

# Vernonia City News...

**Citizen of the Month** – Councilor Donald Normand nominated Karen Miller for her work on behalf of the Vernonia Senior Center and postings in the *Vernonia's Voice* newspaper.



**Correction** – In the July 7, 2022 issue of *Vernonia's Voice* we misspelled the name of Whelan Easley who was presented with the Citizen of the Month award at the June 21 City Council meeting. *Vernonia's Voice* sincerely regrets this error.

**At the July 11 Special City Council Meeting: Council Approves Jamboree Liquor Licenses** – Council approved liquor licenses for the following groups/events during Jamboree weekend: the Jamboree Committee to have a distillery vendor at the Spencer Park Picnic Shelter; The American Legion for an event at their building at 627 Adams Avenue; and Buckshot Betty's for a beer garden.

**At the July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting: Council Hears Presentation on Thanksgiving Turkey Program** – Susan Wagner, on behalf of the Vernonia Senior Center, requested the

City help support a fundraiser to give away turkeys at Thanksgiving. She said the project was hoping to raise \$3,500. Wagner said they had already received a \$500 donation and City Recorder Stephanie Borst pledged \$100 during the presentation.

**Mayor Appoints DeMent to Public Works Committee** – With approval from the rest of the Council, Mayor Rick Hobart appointed Tom DeMent to the community Public Works Committee.

**Council Hears Request from E-bike Business** – Council heard a request from Fishhawk eCyclery, a new local business who was seeking permission to set up a mobile e-bicycle rental and repair shop at Vernonia Lake Park. Fishhawk eCyclery has a Vernonia business license and liability insurance, would need an electrical hookup, and offers a variety

of services including rentals of several different models by the hour, along with repairs. Council asked staff to bring a proposed agreement and a bid to install electricity to their August 1 meeting.

**Council Approves Master Fee Schedule Update** – Council adopted Resolution 2022-13, an update to the recently approved Master Fee Schedule, which now includes the new utility rates for water and sewer service: an increased base water rate of \$36.95 multiplied by the meter multiplier, increased from \$29.50; a decreased water loan repayment fee of \$6.80 multiplied by the meter multiplier, down from \$7.15; a consumption rate of \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons used, up from \$1.80; a decreased sewer base rate of \$22.95, down from \$26.90; and an increased sewer loan repayment fee of \$20.60, up from \$19.50.

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

By Shannon Romtvedt

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer Reading 2022: Returning Reading Records

A reminder to our Summer Readers to turn in your reading records. Bring back reading records to the library anytime between July 25 and August 13 to enter for prizes for each hour of reading (up to 20 hours). 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

##### Summer Meals: Free Book Event Friday, July 22, 11-12:30 pm

Summer Meals Site (Vernonia Schools, 1000 Missouri Ave.)  
Linda Taylor with the Forest Grove based non-profit, All Together Now, will be at the Summer Meals site on Friday, July 22, with

free books for kids and teens up through age 18. Stop by for lunch and pick out a new free book to read this summer. The book event will be held outside the main front entrance of the school.

#### 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.  
\*STEAM Stations (Coding and Engineering): July 28, 11 am  
Stations include: 3D Doodler Pen, Beginning Coding activities, SNAP Circuits, and more.

The Vernonia Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, January - October

July 23  
August 13 & 27

Dates are subject to change

#### 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, through August 31, 10:30 am

Stories, movement activities, and crafts. Themes vary each week, including: Zoo, Space, Kindness, Bugs, Lego, and more! Older siblings and kids welcome. Snack provided by the Summer Meals Program!

#### Writers' Group

##### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, July 21 and August 4, 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 Booksale Committee

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30-8 pm  
Planning for the upcoming Jamboree Booksale. New volunteers welcome!

#### Featured Books:

##### New Young Adult Manga Collection

Thanks to a generous Community 101 grant from the Vernonia High School, the Library was able to purchase a starter collection of manga and graphic novels for our teen collection. Titles include

*Maximum Ride, Sailor Moon, Tokyo Ghoul, Deathnote, Gotham Academy,* and more.

With the grant, we also added several new anime movies to our collection. We are excited to see them check-out and be able to offer more for teens in the community. Let us know which ones you like as we work to expand the collection!

#### Friends of the Library Display Case: Signed Babe Ruth Baseball

If you haven't seen the Library's new display case, there is still time. We have a signed Babe Ruth baseball, and several baseball gloves representing decades, 20s-60s. The featured baseball includes 11 signatures, including Lou Gehrig. The current display will be in through July 26. Thank you to Joel Greenwell and his grandsons for lending the display.

If you have a collection you are interested in featuring in our display case, please contact Shannon at the Library. We have displays planned through early fall, but are looking for future displays and ideas.

#### 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, August 1, 2022  
Monday, August 15, 2022  
www.vernonia-or.gov

#### City Closures are scheduled for:

Noon, Friday, August 5, 2022  
*Jamboree*  
Monday, September 5, 2022  
*Labor Day*

Dates and times subject to change



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## Vernonia Police Blotter • July 1-18, 2022

#### Reports Taken/Arrests

- July 16, 2022 Report of Warrant Arrest near California Avenue
- July 15, 2022 Citation issued for Title 3-02 Nuisance Control, Trash, Potential Vermin Habitat, Noxious Vegetation, and Attractive Nuisance near Rose Avenue
- July 17, 2022 Citation issued for Careless

Driving and Expired Registration near Grant Avenue

**The Vernonia Police Department responds to several calls that do not always end in a report, citation, or arrest. From 07/01/2022 to 07/18/2022 the Vernonia Police Department had 74 calls for service.**

## NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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
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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and filed no later than Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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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