

Jack Kelley Lift Station Underway

A new wastewater lift station now being built along Jack Kelley Drive will replace an existing Jeans Road facility, which is nearing the end of its operational lifespan. The new station is part of the City of Veneta's Wastewater Master Plan and will provide equipment and capacity for the next 20 years, according to Public Works Director Kyle Schauer.

The Jack Kelley Lift Station comprises a 28-foot deep "wet well," piping, pumps, and an above-ground electrical control

building, which will provide easier access for routine visual inspection and maintenance than the current underground facility. Wastewater from the east side of Veneta will flow to the wet well, where it can be held and then pumped to the City's wastewater treatment facility at the appropriate time.

With the lift station complete, the City contractor will run pipeline to tie into the Jeans Road facility, which is underground near the flagpole by Banner Bank and currently serves much of

Veneta north of the railroad tracks.

"We'll bore beneath Hwy. 126 toward the West Lane Shopping Center and run pipeline beneath the grass strip that runs parallel to the Highway," Schauer explained. "That work will be visible but should have no impact on traffic." The pipe will then be tied in to the Jeans Road facility. New piping will continue east on Jeans Road to serve existing and future needs. That phase of the work could cause some short-term disruption to traffic, he said.

Once the Jack Kelley station is operational next spring, the City contractor will remove the underground infrastructure at the Jeans Road facility and backfill it with rock.

Lift stations reduce the capital cost of sewer system construction. The total project cost for the new station is budgeted at \$3.48 million and is paid for through a combination of SDC (System Development Charges, a one-time fee assessed on new developments) and sewer fund reserves.

Park Improvements on Schedule

Phase One Improvements to Veneta City Park are moving swiftly and will be ready for the community to enjoy next spring, according to Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. The concrete walkways in the east section of the park are complete and

new topsoil is in place. "We are on track to plant the grass so it will be established by winter," he continued. "I'm very pleased with the progress so far."

The City has ordered playground equipment suitable for ages 5 through 12

that comprises a combination of climbing structures, slides, ladders, and play activities. Existing equipment in the park is suited for younger children. "The Park Board wanted a design that celebrated nature," said Community Development Director

Kay Bork. "That is reflected throughout the equipment." A three-bay swingset and a merry-go-round will also be installed, replacing equipment that was damaged or had to be removed after a windstorm in 2016. A community

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Mindy Sandford Retires from City

The City of Veneta thanks Mindy Sandford as she retires after more than 21 years of service. Mindy joined the City staff as a receptionist in June 1997, when City Hall was still located on McCutcheon Avenue. Over the years, she grew in her professional skills and responsibilities, performing accounting functions, payroll, and human resources.

"Mindy has been very dependable, willing, adaptable, and hardworking,"

said Finance Director Shauna Hartz. "We are very happy for her retirement, but after 21 years Mindy will be missed," added City Administrator Ric Ingham. "She's been a big part of Veneta's Team, both at City Hall and in the community, spearheading or supporting numerous events, activities and projects over the past several decades." Everyone at City Hall wishes Mindy the very best as she pursues plans for an active post-work life.

CIVIC CALENDAR October 2018

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

2	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
3	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
6	Tree City Celebration at Farmers' Market site corner of 3rd St. & W. Broadway	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
8	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - immediately following	6:30 p.m.
10	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
18	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
22	Veneta City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
31	Halloween	



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Park Improvements

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crete barrier and bench walls to contain the wood chips that are already in place.

Site work is also complete for the Veterans Memorial. “The City is partnering with VFW for this project,” explained Schauer. “Our contractor did the rough grading and walkways and prepared the area for irrigation needs.” VFW Jack Kelley Post 9448 will now take the lead in completing this

project, which includes granite walls, lighting, flagpoles, and benches. The Post expects to complete its work early next year as well.

Home to the Veneta Community Pool and the Community Center at the end of E. Broadway, the City Park currently spans five-acres. The park improvement 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,” Bork Explained.

City’s Redevelopment Toolkit Now Easier to Access

The City of Veneta has updated its Redevelopment Toolkit application to make it easier for motivated businesses, entrepreneurs, and property owners to apply for grants and loans to help fund projects in the downtown district. An Urban Renewal Agency program, the Toolkit encourages initiatives

that address urban blight and/or improves aesthetics in the Urban Renewal District of Veneta’s original downtown core as well as the “four corners” at Highway 126 and Territorial.

“We offer an array of funding options up to \$35,000, as well as free design assistance for exterior

projects,” explained Management Analyst Jenna Boyd. “I encourage all building and property owners within the Urban Renewal District to take advantage of this opportunity.”

For more information, visit the City’s website and select the “Business” tab, then click on “Business

Funding & Initiatives” page which provides a summary of the available funding types as well as an application. You can also contact Boyd directly at 541-935-2191, ext. 312 or jboyd@ci.veneta.gov

October Events

October 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City of Veneta will celebrate its ninth year as a Tree City USA Community with an annual Arbor Day event hosted by the Veneta Park Board/Tree City Board. Held in conjunction with the Veneta Downtown Farmer’s Market at 3rd and W. Broadway, the event will include

interactive activities, refreshments, a free raffle, and more.

October 18 at 10:18 a.m., City of Veneta staff will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” for the Great Oregon ShakeOut, an annual international earthquake drill that gives individuals, families, and organizations the chance to prepare, practice,

and think about what they would do in the event of an earthquake. The City urges residents to participate. For more information, visit shakeout.org/Oregon.

October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) will facilitate the “Prescription Drug Take Back Event” at Bi Mart in

Veneta. LCSO representatives will accept unwanted, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs. This initiative aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

VENETAWORKS FALL EVENTS

OCT. 10TH - PUBTALK: OUR INNOVATIVE
FUTURE (SPRINGFIELD) - **FREE**

OCT. 16TH - SBDC: FACEBOOK ADVERTISING FOR
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OCT. 17TH - SBDC: READY, SET, LAUNCH YOUR
BUSINESS (LCC DOWNTOWN) | \$19.00*

OCT. 17TH - SBDC: FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS
(LCC DOWNTOWN) | \$45.00*

OCT. TBD - PUBTALK: **SEAN JOHNSON**, WEB
BRANDING AND ADVERTISING
(**OUR DAILY BREAD, VENETA**) | **FREE**

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WORKSHOP SERIES WITH RAIN EUGENE | **FREE**
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NOV. 13TH - SBDC: READY, SET, LAUNCH YOUR
BUSINESS (LCC DOWNTOWN) | \$19.00*

DEC. 5TH - PUBTALK: **ROGER WONG**, SBDC
PRIMER, BUSINESS ACCELERATOR SERIES
(**OUR DAILY BREAD, VENETA**) | **FREE**

DEC. 6TH - SBDC READY, SET, LAUNCH YOUR
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