

Be Considerate to Your Neighbors on the 4th of July

As the nation prepares to celebrate the Fourth of July with traditional parties and fireworks, the City asks Veneta residents to be good neighbors. Be safe, clean up after yourself, take care of pets, and end the fireworks by 10 p.m. so those who must work in the morning can get some sleep. "Please pick up your

fireworks debris, rather than leaving it in the streets," asks City Administrator Ric Ingham. The paper and plastics that go into fireworks, the metals, nitrates and sulfur that make them burst and light up can easily pollute our streams when the firework residue is washed into storm drains,

which in some areas flow directly into streams.

The City won't be providing extra street sweeping services after the holiday, so it's up to residents to clean it up. Beyond that, not cleaning up your fireworks debris is considered littering. Under the Veneta Municipal Code 9.05.290 Offensive littering

that comes with a base fine of

\$750.00, explained Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick. "Also, make certain that the fireworks you are using are legal under Oregon Statutes and Veneta Municipal Code," Warrick

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Keep Your Yard Fire Safe this Season

With small wildfires taking place in late May and above-average temperatures in June, Oregon's fire season is well underway. The City of Veneta urges residents to address vegetation that could become tinder for a blaze. "Some grasses, shrubs, and bushes are already drying out, making it more important than ever that residents keep vegetation under control," says Veneta Code Enforcement Officer Teresa

Warrick.

Controlling growth is not just about making yards look pretty, it's about the safety of the community, she adds. Overgrown vegetation also provides shelter for rodents, collects pollen dust, and generally become a nuisance. To avoid these issues, the City requires homeowners and tenants to keep vegetation under control.

According to the City of Veneta's Municipal Code

(8.05.060), property owners or managers are required to prevent noxious 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, poison ivy, and blackberry bushes growing into a public thoroughfare or across property lines. It also in-

cludes vegetation that presents a health, fire, or traffic hazard.

Property owners or residents must mow grass and trim or cut down shrubs, bushes, weeds, or other vegetation as often as necessary to prevent it from becoming unsightly or creating a hazard, or, in the case of noxious weeds, going to seed. Failing to do so could result in a citation and possible fines through

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Mobile Vending Units

The City of Veneta has amended its codes to make it easier for entrepreneurs to start small businesses in the City using Mobile Vending Units (MVUs). "Veneta wants to encourage entrepreneurs seeking to start a small business," explained Community Development Director Kay Bork. MVUs, which can include food carts or other retail units on wheels, offer an affordable way to test out ideas before making the leap of establishing a brick and mortar business.

Adopted May 13, 2019, Ordinance No. 493 will allow MVUs to conduct business in commercial and industrial zones inside City limits, such as the Broadway Street/Downtown area, local shopping centers, and the industrial park. "Our codes previously created barriers for these types of businesses and we wanted to make it easier for them to launch," said Bork.

Bork suggested that MVUs could potentially participate in the coming

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CIVIC CALENDAR

July 2019

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

2	Planning Commission Meeting	Cancelled
3	Park Board Meeting - RESCHEDULED	July 31
4	City Hall Closed for Independence Day	Closed
8	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency Meeting immediately following	Cancelled
11	Zumwalt Campground Opens	1:00 p.m.
18	Municipal Court	8:30 am
19	Night Waves Teen Party Veneta Community Pool - 25190 E. Broadway	8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
22	Veneta City Council Meeting	6:30 pm
31	Veneta Park Board Meeting	4:30 pm

Be Considerate

continued. “Buy your fireworks from a legal fireworks stand and remember that, anything that lifts off the ground is illegal and more likely to cause a fire.” For

added safety, trim dry grass and keep a hose handy.

Keep in mind that pets can become stressed by the additional noise and commotion of the holiday.

“July 5 is one of the busiest days for animal control agencies,” said Warrick. “Many animals become stressed and get lost as they try to escape the

noise.” Owners are encouraged to protect their pets by leaving them at home where they feel safe and are sheltered from the outside activities

Fire Season

Veneta Municipal Court.

Warrick also encourages residents to be a good neighbor. “If you notice that your neighbor’s yard needs help, perhaps you could offer to mow, particularly if they are elderly or have special needs,” she says. “In addition to doing a good turn, you’ll also keep weeds

from spreading onto your lawn.”

Whether a neighboring property is vacant or inhabited, the process of filing a complaint about tall grass or weeds is the same. Residents may obtain a code complaint form from City Hall or download one from the City’s website at

www.venetaoregon.gov. Completed forms can be returned to City Hall in person or by mail. The Code Enforcement Officer will then work with the occupant or owner to resolve the complaint. If the property owner is unresponsive, the City will hire a landscaping company to address the

problem and then bill the property owner. For additional information, please contact Warrick at the City of Veneta 541-935-2191.



Keys to Crosswalk Safety

Veneta is buzzing with activity this summer. Oregon Country Fair could draw record crowds for its 50th Anniversary. Extensive construction projects are well underway. People of all ages are walking or riding bikes to the Veneta Community Pool and enjoying the improvements to Veneta City Park. City staff and law enforcement encourage residents to brush up on crosswalk rules and to remember that both drivers and pedestrians are expected to be courteous and follow local laws.

If you are walking or biking, you have the right of way in any crosswalk if you give sufficient time for driv-

ers to stop. If you are at a signaled crosswalk, the walk sign must be displayed. Do not start crossing at a signaled crosswalk if the do-not-walk sign is flashing or displayed. Bicyclists on sidewalks must operate their bikes at a speed no greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a crosswalk. Pedestrians and cyclists should pay special attention to construction zones.

“For most construction projects, we try to accommodate for sidewalk and crosswalk traffic,” said Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. “Typically, if the route is inhibited by the

construction, a temporary route is established and marked. When that is not possible, a crosswalk or sidewalk may be temporarily closed and a sign will be posted. Pedestrians should never cross through a construction zone unless directed to do so.”

Drivers should slow down to watch for pedestrians and keep an eye out for children alongside the roads. If you are driving or riding a bicycle in a travel lane (not in a crosswalk), you are required to stop for any foot, wheel, crutch, stroller, or any other extension of a person who is in the crosswalk. If a person is attempting to cross, you

should stop. When turning at a signal, give a buffer of the lane you are turning into, plus six feet of the next lane. While turning at any other intersection, give a buffer of the lane you are turning into plus the entire next lane. For a roadway that is separated or has a safety island, you do not have to stop if the person is on the other side of the roadway. A driver who starts moving before the pedestrian is clear is committing a Class B violation and subject to a base fine of \$265. Most importantly, following these rules helps keep our neighbors and children safe.

Mobile Vending

Popup Retail District being orchestrated by the Veneta-Works program.

“Entrepreneurs could operate from MVUs on property along Broadway during this mobile popup season, which will be held

on Wednesdays and Saturdays from August through mid September,” she suggested. “We highly encourage food vendors to participate.”

To operate an MVU inside City limits, business

owners must obtain a \$25 permit for mobile vending and a \$25 business license. A special permit is available for businesses that wish to operate several MVUs on a single site or partner with other operators on a shared

site for a \$75 permit fee.

Permit information is available at City Hall or on the City of Veneta website. Bork encourages interested business operators to call the City Planning Department for more information.

Night Waves

Pool Party

Friday, July 19, 2019

8:30pm - 10:00pm

Ages 13 - 17 only

\$3.50 Entry

(passes/punch cards not valid for this event)



Music

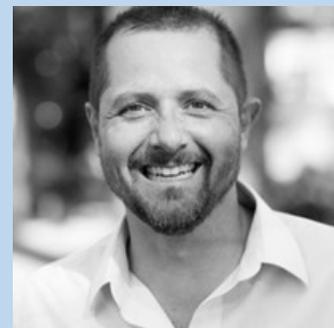
Dancing

Prizes

XBOX Games

Water Contest

Guest DJ
Barry MacGuire



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CITY OF VENETA

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6, 2019



6pm-8pm at City Park
(on E. Broadway next to the pool)



★ Food Provided by
the Alliance Church

★ Police and Fire
Vehicles



Meet Safety Pup ★

Family-Friendly
Games ★

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer place to live and work.

Sponsored by:

City of Veneta, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Lane Fire Authority, Fern Ridge Neighborhood Watch





Veneta Community Pool

Friday, August 2, 2019

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Bring your whole family and Join us!

Games, water toys, sprinklers and plenty of fun.

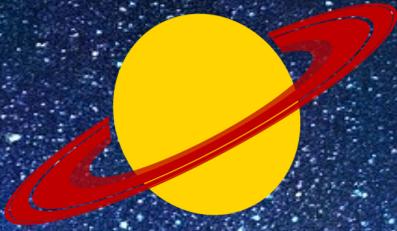
Normal family swim rates apply.

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Star Gazing Party



August 2nd
8:00pm

Star Gazing
Begins
at Dark

Presented
by: Eugene Astronomical
Society &
Veneta
Park Board



- The Eugene Astronomical Society will begin a 30 minute presentation in the Veneta Community Center at 8:30pm.
- After the presentation, there will be telescopes available in the park for viewing the night sky.
- This will be a great night for viewing Saturn and its rings, Jupiter and its bands, along with a crescent moon.



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