



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

Happy H2Oidays!

Save money this holiday season by spending less on water!

According to the USDA, a typical holiday dinner for eight (four adults, four children) requires more than 40,000 gallons of water to grow and prepare the food. That's a lot of water! With that in mind, here are some ways to decrease that number:

- Food waste is water waste. Consider serving smaller portions or invite guests to bring to-go containers to take leftovers home.
- Thaw frozen foods overnight in the refrigerator, rather than using running water.
- Run full loads of dishes in the dishwasher. Dishwashers typically use significantly less water than hand washing. Some of the newer dishwashers only use 2 gallons of water per cycle!
- Scrape food off of dishes (hopefully into a compost bin) instead of rinsing them.
- Cut down on the number of glasses you wash by designating a glass for each person for the day.

Planning to buy appliances this holiday season?

A family of four could reduce their indoor water use up to 60% simply by replacing old toilets, showerheads, bathroom aerators, dishwashers, and washing machines! The City of Ashland offers rebates and indoor water use checkups to help you save water and money.

Look for the WaterSense and Energy Star labels to help you identify
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State of the City Celebration

The Mayor and City Council invite all the residents of Ashland to attend the annual State of the City celebration on **January 31, 2017**, in the Community Center, located at 59 Winburn Way.

At the celebration, Mayor Stromberg will give his annual State of the City address. He and the Council will recognize the hard work and challenges faced by the Ashland community in 2016 and lay out plans and hopes for the upcoming year.

One highlight of the event will be the presentation of the 2016 James M. Ragland "Volunteer Spirit" Award. The winner of this annual award exemplifies the exceptional contributions made by Ashland's many public sector volunteers.

- Come join the festivities!
- 5:30 p.m.** - Appetizer social time
 - 6:00 p.m.** - Welcome and introductions
 - Year in Review
 - State of the City address
 - Ragland Award presentation
 - Farewell

For more information, please contact the City Administration office at 541-488-6002 or administration@ashland.or.us.



National Citizen Survey

Every two years, the City conducts a citizen survey using the National Citizen Survey developed by the National Research Center, Inc. A random scientific sample of 1,500 households in Ashland were selected to receive and return their surveys by mail. Their confidential responses will be weighted and analyzed and represent a scientific statistical analysis of the Ashland community.

Households that were not selected can complete the same survey online. The link to the online survey will be activated on December 7 and available at www.n-r-c.com/survey/ashland.htm.

Results of the survey will be presented to the City Council in late January or early February. To read results of previous surveys see www.ashland.or.us/citizensurvey.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should everyone in the house take the survey together or should we each take it?

The survey can be taken individually by each adult member (age 18+) of the household or completed as a group speaking with one voice.

Can you track my responses?

No. Responses are kept by the independent firm, the National Research Center, Inc. and no identifying information is captured.



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least

10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **6** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn at least

3 feet from any **heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1** **heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/



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high-efficiency products for your home or business that offer the same performance and quality you've come to expect, but with the added benefit of water and energy savings. Visit www3.epa.gov/watersense/products/

Looking for stocking stuffers? Stop by the Community Development building, 51 Winburn Way, to pick up **FREE** faucet aerators and low flow shower heads.

Contact the City of Ashland's Water Conservation Division at 541-552-2421 or visit our website at www.ashland.or.us/conserve for more information about rebates or to schedule an indoor water use evaluation.

If I start the survey, do I have to complete it during the same session or can I finish it later?

The survey should take about 11 minutes or less to complete. As you progress through the survey, your responses will be saved on your computer in a “cookie” (provided you have cookies enabled). You can leave and come back to the survey to finish it later. If more than one member of your household intends to complete the survey from the same computer, we recommend you complete and submit one response before the next person starts their survey.

Space Heaters - The Good and The Not So Good



It's that time of year again when space heaters of all types are in the stores and available for use to either take the nip off of one particular room or to provide extra heat to areas not reached well by the central heating system. Regardless of the situation, it is always good to know how space heaters may impact your energy use and monthly bill. Though most space heaters consume more or less the same amount of energy, some products may meet your needs differently. Go to www.ashland.or.us/heaters for some good examples of space heaters, proper use, and approximate cost.

For questions about residential energy efficiency or for information regarding energy efficiency programs available to Ashland Electric Utility customers, go to www.ashland.or.us/conserve or contact Residential Energy Analyst Dan Cunningham at 541-552-2063 or dan.cunningham@ashland.or.us.

HeartSaver First Aid / CPR / AED Certification

HeartSaver First Aid / CPR / AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. This

course also teaches adult CPR and AED use.

All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland. We now accept credit cards.

For information or to register contact the CERT Program Coordinator at 541-552-2226, by e-mail at cpr@ashland.or.us or go to www.ashland.or.us/cpr.

When: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Where: Ashland Fire Station 2 - 1860 Ashland Street

Time: 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$55



Gearing Up for Street Maintenance

Thank you, Ashland, for your approval of the ballot measure that will allow the City to use food & beverage tax revenue to repair or reconstruct the arterial and collector streets in the City. Here's what happens now.

We can't do all of the projects at once, so we'll have to prioritize and get the most critical ones done first. All told, it will take five or six years to complete this program. The streets that are most important to address in 2017 are streets such as North Mountain Avenue and Wightman Street. That's because those streets are close to failure but haven't failed yet. It costs about \$285,000 per mile to repair a street, but \$1.4 million per mile to reconstruct a street. Clearly, it's better to repair those streets than to wait until they fail and then have to reconstruct them.

Many citizens have asked about Hersey Street, which is obviously in bad shape. In fact, stretches of Hersey Street have already failed. Although it seems odd to say it, it's precisely because stretches of the roadway have already failed that streets like Hersey should be a lower priority, so other streets that have not failed can be fixed before they fail. However, thanks to your vote, Hersey will be reconstructed in 2018.

News Notes

Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink

It's that time of year again... so lace up your skates and hit the ice! The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink is open through February 26, 2017. The outdoor rink is located at 95 Winburn Way, across from the Lithia Park playground, around the corner from the Plaza, and at the corner of Nutley Street and Winburn Way. Bring the whole family!

The 2016-17 Season will feature something for everyone. Visit our website for a complete listing of programs AshlandParksandRec.org. Please come prepared to skate, as changing rooms are not available. Hot chocolate, coffee and a variety of snacks will be available for purchase. The rink offers skate trainers for select sessions... available at no charge. Our skate rentals accommodate from toddler size 9 through men's size 15.

For more information on prices, schedules, lessons, family and adapted programming, hockey, scholarships and all we have to offer you, visit AshlandParksandRec.org, call the ice rink directly at 541-488-9189 or call the APRC office at 541-488-5340.

Lithia Park Book by Local Author Now Available!

John Enders, a local author, journalist and historian, has researched and written a coffee table-style book on the history of Lithia Park. The book, [Lithia Park: The Heart and Soul of Ashland](#), is sponsored by the Ashland Parks Foundation and features many historic photos, some dating back to the late 1800s, as well as a selection of modern-day photos generously donated by Ashland photographers.

This will make a great holiday gift for family and friends! The book will be available at one of these APRC offices: The Grove, 1195 East Main St.; Parks Administration Office, 340 S Pioneer St. (upper Lithia Park); North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 N Mountain Ave. Or purchase the book at one of these local businesses: [Bloomsbury Books](#); [Paddington Station](#); [Tudor Guild Gift Shop](#).

The book is priced at \$24.95 and proceeds benefit the Ashland Parks Foundation. If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation, visit AshlandParksFoundation.com or call 541-488-5340.

**The City offices will be closed
Monday, January 2, 2017
for the New Years Day holiday.**

**We apologize for any
inconvenience this may cause.**

January City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: Jan 3 & 17 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Sessions: Jan 9 & 23 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Jan 10 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Session: Jan 24 | 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission

Jan 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Jan 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Jan 10 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

Jan 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

Jan 26 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Jan 23 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Session: Jan 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

Jan 20 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

Jan 26 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

Jan 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Jan 18 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ 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.