

City

SOURCE

THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

Ashland Solar
Pioneer II
Community
Project

The City of Ashland will offer our electric customers the opportunity to invest in a 63.5 kW community solar electric system to be installed on a City building. Many customers may want to use solar energy but do not have adequate access to solar resources on their own residence or business, or may not have the financial resources to install a solar electric system of their own. Others may simply prefer to invest in a community owned and operated solar electric system rather than install and maintain their own system.

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Safety Tips for Crosswalks

- ❑ A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing. Don't pass. It is unsafe and illegal to pass any vehicle stopped at a crosswalk for a pedestrian.
- ❑ When stopped at an intersection, do not block the crosswalk. Always leave room for pedestrians to cross.
- ❑ Watch for pedestrians, especially children, when exiting driveways or when backing out of parking spaces in parking lots.
- ❑ Pedestrians move at different speeds. Be patient with children and older adults who may take extra time to cross the street. Around taverns and bars be alert for pedestrians who may have slowed reaction times due to impaired judgment.

Curbside Recycling

Ashland Sanitary & Recycling has an extended curbside-recycling program. Customers within the Urban Growth Boundary are provided with a 65-gallon roll cart that will hold most household recyclables.

The cart can be used for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and tubs, aluminum cans and foil, phone books, magazines, catalogs, tin cans, metal lids and some mixed waste paper (see below). Use the small blue recycling bin for glass and motor oil.

Which mixed waste paper can I recycle?

Magazines, scrap paper, cereal and cracker boxes, frozen food boxes, labels from metal cans, office paper, opened mail, paper egg cartons, shredded paper (strips only), six-pack holders, shoe boxes, wrapping paper, phone books, paper bags, newsprint.

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The system will consist of 363 solar electric panels rated at 175 DC Watts. Each panel will generate an estimated 230 kWh of electricity annually. Ashland customers can purchase the virtual output of panels for a minimum of 20 years for \$825 each, or as little as 1/4 of a panel for \$206.25. Each year the City will credit the electric bill of participants for the amount of electricity their panels have generated. The City will be responsible for the maintenance of the system.

If you are interested in participating in Ashland Solar Pioneer II and purchasing a share of the community solar electricity contact Mary McClary at 552-2305. ▼

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Which mixed waste paper is not recyclable?

Candy wrappers, food contaminated paper (pizza boxes etc.), paper cups, paper plates, pet food bags, snack food bags, shredded paper (confetti style) stickers, tissue, waxed paper, milk carton and drink boxes.

What plastics can I recycle?

Any plastic bottle with a neck smaller than the base (milk jugs, pop bottles, juice containers, detergent bottles, water bottles, etc.) is acceptable. Please remove the lids and rinse the bottle. Margarine and yogurt tubs are also acceptable.

What plastics are not recyclable?

NO PLASTIC BAGS, plastic lids or any plastic bottle that contained motor oil, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials.

Yard debris recycling is also available with our Green Debris Program for an extra charge.

For more information, contact Ashland Sanitary & Recycling at 482-1471 or visit

www.ashlandsanitary.com or email wastenot@ashlandhome.net



How Fast is Ashland Growing?

Growth in Ashland has been expressed as one of the biggest challenges facing the community. The population in 2003 was 20,430 and as of July of 2007 it was 21,630 — a 5% increase or 1,200 more people in five years. The City's Comprehensive Plan projects that an average of 87 single-family homes and 71 apartment units will be constructed each year. These figures serve as benchmarks for planning purposes. The following chart gives a picture of growth in Ashland between 2003 - 2007.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	20,430	20,590	20,880	21,430	21,630
Single-family permits	125	119	130	47	52
Multi-family permits	16 (52 units)	23 (34 units)	20 (38 units)	20 (53 units)	4 (9 units)
Commercial Permits/Valuation*	154/\$35,817,729	36/\$7,871,530	42/\$19,719,200	31/\$9,351,909	16/\$6,647,802

*Based on cost per construction foot. Commercial permits include those issued for new construction as well as new square footage added to existing properties.

News Notes

Ashland Community Bike Swap

Ashland Parks & Recreation Department, Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission present the 18th Annual Bike Swap.

If you are interested in selling your bicycle, and it is in working condition, bring it to the Grove on Friday, May 9, between 6pm and 8pm or Saturday May 10, between 7am and 10am. If you are interested in buying a bicycle, the swap is open to the public from noon to 4pm on Saturday, May 10. The Ashland Community Bike Swap will have hundreds of bicycles available.

Bike Swap activities include a bicycle rodeo, raffle, Bike-It freestyle tricks and fun bicycle races. Call the Ashland Parks & Recreation Department at 541-488-5340 for more information or visit www.RVTD.org/bikeswap.

Admission price is \$1 per person or \$3 per family and includes one raffle ticket per person.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! If you would like a "first look" at the bikes for sale and can donate two to four hours of time, please contact the Ashland Parks and Recreation Office at 541-488-5340.

2008 Rogue Valley Bird Day

Ashland Parks & Recreation Department, Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and the Klamath Bird Observatory will celebrate Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 10, from 8 am - noon at the North Mountain Park Nature Center. The event will offer a variety of engaging outdoor learning activities for birders of all ages, abilities and sleep habits! Hourly guided walks will visit the mist netting and bird banding station to view migratory and resident birds up close and learn more about local conservation. "Bird-friendly" shade-grown coffee will be served. Admire or sketch wild birds of prey from Wildlife Images. Plenty of fun activities will be offered for young bird enthusiasts.

This year's theme is "Tropics to Tundra." Migratory birds travel long distances between breeding and non-breeding sites throughout the Western Hemisphere. In 2008, Migratory Bird Day will explore the birds that make these fantastic journeys, the habitats on which they depend, and the people who are important to the conservation of birds and their habitats along the way. For more information please visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net, or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

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So You Want to Run for City Office?

City Recorder Barbara Christensen is hosting an Elections Class Friday, May 9, 2008 for all citizens interested in running for City office this coming November. The filing period for the November election begins June 4, 2008 and ends August 15, 2008. If you live within the Ashland City limits and are interested in running for any of the following elected positions, you do not want to miss this opportunity!

- Mayor
- City Council Positions 1, 3, 5
- Parks & Recreation Commission Positions 1, 2

Date: Friday, May 9, 2008

Location: Civic Center Council Chambers, 1175 E Main St.

Time: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact Barbara Christensen at 488-5307 or email christeb@ashland.or.us.



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Oak Knoll Golf Course

Enjoy the great game of golf by participating in programs and buying equipment at the Oak Knoll Golf Course. The pro shop and restaurant are open. Plan your next event at Oak Knoll! Tournament play, indoor/outdoor seating, food, beverages and BBQ are available for up to 60 people.

- ❑ Applications for Men's and Ladies' Clubs are now being accepted — don't miss out on the enjoyment and camaraderie found in a team sport!
- ❑ Season passes are now available — all-you-can-golf, April 1 — September 30, for only \$800.
- ❑ Annual Driving Range passes for the golfer who loves to practice, available for \$399/person or \$499/family. That's \$1.38 a day to hit balls!
- ❑ Golf & Range discount punch cards available, get 10 rounds and 10 tokens for \$150, a savings of \$40!
- ❑ Private lesson packages are available, add a second person for free! Be sure to call for more information on golf lessons.
- ❑ Looking ahead. . . Participate in Night Golf on May 9 — \$60 includes a BBQ, night ball and golf fees. This is a walking event only!
- ❑ The Ashland City Amateur Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1. Cost is \$100 and includes green fees, a BBQ lunch and prizes. The event is open to the first 64 players and all players must have a USGA Handicap.

Coming soon, the new Oak Knoll website, visit www.OakKnollGolf.org
Oak Knoll Golf Course, 3070 Hwy 66 in Ashland.
For more information call 541-482-4311. ▼

CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

- ❑ **City Council** meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the day before at 5:15 p.m.
- ❑ **Planning Commission** meets on the second Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Airport Commission** meets on the first Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- ❑ **Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission** meets on the third Thursday at 5:15 p.m.
- ❑ **Conservation Commission** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Forest Lands Commission** meets on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Historic Commission** meets on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday Planning Commission)
- ❑ **Housing Commission** meets on the fourth Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- ❑ **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. Study session occurs on the third Monday.
- ❑ **Public Art Commission** meets on the third Friday at 8:15 a.m.
- ❑ **Traffic Safety Commission** meets on fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- ❑ **Tree Commission** meets on the Thursday before the Tuesday Planning Commission Meeting

◆ Many of the above meetings are cablecast live on channel 9 and replayed on channel 30. ◆ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way. ◆ For information about all City meetings please call City Administration at 488-6002. ◆ Back issues of the City Source are posted under "Documents" on the City's Website, www.ashland.or.us. ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

