

## Because You Asked...

Based on responses to its 2019 Communications Survey conducted last spring, the City of Veneta is now sharing more information about local law enforcement than ever before — posting reports on the City’s website and Facebook page while the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) publishes a Police Blotter each week in the Fern Ridge Review.

“Survey respondents identified information about Law Enforcement

as their number one priority,” said Management Analyst Jenna Boyd. “The LCSO already presents an activity report to the Veneta City Council each month, but we wanted that information to be more readily available and visible to residents.”

For the past nine years, the City of Veneta has contracted with the LCSO to provide cost-effective law enforcement. Sgt. Steve Siec-

zkowski has overseen that contract for the past two years, managing the four Veneta deputies who patrol Veneta.

The law enforcement team practices community policing, working to build close ties with the community.

That means working proactively with Neighborhood

Watch groups, teaching people how to safeguard their homes and businesses, having a regular

presence in troubled areas, and engaging with schools to help kids understand the role of police in their community.

Sharing information about law enforcement and other services that impact Veneta residents will continue to be a top priority for the City of Veneta. More information about the Community Survey can be found on the City of Veneta website under the “Community” tab.



## Sergeant Sieczkowski Shares Tips for Student Safety

With the school year well underway, the City’s law enforcement team shares a few reminders to help keep our students safe. Increased pedestrian and bike traffic as well as school buses require

that drivers exercise extra caution, especially as the day light gets shorter. Low light, fog, and rain decrease visibility, while wet roads increase stopping time.

“Give yourself a few

minutes of extra travel time and keep an eye out for students, parents, and community members crossing streets,” asks Sgt. Steve Sieczkowski, who heads the Veneta law enforcement contract.

“And remember, it’s always unlawful to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.” Drivers should be mindful of school bus loading and unloading and watch for

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## Sanipac Open House

Sanipac invites Veneta residents to a free Open House on Oct. 12 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at 1650 Glenwood Blvd in Eugene. Visitors can meet the drivers, learn about changes to recycling, and visit vendor booths and food trucks, while kids learn how a garbage truck works. Donations will be accepted to support Sanipac’s Annual S.A.N.T.A.’s Bike Build

Project.

As the City of Veneta’s waste hauler, Sanipac, provides commingled recycling services. This refers to a system in which a variety of recyclables — such as paper, plastics, and metals — can be mixed in the recycling bin and collection truck, instead of being sorted by the consumer into separate commodities.

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## CIVIC CALENDAR October 2019

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

1	Planning Commission Meeting		Cancelled
2	Park Board Meeting		4:30 p.m.
9	Economic Development Committee Meeting		2:00 p.m.
14	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following		6:30 p.m.
17	Municipal Court - City Hall		8:30 a.m.
19	Fall Arbor Day Event - Farmers' Market site - corner of 3rd St. & W. Broadway.		10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
	A Tree planting ceremony at City Park, 25190 E. Broadway		11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
28	City Council Meeting		6:30 p.m.
31	Happy Halloween		

### Student Safety

the stop signs on the sides of the buses. "The area around a school bus while children are coming on or off can be hazardous if drivers are in a hurry or distracted," he continues. "Give the bus plenty of room so the school bus drivers can

see you. We encourage parents to talk to their children about crossing safely which includes using the appropriate crossing sites and making eye contact with the operators of vehicles before stepping into the street."

As always, avoid dis-

tractions like cell phones, radios, and conversations, which can reduce reaction times. And, of course, Sieczkowski asks that drivers slow down.

Fines for speeding in a school zone increase incrementally with each 10 mph over the limit. And

any violation in a school zone automatically doubles.

"Deputies will be visible during these travel hours and make the appropriate contacts as needed," he concluded.

### Sanipac

This includes clean, flattened cardboard; certain plastic bottles and jugs; and paper products such as newspapers and magazines with ads and inserts, phone books and catalogues, direct mail, and office/computer pa-

per. Tin and aluminum food and beverage cans may also be recycled, but no aerosol, chemical, or paint cans. In the glass recycle tubs, only clean, unbroken glass bottles or jars without the lids are accepted. All recycling

needs to be cleaned by adequately rinsing jugs, cans, and bottles.

Any items that are not clearly recyclable should be put in the trash. If in doubt, throw it out. Or



attend the Sanipac Open House to learn more.

### Keep Streets and Ditches Clear This Winter

With winter fast approaching, the City of Veneta Public Works Department asks that residents do their part to keep city streets and drainages clear to avoid flooding that can damage roads, landscapes, and neighboring homes. "Take care not to plug ditches and drainages with leaves, grass clippings, or other debris," urges Public Works Director Kyle Schauer.

According to Veneta Municipal Code, residents must keep drainage ditches and waterways on their property free of any flow-blocking debris or plant growth. "The flow of water should not be impeded in

any way," he says. Depositing leaves or other debris in a drainage way or street is a violation of Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.15.010.

To help keep leaves out of ditches and off the streets and sidewalks, the City provides leaf pickup services beginning Oct 1. Leaves may not be blown or raked from a property onto a street. Instead, they must be picked up and bagged. Leaf bags left at curbside will be picked up every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of January. Bags should not contain garbage or other yard debris and must be tied shut. As an alternative, residents

may place leaves in the yard debris container provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens or flowerbeds.

To get the most benefit of street sweeping services, residents are asked to keep roads clear as well. "The sweeper is unable to clean a street properly when basketball hoops, garbage cans, illegally parked vehicles and recreational vehicles are being left or parked in the public right-of-way," explains Schauer. Under the Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 12.15.010, "Public rights-of-way" include, but are not limited to, streets, roads, high-

ways, bridges, alleys, sidewalks, trails, paths, public easements and all other public ways or areas, including subsurface and air space over these areas. "Please move basketball hoops and any other impediments onto your property when not in use."

Residents should be aware that some properties contain protected wetlands and take special care when removing vegetation. Questions about the wetlands can be directed to Veneta's Associate Planner Lisa Garbett 541-935-2191 or lgarbett@ci.veneta.or.us.



Veneta Park Board Presents

# Fall Arbor Day Event

with Veneta's Downtown  
Farmer's Market

- ~ Information to Take Away
- ~ Free Cake to Celebrate  
Veneta's 10th Year as a Tree City

*Followed by tree planting at City Park at 11:30am*

## Saturday, October 19th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3rd & W. Broadway



# **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT**



Keep them safe. Clean them out.  
Take them back.

**Saturday, October 26**  
**10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

**Collection Site**

**Bi-Mart - 25126 Jeans Rd**

**DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup>**  
**TAKEBACK**