

# City News

June 2025

## Parking Code Enforcement in Veneta

The City of Veneta aims to ensure vehicles are parked and stored appropriately on public and private property to maintain public safety on streets and in neighborhoods. Enforcing parking regulations helps to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic and pedestrians. Code enforcement helps to establish and maintain community standards related to property maintenance and use. This involves enforcing regulations related to parking time limits, allowed surfaces, and restrictions on

where vehicles can be stored. Here are some details on Veneta parking codes.



### Prohibited Parking:

- Unimproved Surfaces: Vehicles are generally not allowed to be parked on unimproved surfaces like grass or landscaped areas in residential zones. Improvements are required such as asphalt, concrete, or pavers.

(See "Parking" on page 3)

## Celebrating Our Public Works Crew

The third week of May was National Public Works Appreciation week so Mayor Robbie McCoy joined the Public Works Team for lunch at Ixtapas! A great brunch with a great bunch!



## Mayor's Corner

As your mayor, I'm proud to reflect on a season filled with connection, remembrance, and progress. This spring, we gathered to plant a memorial tree honoring former Community Development Director, Matt Laird—a fitting tribute to someone who gave so much to the City.

We celebrated community at its best with our annual Easter Egg Hunt and officially opened the dog park, Bark & Whistle! From the joy of dogs playing to our first-ever pickleball clinic, Paddle Ready, our parks are already bringing neighbors together in new ways.

On Memorial Day, we came together to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. It was a moving ceremony and a powerful reminder of the values we share—gratitude, service, and unity.

Thank you for engaging, exploring, and enjoying all that our caring community has to offer. I look forward to a summer of continued progress and connection.

Warmly, Mayor Robbie McCoy

CIVIC CALENDAR JUNE 2025		
All meetings held at City of Veneta, 88184 8th St, unless otherwise noted		
2	City Council Work Session	4:00 p.m.
3	Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.
4	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
9	City Council Meeting, followed by Urban Renewal Agency	6:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
14	Veneta Community Pool Opens 	12:00 p.m.
15	Fathers Day	
16	Economic Development Committee	3:30 p.m.
19	Juneteenth - City Hall Closed	CLOSED
21	Summer Solstice Pool Party 	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
23	City Council Meeting, followed by Urban Renewal Agency	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
27	Business Assistance Committee	9:00 a.m.

# Department Updates

## ADMINISTRATION

- The City kicked-off a multi-month strategic planning exercise to develop a one-page mission-vision-goals statement. The first meeting had us brainstorm content for a short survey to be given to city employees, city elected officials, advisory committee members, and the Veneta Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce. We'll use the feedback to develop draft vision and mission statements, as well as three priority areas with success measures and strategic actions to measure progress by. That final draft will go to City Council for consideration.
- The City also kicked off the biennial community satisfaction survey for Veneta residents! It's a 5-page survey that asks residents to rate various aspects of the City to gauge their sentiment and learn what the City is doing well and could improve on.
- Congratulations to Elmira High School student Penny Cordon, who was awarded First Prize in the "If I Were Mayor..." contest! Her 4+ minutes video did a nice job stating what she would do to foster growth and success for Veneta if she were mayor. Well done, Penny! She also received a gift certificate from the City as did her teacher, Michelle Martin, in recognition of her support of the contest at the school.

## PUBLIC WORKS

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Permitting Update: The City heard back from the Department of State Lands (DSL) on their effort to find alternatives to paying the exorbitant wetland mitigation credits that they determined the City owes for converting the old lagoon to functioning ponds. In short, they aren't changing their determination, no exceptions apply, and the City must buy credits that aren't available and therefore are at the default top-dollar price. On a related matter, the City did get some good news from the US Army Corps. They finalized their determination that they will not require a federal permit related to the project. Finally, the City's engineers are now estimating that the once forecasted \$8 million project is looking more like a \$35 million project – not including the \$2+ million for wetland mitigation credits! This change could mean that the City will need to use more debt financing than expected. Adding debt payments would put upward pressure

on future wastewater rates.

- Veneta buys drinking water wholesale from EWEB as part of Veneta's plan for long-term water supply. The City recently heard from EWEB that they have major infrastructure plans for building a new surface water intake on the Willamette River. That'll add to their existing McKenzie River resource. They'll start building that new water intake in the coming years and because those costs are related to water capacity, they'll be a part of EWEB's wholesale cost analysis to set Veneta's wholesale rate. We'll likely see a significant increase coming in 5-6 years once they finish the project and capitalize the final cost into their rate analysis.
- The City released bid documents at the beginning of May for the Bolton Hill Sports Complex Upgrade project. Bids were due on May 28<sup>th</sup> and staff expects to recommend a contractor to the City Council at its June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Thank you to our friends at Sanipac for another successful Clean-up Day! They really show-up for Veneta with several workers, a grilled lunch, and great attitudes.
- The City received a \$5,000 reimbursement check from its insurer, City/County Insurance Services, for a Sewer Line Cleaning Grant. Maintaining the sewer lines keeps things flowing where they should and not where they shouldn't!
- The Oak Island Park Free Wifi project in partnership with DFN is on hold until the Blek's Mill Subdivision project installs its utility infrastructure in the new subdivision's Bourbon Street. That will avoid the installation cost of bringing fiber in from the Oak Island Drive side of the park.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The City submitted a grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for a Phase 2 playground at the west-end of the Bolton Hill Sports Complex. Fingers crossed!
- The City will be expanding Oak Island park with the acquisition of nearly an acre of land to the west of the park as part of the new Blek's Mill subdivision. The City will perform light maintenance on the new area while we pursue grant funding for a public engagement process to design the park.

(See "Department Updates" on page 3)



## Public Safety Fee Adjustment, July 1, 2025

This is a reminder that you will see an increase to the public safety fee on your July Utility Bill. Per Resolution 1442, the monthly rate will increase from \$6.00 to \$9.00. The increase is to cover funding our 4 Lane County Sheriff deputies and 1 sergeant.

## Department Updates cont...

- Here's a brief list of the current residential projects progressing around the City. For updates to the projects or to review all the projects happening within Veneta, visit the City website: <https://www.venetaoregon.gov/193/Land-Use-Decisions>

### Andrew Heights

- 33 lots
- Located west of Hawk View Drive
- Tentative approval only. Applicant has not submitted public improvement plans for review.

### Applegate Landing Phases IV & V

- 98 lots
- Located west of Territorial Road, east of 8th Street, south of Cheney Drive.
- Construction has not yet started. City has yet to approve public improvement plans

### Cheney Drive

- 128 units
- Building permits issued, no construction taken place yet.
- Cheney Drive extension needed before construction can begin.

### Madrone Ridge Phases III – V

- 58 lots
- West of Oaks Orchard Road, south of Hawk View Drive
- Tentative approval only. Applicant has not submitted public improvement plans for review.

### Oakley Estates Subdivision Phases III – V

- 152 lots
- Located near Hope Lane and Todd Way
- Tentative approval only. Applicant has not submitted public improvement plans for review.

## Parking cont...

- Front Yards: Parking in front of a dwelling (unless in a driveway or designated area) is generally prohibited unless it's on an improved surface and meets other requirements like being setback and not blocking pedestrian paths or vision areas.
- Public Right-of-Way: Parking that encroaches on a public right-of-way or obstructs pedestrian paths is not allowed.
- Time Limits: Recreational vehicles, boats, utility trailers and such have a time limit of 48 hours that they can be parked on a city street. No vehicle shall be parked for storage on a public street, right-of-way or alley for a period in excess of 30 days.

### Enforcement Process:

- Complaints: Residents can report parking violations and the code enforcement officer will investigate.
- Notifications: If a violation is found, the property owner will be notified possibly by a letter, door hanger, or other means.
- Citation and Abatement: If the violation is not abated within a specified timeframe, a citation may be issued, and legal action may be taken.

For more information contact the City of Veneta Code Enforcement Department or visit the City website at [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov)

## 2024 Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

Visit [www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov) to view a PDF of the report online. Call 541-935-2191 to request a paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report to be mailed to you.



**2025 Summer Recreation Guide and Pool Schedule**  
will be available June 6th on the  
**City of Veneta website**  
[www.venetaoregon.gov](http://www.venetaoregon.gov)



## Bark & Whistle Off-Leash Dog Park Opened May 10<sup>th</sup>

The Bark & Whistle off-leash dog park has arrived in Veneta next to the Coos Bay Rail Line tracks at Territorial Highway! Mayor Robbie McCoy and Park Board Chair Tressa Miller opened the park to a crowd of wagging tails on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate this new City facility there was a pet parade, free dog toys, and a dog rescue adoption event. All barks and no bites! Below are a few pictures of the ribbon cutting and pet parade. This project wouldn't have

happened without the generosity of the Coos Bay Rail Line and International Port of Coos Bay providing a 25 year lease on their land to fulfill a Veneta Parks Master Plan community goal. With apologies to the late, great songwriter John Prine and his song "Fish and Whistle:" Bark and whistle. Whistle and bark. Sniff everything that you find in the park. When we get done we'll make a big wish that we always get to do it again..!



## Volunteers Needed



Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer in your community? A new local non-profit called Veneta Serves is organizing volunteers to help around our community and at community events. This is a great opportunity to make a difference while gaining valuable experience and meeting new people. If you're interested in learning more, contact Alexa Benson at [venetaserves@gmail.com](mailto:venetaserves@gmail.com)

## Public Safety Report - April 2025

Incident Type	Calls			Cases		
	Calls	Prior Year	5-Year Average	Cases	Prior Year	5-Year Average
Property (Thefts, Criminal Mischief, Trespass, Fraud)	21	20	24	6	5	8
Person (Assaults, Menacing, Harassments)	40	24	27	4	5	4
Public Order (Disorderly Subject, Citizen Contact)	45	73	74	0	1	1
Individual Welfare (Welfare Checks/OD, Missing Persons)	21	32	21	4	6	4
Vehicle (DUII, DWS, Illegal Parking, Traffic Hazard)	24	21	18	2	5	7
Offense Against State (Drug, Warrants, Local City Ord)	1	6	4	1	4	3
Civil (Civil Service, Eviction Process)	9	20	11	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	29	18	9	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

# CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP

## WHAT WE COLLECTED IN 2025



60 yards of Wood & lumber  
27 Appliances  
230 Tires  
5 Propane Tanks  
11 Containers of Shredded Paper



Thank you Sanipac for all your help with the  
City of Veneta annual City Wide Clean-up

# Summer Solstice POOL PARTY



*Join us at Veneta Community Pool!*



**Saturday, June 21, 2025  
2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Normal Swim Rates Apply

There will be music, fun & games.  
Food will be available for purchase.  
Bring the whole family!



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