

City News

The Newsletter of the
City of Veneta

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Election includes City Council seats

National candidates and issues may dominate the headlines during the fall election, but civic-minded residents will have an opportunity to play a role in local politics.

Two City Council positions are open for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Each position is

for a four year term commencing January 2011 and ending December 31, 2014.

Candidates must qualify as legal voters under the laws and constitution of the state of Oregon and have been residents of the City of Veneta for at least one year (365 days) immediately pre-

ceding the election.

Candidates for City of Veneta offices file by petition in order to have their names listed on the November ballot. Petition packets are available at Veneta City Hall; 88184 Eighth Street; Veneta, Oregon. The filing deadline is Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Door-to-door soliciting rules

Summer is high season for door-to-door solicitation in the Fern Ridge area, and city officials have adopted new rules to address the issue.

On June 28, 2010 the Veneta City Council adopted a new Business Registration ordinance which requires persons conducting retail sales for products or services to carry a copy of their business registration with them. If a resident is concerned about the legitimacy of a door-to-door solicitor, that resident should ask to see a copy of the solicitor's business registration.

The business registration does not guarantee that products and services will be delivered as promised. However, a business registration allows local authorities to gather information that may help citizens in the event products or services are not delivered as promised.

Online calendar features fun Fern Ridge events

Wonder what is going on in the Fern Ridge area this month? Have a non-profit event that you want the community to know about? Then you need to have a look online at the Fern Ridge Community Calendar.

The Fern Ridge Library District's Colin Rea developed the calendar after discussing the need for a local events clearing-house at a Fern Ridge area managers' meeting last year. The calendar can be viewed online through a link on the Fern Ridge Library website

(<http://www.fernridgelibrary.org/>). Local government agencies and non-profit groups can contact Rea to have their events added to the calendar

One goal of the community calendar, Rea says, is to improve communication between local agencies. A second is to ensure that community members do not schedule their events at the same time that other events are taking place.

Right now, the community calendar features weekly library events and

regular meetings such as the Westside Gardeners Club, plus community mainstays such as the 55th annual Fern Ridge Beef Pit BBQ, put on by St. Catherine's Church. During the last school year, Fern Ridge School District events also made the calendar.

"It is still definitely a work in progress," Rea says of the online calendar. "I'm a little chagrined that it (the calendar) is so library heavy right now. I was hoping people would be giving me more stuff to put on it."

Mobile spay/neuter clinic comes to town

According to the Humane Society, up to 8 million animals go to animal shelters every year. Responsible pet owners can fight the problem by making sure animals are spayed or neutered.

The Neuter Scooter Mobile Clinic is scheduled to be in Veneta on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The Neuter Scooter services are limited to cats only.

The fee for a non-feral

cat is \$40.00. Feral cats will be spayed or neutered at a reduced fee of \$20.00.

Pre-registration is required and may be done online at neuter-scooter.com.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 1-866-662-5838. For information about the City of Veneta low-income and feral cat vouchers, contact Teresa Warrick at City Hall (541-935-2191).