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

Fire Danger is "HIGH"

As of July 24 the following are prohibited between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

(Call Ashland Fire and Rescue at 482-2770 for the most current fire restrictions.)



- Public chain saw use
- Non-agricultural mowing of dry grass
- Non-agricultural, non-commercial use of power driven machinery in areas of flammable vegetation
- Blasting
- Welding or cutting of metal
- Any spark emitting operation

The following are prohibited at all times:

- All outdoor debris burning

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CERT

September is National Preparedness Month. Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Southern Oregon University (SOU) are hosting a Community Forum on Emergency Preparedness on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rogue River room of Stevenson Union on the campus of SOU.

Elected officials and regional emergency planners will discuss the risks we face in Southern Oregon and the role citizens plan in preventing and responding to (See CERT, Back Page)

Car Free Day

The City of Ashland's Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission will celebrate International Car Free Day on Friday, September 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Car Free Day is observed by over 100 million people in 1,500 cities and 40 countries worldwide. To celebrate the event in Ashland this year, the blocks of Oak and Pioneer Streets in the downtown will be closed to motor vehicle traffic between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. for a bicycle and pedestrian-themed street fair and celebration.

The Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) will present its annual Transportation Hero Award. Other activities will include:

- Street Cafes presented by Standing Stone and Tabu
- Music
- A kids bike rodeo
- Education, outreach and information booths
- Bicycle-related art
- Pedestrian tours
- Bicycle tours

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- Use of vehicles except on improved roads.
- Smoking outside of vehicles in wildland areas.
- The use of fireworks or other spark producing devices.

Additionally, commercial operators on forestlands are required to have fire suppression equipment on site and provide watchman service. These regulations affect all state, county, private and Bureau of Land Management lands in Jackson and Josephine counties. Specific exceptions may be granted for power equipment use within irrigated landscapes and other areas where vegetation combustibility can be altered with irrigation, after inspection by, and written permit from, Ashland Fire & Rescue. As fire potential increases, additional restrictions may be applied in

conformance with Public Use Fire Precaution Standards of the Oregon Department of Forestry.

For more information contact Ashland Fire & Rescue at 488-2770. ▼

Tree of the Year

Nominations will be accepted for Tree of the Year until Monday, October 2, 2006. The nominations will be reviewed by the Tree Commission at their October 5, 2006 regular meeting. The list of nominated trees will be reduced by vote to the five most popular.

Trees nominated should be visible from the street, and not on City of Ashland Park property. A ballot with the five finalists and an informative description about each tree will be posted in the *Ashland Daily Tidings* and on the City of Ashland website. The official voting for Tree of the Year will

commence on October 17, 2006 and the final day to place ballots will be by 4 p.m. October 31, 2006. The winner of the 2006 Tree of the Year will be announced at the second November City Council meeting. ▼

Plaza Tree of Heaven Replacement

The recent removal of the Tree of Heaven left a large gap at the entrance of Lithia Park. The Parks Department and the Tree Commission would like to get your input on selecting a new tree to be planted in its place.

To view the photos of the five potential replacement trees, and to place your vote please visit the City of Ashland website, www.ashland.or.us, and click on the left hand link "What do you Think?" ▼

2006 Tree of the Year Nomination Form

I Nominate _____

Tree Location _____ Tree Owner (if known) _____

Why is this tree special? (use a separate sheet of paper if needed) _____

My name, address and phone _____

Adult Student in grade _____

Tree nominations are accepted throughout the year. Please send nomination form with your utility payment, or send to Community Development, Attn: Amy Anderson at 20 East Main St. Ashland, OR 97520.

Deadline for 2006 nominations is Monday, October 2.



Demonstration Garden Tour

Wednesday, August 2

9:30 a.m. Soak up the sights and smells of early summer while learning about the gardens at North Mountain Park with volunteer docent, Susan Lander. Discover how to attract wildlife in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile Gardens or Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden and enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Ages 10 years-Adult. Free. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 488-6606.

Business Licenses, AMC Section 6.04

Who needs one?

☐ Anyone in business for themselves, or as agent or employee of another, to transact and carry on any business, trade, profession, calling, or occupation within the City of Ashland.

Who doesn't need one?

☐ Anyone who the City is prohibited from licensing or taxing under the Constitution of the United States or Charter of the City of Ashland.

☐ Non profits, charitable, religious, or educational organizations...

☐ Personal property sales; Yard Sales, Garage Sales, etc. as long as the sale is not longer than 4 days.

☐ A booth at a trade show or festival providing the sponsor of the event is licensed.

☐ Family day care provider or babysitter who provides child care within the home.

☐ Any unincorporated business activity carried on by individuals under the age of 18; lemonade stands, cookie sales, car washes, etc.

How do I get one?

☐ Applications are available from the City of Ashland Utilities office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

☐ Or go online to <http://www.ashland.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=8323>

☐ Or call 488-6004

How long are they valid?

☐ Business licenses are valid for 1 year, beginning July 1 through June 30.

How much does it cost?

☐ An application fee (first time licensee) of \$10 per month (up to 11 months) this includes the first two employees. Additionally, \$5.00 will be charged for each additional individual. The number of employees should be counted based at the start of the business. Each employee will be counted as one regardless of their status as part time, full time or temporary.

☐ A renewal fee of \$75.00 includes the first two employees and for each individual in excess of two, add \$10.00 for each individual. The number of employees should be counted based on the anticipated number of employees on the payroll as of July. Each employee will be counted as one regardless of their status as part time, full time or temporary.

What if I have 2 part time employees, do I need to pay for them?

☐ Each employee will be counted as one regardless of their status as part time, full time or temporary and charged according to the above scale.

Can I get a temporary license?

☐ Yes, if the duration that you need it for is 30 days or less.
☐ The fee is \$25 regardless of the number of employees.

Do I need a new license if I purchased a business that was previously licensed?

☐ Yes, you must apply for a new business license as the new owner.

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emergencies. Guests include Mayor John Morrison Fire Chief Keith Woodley, County Emergency Manager Mike Curry, Representative Peter Buckley, Senator Alan Bates and others.

CERT encourages citizens to ask themselves: Am I ready for an emergency? Do I have food and water stored for my family for 10 days? Do I have an evacuation plan for my pets? How will I store and prepare food during an extended power outage. How will my family communicate with each other in a disaster? Do I know how to shut off the gas at my home?

For more information about the CERT program in Ashland or to become a member of CERT please call 552-2226. ▼

Car Free Day

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- ☐ A Bike-It trick riding demonstration by local rider Dave Nourie
- ☐ Screening of a bicycle-themed film
- ☐ Free How-To Bicycle Maintenance
- ☐ Unique and Fun Bikes to Ride!

Ashland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission hopes to encourage an increase in healthy, non-polluting, community-building means of transportation (walking and biking) and a lasting decrease in reliance on the car. For more information, visit www.rvtd.org ▼

News Notes

Creek Survey Investigation

Friday, August 18, 9:30am-1:30pm

Youth ages 11-15 are invited to join park staff on Friday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and explore Ashland Creek. We'll be using all sorts of high tech gadgets and chemicals to check out what's living in the creek and how healthy it is. Bring a towel, swimsuit, long sleeve shirt and pants. We will be swimming and snorkeling. A pizza lunch will be provided. Meet at the Upper Duck Pond in Lithia Park, pick up at the reservoir in upper Lithia Park. \$7 per person. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 488-6606. ▼

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Working from your home in Ashland?

☐ If you are operating your business from your home in a residential zone inside the Ashland City limits, you also need to obtain a home occupation permit. It is a one time process with a fee of \$25. For more detailed information on the Home Occupation Permit process, contact the Community Development Department at 488-5305.

For more information about obtaining a business license, call 488-6004. ▼



City Calendar

August 15	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 17	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
August 18	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
August 21	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
August 23	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
August 24	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 p.m.
August 28	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 1	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 6	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 7	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 12	Forest Lands Commission	5:30 p.m.
September 14	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
September 15	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.

♦ 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