

# City News

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## Global Markets Impact Local Recycling

As the primary buyer of recycling materials from the west coast, China has a big influence on the wholesale recycling market. Recently, the amount of contaminated material it will accept has been cut by nearly 70 percent. And, according to City Administrator Ric Ingham, to adjust to China's new contamination threshold we will need to be more diligent in how we recycle if we don't want this new policy to impact Veneta residents.

Household contamination includes garbage accidentally mingled with recyclables as well as recycling materials that have not

been properly rinsed. Peanut butter jars or butter tubs that include food waste are examples of a "contaminated" product.

In many communities, waste haulers are now limiting certain waste materials in their comingle recycling bins. But for now, Sanipac has not asked Veneta customers to make any changes to their recyclables being placed in the recycling bin.

"For us to be able to continue to recycle at the volume that we do, we're going to have to be more attentive about how we clean, and what we throw into, our

*(See "Recycling" on page 2)*

## City Seeks to Fill Committee Vacancies

The City of Veneta is currently seeking to fill positions on the Veneta Planning Commission, the Veneta Park Board, and the Budget Committee.

"It's just a coincidence that we have so many vacancies right now," explained City Recorder Darci Henneman. Multiple terms expired at around the same time and the resignation of a City Councilor created a domino effect, she added.

A partial-term City Council seat opened when Thomas G. Laing resigned. When Veneta Planning Commissioner Calvin Kenney applied and was appointed to fill the Council position in November, it created a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Coincidentally, two of the Planning Commission terms also expire January 2018. Those interested in serving are encouraged to apply.

*(See "Committee Vacancies" on page 2)*

## Help for the Holidays

On Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., S.A.N.T.A. (Sharing Among Neighbors Toy Appeal) will once again distribute free toys, books, clothing, and personal items, and wrap the gifts, in the Veneta Elementary School gym.

Families that are struggling at Christmas need only show proof that they live in the Fern Ridge or Crow/Apple-gate/Lorane School District and how many kids they have. Shoppers receive two tickets per child to redeem on toys and can also get one book, a stuffed animal, and a coat for each child. In previous years, the program has provided as many as 220 families with gifts for 585 children.

Meanwhile, the Kiwanis of Fern Ridge Annual Food Drive will also be distributing holiday food baskets on Dec. 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the LDS Church 88068 Huston Rd. Food will be sorted into well-balanced boxes tailored for family size. In previous years, the initiative has reached more than 250 families.

*(See "Help for the Holidays" on page 2)*

### CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2017

Veneta Administrative Center - 88184 8th Street, Veneta, Oregon

|    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| 5  | Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall              | 6:30 p.m. |
| 6  | Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall                       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 7  | Light Parade (See insert for parade poster and route map)   | 7:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall                     | 6:30 p.m. |
|    | Veneta Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following |           |
| 13 | Veneta Economic Development Committee Meeting - City Hall   | 2:00 p.m. |
| 21 | Municipal Court - City Hall                                 | 8:30 a.m. |
| 25 | City Hall closed for Christmas Day                          | Closed    |
| 25 | Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall                     | Cancelled |



## ***Kiddie Pool Committee Update***

The Veneta City Council recently decided not to proceed with the construction of the multi-use or “kiddie” pool, for the second time, for the simple reason that bids for the project came in much higher than our budget of \$350,000.

After the only bid received in the first round came in at \$590,000, we opted to re-bid a redesigned pool in hopes of a more favorable outcome. Unfortunately, the second round low bid of \$549,000 was only \$40,000 less.

Thanks to a dedicated group of supporters, we have raised \$285,000 in grants and donations, including \$175,000 from the State Parks and Recreation Department, leaving a \$265,000 shortfall. The Council determined that it would not be fiscally prudent nor responsible to use funds dedicated to parks development and/or urban renewal funds to make up that shortfall.

We continue to believe the kiddie pool is a worthwhile project, but we have several other pending parks projects

## ***Recycling***

comingled recycling carts,” said Ingham. “We want more material going into the recycling stream and less in the garbage stream.”

The City is again providing information about what products are acceptable for recycling and asks that Sanipac customers abide by the guidelines.

Sanipac currently serves 80 percent of Veneta residential properties and customers, and the City just renewed its five-year franchise agreement. “They offer a high-level of service, with curbside collection of residential yard debris, recyclable materials, and glass, as well as provide a variety of container sizes and medical waste collection,

## ***Committee Vacancies***

The Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month. Commission members make recommendations to the Veneta City Council on matters concerning planning and development as well as make land-use decisions based on Veneta’s current ordinances, including approval of partitions, subdivisions, site plans, variances, and conditional use permits

One Park Board member tendered a resignation while another’s term expired. The Park Board meets the first Wednesday of each month and is instrumental in implementing park related improvements and events, such as the Veneta Easter Egg Hunt and the Earth Day/Arbor Day celebrations.

## ***Help for the Holidays***

To qualify, obtain an application from the Fern Ridge Service Center at 25035 W. Broadway, the Customer Service desk at Rays Food Place or Banner Bank.

that would, in fact, serve a greater number of residents for a greater portion of the year, including implementation of the master plans for both City Park and Territorial Sports Complex.

However, the City has been encouraged to re-apply in 2018 for a larger State Parks and Recreation grant so we could construct the pool in 2019. Our major funders have agreed to allow us to hold onto the funds until we hear from Oregon Parks and Recreation about our new grant request. We are hopeful that private donors will permit us to “bank” those funds pending the result of that application. Please know that all donations will be refunded if our second grant application is not successful.

The City will be sending a letter to everyone who has contributed to the pool project to date.

If you wish to know more about the status of the kiddie pool project, please contact Kay Bork, Community Development Director at 541-935-2191 or kbork@ci.veneta.or.us

among other services,” Ingham explained.

As a reminder recyclables need to be cleaned by adequately rinsing jugs, tubs, cans, and bottles. Among the most common problems is pizza boxes. “Everyone wants to recycle cardboard,” said Ingham. “But you can’t recycle a pizza box once it’s been soiled and contaminated by the pizza.”

For questions about what can be recycled, contact Sanipac’s Master Recycler, P.J. Silva at 541-736-3614. You can also find details on our website by following this link <http://www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling>

The City is accepting applications for three citizen positions on the Budget Committee. Generally speaking the meeting commitment is two to six hours per year during the months of May and June. The Mayor appoints these positions after consulting with the City Council.

Applications for the Planning Commission must be submitted by Dec. 15. Budget Committee and Park Board applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applications can be picked up at Veneta Administrative Center, 88184 8th St., in Veneta. They are also available on the City’s website, [www.venetaoregon.gov/forms](http://www.venetaoregon.gov/forms).

For more information contact Darci Henneman at dhenneman@ci.veneta.or.us or 541-935-2191

Completed applications can be returned to these locations or mailed to the address on the application no later than December 7.

# 14th Annual Veneta Fern Ridge

# LIGHT PARADE

**7:00 PM  
THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 7, 2017**

## 2017 SPONSORS

### Parade Route

Start on Jack Kelley Drive,  
South on 8th Street,  
East on West Broadway,  
South on 2nd Street,  
East on McCutcheon Ave.,  
North on Territorial Road,  
End at Jack Kelley Drive.



Subway

Red Barn Realty

# PARADE ROUTE AND PARKING DETAILS



PARADE ROUTE

AND

PARKING DETAILS

PARADE START

8TH STREET

BROADWAY

CITY HALL

HIGHWAY 126

STAGING

JACK KELLEY DR.

STAGING

W. LANE SHOPPING CTR  
LARGE VEHICLE / BUS  
PARKING AREA

COUNTRYSIDE  
PIZZA

CHECK-IN

BROADWAY

2ND STREET

MCCUTCHEON

PARADE ENDS

FERN RIDGE  
SHOPPING  
CENTER

HIGHWAY 126

EQUESTRIAN  
STAGING  
AREA

BIMART

LUTHER LANE

RAILROAD TRACKS

TERRITORIAL  
PARK PARKING

TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY

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