

# City News

November 2022

## Communications Survey Completed with More Participation

A big Thank You! to those who participated in the Communications Survey. The survey, intended to determine how the City of Veneta can improve our communications, was conducted for one month's time from August 11<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a 24% increase in participation this year with a total of 173 survey respondents, up from 139 survey respondents last year.

The survey revealed that the majority of participating Veneta residents are overall very satisfied with the City's communications, and there are still some areas

for growth.

Residents asked for more communication on Facebook about key issues—such as city policies and development—as opposed to solely information about community events. "People are looking for easier ways to be actively involved," explained City Management Intern Allison Powell.

The Communications Survey report revealed a significant increase in satisfaction regarding the City's Facebook page from 2021 to 2022 (9.3% of respond-

*(See "Communication" on page 2)*

## Backyard Burning Delayed, What You Need to Know

Outdoor backyard burning season is typically open between October 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, depending largely on weather conditions. This year, due to elevated fire danger, backyard burning is delayed and is expected to open November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Each day during the burning season, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) determines if it is a suitable day for burning or not. Individuals looking to burn may either call the phone number listed on

page 2 or check the LRAPA website to ensure that the conditions are favorable for backyard burning.

Here are a few other safety requirements to keep in mind:

- Have a copy of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's 'Burn Regulations' on the premises while backyard burning is taking place

*(See "Backyard Burning" on page 2)*

## Keeping Streets Clear and Clean

Veneta Municipal Code states that no person shall park a vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the road-way, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, and with the curbside wheels of the vehicle 12 inches of the edge of the curb. A vehicle extending over any portion of the sidewalk is in violation of the code.

City code goes on to say that storage of vehicles is prohibited. No person shall store a vehicle on a public street, right-of-way, or alley for a period in excess of 30 days. Parking of recreational vehicles, utility trailers, and boats are only allowed to remain on City streets for 48 hours.

If a complaint is received for an illegally parked vehicle, the registered owner will receive a letter and be given a timeframe to remove it. Failure to remove it may result in the vehicle being tagged and towed by the Lane County Sheriff's Office. A citation for illegally parking ranges from \$50.00 to \$250.00.

The City's intent is to ensure pedestrian safety and to maintain its streets and drainage systems. Please direct any questions to the Code Enforcement Officer at 541-935-2191.

## CIVIC CALENDAR November 2022

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

|    |  |   |
|----|--|---|
| 1  | Planning Commission Meeting            | Cancelled   |
| 2  | Park Board Meeting                     | 4:30 p.m.   |
| 6  | Daylight Saving Time - Fall Back       |  Fall Back |
| 9  | Economic Development Committee Meeting | 2:00 p.m.   |
| 10 | City Council Work Session              | 3:00 p.m.   |
| 11 | Veterans' Day - City Hall Closed       |  Closed    |
| 14 | City Council Meeting                   | 6:30 p.m.   |
| 17 | Municipal Court                        | 8:30 a.m.   |
| 24 | Thanksgiving Day                       |  Closed    |
| 25 | Thanksgiving Observed                  | Closed  |
| 25 | Business Assistance Committee Meeting  | Cancelled   |
| 28 | City Council Meeting                   | Cancelled   |

## Upcoming Events



|             |                 |   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| November 23 | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Kiwanis Thanksgiving Feast at Mid Lane Cares  |
| December 1  | 6:00 p.m.       | Veneta Tree Lighting at Veneta Elementary School                                    |
| December 8  | 7:00 p.m.       | Veneta-Fern Ridge Light Parade  |
| December 10 | 9:00-3:00 p.m.  | S.A.N.T.A. Toy Giveaway at Veneta Elementary School                                 |
| December 17 | 9:00 a.m.       | Kiwanis Holiday Food Basket Giveaway at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints |



## Communication

ents felt satisfied with the Facebook page in 2021, compared with 39.04% satisfaction in 2022). There was also a significant increase in satisfaction regarding the City of Veneta website (20% of respondents felt satisfied with the website in 2021, compared with 49.32% satisfaction in 2022).

A raffle for a \$50 gift card was offered as an incen-

tive for taking the Communications Survey, and we are currently in the process of randomly selecting the winner. When selected, the winner will be notified via email. Thanks again to all those who participated in the Communications Survey! To view the report, visit [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov).

## Backyard Burning

- Burn piles must be no larger than 3 cubic yards (one cubic yard is equivalent to a box measuring 3 feet wide by 3 feet long by 3 feet deep for a total of 27 cubic feet)
- It is prohibited to burn the following items: leaves, grass clippings, garbage, plastic, wire insulation, automotive parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, petroleum treated products, tires, cardboard, clothing, demolition waste, animal remains or waste, construction waste, animal or vegetable matter, or other materials that may emit dense smoke, noxious odors or hazmat air contaminants
- Burn barrels are prohibited in Lane County

- Burn piles should be constantly tended to by a responsible adult
- It is important to have water and tools (such as a fire extinguisher) available for controlling or extinguishing the fire
- Residents in violation of any of these regulations are subject to fines



Contact LRAPA at 541-726-2976 and press 5 or visit [www.lrapa.org/air-quality-protection/burning-overview/outdoor-burning/](http://www.lrapa.org/air-quality-protection/burning-overview/outdoor-burning/). To report a concern, call the LRAPA complaint line at 541-726-1930. In the event of an immediate threat, such as fire spread, call 911.

## Street Sweeping

As winter approaches, the City asks residents to be mindful of public right-of-ways including streets, sidewalks, trails, paths, and public easements adjacent to their property. Piles of leaves in the streets,

basketball hoops, garbage cans, and illegally parked vehicles make it impossible for the City street sweeper to properly clean a street.

## Collaboration Brings New Murals to Veneta

Artist Bayne Garner designed the newly completed mural on the east exterior wall of West Lane Fitness on Broadway Ave as a nod to the outdoorsy culture of the Fern Ridge-region. Garner depicted a pair of pelicans, a carpet of trillium and camas, an American flag reflected on the surface of the reservoir, and a sunset on the horizon.

The mural project is part of a mission to beautify Veneta. The City's Vibrant Veneta Grants Program encourages artists like Garner to develop murals, sculptures, landscape architecture, and other forms of art for the community.

A success story like this one depends on collaboration between the artist, the venue, and the city. With an annual budget of \$10,000, City Management Analyst Cole Haselip explained that the Vibrant Veneta Grants Program provides "ample opportunity for art-

ists and businesses to be creative. We want the artists to have the freedom to come up with something cool," he said.

Garner completed the 900 square foot mural on the wall of West Lane Fitness in late September. It took approximately 10 days to paint, and 130 hours to complete the project from design to finish. It is the second mural installment of the first grant year. Artist Alejandro Sarmiento completed the first mural, on the exterior of The Emporium in June.

Interested in applying for the Vibrant Veneta Grants Program? Artists should be prepared to provide a budget summary, a depiction or description of the project, and a completed grant application. More information can be found at [www.venetaworks.org](http://www.venetaworks.org). Questions may be directed to Cole Haselip at [chaselip@ci.veneta.or.us](mailto:chaselip@ci.veneta.or.us) or by calling 541-935-2191.





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