

City News

May 2022

Tall Grass and Fire Prevention

As we turn to warmer weather and dream of the summer sun, the City of Veneta is working hard to ensure that fire risk is as low as possible. While the City is working to lower local fuel loads and building partnerships with agencies like the Lane Fire Authority, you can also work to protect yourself and your neighbors from fires.

Keeping tall grass, brush, and other noxious vegetation controlled is the main step residents can take to ensure they are keeping themselves,

their homes, and their community resistant to fires. The City of Veneta Municipal Code (8.05.060) requires residents to prevent such vegetation from growing and enforcement takes place June 1-September 30. Take advantage of the current low fire risk to use your tools and get the garden in order!

Of course, if a fire event does happen, you should be aware that local authorities use a

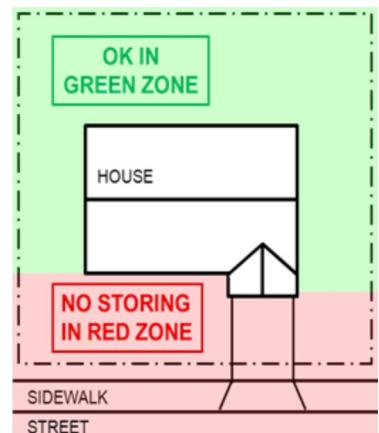
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Recreational Vehicle Parking

The City of Veneta is dedicated to ensuring our neighborhoods feel safe, comfortable, and pleasant to live in. A growing obstacle to that goal is the increasing prevalence of recreational vehicles (RVs) being parked improperly and/or in the right of way. This has been a growing problem: vehicle-related complaints were at 31 in 2019, 29 in 2020, and hit 40 in 2021. With 20 complaints already in 2022, we are on track to see the trend continue to grow. The City of Veneta would like to remind its residents of the proper means to store RVs, travel trailers, and boats.

The Veneta Land Development Ordinance allows for the storage of RVs and the like as long as they are not being used for human habitation and they are **not stored in the front of a resident's property**. The graphic next to this

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Egg Hunt Recap

There was much egg-citement on April 16, as the 36th Annual Veneta Easter Egg Hunt returned in full! After a two-year hiatus in which the Easter Bunny, Mayor Bunny, and Mama Bunny had to get a bit creative, it was a truly thrilling return to form to host a full Easter Egg Hunt.

With over 5,000 eggs stuffed by an incredible crew of volunteers from the Veneta Park Board and Fern Ridge Kiwanis, the stage was set at Veneta Elementary for a morning of fun. Counts estimate a total of about 280 children attended the event, and no tears were counted among the smiling faces of the attendees. Volunteers reported that kids were leaving with lots and lots of eggs, and fun was had for kids of all ages!

Kids weren't just competing for delicious candy, however: those lucky enough to hunt down a golden egg got to receive a prize! Prizes included stickers and coupons to local businesses, making a golden egg an exciting prospect for the whole

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CIVIC CALENDAR MAY 2022

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

3	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
4	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
7	City-Wide Clean Up 5th St & Bolton Hill	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 
8	Happy Mother's Day	
9	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11	Economic Dev. Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
14	Veneta Celebration Run - Starts at Bolton Hill Sports Complex; Register at eclecticedgeracing.com	9:00 a.m. 
19	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
27	Business Assistance Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.

Fire Prevention continued

“Ready, Set, Go” system for managing evacuations. For you and your family’s safety, it is important to know what these levels mean if you get the alert:

Ready: There is a risk in your area. Have bags packed and supplies ready in case of an evacuation.

Set: There is a significant risk in your area. Be ready to leave at a moment’s notice, if you have not left already.

Go: There is an immediate danger to you and you must evacuate.

While the City hopes that the steps we and the

community take will prevent such an event, knowing these steps will be important for you and your family to know.



Parking continued

article shows the general areas around a home that RV parking is and is not allowed. Further, the Veneta Municipal Code, 10.05.130, explicitly prohibits RVs, travel trailers, and boats to be parked on public property, street, or right of way longer than 48 hours. Those 48 hours do not reset if the vehicle is moved – without proper storage, RV owners can expect fines to accrue on their improperly stored vehicle.

Egg Hunt continued

family! Such prizes would not be possible without the hard work of the Fern Ridge Kiwanis as well as the wonderful businesses and individuals who donate prizes in order to ensure plenty of fun for everyone. We thank you all for contributing to this treasured community event.

While we are sad that the Easter Egg Hunt is over this year, there is still plenty of fun to be had in upcoming months! On **Saturday, May 14**, the City will be hosting its first-ever Veneta Celebration Run! There will be a 5K, 10K, and Kid’s Fun Run to celebrate the City’s 60th anniversary and enjoy our community. To register,

Code Enforcement specialist Teresa Warrick wants residents to know that they are empowered to report improperly stored RVs to the City. “The City is going to be enforcing RV parking more,” Warrick said. “We’re growing and as neighborhoods fill, RVs make neighborhoods less safe and pleasant.” To report an improperly stored RV, you will need to fill out a code complaint form which are available on our website and at City Hall.

visit eclecticedgeracing.com.

Oregon Country Fair will be returning to an in-person event from **July 8-10**. Immediately after, the World Athletics Championships will be coming to Eugene from **July 15-24**. Of course, the City expects to begin advertising the 2022 National Night Out and Harvest Festival once planning begins. It is looking to be a fun-filled summer!

Photos sourced from Fern Ridge Kiwanis



VENETA CELEBRATION RUN



5K ~ 10K ~ Kids Run
Saturday May 14, 2022
9:00am ~ Bolton Hill & 8th St in Veneta
Proceeds Benefit Veneta Parks

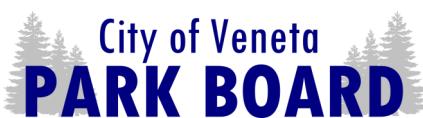
5K & 10K ~ Run or Walk



Dilly Dash Kids Run

To Register for the Race:

Visit www.venetaoregon.gov or scan this QR code



Thank you to our race sponsors!
We appreciate the support of our City parks

