Crow High School hosts 28th DSA event

Every year, the Fern Ridge Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) recognize the talented and dedicated volunteers and service organizations in the community. This year, the 28th annual DSA event will take place on April 18th, in the Crow High School Cafeteria. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

“The City continues to sponsor and see great value in supporting the annual DSA event,” says City Administrator Ric Ingham. “By recognizing the many dedicated community volunteers we honor their commitment to making Veneta and the Fern Ridge community a more livable and vibrant community.”

The Fern Ridge Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor the awards. Notable community residents, nominated by their peers, receive awards in several categories, including Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement award. Non-profit organizations typically honor their most active volunteers.

“If I Were Mayor” contest open to local students

The Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) and Mayor Sandra Larson invite students to share their creative ideas about what they would do as mayor. What civic issues are important to you? What projects and/or policies would you support? How would you make a difference?

Students in grades 4 through 6 are to submit posters conveying their ideas clearly and creatively, using any art medium. Middle school students in grades 7 and 8 will submit typewritten essays doing the same in 500 to 1000 words.

High school students in grades 9 through 12 should create a video or PowerPoint presentation one to three minutes in length to be submitted on DVD or CD.

Intended to promote a broader understanding of civic governance, the contest is open to students in the Fern Ridge, Crow Applegate Lorane School District and local home school students.

Contest deadline is 5 p.m. April 30th. The City will award prizes that include gift certificates and pool passes to the winner in each age category, as well as certificates to be presented at the May 13 City Council meeting.

The three local winners will also be entered in the statewide “If I Were Mayor” contest for a chance to win a new laptop.

Statewide winners and their parents will be invited to attend the OMA summer conference in Corvallis on July 27th, where they will be recognized at an annual luncheon and receive their prize.

For information, go to the city website, www.ci.veneta.or.us or call Darci at City Hall 541-935-2191.

Earth Day in Veneta

Veneta’s Annual Earth Day Celebration takes place on Friday, April 12, 2013 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The City of Veneta Park Board and Veneta Elementary School co-sponsor the event, which will take place at the school for the second year in a row.

The celebration includes opportunities for fun and education especially targeting students in grades K-3, but all members of the community are welcome to participate.

Events include a seed planting, a visit from Zany Zoo Pets, a pine cone bird feeder give-away, local farm produce display, composting information, bicycle powered smoothies and a recycled art table.

The Army Corps of Engineers will present an in-class only demonstration for 4th and 5th graders on endangered turtles and bats around Fern Ridge.

Earth Day itself falls on April 22nd. Veneta began holding annual Earth Day events in 2007, often in conjunction with Arbor Day.

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Veneta
Spring Clean-Up
Saturday, May 4, 2013
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
5th Street & Bolton Hill

This city-wide clean-up is FREE OF CHARGE and limited to residents within the City of Veneta.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:
- Yard debris
- Limbs
- Weeds
- Grass clippings
- Wood
- Tire (limit 4 per household; tires must be off rims)
- Metal
- Recyclables

A machine will be available for the shredding of personal documents from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Hazardous materials and household trash will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Kyle @ Veneta City Hall, 541-935-2191 or visit www.ci.veneta.or.us

Take this opportunity to clean-up your home, your yard, your neighborhood and our city streets.

This cooperative effort is brought to you by:
The City of Veneta & Sanipac