

City News

The Newsletter of the
City of Veneta

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City needs help to stop local vandalism

The City of Veneta needs residents to help in the effort to wipe out local vandalism, both by helping to identify culprits and by cleaning up the mess.

Veneta faces two types of vandalism: graffiti tagging and property destruction. In the case of graffiti, individuals attempt to gain notoriety among their peers by scrawling their "tag" or street nickname around a given community.

"When these types of vandalism occur, especially tagging, people don't take as much pride in the community," says City Administrator Ric Ingham,

adding that the City offers cleanup assistance and encourages concerned neighbors to do likewise. "To get this under control we do need people to step up and help."

Officials ask citizens with any knowledge of vandalism, whether from direct knowledge of individual crimes or information overheard at school or elsewhere in the community, to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 541-682-4141. Residents can also report vandalism of City property to Public Works Superintendent Kyle Schauer at 541-

935-2191.

One such tip earlier this summer allowed sheriff's deputies to arrest four individuals suspected of spray painting graffiti in Veneta. Tipsters can remain anonymous and information resulting in an arrest and conviction can lead to an award. New tips may help solve other recent vandalism crimes.

"We've not had arrests or convictions relating to the vandalism done to American flags on Memorial Day weekend," says Ingham. "We need someone to step up and identify responsible parties."

City adopts new budget

The City Council adopted the City's fiscal year 2012-13 budget by resolution on June 11. The City's overall budget is \$20.8 million with the majority of those funds committed to the completion of the water pipeline project and the Fern Ridge Service Center.

The City's projected operational revenue of \$4.1 million, which excludes all grants and loan proceeds, pays for day-to-day City operations. User fees, primarily, water, sewer and stormwater, make up 52 percent of estimated revenue, while property taxes provide 32 percent.

The cost to provide the personnel, materials and services necessary to deliver essential services such as public safety, water, sewer, street repair, and parks and recreation activities is estimated to be \$4.5 million.

The nature of some of the projects included in the fiscal year 2012-13 budget is such that some of the past years' retained earnings may be used; however, the overall impact will be low. The entire budget document is available at City Hall and on the City's website: <http://www.ci.veneta.or.us/>

Candidates needed for Veneta elected positions

This November, City residents will elect a mayor and two city councilors. To run for office, residents must first contact City Recorder Chris Workman, the acting City Elections Officer, in order to receive a candidate packet.

The packet contains required forms and instructions for filing for candidacy. The packet also contains a candidate signature sheet. In the City of Veneta, instead of paying a filing fee, each candidate must be nominated by 20 residents who are registered voters and have signed the candidate's signature sheet.

Completed forms must

be turned into the City elections officer and then submitted to Lane County Elections for signature verification. After verification, candidates' names are placed on the ballot for the November 6 election. All paperwork must be in and approved by August 28.

"I strongly suggest that those interested in running for office schedule a time to pick up a packet soon, to make sure all the forms can be turned in and approved before the filing deadline," says Workman.

Both the mayoral and city council positions are four year volunteer terms. The council usually meets twice per month and mem-

bers are often asked to serve on additional boards and committees. The terms start in January 2013.

The mayor serves as the representative of the community for regional planning events and committees and participates in ceremonial activities.

"The City of Veneta is fortunate to have a history of mayors and city councilors who are committed to looking out for all of Veneta's citizens," says Workman. "We are looking for candidates who share that same commitment to serve." To schedule an appointment and receive a candidate packet, call 541-935-2191.

Come Celebrate

Veneta's 50th Birthday



Saturday, July 21, 2012

Veneta City Park on E. Broadway



FREE ADMISSION 3:00-9:30 PM

Live Entertainment

3:00	CANTARE PRODUCTIONS Elegant M
4:00	Dragon Procession with Samba Já
4:30	The Dreamers & ART Inc.
5:15	Franklin-Ladies Aide-Society
7:00	Mayoral Ceremony / Birthday Cake
8:00	The Sugar Beets

Open Swim

1-4:30 / 5-6:45 / 7:15-8:30

Family Activities

Great Food

And Much More!



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