

# City News

December 2021

## Tree Lighting and Light Parade

It is that time of year again: the days grow colder, the nights grow longer, and we are all craving some holiday spirit to brighten the winter up. Veneta residents do not need to look far to find fun holiday events they can bring their friends and family to. This December, the Veneta Tree Lighting Ceremony and Light Parade will be here to keep your season bright – literally!

As we all know, 2020 and 2021 have presented

a variety of challenges for the community and the events that bring us together. Planners for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Light Parade are excited to be able to host events that look much more similar to their pre-COVID-19 versions. However, please note that attendees of the Tree Lighting Ceremony (which is being hosted on Veneta Elementary School grounds) will need to wear a mask.

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## December Events

Veneta is incredibly fortunate to be host to a variety of non-profit organizations and business groups that help make the community a better place to be. Many of these organizations host holiday programs that residents may want to take note of. Mid Lane Cares, the Kiwanis Club of Fern Ridge, and the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce all have amazing programs and events to donate to or attend.

The **S.A.N.T.A. Project** (Sharing Among Neighbors Toy Appeal) coordinates charitable toy donations and distributes gifts to local children, making a happy holiday season for those who would otherwise be

forced to go without. Donations can be dropped off at any local business or organization with the S.A.N.T.A. Project bucket.

Lane Fire Authority will be accepting food donations at their annual "**Stuff the Truck**" event on December 10 from 3-6 p.m. and December 11 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For those looking to receive gifts from the S.A.N.T.A. Project, all you need to do is bring proof of residence (mail, ID, medical card) in the Crow-Applegate-Lorane or Fern Ridge School Districts

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## Winter Weather Prep

With winter weather comes the opportunity to play in the snow, the potential to enjoy beautiful frozen views, and the responsibilities that come with preparing our homes and businesses for the cold and wet.

Preparing your home for winter weatherization often starts with preparing pipes and being ready for icy driveways and sidewalks. Preparing pipes for cold weather can take many forms: insulation, draining water from certain systems (like irrigation), and allowing a little water to run periodically can all make a difference for your pipes. Having de-icer available will be key to ensure your driveway and sidewalk remain safe to use.

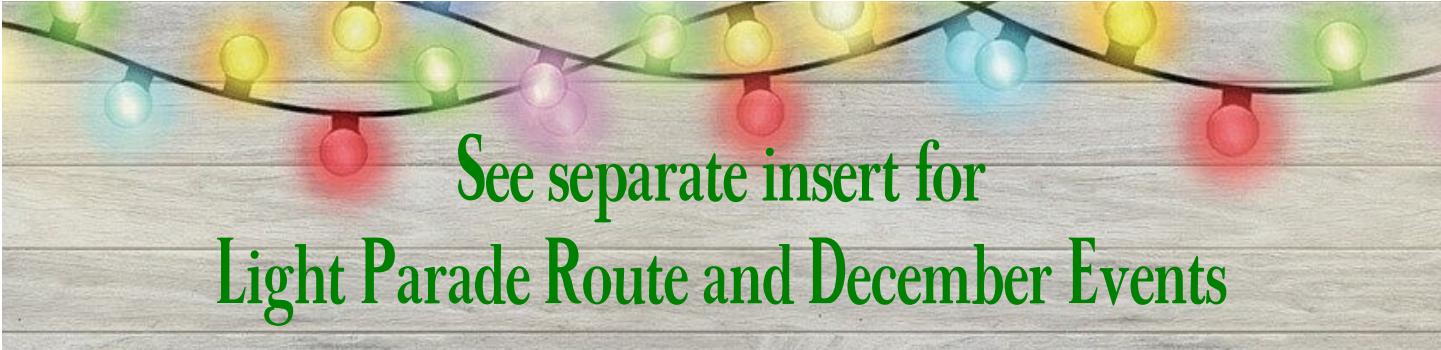
Drive safe in the Winter and know when your car needs a little help getting through the snow and ice.



Remember that black ice often forms overnight and that your morning commute will require extra care. And keep in mind that school busses make regular stops

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CIVIC CALENDAR DECEMBER 2021		
All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted		
1	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
2	Tree Lighting - Veneta Elementary 88131 Territorial Rd.	6:00 p.m.
3	Business Assistance Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.
7	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
8	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
9	Light Parade (route attached)	7:00 p.m.
13	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
16	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
24	City Hall closed in observance of Christmas Day	Closed
31	City Hall closed observance of New Year's Day	Closed



# See separate insert for Light Parade Route and December Events

## Light Parade

The Tree Lighting Ceremony is an annual tradition where friends and family gather to spread holiday cheer, meet Santa Claus, and watch as the City lights its holiday tree. This year's event is on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Veneta Elementary School – 88131 Territorial Road. Bring your coats and cocoa!

The annual Light Parade is an opportunity for local groups, organizations, and enterprising individuals to show off their creative chops in a parade featuring lights! The parade this year will be on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. The parade route is attached to this newsletter.

## December Events

to the Veneta Elementary Gym on December 11, 2021. Doors are open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and gifts are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Kiwanis Club of Fern Ridge hosts a yearly holiday food drive, sending holiday meals home with those in need. Those interested in donating can just find the buckets marked for the **Kiwanis' Holiday Food Drive** at the Fern Ridge

Service Center, Ray's, Bi-Mart, and other locations around town. If you're interested in receiving food from the Drive, fill out one of the applications available at Ray's, the Love Project, and the Fern Ridge Service Center. Residents of the Fern Ridge area are eligible. The drive thru event will take place at the LDS Church, 88068 Huston Rd, Veneta, OR 97487, on December 18, 2021.

## Winter

to let children on and off – lower your speeds and give enough stopping distance.

Lastly, know your neighbors and be ready to lend a helping hand. Winter weather may bring slower response times from emergency personnel or blocked

access to necessities like food. Lending a hand could make a big difference this Winter.



## Public Works and Winter Weather

The City of Veneta is ready to respond to the full slew of winter weather issues that Veneta residents may worry about seeing. Veneta Public Works, a 7-strong crew and director, are used to responding to service-related emergencies and are used to being on-call for whatever may happen to strike next.

Of course, Veneta residents can help the Public Works Crew out and ensure they can focus on top priorities. Regular clearings of storm drainage ditches, keeping leaves and debris out of streets, and ensuring compliance with the Veneta Municipal Code all help Veneta Public Works out.

In a winter weather event, Veneta Public Works act fast. You can help plowing efforts by keeping vehicles, recreational items like RVs and basketball

hoops, and garbage cans out of streets and the right-of-way. The first plowing priority is creating a one-lane system that will quickly give access to emergency responders to any part of the City. Then, Public Works can clear the whole road.

Residents should also remember that Veneta Public Works pick up bagged leaves left on curbs every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of January 2022.



## Annual Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber Events

6th ANNUAL

# TREE LIGHTING

6 PM, THURSDAY, 12/2

SANTA arrives at 6PM!

TOY DONATIONS gladly accepted.

## 18th ANNUAL LIGHT PARADE

7 PM, THURSDAY, 12/9

## 2nd ANNUAL TOUR of LIGHTS

CAST YOUR VOTE 12/9 – 12/23

Ballots at VFR Chamber or  
[venetafernridgechamber.com](http://venetafernridgechamber.com)

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# 2021 Parade Route and Parking Areas

