

City News

April 2021

New Walkway Improves Access to City Park's East Entrance

Getting to Veneta City Park from the east side just got a little safer and more convenient. A new sidewalk on Jameson Way, as well as a footbridge over the wetland, now provides a direct connection to the walkways inside the park.

"The addition creates

a safe connection from the neighborhoods on Hunter Road to the Park, as well as the Veneta Community Pool, downtown Veneta, and Veneta Elementary School using Broadway Street," explained Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. Residents had requested

better access to parks, and these new walkways provide just that, he added.

"Now people can avoid walking down Hunter Road, where there are no sidewalks,"



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Veneta Partners for Brush Cleanup

The City of Veneta and its partners have been brush cleaning to keep our City safe and beautiful.

In one initiative, the City teamed up with St. Vincent dePaul to remove brush and debris on

W. Broadway Street. The beautification project will benefit Veneta's Downtown Business District.

Elsewhere, the City worked with property owners to remove trash and debris at several unauthorized campsites.

"The City became concerned about a number of camps on private lands, so we reached out to the land owners," explained City of Veneta Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick. "In both cases, they immediately

responded and began extensive cleanup."

This included removing four 30-yard dumpsters of debris from a 14-acre property on Jack Kelley Drive as well as disposing of abandoned

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Welcome New City Recorder

The City of Veneta is excited to introduce David Grabicki as its new City Recorder. As a history major who is passionate about both preserving the past and public service, Grabicki calls the position "a natural fit."

A City Recorder helps manage a City's records and archives, answer public requests for information, build agenda

packets for City Council and other meetings, and keep records of those proceedings, among other tasks. Grabicki graduated from UO's Clark Honors College last summer with a double major in History and Planning, Public Policy and Non-profit Management and is now working to become a Certified Municipal Clerk.

"David impressed us with his skill sets, resourcefulness, and professionalism," said City Administrator Matt Michel. "His honors thesis examined Oregon counterculture farming cooperatives, so he brings a little history of the Oregon Country Fair as well."



CIVIC CALENDAR APRIL 2021

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

3	Easter Egg Bags available for pickup at Veneta Elementary School (supplies limited) Pickup 9:00 am - 11:00 am Library Online Storytime begins at 11:00 am	 
3	Easter Egg Hunt	Cancelled
4	Easter Sunday	
6	Planning Commission Meeting	Cancelled
7	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
12	City Council Meeting - Urban Renewal Agency meeting - immediately following	6:30 p.m.
14	Economic Development Committee Meeting - Virtual	2:00 p.m.
15	Municipal Court	By appointment only
22	National Earth Day	
26	City Council Meeting	Cancelled
30	National Arbor Day	

Visions of Veneta Photo Contest Winner To Be Announced

Voting for this session of Visions of Veneta ended March 31st. We had 18 photos submitted. The winner will be announced on the City social media platforms and the City website.

Park Entrance

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added Community Development Director Evan McKenzie. "The footbridge also keeps bicycle and foot traffic out of the wetland area, ensuring that it can continue to

function as a healthy wetland should."

The new walkways are the final step of a three-phase plan to improve Veneta City Park and expand it to nearly 10 acres. Paid for with exist-

ing Park and Urban Renewal funds, the project began two years ago and included new walkways, play structures, fitness facilities, an expanded pool deck, and much more. But additional im-

provements are on the way! The City received a \$75,000 Oregon Parks and Recreation grant to fund a permanent restroom in the Park. That work should take place this summer.

Brush Cleanup

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vehicles and hazardous materials on Jeans Rd. At the same time, they removed excess underbrush to ensure good visibility.

"Brush removal makes it easier to monitor activity so these areas remain

clean while also reducing fire risk," said Warrick. "It's a proactive approach to keeping the City both clean and safe." And that's a beautiful thing!



Jack Kelley Drive
Property Brush Cleanup

City Loosens Off-street Parking Requirements for Economic Development

In January, the City Council approved a code amendment waiving the minimum off-street parking requirement in the Broadway-Commercial zone. This change is part of the City's goal to develop W. Broadway as the "main street" for the Fern Ridge area with a pedes-

trian-friendly environment including a mix of shops, offices and other services along W. Broadway.

Traditional downtowns feature many buildings and businesses close together, encouraging visitors to park once and visit all businesses. Our downtown is easily accessible on foot or bike, further reducing the need for parking. The

waiver will hopefully encourage current and future businesses to make productive use of their property. Businesses may still provide off-street parking if they wish. Bicycle parking is still required, and if any off-street parking is provided, ADA-compliant parking must also be provided.

The City also renewed the allowance for restaurants to have out-

door seating in their parking lots. Restaurants can maximize their seating capacity and also offer customers the opportunity to dine outdoors, which is very popular during warmer months. Although there is no fee, the City does ask that restaurants complete a Temporary Outdoor Dining form so staff can review seating areas for potential conflicts with drivers.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Development staff at 541-935-2191.



Veneta Citywide Clean-Up

Saturday May 1, 2021

8am to 4pm ♦ 5th St & Bolton Hill

**The City Wide Clean-Up is FREE OF CHARGE and limited to residents
within the City of Veneta (proof of residency required)**

Take this time to clean up your home, yard and neighborhood

Hazardous materials, propane tanks, electronics and household trash will *not* be accepted. Due to COVID-19 restrictions donations of household items will not be accepted this year

Following are some of the items that will be accepted:

- Yard debris, limbs, weeds and grass clippings
- Tires - MUST be off rims (limit 4)
- Wood
- Metal
- Appliances
- Recyclables
- Personal documents for shredding

For more information contact Kyle Schauer at City of Veneta 541-935-2191 or visit www.venetaoregon.gov

