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INTRODUCING ROGUE TO GO A PILOT OF REUSABLE TAKE OUT CONTAINERS

"Rogue To Go", a pilot program of reusable take out containers, has launched in Ashland. The program offers a durable, standardized take out container to help reduce waste. Ashland customers can buy a container and use it at several participating restaurants (see below). Containers are filled with food and carried away. When finished, the customer exchanges the used box for a clean one and the cycle repeats. Customers can also exchange for a metal token, which is easier to carry around than an empty box.

Rogue To Go is an easy way to reduce waste and show that there is a better way to do take out! Single use containers and utensils create unnecessary waste and environmental impact. The purpose of the program is to reduce disposable packaging and explore alternatives. The Rogue To Go pilot program is made possible by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and City of Ashland.



CATCH A RIDE WITH THE ASHLAND CONNECTOR

Good news! RVTD has begun operating a new service within Ashland called the Ashland Connector to make getting you where you need to go even easier!

The Ashland Connector is a micro-transit model service in which multiple people use the same vehicle to arrive at similar destinations. Transit drivers have an iPad that will show the shortest route for taking passengers to their individual drop off location. Vehicles are Ashland Connector branded, ADA compliant, and have booster seats available. Service is available Monday through Saturday in Ashland from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The service will not be available on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Rides on the Ashland Connector will be \$2.00 each way, \$1.00 for qualified seniors 62+, veterans, disabled riders, and youth 10-17.

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Rogue TO GO

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

Simple Cafe • Sesame • Falafel Republic
Pie & Vine • Ashland Food Co-op

WHY ROGUE TO GO?

It's an easy way to reduce waste and show that there is a better way to do take out! Single use containers and utensils create unnecessary waste and environmental impact through their manufacture, use, and disposal.

BUY IN → **FILL UP** → **CHOW DOWN** → **SWAP**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO VISIT WWW.ROGUETOGO.COM

Rogue TO GO

HOW DOES IT WORK?

BUY IN Join Rogue To Go by paying the \$10 per container. All exchanges are free! Just tell your server or cashier that you want to join!

FILL UP Your food goes into a reusable Rogue To Go container.

CHOW DOWN You know what to do!

SWAP Exchange your old box for a clean box (or a token) anytime you visit a participating restaurant.

(All exchanged containers will be commercially sanitized before reuse, but please return your container "household clean".)

ONLY \$10
Eliminate your single use containers



FOR ADDITIONAL INFO VISIT WWW.ROGUETOGO.COM

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CATCH A RIDE WITH THE ASHLAND CONNECTOR

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Children under the age of 9 ride for free with a paying adult. Fare can be paid on board the vehicle using exact change or your Touchpass card. All rides include a free transfer to RVTD's fixed-route service.

Pick up and drop off points must be inside the Ashland city limits. Busier destinations may require that you take a short walk to a specific meetup point. All rides can be booked through the Rogue Valley Connector app and tracked in real time. If a rider does not have a smartphone, trips may be booked by calling RVTD's Ashland Connector booking agents. Please visit ashlandconnector.org for more information.



Sign-Up For Alerts:
Text 97520 to 888777 or Visit ashland.or.us/nixle

IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE THE 2019 TREE OF THE YEAR!

The Tree Commission is collecting nominations for the 2019 Tree of the Year. You can nominate a tree by completing the Nomination Form below and sending it in before **March 4, 2020** to:

Tree Commission, Attn: Aaron Anderson
20 E. Main Street
Ashland, OR 97520

Eligible trees need to be visible from the street and not located within a City park or right-of-way. The Tree Commission will select finalists in March and then the public will vote for the tree of the year. The winner will be presented during the Arbor Day Celebrations. For previous Tree of the Year winners, visit gis.ashland.or.us/Tree.



2019 Tree of the Year Nomination Form



I nominate _____
(species if known)

Size _____
(Estimated Diameter and Height)

Located at _____
(intersection or address)

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

My Info (name, address, phone number, email) _____

Please send completed nomination forms to Tree Commission, Attn: Aaron Anderson, 20 E. Main St. Ashland, OR 97520. Nominated trees should be visible from the street and NOT located within a city park or right-of-way. Nominations will be accepted until March 4th, 2020. The list of nominated trees will be reduced by vote of the Tree Commissioners to a few finalists. A ballot with the finalists will follow with voting to be conducted early next year. The Tree of the year will be awarded during the Arbor Day Celebrations.

SIGN UP FOR CITY NEWS

If you're interested in receiving email newsletters from the City of Ashland, you can sign up on our website. Just select the subscribe buttons either underneath the Calendar or the Email Updates section on the homepage. All you need is an email address to sign up! Email notifications include:

- Agendas & Minutes
- Calendar Events
- City News
- Employment Postings
- Projects
- RFPs

You can select to receive news from all Departments and Commissions or just the ones you prefer. At anytime if you would like to change your preferences or unsubscribe you may do so the same way.

You can still sign up for text and email alerts from Nixle, our Community Notification System. These alerts will be focused on emergency or advisory warnings and will be sent out immediately.

To sign up for Nixle, you can text 97520 to 888777 or by going to ashland.or.us/nixle. The webpage also describes how to manage alerts.

44TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY RUN LOGO DESIGN CONTEST 2020

Is the artist in you ready for a challenge? If you answered yes, Ashland Parks and Recreation has an opportunity for you! Once again, we are looking for an artist to design the logo for the annual 4th of July Run. If your artwork is selected you will win \$150, five free t-shirts featuring your design and the pride of seeing your work in multiple mediums!

Submissions are due no later than Friday, February 28, 2020. The winner will be notified by Friday, March 6, 2020. For guidelines, additional information and to see logos from events past, please visit ashland.or.us/JulyRunLogo.

Giveaways

The Water Conservation Department is offering **FREE** showerheads, bathroom aerators, kitchen aerators, and moisture meters. Come see us in the Public Works Building!



51 Winburn Way Ashland, Oregon 97520

Conservation Staff: (541) 552-2062 • Email: julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us • Website: www.ashlandsaveswater.org

EVENTS

North Mountain Park Nature Center Garden Opening

Celebrate spring, get your hands into the soil and learn how you can be a part of the beautiful gardens at North Mountain Park Nature Center. Staff and volunteers will provide an orientation to the Demonstration Gardens and the many volunteer opportunities. Meet other gardeners and get your hands dirty preparing garden beds for the new season. Gloves, tools and snacks provided.

Garden work days continue every Wednesday morning from May through November, with opportunities for gardeners of all levels of experience. Drop-in occasionally or adopt your own garden area. Pre-Registration not required. For more information call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at (541) 488-6606.

AGES 15 years old & up
 DAY Wednesday
 DATE March 18
 TIME 10 AM to 12 PM
 PLACE Nature Center, 620 N. Mountain Avenue

Golf 101 Adult

Starting in the parking lot and ending on the course. Our professional staff will guide you through the processes that may seem intimidating and get you on the course in a fun and friendly environment. Email info@sogolfacademy.com to sign up or visit sogolfacademy.com for more information.

AGES 18 years old & up
 DAY Tuesdays
 DATE Mar 3, 10, 17, 31, Apr 7 (On Course Dates TBD)
 TIME 3 to 3:50 PM
 PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course, 3070 Hwy 66
 COST \$199

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EVENTS

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PGA Junior Golf Spring League

Team-vs-Team format great for beginners to advanced players. Clinic style learning environment (Fun & Games). Juniors will develop fundamental skills and learn how to play the game as a teammate in a fun, friendly and competitive environment. Email info@sogolfacademy.com to sign up or visit sogolfacademy.com for more information.

AGES 5 to 13 years old
DAY Tuesdays
DATE Mar 3, 10, 17, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28
(Tournament Dates TBD)
TIME 4 to 4:55 PM
PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course, 3070 Hwy 66
COST \$299 including Team Gear
(equates to \$15 per hour)

Balkan Explosion

Balkan Explosion is a folkloric repertoire, taking you on a cultural journey through Southern Slavic dances. Instruction will be given in circular dances from Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Greece. Please wear comfortable clothing and gym/dance shoes. The Music Festival will be held Memorial Day weekend in Lithia Park, details at rogueworldmusic.org/awmf.

AGES 18 years old & up
DAY Mondays
DATE Session 3: March 2 through 30
Session 4: April 6 through 27
TIME 7:15 to 8:15 PM
PLACE The Grove, 1195 E. Main Street
COST \$40 for Session 1, 2 & 4 (4 classes)
\$50 for Session 3 (5 classes)

Avoiding Frauds, Scams and Cons

Ron Kohl, retired detective and Crime Prevention Specialist, will give helpful tips on how you can identify and protect yourself from frauds, scams and cons. Please register for free by calling the Senior Center at (541) 488-5342 or emailing seniorinfo@ashland.or.us.

DATE March 11
TIME 1 to 3 PM
PLACE Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Avenue

Barbershop Quartet Performance

Join us for a fun and nostalgic barbershop quartet performance by the Barbershop Harmony Society of the Rogue Valley Harmonizers. Sponsored by Right at Home, In Home Care and Assistance. No need to register, just drop on by for this free concert!

DATE March 25
TIME 1 to 2 PM
PLACE Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Avenue

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connects at
www.ashlandfiber.net



MARCH CITY CALENDAR

City Council
Business Meeting: March 3 & 17 | 6 p.m.
Study Sessions: March 2 & 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission
March 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation & Climate Outreach
March 25 | 6 p.m.

Climate Policy Commission
March 12 | 4 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission
March 10 | 5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission
March 4 | 6 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission
March 26 | 4 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission
Business Meeting: March 11 | 6:30 p.m.
Study Session: March 4 | 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Planning Commission
Business Meeting: March 10 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: March 24 | 7 p.m.

Public Art Commission
March 20 | 8:30 a.m.

Transportation Commission
March 19 | 6 p.m.

Tree Commission
March 5 | 6 p.m.

Wildfire Safety Commission
March 18 | 11 a.m.
Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900 ▲ Meetings are held in the Council Chambers (1175 E Main Street) or the Siskiyou Room (51 Winburn Way) unless otherwise noted. ▲ 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.



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