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.

“Official tips relate to 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,” 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 of $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/
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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

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