

Vernonia City News...

At the June 21, 2022 City Council Meeting:

Council Adopts Budget – Following a Public Hearing, the Council voted 4-0 (Councilor J.R. Allen was absent from the meeting) to adopt Resolution 2022-10 and the budget for fiscal year 2022-23. Council did make a change to the budget that had previously been approved by the Budget Committee, and fully funded the water operational Reserve Funds, which had been reduced. Councilor Dale Webb, in introducing the proposed change, said the Council is expecting to increase the utility rates for water and sewer at a later date when the Rate Review Committee meets.

Topics From the Floor – Victoria Coleman expressed dissatisfaction with the response from the Vernonia Police Department after she called the non-emergency dispatch phone number concerning a restraining order and did not hear back from anyone until four days later. City Administrator Jo-sette Mitchell said she and the Vernonia Police Department will be meeting with Columbia County Sheriff Brian Pixley to discuss the issue (the City of Vernonia contracts with the Sheriff's Department when the City does not have coverage) and said the response was unacceptable.

Coleman also complained about the wild rabbit population on Corey Hill which are ruining her garden. City Administrator Mitchell said she would reach out to Colum-

bia County Animal Control for suggested actions that might be taken.

Council Officially Establishes Holce Skate Park – Council voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2022-11, officially establishing the Holce Family Skate Park as a City park and setting rules and regulations.

Council Approves Alcohol Permit for July 4th Event – After a lengthy discussion and a phone call to event organizer Stacey Pelster from the Intercultural Society of Vernonia and the vendor, Council voted 4-0 to approve a Temporary Sales License with stipulations for Tap Truck Portland to serve beer at the Great American Bash event on July 4th at Spencer Park from 5:30 -9:30 pm. Council's approval was based on the vendor and event organizers creating a contained area where the beer will be served and consumed.

Council Adopts New Master Fee Schedule – Council voted 4-0, adopting Resolution 2022-12 and creating a revised Master Fee Schedule. The new fee schedule includes increases to the water connection fee, increases to hourly rates for administrative fees, adds a new Building Permit Processing Fee of \$35, and increases some planning fees.

The City Council meeting scheduled for July 5, 2022 was canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

Citizen of the Month

Councilor Dale Webb nominated Whelan Easley for his volunteer activities and the use of his construction experience on various projects around the community, including the Schaumburg Picnic Shelter at Spencer Park, at the Senior Center, the installation of a "Stick Library" at the Archie Dass Dog Park, and helping maintain the Holce Skate Park while acting as a mentor to the youth using the park.



What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

By Shannon Romtvedt

Upcoming Events

Summer Reading 2022: Beyond the Beaten Path

There's still time to sign-up for our Summer Reading incentive program, children and teens, birth - age 14. Last day is July 16! Participants receive a book bag for their family and a reading record with stickers to keep track of reading over the summer. Program finishers receive a free book, a small prize, and tickets for our grand prize drawings. We also have a hidden picture in the Library each week. Find it and enter our weekly prize drawing!

Summer Events for Children and Families

Oregon Shadow Theater presents "Jack and the Dragon"
Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm
@ the Vernonia Grange, 425 North St. A shadow puppet play based on an Appalachian fairy tale. Colorful shadow puppets, live old time American banjo and dulcimer music!

Friends of the Library Jamboree Booksale @ the Cabin in Vernonia
Friday, August 5, 11 am - 7 pm,
Saturday, August 6, 10 am - 7 pm,
Sunday, August 7, 9 am - 3 pm
Proceeds benefit Library programs and services! In addition to a wide selection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs, there will be raffles for different prizes, \$1 a ticket!

Creatures Teachers
Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 pm
@ the Library
Fostering an appreciation for all wildlife, including under-loved and

misunderstood creatures like snakes and spiders, this event features new creatures for those who attended this program in Summer 2021.

STEAM Activities Thursdays, 11 am

*All events listed with an * require registration and are for children in (or entering) elementary school in fall 2022.*
*I SPY Bottles: July 14, 11 am
*LEGO Marble Mazes and More: July 21, 11 am
*STEAM Stations (Coding and Engineering): July 28, 11 am
Stations include: 3D Doodler Pen, Beginning Coding activities, SNAP Circuits, and more.
Jamboree Parade Decorating: August 4, 11 am
Summer Reading Party: August 11, 11 am
*Bouncy Balls: August 18, 11 am
*STEAM Stations (Magnets and Static Electricity): August 25, 11 am

Ongoing Programs

Summer Family Storytimes
Wednesdays, 10:30 am
June 29 - August 31
Stories, movement activities, and crafts. Themes vary each week, including: Zoo, Space, Bears, Fire Safety, Bugs, Lego, and more! Older siblings and kids welcome.

Writers' Group
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
July 7 and July 21, 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.

Meetings

Friends of the Vernonia Library
Tuesday, July 12, 6:30-8 pm

Library Closures

Saturday, August 6
for Jamboree Weekend

Current Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 12 pm - 7 pm
Saturday: 12 pm - 5 pm

Contact Info:

Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov
Website: www.vernonia-or.gov/departments/library/
Social Media: Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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, July 18, 2022
Monday, August 1, 2022
www.vernonia-or.gov

City Closures are scheduled for:
Friday at noon, August 5, 2022
Jamboree

Dates and times subject to change

The Vernonia Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the
2nd and 4th Saturday
January - October
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27

Dates are subject to change

Vernonia Police Blotter June 14-30, 2022

Reports Taken/Arrests

- June 18, 2022 Report of a Restraining Order Violation, Conditional Release Violation and Warrant Service near Bridge Street
- June 20, 2022 Report of an Outside Agency Assist near Roseview Heights
- June 23, 2022 Report of Felony Warrant Arrest near Bridge Street

Citation/Other

- June 27, 2022 Citation issued for Speeding 84 mph in a 55 mph near HWY 47 South

Vernonia Police Department had 55 calls for service from 06/14/2022 to 06/30/2022.

NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 8th day of November 2022, 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
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM

Election packets will be available May 26, 2022 at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St, Vernonia, OR 97064. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than June 1st, 2022, and filed no later than Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022, by 4:00 p.m. with the City Recorder. For more information call Stephanie Borst, City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 105.

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