



Vote NOW to Help the Love Project!

The Love Project Food Pantry is in need of your vote by June 6 to secure a \$40,000 grant to install solar panels and reduce its cost of electricity. Housed in the Fern Ridge Service Center (FRSC) on West Broadway and oper-

ated by Mid Lane Cares, the Love Project Food Pantry distributes up to three tons of food each week, serving over 1,000 families per month. To help the Love Project reduce its costs, MLC has applied for the EPUD

GREEN Power grant. But it is competing with three other organizations for the grant, with the winner to be decided by EPUD GREEN customers' votes. "The winning organization will end up saving money on electricity

costs, which in turn, will free up funds that could be used to provide additional community services," said Scott Coe, EPUD general manager. "We hope that the solar panels will cut our bill,

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City Encourages Vegetation Control and Code Compliance

Warm days and spring rains make the need to control vegetation in Veneta City limits more important than ever, according to Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick.

The City's Municipal Code (8.05.060), states that property owners, managers, or tenants are required to prevent nox-

ious weeds or vegetation from growing out of control on their property and from encroaching on the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property. The code defines noxious vegetation as weeds and grass more than 10 inches high, poison oak, and blackberry bushes growing into a

public thoroughfare or across property lines. It also includes vegetation that presents a health, fire, or traffic hazard.

That means property owners or residents must mow grass and trim or cut down shrubs, bushes, weeds, or other noxious vegetation as often as necessary to prevent it

from becoming unsightly or creating a fire hazard, or, in the case of noxious weeds, from going to seed. Failing to do so could result in a citation and possible fines through Veneta Municipal Court. These restrictions are enforced June 1 through Sept. 30.

Improvements to City Park

The City of Veneta will soon break ground on Phase One of the City Park Master Plan. The plan has been under development since August 2016 and open for public comment since June 2017. Home to the Veneta Community Pool and the Community Center at the end of East Broadway, the City Park currently spans five-acres. The Plan will expand the park eastward onto adjacent City-owned property, eventually growing to as much as 10 acres.

"The ultimate three-phase plan involves clearing trees to create open lawn for recreation, installing more picnic tables, and erecting a raised platform for community events and performances, among other improvements," said Community Development Director Kay Bork.

During Phase One, a contractor will construct a 10-foot wide concrete path that meanders through the park east of the pool. The path will encircle a new open

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CIVIC CALENDAR June 2018 All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted		
5	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
6	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
11	City Council Meeting - Includes Public Hearings on the Approved Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget & Use of State Shared Revenue Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Includes Public Hearing on the Approved Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget - immediately following	6:30 p.m. 
13	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
16	Veneta Community Pool Opens	12:00 p.m.
17	Happy Father's Day	Happy Father's Day
21	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
23	Summer Solstice Event - Veneta Community Pool - 25190 E Broadway	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 
25	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.

November 6, 2018 General Election

This November, City residents will elect two City Councilors. Candidates must qualify as a legal voter under the laws and constitution of the state of Oregon and be a resident of the City of Veneta twelve months immediately preceding the election.

To run for office, residents must first contact Darci Henneman, City Recorder/Election Official, for an election packet. The packet contains required forms and in-

structions for filing for candidacy, including a candidate signature sheet. In the City of Veneta, instead of paying a filing fee, each candidate must collect 20 valid signatures in order to be placed on the ballot. The City Election Official will review all signature sheets before submitting them to the Lane County Election Official for signature verification.



After verification, candidates' names can be placed on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot. Candidate packets can be picked up beginning May 30, 2018. Preliminary forms must be submitted to the City Election Official no later than August 8, 2018 in order to meet Lane County Election's filing deadline of August 28, 2018.

Both City Council positions are four year terms and begin in January 2019. The Council generally meets the second and fourth Mondays every month. The City of Veneta is fortunate to have a history of Mayors and City Councilors who are committed to looking out for all Veneta residents.

To schedule an appointment and receive a candidate packet, call 541-935-2191 to speak with Darci Henneman.

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which is about \$1,000 per month, by at least 20 percent," said MLC Director Pat Coy. "For a nonprofit that has to watch its finances very closely, this is a substantial savings."

With help from the community, FRSC won a GREEN grant in June 2017 on its third try. That grant paid to install 40 solar roof panels (covering about 600

square feet) and saving about 20 percent in energy costs. Mid Lane Cares' Solar System, Phase II would install panels and related equipment to benefit The Love Project, which has a separate power meter.

To increase the odds of a successful bid for the previous grant, Veneta City Administrator Ric Ingham led the formation of the "FRSC Solar Team." That team

conducted extensive educational outreach and networking to encourage votes and push the application over the top. "We wound up winning by a landslide!" Ingham said, the City will form a Love Project Solar Team to help push this application over the top as well. But the team needs all the help they can get, so Ingham urges residents to sign up and vote!

To do so, you must

be an EPUD customer who participates in the GREEN program. It's important to note that only the "qualified" votes are counted, explained Coy. If you are not a participant, sign up for that program, he said, and then visit www.epud.org by June 6 to cast your ballot for Mid Lane Cares and help the Love Project Food Pantry continue its important work in our community.

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lawn area and pass through the proposed Veterans Memorial. It will connect to an expanded

parking lot and a new play area with equipment selection based on community input. Other Phase One improvements in-

clude landscaping with irrigation, lighting, and park benches. The first phase will cost approximately \$875,000, is paid

for with existing Park and Urban Renewal Funds, and is scheduled for completion this summer.

The 2017 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is now available!

You may request a paper copy by calling 541-935-2191 or view it on our website at:

<http://www.venetaoregon.gov/publicworks/page/drinking-water-consumer-confidence-report>

GO GREEN

Help the Mid Lane Cares Love Project and make positive changes to our environment at the same time. Here's how:

DETAILS

- EPUD funds a grant each year to help organizations change their energy use to more green power.
- The Love Project Food Panty at FRSC has applied for this grant so they can install solar panels on their roof.
- EPUD awards the grant to the organization who has the most votes from EPUD "GREEN" CUSTOMERS. (Customers who have signed up to receive at least 50% of their power from renewable sources).
- Depending on your usage, this change to go green will increase your bill slightly, (approx. \$5.00 for an average home).

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **If you voted last year, simply sign in and vote again this year.**
- Sign up to be an EPUD GREEN CUSTOMER.
- Vote for Mid Lane Cares to receive the grant. (Each green customer is allotted 1 vote).
- Voting is open at this time and ends on June 6, 2018.

HOW TO SIGN UP

- Go online to: <https://www.epud.org/my-account/green-programs/>
- Fill out the short application to **GO GREEN!**
- For more information call Deanna or Pat at 541-935-4555.

THE LOVE PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP! PLEASE VOTE TODAY!



Our community could receive \$40,000 from EPUD to install solar roof panels to support The Love Project – Food Pantry

We need YOU to VOTE!!!
By June 6th
Go to www.EPUD.org

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

This will make a HUGE DIFFERENCE in the utility bills for The Love Project!

*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 Mid Lane Cares and The Love Project, or the urgent need to vote
please contact Deanna or Pat at (541) 935-4555.