



## Department Updates

### ADMINISTRATION

- It's been almost ten years since the City tested the marketplace for audit services, so the City issued a request for proposals. Five audit firms submitted proposals in response. Staff will evaluate the proposals and recommend an audit firm to the City Council at the Council's June 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- Mayor Weiss was the honorary speaker at the re-dedication of the West Lane Shopping Center flag pole next to Banner Bank. It was a beautiful day and the wind cooperated to make the flag fly proudly. The effort was led by Daniel Philips on behalf of the local Troop 50 Scouts in partnership with several businesses.



### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Summer is just around the corner which means it's time to start planning National Night Out 2024! This year, National Night Out will be August 6th from 6:00-8:00pm. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Last year, we drew a crowd of over 300 people of all ages for a night filled with music, events, and safety education! We've started recruiting donations and sponsorships, and dialing in the logistics.
- The Fern Ridge Advocates for the Unhoused Group (F.R.A.U.G.) held a clean-up of several abandoned camps in the wooded areas south-adjacent to the railroad between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. High-Fives to Daniel, Jacob, Matt Laird, and Councilor Benson for rolling up your sleeves to pitch-in along with Dr. William Foster, Steve (a neighbor), Antonio Huerta (Regional Health Equity Coalition Director out of Roseburg and FRAUG member), and even Deputy Flanders! Public Works members Kip and Andy did a great job supporting the work with the backhoe and hauling debris with the clamshell front-loader.



### PUBLIC WORKS

- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) submitted a federal R.U.R.A.L. grant application for the Highway 126 Huston

Road to Lakeside Drive project. This is an updated re-submission of the application from last year that came close to getting funded. If successful, ODOT would have sufficient funds to complete design work, construct a roundabout at Huston Road and Ellmaker, and a left turn lane at Lakeside, plus a bike path between Huston and Lakeside. Included will be an upgrade to Coos Bay Rail Line's rail crossing at Huston. We won't know if ODOT won the grant for 4 to 6 months, so fingers crossed in the meantime!



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the City's request to build pickleball courts at Territorial Park. Two neighbors across Territorial Highway who were represented by an attorney, and one other person, testified against the courts. They were concerned about noise and the City's process in pursuing the project. The record was held open to allow them to submit further testimony that will be reviewed at the June Planning Commission meeting, when the Commission may decide on the courts.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The City is working with Altar Media, the marketing agency selected to help brand Veneta's Economic Identity and ultimately, support our local businesses. They're doing a deep dive of what makes Veneta a special place to shop and visit. They'll take what they learn and offer branding ideas for the local community to give feedback on what captures the feel for wanting to support local businesses.
- The City has sold the W. Broadway "Attic" property to the Smith Family, who also own the West Lane Gym one block west. As part of the sale and to encourage development of the property that already hosts a food truck court, the City will offer \$250,000 in matching, reimbursable grant funds over the next two years. Those grant funds must be used for improvements to the property that stay with the property.



## 2024 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

Visit [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov) to view the report online. Call 541-935-2191 to request a paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report mailed to you.

### Parking, continued...

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- Must be located outside of any required clear vision area in conformance with Veneta Land Development Ordinance 493, Section 5.03;
- If located within 10 feet of an adjacent property's driveway the vehicle must also be setback 10 feet from the front property line, in order to allow for the neighbor to have clear vision when accessing their property;
- Must not be located in any landscaped area, lawn, or barked area;
- Must be accessed via a city approved driveway approach;
- Only one front-side yard may be used for vehicle storage;

- Only one vehicle may be stored in front of a dwelling;
- The vehicle must be secure, maintained in a structurally and functionally safe condition, road ready, and able to function as it was designed;
- The vehicle must not be connected to gas, water, sewer or any other portable holding tanks; however, a temporary electricity connection to recharge batteries is acceptable;
- The vehicle must be owned by the property owner or the person occupying the property as their primary residence;
- The vehicle must not be inhabited, or used as a temporary or permanent residence while parked or stored.



### Wildfire, continued...

Talk with neighbors about wildfire safety and make a plan to work together to reduce wildfire in your neighborhood. If one property owner does everything possible to improve the condition of their property and the neighbor does nothing, the neighbor's fuel load might be enough to cause the loss of both homes.



## Public Safety Report - April 2024

Incident Type	Calls			Cases		
	Calls	Prior Year	5-Year Average	Cases	Prior Year	5-Year Average
<b>Property</b> (Thefts, Criminal Mischief, Trespass, Fraud)	20	22	40	5	9	23
<b>Person</b> (Assaults, Menacing, Harassments)	24	20	19	5	1	1
<b>Public Order</b> (Disorderly Subject, Citizen Contact)	73	72	55	1	3	1
<b>Individual Welfare</b> (Welfare Checks/OD, Missing Persons)	32	18	11	6	2	3
<b>Vehicle</b> (DUII, DWS, Illegal Parking, Traffic Hazard)	21	14	24	5	7	8
<b>Offense Against State</b> (Drug, Warrants, Local City Ord)	6	4	1	4	2	1
<b>Civil</b> (Civil Service, Eviction Process)	20	6	8	0	0	0
<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	18	63	0	0	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>

# 2024 CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP BY THE NUMBERS...

On May 4th the City and Sanipac hosted the annual citywide clean-up event at Bolton Hill & 5th Street. This free disposal event for City residents, who were helped by friendly staff, was a good combo for a successful event!  
Here are the items collected by the numbers...



GENERAL  
RECYCLE  
.....  
600 LBS



SCRAP  
WOOD  
.....  
60 YARDS



PAPER  
SHRED  
.....  
748 LBS



TIRES  
.....  
51



APPLIANCES  
.....  
7



METAL  
.....  
4,980 LBS.



GREEN  
WASTE  
.....  
60 YARDS



E-WASTE  
.....  
30 items



GENERAL  
TRASH  
.....  
3.96 TONS

*Thank  
you!*





# Summer Solstice

A large, stylized graphic featuring a yellow sun with orange rays on the left. To its right, the word "POOL" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline, and "PARTY" is written below it in orange letters with a blue outline. A blue beach ball is integrated into the letter "O" of "POOL". Teal water droplets are scattered around the text.

*Join us at Veneta Community Pool!*

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Normal Swim Rates Apply

There will be music, fun & games.  
Food will be available for purchase.  
Bring the whole family!



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