

City News

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Mayor Appoints Budget Committee Members

On Monday, April 10, the City of Veneta filled four vacancies on its Budget Committee. Mayor Sandra Larson appointed the citizen positions in consultation with the Veneta City Council.

Terms for appointed Budget Committee members George Hageman and

Darlene Harris expire Dec. 31, 2017. Johl Brock and Calvin Kenney's terms run until Dec 31, 2019.

"Oregon's Local Budget Law ensures transparency in the budget process by requiring citizen involvement in the

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Veneta Community Pool to open June 16

The Veneta Community Pool will open for the season on Friday June 16. The first week will operate on a limited schedule, because most local students will still be in school making up for days missed due to winter weather. "It's a great time for parents to come register their children for lessons, which will

begin on June 26," said Public Works Director Kyle Schauer.

And then it's back to full-time fun as usual! Instructors will provide lessons for all skill levels. Special swim times will cater to families, adults, lap swimmers, water aerobics, and the Veneta swim

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Time to Spay/Neuter Your Pet

With the onset of spring breeding season, the City urges residents to have cats spayed or neutered to help control the area's feral population. In the past, the City has used a grant from PetSmart Charities to conduct its "Please Don't Litter" campaign, spaying or neutering 281 cats in the 97487 zip code in just one year.

"Of those, 175 were female cats of breeding age," explained City of Veneta Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick. "Beginning at six months old, each female could have produced an average of 12 kittens per year. In approximately 5 years, they could have produced as many as 63,000 cats."

Unfortunately, the City did not receive PetSmart's grant this year putting the free spay/neuter program on hold until more funding is available.

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CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - MAY 2017

Veneta City Hall - 88184 8th Street, Veneta, Oregon

2	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	Cancelled
3	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	4:30 p.m.
6	City Wide Clean Up - 24974 Bolton Hill Road 	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8	Veneta City Council Work Session - City Hall Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall Veneta Urban Renewal Agency meeting immediately following	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
10	Veneta Economic Development Committee Meeting - City Hall	2:00 p.m.
14	Happy Mother's Day 	
18	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
18	City of Veneta Budget Committee Meeting - City Hall Veneta Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee Meeting immediately following	5:30 p.m.
22	Veneta City Council, Planning Commission, & Economic Development Committee Work Session - City Hall Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall - Special Time	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
25	City of Veneta Budget Committee Meeting - City Hall (if needed)	6:30 p.m.
27	"Meet Sgt. Denham" (Lane County Sheriff's Office contract Sergeant for the City of Veneta) - Fern Ridge Library	Cancelled
29	Memorial Day - City Hall Closed 	Closed

Calendar updates will be posted on the City's website at www.venetaoregon.gov

This Civic Calendar was sent to: Fern Ridge Review, Fern Ridge School District 28J, Fern Ridge Public Library, and Lane Fire Authority

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preparation and public disclosure of the budget before its formal adoption,” explained Mayor Larson. “The City of Veneta very much appreciates these citizens who are willing to devote their time and attention to this critical aspect of local government. They

Spay & Neuter

The City will re-apply for the grant in August. Meanwhile, low-income residents can contact the City for a \$30 voucher toward the cost of spaying or neutering a cat or dog. Residents may also contact Greenhill Humane Society (541 689-1503) about their “trap/neuter/return” program for feral cats, or

Pool

team. And, of course, the pool will once again host three of its most popular community events.

On June 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., come out to celebrate at the annual Summer Solstice Party. The Night Waves Teen Party will be held July 14 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Teens age 13-17 are invited to dance, win prizes, and swim. This after-hours bash features music by DJ Barry MacGuire and admission is just \$3.00. And on August 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the whole family can splash the night away with water toys, sprinklers and more at Family Fun Night.

The pool is also available for private rentals. An appropriate number of lifeguards are provided, with rates based on the number of swimmers. “It’s a great

Please Don’t Feed the Turkeys

Wild turkeys may add to the rural feel of Veneta, but for residents who find them roosting on their car and scratching out landscaping and vegetable gardens, the birds are a nuisance. “The City continues to receive complaints about damage caused by large flocks of turkeys in Veneta,” said Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. “They scratch paint on vehicles, damage roofing, and their droppings create slipping hazards on walkways.”

Schauer said his department must take action in response to citizen complaints. So the City is working to control the birds in accordance with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) rules. “ODFW

provide an invaluable service to the City and their fellow citizens.”

Generally speaking the time commitment required is two to six hours per year during the months of May and June.

Willamette Animal Guild (541 345-3566) about their low-cost services.

If you are a City resident and need more information about spaying or neutering, please contact Teresa at Veneta City Hall, 541-935-2191 or email twarrick@ci.veneta.or.us.

bargain for company picnics, service clubs, church outings, family reunions, and more,” said Schauer

Season passes are available that save money for those who frequent the pool regularly. A complete Recreation Guide, including the full pool schedule, will be available in mid May at www.venetaoregon.gov or in print at Veneta City Hall at 88184 8th Street, and at the Veneta Community Pool at 25190 E. Broadway.

Throughout the summer, fundraising will continue for the long-awaited Kiddie Pool Project. The City has already received a grant in the amount of \$175,000 and private donations toward the \$350,000 required for construction. Construction on that project is currently slated to begin after the pool closes this season.

will not allow us to relocate the turkeys,” explained Schauer. “Our only solution is to obtain ODFW permits and dispatch the birds. The dressed turkeys are then delivered to the Eugene Mission where they can be used to feed those in need.”

One factor keeping the birds in town is the abundance of food. City Ordinance 6.05.165- Feeding of Game Animals, prohibits the intentional feeding of turkeys. Unfortunately, the birds are attracted to bird and squirrel feeders. “If you have a lot of turkeys coming into your yard, the first thing to do is stop the food source. When the food dries up, the turkeys usually leave.”

Veneta City Wide Clean-Up



Saturday May 6th, 2017

8 am to 4 pm * 5th St & Bolton Hill

This City Wide Clean-Up is **FREE OF CHARGE** and limited to residents within the City of Veneta. Take this time to clean up your home, yard, neighborhood and City streets

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Yard debris
 - Limbs
 - Weeds
 - Grass clippings
- Wood
- Metal
- Appliances
- Recyclables
- Tires (limit 4 per household; tires must be off rims)
- Personal documents for shredding
- St. Vincent DePaul trailer for donations of gently used household items

Hazardous materials and household trash will not be accepted.

For more information, please contact Kyle Schauer at City Hall, 541-935-2191 or visit www.venetaoregon.gov



VOTE to HELP OUR COMMUNITY!



Our community could receive \$40,000 from EPUD to put solar roof panels on the Fern Ridge Service Center.

We need YOU to VOTE!!!

If you are an EPUD customer and belong to their
*GREEN program, please vote for us!

Go to www.EPUD.org through JUNE 12th

This will make a HUGE DIFFERENCE in the utility bills for the Service Center, which houses the Love Project food pantry, Senior Meals on Wheels, Café 60, & Senior Connections.

*If you are not a part of EPUD's GREEN program, you'll need to sign up before you can vote.
Contact EPUD for more information at (541) 746-1583 or visit www.epud.org.
Full proposal available for viewing.

For questions about the Fern Ridge Service Center, or the urgent need to vote please contact Lois or Pat at (541) 935-4555.