

Vernonia City News...

At the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting:

Citizen of the Month – Zack and Crystal Smith and their three boys were recognized by the Council as Citizens of the Month. The family was recognized for their work to clean and maintain the kiddie pool at Hawkins Park daily this summer. They were nominated by Councilor Dale Webb who acknowledged their spirit of volunteerism and expressed appreciation for their willingness to help because there was no lifeguard at Dewey Pool this season.

Council Holds Hearing to De-Annex Property – Council held a public hearing concerning a request to de-annex a property from city limits on Mist Drive. There was no public testimony either in favor or against the process. Council voted to approve the request and finalize the boundaries of the property. The process will be completed at the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting.

Council Discusses ARPA Funding – Council discussed a list of proposed projects the City would undertake using \$253,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds that are available. Council approved several projects, including: a trailer for an emergency water

purification system, security cameras for Spencer Park, manhole covers and clean-out caps, VCLC Courtyard beautification, reimbursement for waived Jamboree fees, funding for a local Habitat for Humanity project, Text My Gov app, funding for the Columbia County Economic Team Small Business Resource Center. This is not a final project list.

Council Discusses Vandalism at Spencer Park – Mayor Rick Hobart told the Council there continues to be incidents of vandalism at Spencer Park including spray painting in public restrooms and damage at the Greenman Field Grandstands, causing thousands of dollars in damage. Hobart said a person has been apprehended and Council is researching the placement of security cameras.

Mayor Appoints Parrott to Public Works Committee – With approval from the rest of Council, Mayor Rick Hobart appointed Sheila Parrott to the Public Works Committee.

Council Adopts Updated Library Policies – Council adopted Resolution 2021-19, approving a revised Library Policies Handbook.

At the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting:

Council Hears Proposal for Indigenous Peoples' Day – Council heard a presentation by Michael Calhoun, representing Vernonians for Equality and Racial Justice (VERJ), requesting the Council recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day by passing a resolution. Calhoun shared examples of a proclamation from the City of Bend and an ordinance from the City of Beaverton. Council asked Calhoun to bring back a final version for the Council's consideration.

Council Discusses Vandalism Town Hall – Council discussed their plans for a Town Hall scheduled for Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Spencer Park, to address ongoing vandalism in City parks and how to restore pride in our parks.

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, October 18, 2021
Monday, November 1, 2021
www.vernonia-or.gov

City Closures are scheduled for:
Thursday, November 11, 2021
Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25, 2021
Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26, 2021
Day After Thanksgiving
Dates and times subject to change

Vernonia Police Blotter September 1-30, 2021

Reports Taken

- September 1, 2021 Report of Interfering with a Police Officer near Scappoose Vernonia Highway
- September 3, 2021 Report of Criminal Mischief II near State Avenue
- September 5, 2021 Report taken of Restraining Order Violation near North Mist Drive
- September 5, 2021 Informational Report taken
- September 11, 2021 Report of Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving near Madison Avenue
- September 17, 2021 Report of Criminal Mischief II, and Burglary II near

Bridge Street

- September 22, 2021 Informational Report taken
- September 23, 2021 Report of Warrant Service near Scappoose Vernonia Highway
- September 24, 2021 Report of a Death Investigation
- September 25, 2021 Report of Stalking near Bridge Street

Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation. 09/01/2021 thru 09/30/2021 VPD responded to 120 calls for service.



Mayor Rick Hobart
Invites you to a

TOWN HALL MEETING

ATTENTION ALL KIDS:

PLEASE BRING YOUR PARENTS!

Saturday, October 23rd, 2021
10:00am-12:00 noon
Spencer Park Picnic Shelter
377 Bridge Street
Vernonia, OR 97064

Join Mayor Rick Hobart to talk about taking pride in our parks.
Looking for ideas and input from citizens about how to reduce vandalism and keep our parks safe for all.

Raffle Drawing-Everyone bring \$1
Coffee and donuts provided.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Homeschool Book Show & Tell Tuesday, October 12, 10:30-11:30 am

Share about a favorite book you've been reading and hear recommendations from others. Meet other families with homeschooling children in Vernonia. Intended for homeschooling families but everyone interested is welcome.

Community Discussion: Environmental Engagement and Sustainability

Tuesday, October 13, 6 pm, Vernonia Grange
If interested in attending the discussion, please RSVP at the Library (503) 429-1818. The focus of our discussion will be to receive community input regarding the specific types of programs, events, resources and materials the library should consider to support environmental awareness

and sustainability projects. Also to gather community direction on how the library can promote environmental engagement and collaborate with local organizations.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)."

Library Chess Night

Tuesday, October 19, 6-7 pm
Interested in playing chess with others or learning the game? Open to chess players of all ages and abilities.

Ukulele Jam Session

Thursday, October 21, 6-7:30 pm
Join for an informal jam session! Bring your own instrument and sheet music if you like. There will be a few ukuleles on site, available to play.

Local Author Night: Steve Whiteman

Tuesday, October 26, 6-7 pm
Steve Whiteman is the author of *Corbett, Teaching Helped Make Me Crazy, Me and Tanglefoot: Best Friends*, and a new release, *Corbett: The Wheatlands*. Steve lives in Vernonia and will be reading from his work, telling about his writing process and inspiration, and will have books available for sale and signing.

Writers' Group

1st and 3rd Fridays* of the month, 6-7:30 pm
For adult and teen writers with all levels of experience. Writing prompts, opportunity to share current work for feedback, and information on local opportunities for writers. **Please note the new meeting day.*

Preschool Storytime Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am

Stories, movement activities, and a craft for children up through age 6. Each week's stories and crafts are based on a different theme. October's themes include: Weather, Pumpkins/Orange, Scarecrows, Nursery Rhymes, and Halloween!

Masks must be worn inside the Library by everyone, ages 5 and up. Masks for kids and adults are available in the Lobby for anyone that needs one.

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 12 pm - 7 pm
Sat 12 pm - 5 pm
Closed Sundays
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Online Catalog: <https://vernonia.bibliunix.com/catalog/>