

City Council Votes Not to Raise Stormwater Rate

For the first time in nearly two decades, the stormwater drainage fee will not be increasing this July. In previous years, residents experienced an approximate 2% rate increase annually.

During a recent review, it was determined that

the current fee is sufficient to fund stormwater operating expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The stormwater drainage rate will be assessed again next year.

Pavement Preservation Project

If you haven't already been detoured due to a road crew working in your neighborhood, you should prepare to be. A two-phase street seal project kicked off the week of June 20, and is expected to last for a couple of weeks; although Public Works Director Kyle Schauer pointed out that it is completely weather dependent.

A pavement preservation project is necessary to fix existing cracks in the streets, he explained. Managed by VSS International, road crews will be blowing high pressure air into existing cracks in the pavement, injecting them with hot rubberized oil to expand and fill the cracks, and then, in the final phase of the project, applying a sand seal treatment.

For the final phase, residents will be notified

at least 48 hours prior to the work beginning. Once applied, the slurry seal takes at least four hours to cure. During that time, vehicles and foot traffic must avoid the area. A daily schedule of which streets will be affected can be accessed online via the City's website at the following address: <https://www.venetaoregon.gov/publicworks/page/streets-crack-seal-project>.

There are a few important things for residents to note: Vehicles should be parked in the driveway, not on the street. A 48-hour notice will be given, after which vehicles parked within the posted work area will be towed away at the owner's expense. Vehicles may not leave their driveway until the seal has cured and the streets have

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2022/23 Budget Adopted

The City Council adopted the City's 2022-23 Fiscal Year budget during their June 27th meeting. Key initiatives in the annual budget suggest that starting in July, the focus will be on street and park improvements.

City Administrator Matt Michel explained that street projects are going to be very visible to residents this summer, with a street seal project affecting more streets than not. The project, Michel said, shows "good stewardship of City streets by keeping them maintained at a lower cost than it would be to rehabilitate them later."

Beyond the prudent street maintenance is a renewed spotlight on the Bolton Hill Sports Complex as a mix of the recent Parks Master Plan and a 2011 Sports Complex concept plan. Previously, Michel explained, the City just didn't have the funds to develop the property. Now,

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 CIVIC CALENDAR  July 2022 All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted		
4	Veneta Community Pool Closed in Observance of Independence Day	Pool Closed
	City Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day	Closed
5	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
6	Park Board Meeting - Cancelled	Cancelled
11	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
13	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
15	Night Waves Teen Party at Veneta Community Pool	8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
21	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
25	City Council Meeting - Cancelled	Cancelled

Pavement, continued

opened back up for traffic. Not adhering to these guidelines will only prolong the project. Before arriving to work on your street, all residences should be receiving a notification.

Budget, continued

redevelopment dollars from the Veneta Urban Renewal Agency are available to make it happen. But in order to carry out the vision of the Bolton Hill Sports Complex, the City needs – and will be seeking – fresh community input on that vision. Michel urges Veneta citizens to “follow the City on Facebook and read the City’s monthly newsletter for opportunities to offer input on how the Bolton Hill Sports Complex can serve the community for decades to come.”

A focus on streets and parks is a commitment to the future...and it comes from gazing forward twenty years. Plans include integrated trails and paths, an off-leash dog park, and even potential pickleball courts.

It’s not all fun and games planning for the future, however. In what he described as the “next

Regularly scheduled maintenance of city streets promotes quality-of-life by ensuring that local streets and roads are in excellent condition. Your cooperation is appreciated and valued.

big project,” Michel emphasized the need to upgrade and expand the City’s wastewater treatment plant. The goal is to expand the treatment facilities so that the community can be serviced now *and in the future*.

Aside from pavement, parks, and plans for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, there is also funding from the American Rescue Plan Act reflected in the budget. The City hopes to use these one-time federal dollars to spur local internet provider competition. And, through the City’s Rescue Veneta Grant program, the City will continue helping local businesses still experiencing the after-effects of the pandemic. Overall, the new budget reflects a City focused on common sense and community values!

Come on down to the Shoppes at Veneta!

The Shoppes are open every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and each Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Vendors, donkeys, musicians, food trucks, adult beverages, and more can be found here on W. Broadway Ave. The Shoppes will be open throughout the months of July and August with new vendors each month.

The month of July will host The Carnivores Greens who offer home grown microgreens, eggs and fresh produce, Harmony with Hands who practices Reiki massage therapy, and Elk Creek Glass who make hand blown glass art: vases, bowls, floats, and more.

The Shoppes at Veneta are a low-cost opportunity for local entrepreneurs to test their products in a small-scale retail marketplace. Many local businesses such as The Emporium Veneta and Grateful Graffix have tested their business model at the Shoppes before becoming a permanent addition to the community. Support local business development and have a great time by attending this family-friendly marketplace in the heart of Veneta.





Veneta Community Pool

Saturday, August 6, 2022

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Bring your whole family and Join us!

Games, water toys, sprinklers and plenty of fun.

Normal family swim rates apply.

(Passes/punch cards not valid for this event)



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Night Waves

Pool Party

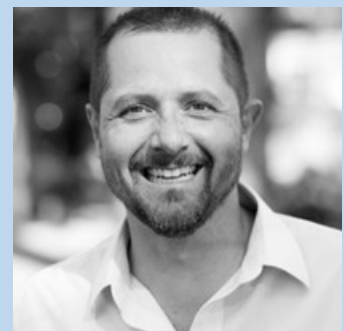
Friday, July 15, 2022
8:30pm - 10:00pm

Ages 13 - 17 only
\$4.00 Entry
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not valid for this event)

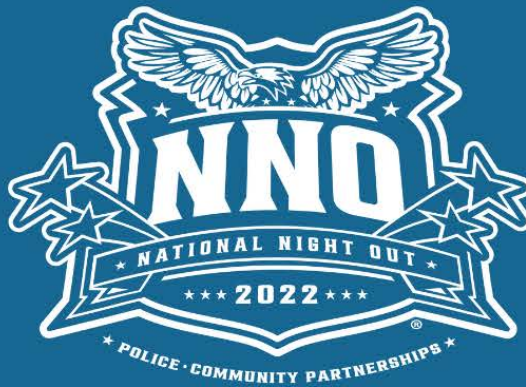


Music 🌞 Dancing
Prizes 🌞 Water Contests

Guest DJ
Barry MacGuire



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CITY PARK

AUGUST 2, 2022 6-8 PM

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