

The Newsletter of the  
City of Veneta

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# City News

## *The place to find summer fun in Veneta*

Wondering what activities to plan for the kids this summer? The City has got you covered. Take a look in the Summer 2012 City of Veneta Recreation Guide.

"It's a one-stop location for finding all your summer activities," says Community Services Director Brian Issa. "The guide will be out the week of June 4th."

Hard copies of the guide will be available at City Hall, the Fern Ridge Library and at the Veneta Community Pool, as well as at the checkout counter at Ray's Food Place. Residents can also download a copy of the guide from the

City's website:

<http://www.ci.veneta.or.us>

As always, the guide is the place to go for information about the Veneta Community Pool. In addition to a complete schedule of pool hours, activities and fees, the recreation guide describes the various levels of swim lessons available to the City's youth.

The guide also contains information about several day camps, the Fern Ridge Library District's summer activities, and the Imagination Zone's summer 2012 program for grades K-8. It contains a schedule for

Food for Lane County's Summer Food Program – which provides a free lunch for children 2 to 18 years old at Veneta City Park.

The guide is also the place to go for information about this year's Culture Jam, a summer camp organized by the Oregon Country Fair.

Whatever your children's ages and interests, this summer promises a host of interesting activities in Veneta and around the Fern Ridge area. To get plugged in to all the excitement, get hold of a copy of the summer recreation guide and head out for fun.

## *8th Street closed to truck through traffic*

In April, the City Council passed a resolution designating 8th Street from Bolton Hill Road to Hwy. 126 as a No Through Trucks zone.

Oregon Administrative Rules grant the City authority to restrict truck traffic to protect roadways from being unduly damaged and allow the City to impose civil penalties for code violations.

Signs reflecting the change will go up this month and sheriff's deputies will start ticketing violators. Trucks delivering to addresses in the area will not be affected.

"We are trying to stop unnecessary wear due to heavy trucks," said Public Works Superintendent Kyle Schauer. "Trucks are using 8th Street as a shortcut between Bolton Hill and 126 instead of taking Bolton Hill Road to Territorial to Hwy. 126."

While Bolton Hill Road and Territorial Highway are designed for heavy traffic, 8th Street is not.

The City plans to resurface 8th Street this summer. A future long term street rebuilding project will involve storm drainage and sewer work.

## *City of Veneta maintains public safety coverage*

Ongoing Lane County budget issues will not affect public safety in the City of Veneta.

Next month, the City is slated to renew its annual contract with the Lane County Sheriff's Department. Under the contract, the sheriff's department provides police services to the City. The new contract will cost approximately \$754,132 — a 5 percent rise from last year according to City Administrator Ric Ingham.

"Our contract will stay the same as it has for the last few years," said Ingham, adding that the contract is less expensive for

Veneta than paying for an independent police department.

The new contract includes four full time deputies to police the City. To support their work, the contract pays for a supervisor's time, and records and dispatching support staff.

In May, the county budget committee voted to shuffle funds in order to soften the blow of the budgetary ax on the Lane County Sheriff's Department, which will lose approximately \$11 million from the corrections budgets and police services budgets.

Early projections had

targeted \$14 million in cuts.

The department will lay off 20 deputies if the County Commissioners adopt the plan. The county jail will also lose 96 beds as a result of the cuts.

"None of that has anything to do with the continuity of the law enforcement contract in the City of Veneta," says LCSO Sergeant Doug Osborne, who supervises the Veneta contract. "The City of Veneta will continue to enjoy near full time law enforcement protection based on the current contract, which should be renewed July 1st."

