

City News

August 2021

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 3rd 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

National Night Out will be held at City Park on August 3 from 6-8 p.m. As a community event focused on paying homage to first responders and Neighborhood Watch groups, expect to learn about community safety and build relationships with your neighbors – all while having a bunch of fun!

There will be opportunities for the whole family to enjoy themselves and to learn about community safety: booths run by local

organizations, an armored car, a police boat, and a police safety dog will all be in attendance.

Attendees will also be able to “Dunk-a-Deputy” in a fundraiser for the family of Amado Hernandez. Attendees are encouraged to consider walking to the event and experience the new trails connecting City Park to the surrounding neighborhoods. A big thank you to KOCF for providing music, SaniPac for providing food, and the Alliance Church for cooking it all up!



Teen Night at the Pool - August 6th

Veneta Community Pool is preparing for a night of fun for 13 to 17 year-olds at the Night Waves Pool Party on August 6, 8:30-10:00 p.m. Barry MacGuire will be returning as DJ and former Pool employee Bailey Mills will serve as MC.

Pool Manager Stacy Cornelius says that this teen night provides an opportunity for teens to have safe fun “without having parents or young siblings around.” The price of admission is \$3.50. For families interested in fun for all ages, be on the lookout for a Family Fun Night that is currently being planned.

Let's Chat: Veneta's New Public Safety Fee

Stop by City Hall after work any Tuesday or Thursday in August to chat with City Administrator Matt Michel about how the City Council will set Veneta's new Public Safety Fee.

The fee would start in January and appear on your monthly City utility bill.

Chat with Matt: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in August at Veneta City Hall, 88184 8th St.



Summertime Safety

As the summer months turn to fall, it is important to stay aware of the risks that fire and heat pose to the community. Management Analyst Cole Haselip wants citizens to know that heatwaves and fire danger carry well into September.

He recommends having a case of water in the house, building defensible space, and being prepared for smoke from potential wildfires. “The N95 masks that folks may have from the pandemic can do a good job protecting our lungs from smoke,” Haselip said. “Have a go bag,” he continued, “It should have spare money, food, water, clothes, necessary documents, and medication that you may need if you are ordered to evacuate.”

Being prepared and ensuring that kids and pets are well-hydrated and protected from dangerously hot asphalt will be the key to having a fun and safe rest of your summer.



CIVIC CALENDAR AUGUST 2021

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

3	Planning Commission Meeting	Cancelled
	National Night Out at City Park on E Broadway St. 	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4	Park Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
6	Teen Night at Veneta Community Pool 	8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
9	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
11	Economic Development Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
19	Municipal Court	8:30 a.m.
23	City Council Meeting 	Cancelled

Last Day of the 2021 Pool Season - September 3rd

The last day of the season for the Veneta Community Pool is always the Friday before Labor Day weekend – this year, that is September 3, 2021 with hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Being a month away from the end of pool season has allowed Pool Manager Stacy Cornelius to reflect on the year for the Pool. “It has been really good. We have a rock-star staff, a patient and flexible community, and a supportive City staff and City Council,” Cornelius said. “I am incredibly thankful to all of them.” The Veneta Public Works crew were also integral to the Pool’s success this summer: it took a well-trained team to get a pool of Veneta’s quality and size up and running



after almost two years without operation.

The pool has a total of 23 employees who are not only in charge of keeping people safe and informed about the pool – they also enforce COVID-19 guidelines and perform rigorous and regular cleanings. Only 6 of those employees have previously worked at the pool. Stacy Cornelius spent many weekends training the other 17.

The City of Veneta extends its dearest gratitude to Pool Manager Stacy Cornelius, her team of excellent pool staff, and the Public Works crew for allowing us all to have a cool place to go this summer.

Economic Development Committee Openings

Are you a business owner, experienced professional, or a passionate community member interested in being a part of an advisory team that guides business and community development in Veneta? The Veneta Economic Development Committee has two Mayor-appointed vacancies coming up!

- Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.
- Pickup an application at Veneta City Hall or download it from www.venetaoregon.gov/bc, the Board and Committee Application is at the bottom of that page.
- Applications are due September 6, 2021.
- Questions? Contact David Grabicki: 541-935-2191 or dgrabicki@ci.veneta.or.us

Welcome Cole Haselip

The City of Veneta is pleased to introduce Cole Haselip as our new Management Analyst. Having recently completed his Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas, Cole is confident he can contribute toward the City of Veneta’s goals.

“Veneta is a performance-focused organization,” Haselip said. “I want to help the City’s relatively new Economic Development Department reach maturity.” Cole believes that his experience with economic development and communications will allow him to

make Veneta a better place than how he found it.

Cole spends his free time pursuing outdoor interests like hiking and camping. He also enjoys science fiction because it explores the relationship between science and society.

Cole emphasized that his affinity for bringing people together to solve collective issues was his initial draw to working in local government. He looks forward to being able to help that cooperation and problem solving however he can.



Traffic Garden

Veneta Elementary is planting a traffic garden that will teach kids how to safely navigate our streets. According to Cassidy Mills, the Safe Routes to School



Coordinator with the Lane Council of Governments, traffic gardens are a “set of small-sized streets with scaled-down traffic elements... [that] create a world for kids and traffic users to practice using roadways in an environment free from motor vehicles.

They often feature multiple means of transportation and are an important part of creating transportation-conscious citizens.” This is particularly important in rural communities like Veneta, where traffic users may have limited experience navigating traffic control systems more common in urban areas.

Veneta Elementary will be able to offer a vehicle-free environment for students of all ages to learn and practice traffic skills. The traffic garden at Veneta Elementary is expected to be completed before September 1st.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Free Community Event 6pm-8pm at City Park
(on E. Broadway next to the pool)



Dunk A Deputy!

100% of the Dunk Tank proceeds will go to the **Amado Hernandez** family

- Local First Responders
- Police and Fire Vehicles
- Family Fun and Giveaways
- Hot dogs provided by Sanipac and Veneta Alliance Church

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong first responder partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer place to live and work.

Sponsored by: City of Veneta, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Lane Fire Authority, Fern Ridge Neighborhood Watch, Sanipac and Veneta Alliance Church



Night Waves

Pool Party

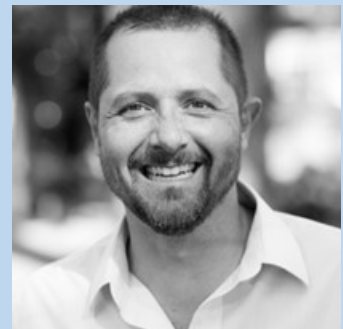
**Friday, August 6, 2021
8:30pm - 10:00pm**

Ages 13 - 17 only
\$3.50 Entry
(passes/punch cards
not valid for this event)



Music ☀️ Dancing
Prizes ☀️ Water Contests

Guest DJ
Barry MacGuire



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