

# City News

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## Charter Communications to offer enhanced services

By the end of the calendar year, Veneta residents will finally have the option of receiving more than just basic cable and will also have an alternative to CenturyLink for Internet services.

“On August 14, the Veneta City Council adopted a resolution approving a franchise agreement with Charter Communications to offer a Triple Play package of cable, phone, and internet services in Veneta,” explained City Administrator Ric Ingham.

Ingham said the City had consulted with other communities who have worked with Charter and are very pleased with the bandwidth and service they are receiving. As part of the agreement, Charter will make investments in a fiber-optic line that makes the Triple Play package possible.

Charter will go live with the upgraded programming for cable TV by the end of the calendar year, Ingham said. “Because cable TV requires only a one-way directional sig-

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## City to Continue Sanipac Franchise

With the current waste hauler franchise agreement set to expire in January 2018, the City of Veneta conducted an overview of solid waste management services and franchise agreements at the May 8 City Council Work Session. Councilors considered issuing a request for proposals and opening the bid to multiple haulers, but on August 14 announced that it had decided the best alternative was to continue the single-hauler franchise agreement with Sanipac.

Operating under various names, Sanipac has been the waste-hauler for City of Veneta residents since 1987, with the franchise being renewed or awarded every five years. “The last time we issued a Request For Proposals in 2012, Sanipac was the only hauler to respond,” said City Administrator Ric Ingham. “Thus, the Council decided to conserve staff time and resources required for an RFP process and initiate negotiations

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## Extreme Fire Danger

With the ultra-high fire danger that Veneta and all of western Oregon is experiencing the City is encouraging all residents to use extreme caution when recreating or using power equipment on private or public lands. If you have questions regarding fire restrictions currently in place please utilize the information posted on the Oregon Department of Forestry web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx> Or at the Lane Fire Authority web site: <http://www.lanefire.org/>

## City Looking for Input on Transportation

Tell us what you think about transportation needs, deficiencies, and project ideas in Veneta. The link below will take you to the interactive map: <http://venetatsp.org/comment-map/>



CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2017		
Veneta Administrative Center - 88184 8th Street, Veneta, Oregon		
1	Veneta Community Pool Closes - 25190 E. Broadway	7:00 p.m.
4	Labor Day - City Hall Closed	Closed
5	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
6	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	4:30 p.m.
11	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Veneta Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Immediately following City Council Meeting	
13	Veneta Economic Development Committee Meeting - City Hall	2:00 p.m.
21	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
25	Veneta City Council Work Session - City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
30	"Meet the Sergeant" (Lane County Sheriff's Office contract Sergeant for the City of Veneta) - Fern Ridge Library	1:00 p.m.

Calendar updates will be posted on the City's website at [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://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

## **Charter Cable**

nal, it can go live to all residents at the same time," he explained. Internet, however, requires a two-way signal for upload and download, so it will take a little longer. Still, he said, "the majority of Veneta will be fed by Internet and cable by the spring of 2018."

Charter's Spectrum Triple Play package will include all three services or customers can select individual services or packages. DVR services and video on demand will also

## **Sanipac**

with Sanipac for renewal of the franchise agreement.

The Council also concluded that using multiple haulers was inefficient. A single hauler means fewer garbage trucks on the road, less wear and tear on the street, less road congestion, and easier compliance with mandatory DEQ reporting each year. In fact, most small cities, such as Co-burg, Creswell, and Cottage Grove, opt for a single hauler.

Sanipac currently serves 80 percent of Veneta residential properties and customers, according to the City. The company also offers six of the required recycling program elements including basic recycling education and promotion. "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, among other services," Ingham explained.

The company also provides free garbage and recycling at the Community Center, Pool, City Administrative Center, City parks and City sponsored events, solid waste removal from City sponsored events such as Zumwalt Campground,

## **Kiddie Pool Construction**

A key portion of Council business on July 25, 2017 was receiving options from Kyle Schauer, Public Works Director, for the Multi-Use, or Kiddie Pool project. One bid was received from Dorman Construction for \$590,000, a stunning \$240,000 more than the estimated cost of construction. To date, the City has raised approximately \$285,000 from grants and donations. Schauer reported conversations he had with Robertson Sherwood Architects who formulated the cost estimate, Dorman Construction and Emerald Pool & Patio about the project. The estimate was based on a Multi-Use Pool design that was drawn when the City Pool was built. They took the estimated cost from 2008 when that bid was done, and brought that up to current dollars, added a substantial increase to cover variables, and came up with the new estimate of \$350,000. Unfortunately, there is an entirely different construction climate now than in 2008. The big pool had 13 bids for

be available.

The agreement also includes a franchise fee paid to the City for use of its right of way. "Any utility that benefits from use of Veneta's street system and right-of-way must enter a franchise agreement that lays out the conditions for that use and includes a fee to the City," Ingham explained. Charter's fees will be 5 percent.

and Earth Day, among other services, Ingham explained. "And they provide staffing, collection and removal during the City's Annual Cleanup. They've been a good partner," he said. In exchange for using the City's infrastructure, Sanipac pays a 5 percent fee. In 2016, that resulted in \$21,854 in franchise fees.

As part of the renewal process the Veneta City Council will be soliciting public comments on the waste collection services Sanipac provides. Public comments can be presented by submitting written comments or by giving oral testimony at the public comment session on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted in person at Veneta City Hall 88184 8th St, Veneta, OR; mailed to City of Veneta, PO Box 458, Veneta, OR 97487; sent by fax 541-935-1838 or sent by email to dhenneman@ci.veneta.or.us. Please submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on September 20, 2017. Additional public comments will be solicited in October during the Franchise adoption process.

construction compared to the Kiddie Pool's one bid. Today, swimming pool contractors have projects scheduled well into 2018. Schauer also learned that curves are more expensive to build than straight lines. A rectangular pool would be less expensive to build than a kidney shaped pool. Schauer presented the Council with four options for proceeding with the Kiddie Pool project that ranged from accepting the current bid to dropping the project completely.

Council elected to adopt Option 3 which was to reject the current bid, have the project redesigned to reduce costs, put the new design out for bid and continue fundraising. By the time cost saving changes are made, the project will have changed enough that it must be submitted for a new bid. Extending the timeline for construction may also assist with getting lower bids.



# *Veneta Harvest Festival*

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**2nd Street & W. Broadway**

**Fern Ridge Service Center**

8:00 - 10:00 Pancake Breakfast - all ages welcome  
9, 11, & 1:00 Reiki Demonstrations

**10:00 Vendor Booths Open**

10:00-3:00 Veneta Downtown Farmers' Market

10:00-3:00 Quilt Show & Raffle  
@ Fern Ridge Service Center

11:00-2:00 Bicycle Show - Park Board Booth

11:30 Chili Cook Off Judging

**Live Music**

10:00-11:00 Old Time Fiddlers

11:30-1:00 Tatiamo

1:30-3:00 Rain Walkers



**Come enjoy the fun! Call 541-935-4555 for info**

# VENETA BICYCLE SHOW

SHOW AND SHINE

## WHEN

September 9, 2017  
11:00am - 2:00pm

## WHERE

Veneta Harvest Festival  
West Broadway, Veneta Oregon

## FEATURING 3 classes

- ◆ Racers, BMX and mountain bikes
- ◆ Daily riders, and cruisers
- ◆ Art bikes and custom builds

Awards for top three places in each age class and  
**BEST OF SHOW**

## ALL AGES

Three age Categories

- ◆ up to 12
- ◆ 13 to 19
- ◆ 20 and older

## FREE TO ENTER

JUST BRING YOUR BIKE TO THE FESTIVAL AND ENTER. CHECK IN IS AT THE PARK BOARD BOOTH NEAR FARMERS MARKET.

OR

CONTACT  
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FOR APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

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