



Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for City Park and Kiddie Pool

The City of Veneta invites the community to celebrate the City Park expansion and the Grand Opening of the Kiddie Pool at a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on June 15 beginning at 11:00 a.m. “We’re so excited to have both these projects come together at the same time,”

said City Administrator Ric Ingham. “I think the area will be a magnet for families and recreation.”

The celebration will kick off at the Veneta Community Pool with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the long-awaited Kiddie Pool. This 45 x 27 foot feature includes a zero-entry for

infants and toddlers, sloping from the beginner pool to a slightly deeper 3 foot area.

“These features make it more attractive to families and young kids but also provide enough depth to start toddler and youth swim lessons,” explained Ingham. “The City has

worked hard to get the feature built, and we want to acknowledge the people and organizations who helped make it possible.” The ceremony will include the unveiling of a donor wall acknowledging those efforts.

Festivities will then
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City to Present 2019-20 Budget

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Budget, as approved by Veneta’s Budget Committee, during the City Council meeting on June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Veneta Administrative Center (City Hall). Residents are welcome to attend.

The upcoming year’s total budget figure is \$18,257,167 compared with last year’s budget total of \$24,416,573. The City will spend about \$4.45 million less on capital outlay in the new budget than it did last year, primarily due to completion of several large projects, including the relo-

cation of the sewer lift station, construction of a multi-use pool (Kiddie Pool), and significant improvements to City Park.

The budget, as a whole, reflects slight changes in the day-to-day operations or services provided. The improvements made to City Park, con-

struction of the multi-use pool, and the relocation of the sewer lift station could potentially increase maintenance needs and staff time.

Capital outlay projects included in the coming budget year are completing the lift station project, de-
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10 Years Tree City USA

At the Veneta City Council meeting on April 8, Link Smith of the Oregon Dept. of Forestry recognized the City of Veneta for participating in the Tree City USA program for the past 10 years. Smith acknowledged the City for its dedication to urban forest management and presented Mayor Keith Weiss with the “10 Year Award.”

Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the Tree City USA program recognizes the importance of an urban tree canopy and encourages communities to care for their trees. “A healthy and sustainable urban forestry program benefits residents by re-

ducing costs for storm-water management and erosion control, reducing energy consumption, and boosting property values,” explained Veneta’s Community Development Director Kay Bork.

To earn the Tree City USA designation, a City must have a tree ordinance, a tree committee or board, recognize Arbor Day with a proclamation, and spend at least \$2 per resident each year toward tree planting, care, and removal. In 2018, the City of Veneta spent \$5 per resident and used that fund for tree planting and maintenance, a Tree City

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CIVIC CALENDAR

June 2019

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

4	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
5	Park Board Meeting 	4:30 pm
10	City Council Work Session	5:00 pm
10	City Council Meeting - Public Hearing on Approved FY 19/20 Budget & use of State Shared Revenue - followed by Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Public Hearing on Approved FY 19/20 Budget	6:30 pm
12	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 pm
15	Grand Opening Celebration - City Park & Kiddie Pool. Pool Opens at noon- 25190 E. Broadway	11:00 am to 12:00 pm
16	Happy Father's Day 	
20	Municipal Court	8:30 am
21	Summer Solstice Event - Veneta Community Pool, 25190 E. Broadway 	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
24	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm

Ribbon Cutting

move to the adjacent City Park for a second ribbon cutting as well as distribution of some park “swag” courtesy of the City Park Board. “We really want to encourage the community to come enjoy this beautiful new facility,” Ingham said.

“With expansive new lawns and beautiful new pathways, the park will serve all ages and abilities and give people many more reasons to go out and enjoy the park,” added Community Development Director Kay Bork. New

playground equipment, suitable for ages 5 through 12, features a “nature” theme and a combination of climbing structures, slides, ladders, and play activities. A three-bay swingset and a merry-go-round are also ready to roll. Existing equipment in the park is suited for younger children.

The gathering will also recognize the Oregon Country Fair’s 50th Anniversary and the long-term partnership it has shared with Veneta. Peachy,

OCF’s 40-foot dragon, will dance along the loop of the new pathways in the park and the Fair will dedicate a themed bench to mark the occasion.

Visitors will then be invited to enjoy cake and ice cream in the park’s covered pavilion and will also be encouraged to see the Fern Ridge Veterans Memorial Project now being built. And then, of course, it’s time to play.

The pool will open to the public at noon with two separate swim sessions,

12:00 to 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 to 6:45 p.m., based on capacity. Entry to the swim sessions is free with a canned food donation for the Love Project food pantry. Families with toddlers and babies can sit and splash in the new Kiddie Pool while others enjoy the main pool. Patrons may sign up for lessons and purchase season passes as well. City Park and Veneta Community Pool are located at 25190 E. Broadway.



Summer 2019 Recreation Guide

available June 1 on the City of Veneta website
www.venetaoregon.gov under “What’s New”

Hard copies available at City Hall, Fern Ridge Library and Ray’s Food Place



Budget

signing phase two of the City Park improvement plan, and purchasing a new vehicle and equipment related to emergency preparedness.

The City’s Pavement Preservation Plan will continue at its previous level of approximately \$425,000 per year. The law enforcement contract for four full-

time deputies and one half-time sergeant will continue, with costs nearly unchanged at \$907,898. Personnel costs are expected to increase, with minimum wage, cost of living adjustments and health care costs.

Property taxes are expected to increase by 3 percent. A reflection of con-

tinued increases in existing property values and the expected addition of nine single family homes and two large commercial structures (1 on Jeans Rd and 1 on Loten Way) to the overall assessable value.

Storm water rates will increase by 2 percent in July. Water fees will increase by 2 percent and

sewer fees by 7 percent in January 2020. These increases are necessary to meet current debt service obligations, to maintain infrastructure, cover operating costs, and to accommodate future capacity and debt service needs.

Tree City

Celebration, and its Tree Replacement Program. That Program encourages residents to replant trees if one must be removed, offering up to \$100 to cover costs.

“Urban forests change

constantly and active management is critical to forest success,” Smith said.

“Replacing trees that are removed helps maintain the City’s canopy, supports the City’s urban



forestry goals, and contributes to the beauty of our neighborhoods,” added Bork. And, of course, it helps to ensure the City’s continuing status as a Tree City USA community.

The City of Veneta and the Veneta Park Board will soon announce plans to celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary; meanwhile, Bork says, the City will continue to honor its trees all year round.

2018 Consumer Confidence Report now available

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Summer Solstice Party

Join us at the
Veneta Community
Pool!

Friday, June 21, 2019
from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Normal Swim Rates Apply
(passes/punch cards not valid for this event)

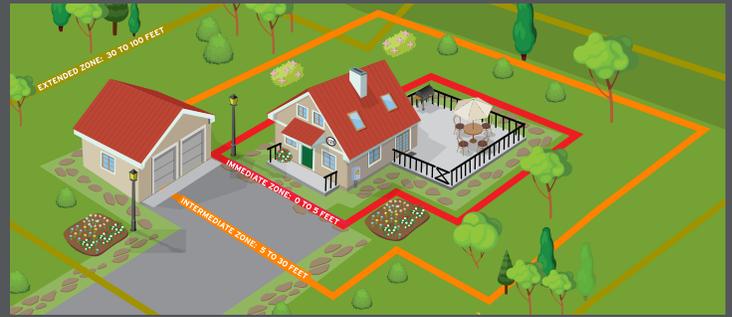
Food will be available for purchase,
there will be music, fun & games.
Bring the whole family!



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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION STEPS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER DURING A WILDFIRE



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

1. HOME IGNITION ZONES

Limiting the amount of flammable vegetation, choosing fire-resistant building materials and construction techniques, along with periodic exterior maintenance in the three home ignition zones - increases the chances your home will survive a wildfire when exposed to embers and/or a surface fire. The zones include the **Immediate Zone**: 0 to 5 feet around the house; **Intermediate Zone**: 5 to 30 feet; and the **Extended Zone**: 30 to 100 feet.

2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch and deck and prune branches of large trees up to (depending on their height) 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils and waxes and ensure mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house) are non-combustible options like crushed stone and gravel. Maintain vegetation annually.

FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

3. ROOFING AND VENTS

Class A fire-rated roofing products offer the best protection. Examples include: Composite shingles, metal, concrete and clay tiles. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box-in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

4. DECKS AND PORCHES

Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks/porches and between deck board joints.

5. SIDING AND WINDOWS

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco and dual-pane tempered glass windows.

6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

Ensure your home and neighborhood has legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet, for emergency vehicle access.

BE PREPARED

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets, large animals and livestock. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place. Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay - don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.

Conduct an annual insurance policy check-up to adjust for local building costs, codes and new renovations. Create/update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Store firewood away from the home
- Mow the lawn regularly
- Prune low-hanging tree branches
- Landscape with fire-resistant plants
- Create small fuel breaks with hardscaping features

TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK WHERE YOU LIVE.



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