

Kiddie Pool to Open Next Summer: Buy Your Tile Now!

Nearly 10 years after Veneta residents supported the construction of the Veneta Community Pool, the Kiddie Pool feature will be built in time for next summer's swim season. The 45 by 27 foot feature was part of the original design when Veneta voters approved a \$1.1 million bond to build the pool in 2009. But its construction was postponed because of funding

shortfalls. Still, the contractor installed the infrastructure, conduits and piping called for in the design, and then covered the area with concrete decking.

Last summer, momentum to complete the feature began to build as the City secured more than \$288,000 in grants and donations. In July, when the City was denied a major grant for construction, the

Veneta City Council instructed City staff to "find a way" to get it done. Early last month, City managers allocated urban renewal funds, which nearly closed the shortfall for construction costs. And in late October, the City awarded a contract to 2G Construction to begin work on the pool. It is now scheduled for completion in May 2019.

Meanwhile, the City's

Kiddie Pool Committee is hosting one last fundraising campaign. "The Buy-a Tile fundraising project is your opportunity to leave a tangible imprint of your support for the Veneta Kiddie Pool," said Community Development Director Kay Bork. Supporters can purchase a glass tile engraved with their name, or that of a family member, club, or

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What's Happened to the Trees?

Veneta residents may have noticed an unusual amount of trees that are showing signs of stress. Specifically, many conifers around town have rust colored needles and dead branches. Oregon State

University (OSU) Extension Service explained the condition.

"Several years of drought has stressed the trees, making them more vulnerable to pests and diseases," said OSU For-

estry Agent Alicia Christiansen. When pests move in and disease takes hold, the stressed trees are more likely to die. "By the time the damage is visible in a thinning crown, brown needles, insect exit holes

in the bark, and woodpecker activity, it's too late to save that particular tree."

You can improve the health of a stand by appropriately thinning trees to increase the amount of wa-

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Let the Holidays Begin!

Veneta will soon be awash in the holiday spirit as cherished events draw our community together.

The season kicks off with the 41st Annual Fern Ridge Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 16 and 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. With more than 30 sites around the Veneta/Fern Ridge area this year, this annual event is an opportunity to shop for local, handmade, and unique items for holiday giving. A map on the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CountryHoliday-Bazaar> features a brief

description of items available at each location.

Next, on Nov. 29 at 7:00 p.m., friends and neighbors will gather for the traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at Veneta Elementary School bus loop plaza. Youth choirs will fill the night with song as the lights on the tree come ablaze. In keeping with tradition, Lane Fire Authority will bring Santa Claus to the site while Key Club elves en-

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CIVIC CALENDAR November 2018		
All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted		
4	Daylight Saving Time - Fall Back	
6	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
7	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
11	Veterans Day	VETERANS DAY
12	Closed in Observance of Veterans Day	Closed
12	City Council Meeting, Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following	Cancelled
14	Economic Development Committee	2:00 p.m.
15	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
19	City Council - Special Meeting	6:30 p.m.
22	Thanksgiving Day - City Hall Closed	Closed
23	Thanksgiving observed - City Hall Closed	Closed
26	City Council Meeting	Cancelled

Buy Your Tile Now

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organization. This fundraiser will reduce the amount the City has to use from parks and urban renewal funds, which can then be spent elsewhere as needed. "Your engraved tile will hang on the wall inside the pool lobby as an artistic celebration of this community effort." Prices range from \$100 to \$1,000. To

buy your personalized tile, contact Bork at City Hall or email kbork@ci.veneta.or.us no later than Dec. 31.

Meanwhile, renovations of the Veneta City Park on East Broadway are on schedule, with the lawn areas seeded and almost all concrete pathways poured. The new parking lot should be complete in

early November and playground equipment will then be erected. The remaining items to be installed are lighting, landscaping, trees, and such park amenities as benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles. The improved City Park will be a "signature facility" according to City Administrator Ric Ingham, and available to enjoy before the end of

the year.

Home to the Veneta Community Pool and the Community Center, City Park now spans five-acres. The work currently taking place is just phase one of a three-phase plan that will expand the park eastward onto adjacent City-owned property, eventually growing to as much as 10 acres.

Trees

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ter available to trees that remain. Thinning works best when done before the trees experience severe moisture loss from competition, so don't expect a stand of trees to bounce back if it has already become weakened, said Christiansen.

Similarly, if weeds are allowed to grow around young trees, the trees will experience vital moisture loss. Weeds are best controlled with manual removal, herbicides, or a combination of both. Mowing and clipping does not reduce competition for moisture and actually stimulates weed root growth and water consumption. Tackle a three to five foot radius

around young trees to reduce competition and increase both tree survival and growth rate.

For individual yard trees, take advantage of the opportunity to water them. A deep, infrequent watering throughout the dry season is recommended. More frequent watering may be necessary on steep slopes, fast draining areas, or for trees that are actively competing with other vegetation. Use a soaker hose for several hours to saturate the soil, allow the soil to dry out between watering and do not flood the tree. If you are still losing trees, consider replanting with a species better adapted to your particular soil, moisture and temperature con-

ditions.

Once a tree has died or is dying, it becomes a hazard and must be removed according to City of Veneta's Nuisance Code (VMC 8.05.050). Removal requires a permit but is allowed immediately upon City confirmation of the tree's condition. In some cases, permits are no charge. To encourage replanting, the City offers a reimbursement program that provides up to \$100 per year toward purchase of replacement trees. For information on the tree removal/replanting program, contact Lisa Garbett at 541-935-2191 or email at lgarbett@ci.veneta.or.us or by calling 541-935-2191.

Looking for Recycling Information?



The City of Veneta website has been updated with all kinds of helpful tools and links, including information on what goes in your recycle can and what are the common recycling contaminants to watch out for.

Please visit:
www.venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling

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sure that every child is able to visit the old elf. Kiwanis of Fern Ridge will be serving free hot cocoa.

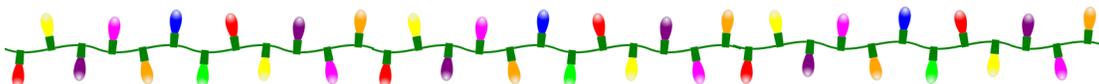
Finally, save the date of Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. for the 15th Annual Veneta/Fern

Ridge Light Parade, which will paint the night sky with thousands of twinkling lights. Dozens of floats will roll through the streets in what has become a memorable tradition for the community. To register a float,

contact the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce in the West Lane Shopping Center, or visit the Chamber's website at <http://venetafernrIDGEchamber.com> Entry forms for the parade can be

picked up at the Chamber office or City Hall.

City Hall will be closed November 12 in observance of Veterans Day and November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.



Common Recycling Contamination

The items listed below contaminate curbside recycling.
Please keep them out of the can.

NO	Problem	Reason	Solution
	Plastic bags and film	Bags and film jam equipment at the sorting facility and create slow downs in processing. Removing the film from the processing equipment is difficult and dangerous.	Plastic grocery bags are accepted for recycling at many local grocery stores. (Or dispose of as trash.)
	Plastic clamshells	There is no current market for this material. Processors receiving a high level of these contaminants can potentially reject entire loads of recycling.	Dispose of as trash.
	Food residue	Food residue can cause the processor to reject materials. Food residue can also leak onto and contaminate other materials in the recycling	Always rinse and clean out food residue before recycling.
	Styrofoam	Unwanted by processors. Breaks up into small pieces and contaminates other recycling.	St. Vincent De Paul also has a styrofoam recycling program. For more information visit: www.svdp.us . (Or dispose of as trash.)
	Napkins and paper towels	Unwanted by processors. Can contain food/liquid which contaminates other recyclables.	Napkins and paper towels can also act as a good source of carbon for backyard compost piles. (Or dispose of as trash.)

WHAT DO I DO WITH...?



Waste Wizard - What do I do with?
Type the name of a waste material and we'll tell you which bin it goes in.

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Leaf Pick Up & Ditch Maintenance

Leaf Pick-UP

The City of Veneta will begin picking up bagged leaves left at curbside the first Tuesday in October through the end of January. There may be an occasion where the Public Works department is unable to pick them up as scheduled, if you feel that you were missed entirely, please call City Hall at 541-935-2191.

- ☞ Leaves will be picked up on Tuesday and Thursday of each week through the last Thursday in January.
- ☞ Bags are to contain leaves only, no garbage or other yard debris.
- ☞ Bags must be tied shut.
- ☞ As an alternative you may place leaves in your Yard Debris Roll Cart provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens and flower beds.
- ☞ Citizens are asked to help reduce flooding by not raking leaves into gutters or storm drains.
- ☞ Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.
- ☞ If you want leaves for compost, please contact City Hall at 541-935-2191

Ditch Maintenance

City officials want to remind residents to clean up drainage ditches in preparation for another rain-soaked winter. "The flow (of water) should not be impeded in any way," says Public Works Director Kyle Schauer, adding that it is common for uninformed city residents to put leaves or grass clippings in the low spots of drainage ditches.

- ☞ Maintenance should ensure that water flows through ditches, so residents should never plug ditches and drainages or allow brush to inhibit flows.
- ☞ When drainage ditches get blocked it causes them to overflow, leading to flooding and major damage to roads, landscaping and nearby houses.
- ☞ Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.
- ☞ Residents should be aware that some properties contain protected wetlands. Special care should be taken when removing vegetation. If you have any questions about the wetlands you can call Associate Planner Lisa Garbett for more information at 541-935-2191.

