

City News

November 2020

Guidelines for Backyard Burning

Oregonians breathed a collective sigh of relief when the Oregon Department of Forestry announced the end of the 2020 fire season last month. Now, with cooler weather, backyard burning is allowed. But, as we know all too well, smoke can not only be a nui-

sance, it can also create a health concern for those with respiratory issues. By observing a few simple guidelines, we can protect our air quality in the coming months.

Before burning, residents

must obtain a free burn permit, which may be downloaded at

www.lanefire.org or obtained from a lockbox at Lane Fire Authority (LFA), 88050 Territorial Highway in Veneta. This permit

must be kept on the premises at all times.

Each day before burning, residents must call the Lane Regional Air Protection Authority (LRAPA) Outdoor Burning Advisory Line at 541-726-3976. LRAPA determines whether burning is

(See "Backyard Burning" page 2)



Public Works Urges Residents to Prepare for Winter

Winter maintenance is a big job for the City of Veneta Public Works Department, especially during a wind, ice, or snow event. But with a little help from residents, the City's six-person team can keep roads open and water flowing away from homes

during the worst of conditions.

"We can serve you better if roadways are kept clear of debris and clutter," said Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. "Simple steps taken now will pay off big when winter weather arrives."

To keep water flowing in the gutters rather than backing up in yards, residents are asked to keep leaves out of ditches and off the streets and sidewalks. To help with this task, the City provides free curbside leaf pickup every Tuesday and Thurs-

day through the end of January. Residents are asked to place leaves in bags, then tie the bags shut and leave them curbside. Bags may not contain trash or other yard debris. As an alternative, residents may place

(See "Prepare for Winter" on page 2)

City Park Fitness Zone

There's no prettier place in Veneta to get fit than City Park on East Broadway. With beautiful landscaping and lighting for safety, its winding pathways are perfect for walkers, runners, and bikers. With the easy-to-use adult fitness equipment installed last month, the park breaks down all barriers to getting in shape.

"The new equipment allows adults to get in a workout while supervising their children on the playground," explained City of Veneta Management Analyst Jana Weaver. "It's free and easily accessible during park hours."

Developed by the Veneta Park Board, the fa-

cility includes stations for pull downs and ab work, as well as a balance board, cardio walker, and an instructional sign post. The project was funded by a \$5,000 HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living) Cities Campaign grant awarded to the City in 2019. West Lane Fitness developed a coaching video for the equipment, which appears on the City's Facebook page.

"When we applied for the fitness equipment grant, we wanted to create a convenient option that allows those who enjoy an outdoor workout to continue their fitness rou-

(See "Fitness" on page 2)

CIVIC CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2020		
All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted		
1	Daylight Saving Time - Fall Back	
3	Planning Commission Meeting	
4	Economic Development Committee Meeting - Virtual	6:30 p.m.
4	Park Board Meeting	Cancelled
9	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following	2:00 p.m.
9		6:30 p.m.
11	Veterans' Day	
19	Municipal Court - By Appointment Only	Closed
23	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
26	Thanksgiving Day Observed	
27		Closed

Backyard Burning

allowed on any given day based on current air quality, weather, and other conditions.

Remember that burning of grass clippings, leaves, or large trash piles is not allowed within Veneta City limits, and LRAPA banned the use of

burn barrels in 2018.

Failure to follow regulations could result in a fine. To lodge a complaint about violations of burn regulations, call LRAPA at 541-726-1930.

“People are anxious to burn backyard debris piles and can get complacent

with fire safety,” explained ODF Fire Protection Chief Ron Graham. “We are grateful for the help of every Oregonian working together to prevent wildfires year-round.” Wildfire safety tips are available on ODF’s Fire Prevention webpage at

www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/pages/FirePrevention.aspx.



Prepare for Winter



leaves in the yard debris container provided by Sanipac or use them for mulch or compost for gardens or flowerbeds.

Keeping roads clear will also ensure that residents get the most benefit from the City’s street sweeping and snowplow services. “A sweeper or

snowplow is unable to clean a street properly when basketball hoops, garbage cans, illegally parked vehicles and recreational vehicles are left in the public right-of-way,” explained Schauer.

A public right-of-way includes, but is not limited to, streets, roads, high-

ways, bridges, alleys, sidewalks, trails, paths, public easements and all other public ways or areas. “Please move basketball hoops and any other impediments onto your property when not in use,” he concluded.

Fitness

tine beyond the gym,” Weaver continued. “We also set out to make it family friendly. I think we’ve done that at City Park.”

The HEAL Cities Campaign helps local governments to incorporate healthy living options in its land-use planning as well as provide access to

nutritious foods and wellness opportunities. Since it began participating in the HEAL Campaign in 2014, the City has implemented initiatives at the Veneta Downtown Farmers Market to provide fresh produce for families, improved bike and pedestrian safety by adding sidewalks, and worked

with the Lane County Sheriff’s Office to host an annual “Bike Safety Day.” It has also participated in the youth Summer Meal Program and, of course, offered a full slate of fitness opportunities at the Veneta Community Pool.

A new walkway connection from East Hunter Road makes walking to

City Park easier than ever before, providing safe and easy access for people of all ages. These extensive improvements are all part of the four-year City Park Master Plan, with priorities identified through public input. Now that it’s done, the City invites you to get out and enjoy your City Park!

Elliptical



Balance Board



Sit-Ups and Leg Lifts



Arm Exercises

