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

Construction at Exit 14

Construction at and around Exit 14 (southern I-5 interchange in Ashland) began in July. There are a number of different construction components which will occur over the next several months

**Construction Part 1**

The section of I-5 under the overpass at Exit 14 must be lowered up to 2.5 feet to meet current vertical clearance standards for tall trucks and new foundations must be drilled and prepared for the expanded bridge.

Crews will excavate and lower the roadway beginning near the off ramps. This is similar to (See *Construction at Exit 14*, Page 2)

Are You Prepared?

September 2010 is the seventh annual National Preparedness Month and Ashland Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is encouraging people to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. September 25, 2010 Ashland CERT will hold a CERT Reunion and Emergency Volunteer Celebration at The Grove, 1195 E Main Street in Ashland.

For more information about CERT or the celebration visit www.ashland.or.us/cert or call 541-552-2226. ▼

Transportation System Plan Update

The City of Ashland is beginning the process of updating our transportation system plan and we'd like your input and participation in this process. As part of the update to our transportation plan, we will be identifying near - and long - term projects that will serve our community's active transportation needs. A key objective of the plan is to help us further realize our goal of being a green transportation community as well as improve quality of life and support economic prosperity in Ashland. The process of updating our transportation system plan is just beginning and will extend through approximately November 2011.

To help you stay informed about upcoming opportunities to provide input and comments, we have developed a project website that will include information about upcoming meetings, provide draft documents

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what ODOT did on I-5 several years ago at the Talent and Suncrest overpasses. The traffic lanes will be shifted to towards the middle and then back as the work progresses. Crews will then move to the southbound lanes of I-5 and repeat the process until the entire section of I-5 has been lowered. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions and interchange ramps will remain open. It is anticipated this part of the project will take about two months.

Later this summer, crews will begin drilling and pouring new foundations for the expanded bridge.

Construction Part 2

This fall, crews will begin work on the bridge itself. The bridge will be widened to accommodate three lanes of traffic, including a center turn lane, bicycle lanes and sidewalks. In addition to widening the bridge, construction will also include repairs to the existing bridge deck, replacement of bridge rails and the addition of roadway lighting and traffic signals.

To keep Exit 14 neighbors apprised of the project progress and to address any questions or concerns, ODOT intends to organize weekly coffee meetings with nearby businesses and residents. Project neighbors interested in the weekly coffees should contact Dennis

Steers, ODOT Public Services Representative either by phone, 541-621-7034 or email dennis.steers@odot.state.us

Construction on Exit 19 will begin this month.

For more information see http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/ashland_exit_14_19_index.shtml

Watch for updates in future issues of City Source. ▼

Gather Your Plastic for Recycling!

Nursery pots, bubble wrap, snack food bags, cassettes and discs are among the long list of plastics accepted for recycling at the 3rd annual Jackson County Plastic Round-up. Gather plastic from your home, garden, garage and business to keep it out of the landfill, and have it recycled into new materials.

The event will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct 8 and 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at two locations: the Ashland National Guard Armory, 1420 E. Main Street in Ashland, and Jackson County Expo, 1 Peninger Road in Central Point.

Plastic should be sorted into 3 categories: soft plastic, hard plastic and nursery plastic. There will be a fee of \$5.00 for residential cars and pick-up trucks; the fee for businesses and large loads is \$5.00 per yard.

A list of acceptable items and more event details are online at www.jcrecycle.org. ▼

Emergency Management Team

The City of Ashland and Ashland Fire and Rescue are looking for residents with previous public safety or emergency management experience to help the City prepare for events and emergencies. During large scale emergencies or planned events, the City needs a substantial number of people who are trained in incident management. Recent events and training exercises have revealed that the City needs more people to fill critical positions and adjutants for these positions.

We are looking for residents who will be willing to volunteer to receive training for positions in the City's emergency management team. People who have previous experience with a police or fire department, a public works department, a wildfire agency (such as the Forest Service, BLM, or Oregon Department of Forestry), or the National Guard, reserves, or military have very desirable experience. Additionally, people trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) or the Incident Command System (ICS) would be especially valuable. If you have an emergency management background and would like to volunteer to help the community, please contact Kimberley Summers at Ashland Fire and Rescue, at 541-482-2770. ▼

News Notes

Oak Knoll Golf Course

3070 Hwy 66, Ashland
Whether you are a beginner or an experienced golfer looking to fine-tune your swing, Oak Knoll's professional teachers are here to help you. For more information call us at 541-482-4311, or visit us on the web at www.oakknollgolf.org. We hope to see you soon! Oak Knoll Golf Course, Great Course — Good Times.

Walking Tours of Ashland

Enjoy a trip through Ashland's past with a walking tour of Ashland. Hear stories of early Ashland history, Shasta Takelma culture, pioneer history, Chautauqua, Lithia Park, Shakespeare Festival, railroad history, historic architecture, and more. Choose one of two tours: Main Street Tour or the Railroad District Tour. These FREE, all ages welcome tours will take place on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and October 7, 14, 21, and 28. The Main Street Tour takes place from 9:00 — 10:00 a.m. and the Railroad District Tour takes place from 10:30 — 11:45 a.m. Meet at the Plaza drinking fountains to begin the tours. Registration is required. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call N MT Park at 541-488-6606.

Bicycle Street Smarts

This class is designed to give cyclists the confidence they need to ride safely and legally in traffic. The course covers bicycle safety

checks, on-bike skills and crash avoidance techniques, and includes a student manual. This course prepares cyclists for a full understanding of vehicular cycling. Please bring a bicycle, helmet, lunch/snacks, water, pen, and paper. The Street Smarts class is for ages 18 and up and will take place on Saturday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. at The Grove, 1195 E. Main Street. Class costs \$50. Registration is required. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340.

Urban Composting Class

Denny Morelli will instruct class participants on how to divert food scraps & organic yard debris from the landfill. In time, this material can become valuable soil for your garden and yard. Learn how to set up a compost system in an urban setting with recommendations for keeping critters out of your pile. This class is free and sponsored by the City of Ashland Conservation Commission. All ages are welcome to attend the class. Class will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at the Recycle Center on Water Street in Ashland. Please park on Water Street and NOT in the Recycle Center parking lot. Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. ▼

Volunteer Opportunity

The Ashland Police Department is taking applications for their Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. The VIPS volunteers provide one of the most popular and helpful services to the community, the vacation house check program. If you are a senior looking for something to occupy your time, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Frank d'Entremont, at 541-552-2121 for more information.



Dogs

With the exception of service dogs in the custody and control of a disabled person, dogs are not allowed in any City of Ashland park, except for those areas specifically designated by the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission as “dog friendly.”

Dogs are allowed on leashes in the following parks, open spaces, and trail areas:

- Hald-Strawberry Park
- Siskiyou Mountain Park
- Oredson-Todds Woods
- Cottle Property
- Liberty Street Access
- Greenway Trails
- Granite Street Property
- Burnson Property
- Lawrence Property
- TID Easements in-place
- South Pioneer Road
- Dogs are allowed off-leash at the Dog Park, located on Nevada Street.

A citation of up to \$250 may be issued to a dog owner for not complying with the City’s dog ordinance. It is expected that dog owners will pick up after their dogs at all times. If you have questions, please contact the Ashland Parks and Recreation Department at 541-488-5340. ▼

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for review and solicit public input. This website is <http://ashlandtsp.com>.

General questions, comments or thoughts about the project may be submitted via the website (<http://ashlandtsp.com>) or directed to Jim Olson at 541-488-5347. ▼

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City Calendar

- City Council** meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the day before at 5:30 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.
- Conservation Commission** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 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 4:30 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.
- Transportation Commission** meets on third Thursday at 6:00 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

