

City Has New Administrator

The City of Vernonia has reached an agreement with Gian Paolo 'Paul' Mammone to become the new City Administrator.

An agreement was signed on July 30, 2014. Mammone is scheduled to start on September 1, 2014. Terms of the agreement were not made public.

"After some serious consideration in our process we have picked Gian Paolo as our new City Administrator," said City Council President Randy Parrow. "A contract is signed, sealed and delivered and we are ready to roll. He will be starting on September 1st officially, but will be stepping in before that and providing some technical assistance in some instances where we need immediate help."

Mammone recently completed a contract with the City of Banks, OR as the Interim City Administrator. Prior to working in Banks, Mammone contracted with the City of Toledo, OR providing assistance with Public Works operations and personnel management. He also contracted with the City of Connell, WA where he served as City Administrator. Mammone also served as City Administrator for the City of Falls City, OR from 2009 to 2012.

"We're very happy to have Gian Paolo and are looking forward to a long term relationship," said Parrow.

Mammone was born in Italy and grew up there and in Switzerland where he did his early academic work. He came to

the United States to study in 1990 and has been here ever since. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from Ohio State University in 1994, a Mas-

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Other past work experience includes time both in City of Caldwell, ID and the City of Ontario, OR where he worked as Community Development Director. Mammone also served as the Executive Director of the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

"I was intrigued by this position because I think there are a lot of needs here which match up with my technical background," said Mammone when asked about his strengths and skills in relation to the job of Vernonia City Administrator. "I am a generalist academically in some

management and organizational management. I'm a Master in Planning. I have experience with grants and human resources."

Mammone expanded on his comments concerning why he thinks he is a good fit for the Vernonia City Administrator position. "I was attracted to this community because I can be a generalist but also have a conversation with the staff, with the Council and consulting agencies about trying to solve immediately any potential issues that confront the community," said Mammone. "That's what I like-that this is a small community where you can walk the streets of the city and talk to the public and have immediate feedback about what people

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VHS Student Interns Learn and Work Through CTE Program

Current and former Vernonia High School students have been working and getting paid this summer through a grant program the School District received this past year.

The Vernonia School District, in partnership with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) and Stub Stewart State Park, was the recipient of a one-year Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grant through the Oregon Department of Education and the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The grant pays for six student summer interns, providing work and learning opportunities which allow the students to develop the skills they will need to prepare for their future in college, trade school and the work force.

Two students, VHS graduate Bridger Steward and Quentin Skanes, who will be a junior next

year at VHS, are working at Stub Stewart State Park as Park Interns. Steward and Skanes are performing all the duties that an Assistant Ranger at the park would be responsible for completing.

Jake Harbour and Jared Whitton were hired and are working at the Vernonia School District in the maintenance department, maintaining the plants at the greenhouse, maintaining campus grounds, and getting classrooms ready for students in the fall.

Ben Skanes and Adonis Hopkins are working at the UNWC, learning to use Geographic Information System (GIS), performing analysis of road stream crossings and the impact on salmon access to spawning and rearing stream habitat. They also perform other field and watershed restoration work.

According to Stub Stewart Park Office Manager Betsy Miller,



Bridger Steward working at Stub Stewart State Park.

who is supervising Steward and Skanes, eleven students applied for the six total positions through the CTE training program at VHS. The students work four days each week for five hours a day. They are paid

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