

Road Work to Begin on Highway 126

Work will begin this month on an \$8.5-million Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) project to replace pavement in sections between Veneta and Eugene and add safety improvements at various intersections.

The project will include

paving between Cornerstone Drive in Veneta and Terry Street in Eugene. The pavement condition within this section of highway is deteriorated and needs repair.

Safety improvements will also be made at various intersections. A right turn lane, as well as two bus pullouts

with street lighting, will be added at Ellmaker Road, and ADA enhancements will be made to two ramps at Cornerstone Drive.

Centerline rumble strips will be added to the roadway. Shoulder rumble strips will be placed where appropriate based on the width of

the road shoulder and distance to businesses. No rumble strips will be placed in front of Veneta businesses.

"We've been advocating for additional capacity and safety improvements on this corridor for over 20 years,"

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Burn Season Over, Fire Season Coming

Lane Fire Authority and the City of Veneta remind residents of policies aimed at reducing fire risk. For those who obtain backyard burn permits, the season ended on June 15 and will not resume until Oct. 1. Also, Lane Regional Air Protection Authority (LRAPA) has recently banned the practice of using burn barrels; and burn-

ing woody debris, such as yard trimmings and leaves, is allowed with a burn permit in the backyard burn season within Veneta city limits.

"Burning in City limits creates a public safety issue as we face increasingly dry summer and more heightened fire risk than in the past," explained City Administrator Ric Ingham. "Also,

smoke from a neighboring yard can create a health concern for those who may have a respiratory issues. Being a good neighbor starts with following the regulations."

For those who violate backyard burning regulations, an ordinance co-adopted by Lane Fire Authority and passed by the

Veneta City Council on April 23 gives Veneta Deputies and LFA enforcement authority. "Veneta deputies can now issue citations for violations to burn permit rules," said Ingham. Illegally burning large trash piles, for instance, could result in a Class D violation with a \$115 fine. A more egregious viola-

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Learn to Swim

In an area surrounded by so many lakes, streams, and rivers, the Veneta Community Pool staff encourages everyone to learn to swim and practice water safety. Taking lessons from the pool's trained and experienced instructors is a great way to build lifesaving skills. While the pool experienced temporary closure due to equipment failure, three 2-week sessions of swim lessons will resume on July 9. Each session will offer group and private swim lessons, with instructors offering lessons for all skill levels.

Private lessons provide one-on-one attention; students are paired with instructors based on their

needs and abilities. Instructors use positive reinforcement and a fun learning environment to help every child or adult be successful and feel safe in the water.

Group lessons begin with parent/child lessons for children as young as six months. Instructors provide safety tips and games to enhance baby's introduction to the water. Lessons then build on those skills as young swimmers learn in age and skill appropriate groups and advance from preschool and beyond.

To register for lessons, visit the Veneta Community Pool at 25190 E. Broadway or view the Recreation Guide at www.venetaoregon.gov.

CIVIC CALENDAR

July 2018

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

3	Planning Commission Meeting	Cancelled
4	City Hall closed for Independence Day 	Closed
4	Park Board Meeting 	Cancelled
9	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - immediately following	Cancelled
11	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 pm
12	Zumwalt Campground Opens	1:00 pm
18	Bicycle Safety Day at Veneta Community Center, 25192 E. Broadway	12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
19	Municipal Court 	8:30 am
20	Night Waves Teen Party at Veneta Community Pool - 25190 E. Broadway 	8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
23	City Council Meeting	6:30 pm



CONSTRUCTION COMING

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Construction updates will be available on
TripCheck beginning in late Spring 2018



Questions or Comments?

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Highway 126

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said City Administrator Ric Ingham. The specific issues being addressed in this project were adopted in the “Highway 126 Fern Ridge Corridor Plan” in

2013 and are the result of extensive public input. “The City will continue to work for additional highway funding and hopes that this is just the beginning of the improvements to this im-

portant route.”

According to ODOT, work will be done at night to minimize impact to travelers; however, drivers can expect lane closures and work zone speed re-

strictions. Work zone locations are updated daily on TripCheck.com, with the most up-to-date information so drivers will know what to expect on their travels.

Fire Season

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tion could be referred to LRAPA, and the penalties could potentially be much greater.

If a resident believes a

neighbor is violating burn rules, they can call the Lane County Sheriff's office non-emergency line at 541-935-4141 or LFA at 541-935-2226 and they will respond.

If no deputy is immediately available, the fire department can generate notes and pass them on to a deputy for the issuance of a citation. “Normally, a deputy

must be a witness to issue a citation,” explained Ingham. “This new ordinance allows deputies to base the citation on fire department personnel notes.”

Be Considerate to Your Neighbors on the 4th of July

As the nation prepares to celebrate the Fourth of July with traditional parties and fireworks, the City asks Veneta residents to be good neighbors. Be safe, clean up after yourself, take care of pets, and—with this year's Independence Day falling in the middle of the week—end the fireworks by 10 p.m. so those who must work in the morning can get some sleep.

“Please pick up your fireworks debris, rather than leaving it in the streets,” asks City Administrator Ric Ingham. The paper and plastics that go into fire-

works, the metals, nitrates and sulfur that make them burst and light up can easily pollute our streams when the firework residue is washed into storm drains, which in some areas flow directly into streams.

The City won't be providing extra street-sweeping services after the holiday, so it's up to residents to clean it up. Beyond that, not cleaning up your fireworks debris is consid-

ered littering. Under the Veneta Municipal Code 9.05.290 Offensive littering that comes with a base fine of \$750.00, explained Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick. “Also, make certain that the fireworks you are using are legal under Oregon Statutes and Veneta Municipal Code,”

Warrick continued. “Buy your fireworks from a legal fireworks stand and remember that, anything that lifts off the ground

is illegal and more likely to cause a fire.” For added safety, trim dry grass and keep a hose handy.

Keep in mind that pets can become stressed by the additional noise and commotion of the holiday. “July 5 is one of the busiest days for animal control agencies,” said Warrick. “Many animals become stressed and get lost as they try to escape the noise.” Owners are encouraged to protect their pets by leaving them at home where they feel safe and are sheltered from the outside activities.



The City of Veneta is switching to a new on-line payment vendor on or about July 9, 2018.

The City will also be implementing new billing software during the month of July.

Detailed information will be provided at www.venetaoregon.gov as it becomes available.

Bicycle Safety Day



Wednesday-
July 18th
12:30-2:00

Veneta Community Pool
Parking Lot

- ◆ *Bike Helmet Fitting & Give Away with Sgt. Ski*
- ◆ *Bike Safety Tips & Rules of the Road with Deputy Richard Smith*
- ◆ *Quick Bike Tune Up and Fitting with Kerri's Neighborhood Bikes*

Free Event!

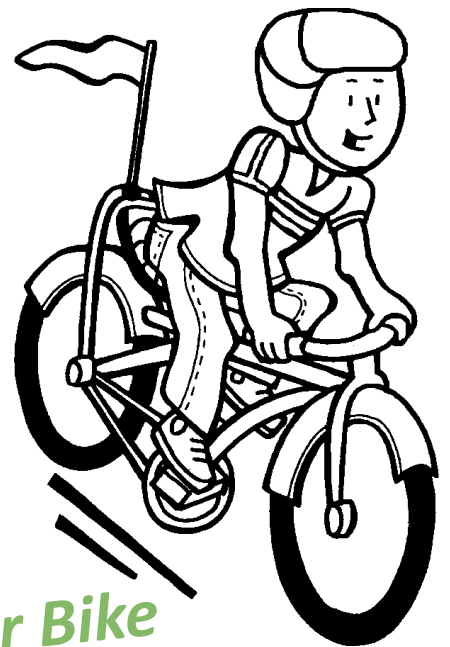
Sponsored by:

Lane County Sheriff's Office

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Questions? 541-935-2191



*Ride Your Bike
to the event!*

Night Waves

Pool Party

Friday, July 20, 2018

8:30pm - 10:00pm

Ages 13 - 17 only

\$3.50 Entry

(passes/punch cards not valid for this event)



Music

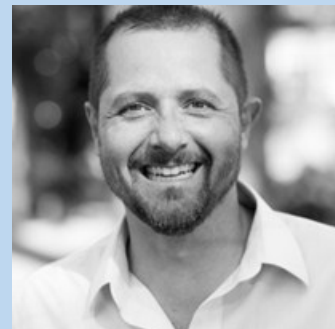
Dancing

Prizes

XBOX Games

Water Contest

Guest DJ
Barry MacGuire



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