

# City News

June 2024

## Amendment to Prohibited Parking

Did you hear the news? The City Council just passed amendments to the Prohibited Parking Section of the Veneta Municipal Code. Previously, the code stated that no boats or trailers should be parked in any area in front of your house.

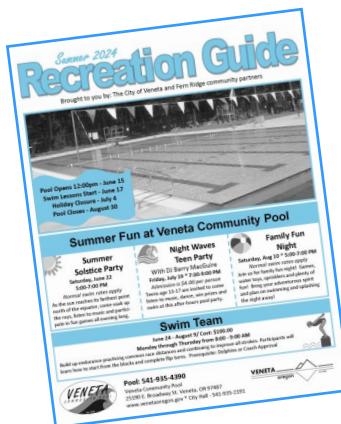
Once the new amendments go into effect in July, residents will be allowed to store a boat or trailer between your house and the street, as long as it meets certain standards. What does that mean for me, you ask? Well, if you have a boat or trailer parked in front of your house, it will need to be on an approved surface such as concrete or asphalt and must be accessed via an approved driveway approach.

## Protecting Your Home From Wildfire

It's unlikely that we can prevent wildfires from occurring. The goal is to improve a home's chance of surviving a wildfire with little to no damage.

Experts recommend keeping the first 3 to 5 feet around the base of the house and any outbuildings completely free of any fuel that can feed a fire.

## Pool Opens June 15th



Veneta's Summer Recreation Guide is now available on the City's website at [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov)



The first event of the season: Summer Solstice Party! June 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 - 7:00pm

The full list of standards is included below.

Parking and vehicle storage in front of a dwelling is allowed only in the driveway or the front-side yard as referenced in this diagram and in conformance with the following standards:

- Must be located on an improved surface;
- Must not encroach upon a public right of way or block any pedestrian path;

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Keeping lawns mowed, trees and bushes trimmed, leaves and pine needles picked up can help make your home safer from wildfire.



However, other material and debris that is kept too close to our homes or outbuildings can ignite when it's hot and dry.

(See "Wildfire" on page 3)

## CIVIC CALENDAR June 2024



All meetings held at City of Veneta, 88184 8th St, unless otherwise noted		
4	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
5	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
10	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
15	Community Pool Opening	12:00 p.m.
16	Happy Father's Day	
19	Juneteenth - Closed	CLOSED
20	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
22	Summer Solstice Pool Party	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
24	City Council Meeting, immediately followed by Urban Renewal Agency	6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
28	Veneta Business Assistance Committee	9:00 a.m.

# 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.



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## 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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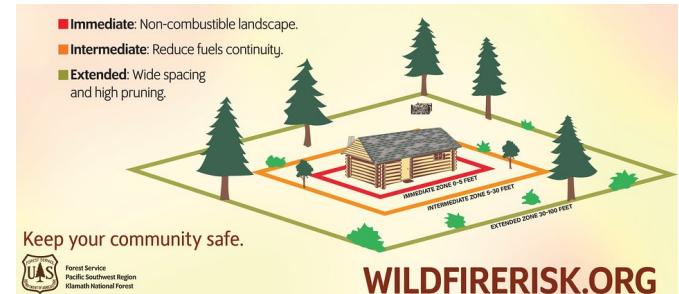
- Must be located outside of any required clear vision area in conformance with Veneta Land Development Ordinance 493, Section 5.03;
- If located within 10 feet of an adjacent property's driveway the vehicle must also be setback 10 feet from the front property line, in order to allow for the neighbor 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
Property (Thefts, Criminal Mischief, Trespass, Fraud)	20	22	40	5	9	23
Person (Assaults, Menacing, Harassments)	24	20	19	5	1	1
Public Order (Disorderly Subject, Citizen Contact)	73	72	55	1	3	1
Individual Welfare (Welfare Checks/OD, Missing Persons)	32	18	11	6	2	3
Vehicle (DUII, DWS, Illegal Parking, Traffic Hazard)	21	14	24	5	7	8
Offense Against State (Drug, Warrants, Local City Ord)	6	4	1	4	2	1
Civil (Civil Service, Eviction Process)	20	6	8	0	0	0
Neighborhood Watch	0	1	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	18	63	0	0	22	0
Total	214	220	158	26	24	39

# 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!*

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# Summer Solstice



## POOL PARTY

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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