

The citizen's source of information about the City of Ashland

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Ashland has funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which assists low income residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months.

Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 65 percent of Oregon’s median income. These levels are based on household income and household size. Qualified recipients will receive a credit on their electric utility charges. Credits of up to 50 percent will be given to seniors and disabled persons for up to six months and credits of 50 percent to other qualified residents for up to three months. The maximum allowed credit is \$300.00 for either group.

Beginning October 1, applicants may call the request line at 541-552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet. Applications are also available on the City of Ashland website at ashland.or.us. If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance, please let them know about this program. The deadline to submit the application is January 31, 2022.

**STAY UPDATED ON
CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)**

To help ease concern over the COVID-19 pandemic and spread correct information, the City has created a webpage ashland.or.us/coronavirus with the most up-to-date information from the Federal, State, County, and City governments.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Are you interested in serving on an interview panel for Ashland's first City Manager? The City is looking for five volunteers to participate in a Citizen Interview Panel. This panel will be an opportunity for citizens to have a voice in the selection process and get to know the finalists. Panelists' names will be drawn at random by Mayor Akins.

Before the interviews, City staff will consult with the citizen's selected to gather their input and incorporate citizen panelist questions into the interview process. The panel will be exclusively Ashland citizens moderated by the City Manager Pro Tem. We hope you will put your name in the hat, so to speak, to be part of the selection process. Go to ashland.or.us/engage and fill out the “Would you like to volunteer to be a part of the Citizen Interview Panel for Ashland's first City Manager?” form by October 1 to be considered.

Following the interviews, the Mayor and City Manager Pro Tem will debrief the panel and learn which candidate the Citizen Panel feels is the most qualified and best fit for the City of Ashland. The City Manager Pro Tem will share the collective input of the Citizen Panel with the City Council to aid them in vetting the Finalists.

Due to continuing COVID concerns, the Citizen Interview Panel will likely have to be conducted electronically using Zoom. Anyone agreeing to participate must be willing to participate in a recorded zoom meeting using video and audio. We want this process to be engaging, inclusive, and accessible to all!

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YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE ASHLAND ROUND UP PROGRAM

Yes, please round up my monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar. I understand the funds will assist Ashland residents in need with their utility bill.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Service Address: _____

Account Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

ROUND UP YOUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The City of Ashland's Round Up program allows Ashland utility customers to voluntarily round up their utility bill to the nearest dollar to assist low-income Ashland residents through the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

You can join the Ashland Round Up program by going to ashland.or.us/roundup or completing the coupon above. The coupon can be sent along with your utility bill or dropped off at City Hall, 20 E. Main Street.

You can also make a one-time donation by sending in a check indicating it is a donation to help with the utility bills of those in need.



BASIC TRAINING

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates citizens about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response. Whether you are hoping to learn new or additional skills, gain knowledge before the next catastrophe event, or you want to become a volunteer with your community, Ashland CERT is right for you. Each cohort will build leadership through team building from beginning to end while being guided through the challenging, yet fun, interactive course. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

Deadline to register-September 22

Curriculum covers:

Disaster Medical Operations
Disaster Preparedness
Disaster Psychology
CERT Organization & ICS
Fire Safety & Suppression
Terrorism Awareness
Two-way Radio Communications
Urban Search and Rescue

Course participants **MUST** attend each scheduled lesson the following dates from **5:30 - 8:30 pm**

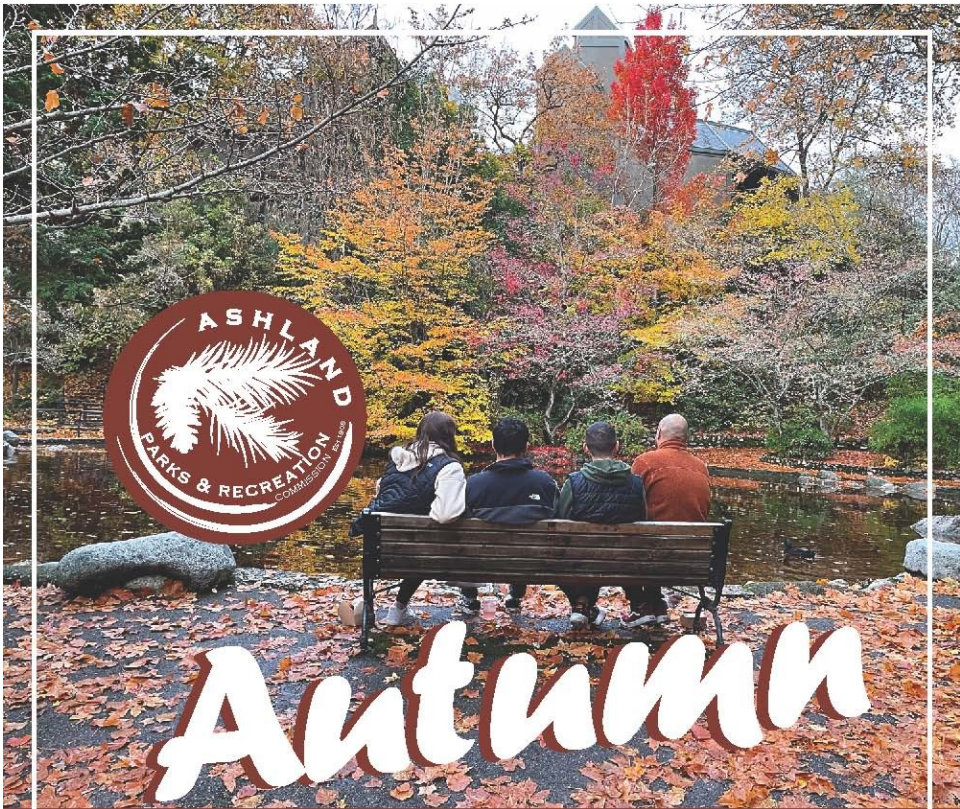
Wednesday, October 6
Tuesday, October 12
Wednesday, October 13
Tuesday, October 19
Wednesday, October 20
Tuesday, October 26
Wednesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 2
Wednesday, November 3
Saturday, November 6 ~ TBD

To register follow these three easy steps:

- 1) Visit www.aslandcert.org
- 2) Complete the Prerequisite
- 3) Download the registration form and return it

For more information contact Chris Chambers 541-552-2066 or cert@ashland.or.us.





Check out the APCR 2021
Autumn PlayGuide...

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

ASHLANDPARKSANDREC.ORG
541.488.5340 | ParksInfo@ashland.or.us

Facebook & Instagram @AshlandParksandRec
#AshlandParksandRec #APRC #FunItsInOurNature
#APRCstayConnected #AshlandWhatToDo



VOLUNTARY WATER CURTAILMENT

LOVE YOUR WATER—USE IT WISELY

Our community has taken mindful steps to use water wisely this summer and we want to thank you for all your efforts. However, with this summers weather conditions and lack of Talent Irrigation Water, we need to be even more vigilant in how we use our water for the remainder of the summer. Please consider voluntarily reducing water use where you can in and around your home. You can find valuable water resource information on the City’s water dashboard at gis.ashland.or.us/waterusage.

Below are some tips on best ways to reduce water use.

Water Needs Are Lower – Over-watering is common in late summer and early fall. Even though we still have high temperatures during this time, plant water needs decrease significantly because daylight hours have become shorter and the sun’s intensity has decreased. Follow the example watering guide on www.ashland.or.us/weather for more updated watering information. To schedule a sprinkler evaluation please email conserve@ashland.or.us.

Water Only When Needed – Overwatering results in shallow roots and encourages weeds, disease and

fungus growth. Check soil moisture before watering. Use a moisture meter to detect if soil is still moist from previous watering. You can pick one up for free by calling 541-488-5587.

Best Time to Water – Water between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to avoid losing water to wind and evaporation.

Inspect Your Irrigation System – Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads and make adjustments to sprinklers to reduce runoff and be sure you’re watering plants and not sidewalks, fences or buildings. Adjust your water pressure; too much pressure on sprinklers uses more water than needed.

Pools – Keep pools covered when not in use so you won’t lose water to evaporation.

Take Shorter Showers – Or replace your showerhead with one that has a lower flow. The City is giving away free showerheads and bathroom and kitchen aerators, that work well and reduce water use. Please call 541-488-5587 to arrange a time to pick them up.

Change Out that Old Toilet – Toilets are typically the highest use of water in a home. I know it’s surprising, but they can use a lot of water, especially older toilets pre 1994. The City is offering rebates for replacing these toilets. You can find the rebate form and instructions on the city’s website at www.ashland.or.us/rebates.

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VOLUNTARY WATER CURTAILMENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Car Washing – Reduce vehicle washing and use facilities that recycle water. Manual car washing should include use of a bucket and hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle for brief wetting and rinsing.

Reduce Water Use on Paved Surfaces – Exterior paved surfaces should be swept, rather than washed. If washing is necessary for such reasons as public health or safety, use of water brooms that provide maximum cleaning with minimum water usage is encouraged.

Known Leaks – Repair leaks promptly. If you suspect you may have a leak, contact a plumber or a landscape professional to investigate.

The City’s water conservation team is here to assist you in your efforts to use water efficiently and minimize waste. There are a variety of programs, rebates and resources available for all of our customers to take advantage of. Please visit www.ashlandsaveswater.org or call 541-552-2062 for more information.

EVENTS

Ashland Senior Services Division is offering the following special programs for seniors in October, although subject to change depending on public health conditions. To check for updates call 541-488-5342 or visit ashland seniorservices.org.

Explore Art: Painting Sampler

Oct 2, 9, 16; 1-3pm; \$60 + supplies/3 classes

Computer Lab for Older Adults

Oct 6, 13; 1-2:30pm; Free

AARP Smart Driver Course

Oct 20 & 21; 1-4:15pm; \$20/AARP members or \$25/Non-members

Check out how Ashland connects at www.ashlandfiber.net.



OCTOBER CITY CALENDAR

- City Council
 - Business Meeting: Oct 5 & 19 | 6 p.m.
 - Study Session: Oct 4 & 18 | 5:30 p.m.
- Airport Commission
 - October 5 | 9:30 a.m.
- Conservation & Climate Outreach Commission
 - October 27 | 3 p.m.
- Climate Policy Commission
 - October 14 | 4 p.m.
- Forest Lands Commission
 - October 12 | 5:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission
 - October 6 | 6 p.m.
- Housing and Human Services Commission
 - October 28 | 4 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Business Meeting: October 13 | 6 p.m.
 - Study Session: October 6 | 6 p.m.
- Planning Commission
 - Business Meeting: October 12 | 7 p.m.
 - Study Session: October 26 | 7 p.m.
- Public Art Commission
 - October 15 | 8:30 a.m.
- Social Equity and Racial Justice Commission
 - TBD
- Transportation Commission
 - October 21 | 6 p.m.
- Tree Commission
 - October 7 | 6 p.m.
- Wildfire Safety Commission
 - October 20 | 11 a.m.

Check out this and past versions of the City Source online anytime at ashland.or.us/citysource.

For more information on different ways to “Connect with Us” go to ashland.or.us/connect.

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900 ▲ Most meetings are held electronically. Go to www.ashland.or.us/calendar.asp for more information. ▲ City Council and many other City meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu, select channel RVTV Prime. Meetings are replayed on Ashland Home Net Channel 9, Charter Spectrum RVTV 180 and 181. Replay schedules are available at rvtv.sou.edu.



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