car and motorcycle show that served as a fundraiser for the Kiwanis’ local services as well as the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Classic cars and motorcycles of all types lined the streets and filled parking lots, delighting the hundreds of attendees with a glimpse into the artistry of classic cars and motorcycles. The Kruise-In also featured a com-

petition for Best in Show for cars, trucks, and motorcycles, motorcycle-specific awards, decade-specific awards, and an overall People’s Choice. The winners were as follows:

Motorcycles Best of:

Show:	Carl Lewallen
Custom Bike:	Chad Miller
Stock Bike:	Darin Gray
Vintage Bike:	Tony Zarbano

Car Overall People’s Choice: Jim and Rainy Boman of Pleasant Hill

Cars Best of:

Show:	Tom Boren of Veneta
1900-1939:	Tom Boren of Veneta
1940-1949:	Michael Wilson of Brookings
1950-1959:	Gary Pratt of Veneta
1960-1969:	Mel Wyatt of Pleasant Hill
1970-1979:	Robin Wood of Lowell
1980-1989:	Jeff Cedarleaf of Veneta
1990-Present:	Tami Boren of Veneta

Trucks Best of Show: Gary Pratt of Veneta

The Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Chili Cook-Off, inviting challengers from across the area to present their best Chili to a fierce panel of judges. Of course, the City of Veneta

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CIVIC CALENDAR OCTOBER 2021

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

5	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
6	Veneta Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
11	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following	6:30 p.m.
13	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
21	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
25	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.
31	Happy Halloween	



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Fall = Tree Planting Season

Contrary to common wisdom, fall may be the ideal time for you to consider some planting: trees! According to the Arbor Day Foundation, climates that experience all four seasons like ours have a best time for tree planting – the fall. Per the Foundation, “Planting in the fall gives trees an extra growing season before the stress of summer.

The combination of cooler temperatures and fall rain allows trees to establish their roots, making it easier on them to adjust to extreme heat or drought

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was happy to supply our local Sheriff's Sergeant Tim Ware, City Administrator Matt Michel, and Management Analyst Cole Haselip to judge the chili offerings. While all of the chilis were delicious, as Michel and Haselip emphasized, there could only be one winner:

1st Place and People's Choice Award:

Pape Automotive

2nd Place:

Colbert Crazy Acres

3rd Place:

Oregon Cougars Women's Tackle Football

The City of Veneta feels incredibly fortunate to be able to sponsor and assist with such an amazing event. The City extends a huge thank you to Mid Lane Cares and their incredible staff and volunteers, the Kiwanis Club of Fern Ridge, and the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce for contributing in a major way to the success of the event. Further, the important services these organizations provide to local youth, elders, impoverished, and businesses are an invaluable contribution to the community. We are looking forward to what Mid Lane Cares will have planned for the 2022 Harvest Festival!



Get Ready to Shake Out. 10:21 a.m. October 21, 2021

Shake Out

www.ShakeOut.org

Leaf Pick Up & Ditch Maintenance

Leaf Pick-UP

The City of Veneta will begin picking up bagged leaves left at curbside the first Tuesday in October through the end of January. There may be an occasion where the Public Works department is unable to pick them up as scheduled, if you feel that you were missed entirely, please call City Hall at 541-935-2191.

- ☒ Leaves will be picked up on Tuesday and Thursday of each week through the last Thursday in January.
- ☒ 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 flower beds.
- ☒ 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.
- ☒ If you want leaves for compost, please contact City Hall at 541-935-2191

Ditch Maintenance

City officials want to remind residents to clean up drainage ditches in preparation for another rain-soaked winter. "The flow (of water) should not be impeded in any way," says Public Works Director Kyle Schauer, adding that it is common for uninformed city residents to put leaves or grass clippings in the low spots of drainage ditches.

- ☒ Maintenance should ensure that water flows through ditches, so residents should never plug ditches and drainages or allow brush to inhibit flows.
- ☒ When drainage ditches get blocked it causes them to overflow, leading to flooding and major damage to roads, landscaping and nearby houses.
- ☒ Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.
- ☒ Residents should be aware that some properties contain protected wetlands. Special care should be taken when removing vegetation. If you have any questions about the wetlands you can call Associate Planner Lisa Garbett for more information at 541-935-2191.



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2021 COMMUNICATION SURVEY

All completed surveys that get returned will be entered into a raffle for a Shop Veneta gift card.

Enter
to Win!

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY BY MONDAY 11/1/2021

How to return your survey: Drop off at City Hall 88184 8th St. or Mail to PO Box 458, Veneta, Oregon 97487

To fill out the survey electronically: www.venetaoregon.gov, click the survey link under "What's New"

COMMUNICATION CONTENT AREAS

In 2019, survey respondents wanted to hear about Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Streets Updates, and Current and Planned Development. We would like to ask you some questions to help us determine the type of content that you'd like to hear from us in these three areas.

1. What would you like the City to share about Law Enforcement & Public Safety? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting Yourself from Crime	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Public Safety Reports to Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness
<input type="checkbox"/> Major Crimes and Investigations	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Services are Provided

Other (Please Specify): _____

2. Are you aware of the Fern Ridge-Tribune News' Crime Reports? Yes No

3. Were you interested in Street Updates in the 2019 Communications Survey because of the construction on Perkins Road? Yes No

4. What would you like the City to share about Street Updates? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Street Construction/Major Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Transportation Safety & Tips
<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk Construction & Modifications	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety & Tips

Other (Please Specify): _____

5. Did you say that you were interested in Current & Planned Development in the 2019 Communications Survey because of a specific project? Yes No

6. What are some of the other types of information that you would like the City to share? _____

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

The City of Veneta wants to know about the channels of communication that you currently use, prefer to use, and would like us to use to share City of Veneta information and news.

7. The City of Veneta uses the following channels to communicate with the public. How do you currently and prefer to hear about City of Veneta information and news? (check all that apply)

	Current	Preferred	Neither
Fern Ridge-Tribune News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Word of Mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Veneta Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Veneta Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Veneta Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please Specify): _____			

8. Should the City of Veneta begin to use the following channels to communicate with the public?

Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Lane Fire Authority Reader board	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Text Messages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

FREQUENCY OF INFORMATION SHARING

The City of Veneta would like to know how satisfied you are with the frequency that we share information on our Facebook Page and Newsletter.

9. The City of Veneta currently sends a monthly newsletter to residents that receive a city utility bill and posts information on Facebook an average of 5 times a week.

With this in mind, does the City of Veneta share information:

- Too often
- Just right
- Not often enough

10. Considering your previous answer, how often should the City of Veneta share information?

Please specify the communication channel (Facebook Post, Newsletter, or Other) and desired frequency. Enter "N/A" if you prefer the City's current frequency of sharing information.

GRADE OUR PERFORMANCE

The City of Veneta would like to know how satisfied you are with our communication channels and activities.

11. Grade the City of Veneta's performance on the following communication channels:

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
City of Veneta Facebook Page	<input type="checkbox"/>				
City of Veneta Monthly Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>				
City of Veneta Website	<input type="checkbox"/>				

12. Grade the City of Veneta's performance on the following communication topics:

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Providing Opportunities for Public Comment	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sharing How the Public can Participate in City Decision Making	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Promoting City Participation in Community Events (Harvest Festival, National Night Out, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Promoting City Business Meetings (City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Promoting Public Works Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Promoting Economic Development Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Promoting Current & Planned Development Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (Please Specify): _____					

IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Veneta has City Council Meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Community members may attend in person or call 862-799-9663 to listen or participate.

13. How important is it for you to attend a Veneta City Council Meetings?

- Very, I want to be involved
- I am too busy to attend
- I don't need to attend because things are fine
- It wouldn't make a difference if I did
- It is only important to me if there is an issue being discussed that I care about
- I have no interest in ever attending a meeting

Other (Please Specify): _____

DEMOGRAPHICS INFORMATION AND OTHER COMMENTS

The City of Veneta would like to know a little bit about who you are and give you a chance to leave any final comments on our communications.

14. Are you a City of Veneta resident? Yes No

15. Do you commute to work outside of the City of Veneta? No
 Yes, less than 10 minutes
 Yes, 10 - 20 minutes
 Yes, more than 20 minutes

16. What is your age group? Under 18 45-54
 18-24 55-64
 25-34 65+
 35-44

17. Do you have any other feedback to help improve the City of Veneta's Communications?

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Provide your email address for gift card raffle entry: _____

Look for Survey results in March of 2022



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