

VHS Plans Graduation Ceremony

The Vernonia School District is planning a graduation ceremony for Vernonia High School seniors on Friday, May 29 at 7:00 pm. This will be a ticketed event, held outdoors in the parking lots and stadium, and is designed to honor graduates and their families while adhering to physical distancing rules. Grads will each be called from the parking lot to walk to the stadium in cap and gown with up to two family members and receive their diplomas. The ceremony will be followed by a vehicle procession through town.



NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 3rd day of November 2020, at which time the legal voters of the City of Vernonia will be entitled to vote for candidates to certain city offices.

OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION:

- VERNONIA MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM
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Election packets will be available May 27, 2020 at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR 97064. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than June 1, 2020, and filed no later than Friday, August 21, 2020, by 4:00 p.m. with the City Recorder. For more information call Stephanie Borst, City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 105.

The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Police Blotter May 1-18, 2020

Reports Taken/Arrests

- May 8, 2020 Report taken Theft of Services near Bridge Street
- May 8, 2020 Informational Report taken
- May 8, 2020 Arrest for Driving Under the Influence and Harassment near North Mist Drive
- May 8, 2020 Arrest for Probation Violation near Hwy 47 North
- May 15, 2020 Report of Aggravated Harassment near Cougar Street
- May 16, 2020 Report of arrest for Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Theft III near Bridge Street

Citation/ Other

- May 5, 2020 Cited for Driving While Suspended near Texas Avenue
- May 8, 2020 Cited for No Driver's License near Madison Avenue
- May 9, 2020 Cited for Causing Unreasonable Noise with a Vehicle near Bridge Street

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 05/01/2020 through 05/18/2020 VPD had 92 calls for service.

The Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday January - October
May 23
June 13 & 27

Dates are subject to change

Currently not accepting oversized items (mattresses, couches, etc.) and limiting the number of vehicles in the yard at one time.

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

Please check the City's website for details on upcoming City Council Meetings scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Monday, June 1, 2020
Monday, June 15, 2020
www.vernonia-or.gov

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, May 25, 2020
Memorial Day Holiday

Dates and times subject to change

Reopening Columbia County

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tracers. The County's Public Health Department has 8 staff members who are trained for contact tracing. The County will be prepared to contact trace 95% of all new cases within 24 hours by hiring additional staff and/or contracting for services, in addition to utilizing trained Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. English is the primary language of 96% of the County's population. County staff will use Language Line interpreter services to communicate with non-English speakers.

The Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization has agreed to provide hotel rooms for Columbia County residents who cannot self-isolate or self-quarantine.

Columbia County has sufficient PPE for first responders

Additionally, there are general guidelines for Phase I reopening:

- Stay home if you are sick or at risk of severe complications due to age or underlying medical condition
- If you become symptomatic (cough, fever, breathing difficulties) self-isolate and seek medical attention if necessary
- Practice good hand hygiene with frequent handwashing, or use of hand sanitizer
- Practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet between you and people who do not live with you
- Use face coverings in public
- Stay close to home. Avoid overnight trips and minimize non-essential travel, including recreational day trips to destinations outside the community where you live. Travel only the distance required to obtain essential services.



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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY COMMITTEES:

Volunteers are needed to serve on various City Committees. Participating on a City Committee is a rewarding experience, providing an opportunity to learn and share your skills. It also enables volunteers to become involved in their local government.

VERNONIA PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission shall control the subdivision of and may make recommendations to the City Council, to the public officials, and to individuals regarding land use; location of thoroughfares, public buildings, parks and other public facilities; and, regarding any other matter relating to the planning and development of the City and the surrounding area. The commission may authorize and supervise studies, hold hearings, and prepare reports and recommendations on its own initiative or at the request of the City Council

Meeting Day and Time: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 1 vacant seat for an in-town or out of town resident

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Tuesday of the month, As Available

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 3 vacant seats for in-town residents

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 2 vacant seats for in-town residents

PARKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 2 vacant seats for in-town residents

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Day and Time: 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Open Positions: 1 vacant seat which may be from outside city limits & 2 vacant seats for in-town residents

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS

General duties and responsibilities of committees include:

*Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

*Promote the general welfare and economic benefit of the city and its citizens.

*Participate in studies, and prepare reports and recommendations on their own or at the request of the City Council

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete an application for Appointment (www.vernonia-or.gov) and return to City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97064, Fax to 502-429-4232 or email to sborst@vernonia-or.gov. Any questions please call the City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 105.