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

Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink

Bundle up, it's ice rink season again! The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink in Lithia park will be operational (weather permitting) through February 28, 2010. The outdoor rink is located in downtown Ashland, around the corner from the Plaza and directly across from Lithia Park at 95 Winburn Way, corner of Nutley Street and Winburn Way. Bring the whole family; our skate rentals accommodate toddler size 9 to adult size 13. We also rent adjustable skate trainers for first time skaters or those (See Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink, Page 2)

Ashland Forest Plan

The Ashland Forest Lands Commission is working to rewrite Ashland Forest Plan. Since 1995, the Forest Lands



Commission has been active in forest and resource management on 645 acres of City-owned forest lands, developing three phases of projects to improve forest health and reduce the wildfire threat. Beginning in 2004, the Forest Lands Commission has been deeply involved in working with community members on the U.S. Forest Service's Ashland Forest Resiliency project with the objective of reducing the threat of an uncharacteristically severe wildfire in the watershed.

The Record of Decision on the project was recently
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Free Traffic Safety Workshop

On January 20, 2010, the Oregon Department of Transportation Safety Division and the Ashland Transportation Commission will host a free one-day workshop entitled "Improving Safety Features of Local Roads and Streets." The workshop will take place at the Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This all day workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Mojie Takallou Ph.D., P.E. of the University of Portland, Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Takallou is a nationally renowned expert on transportation safety authoring fourteen books and teaching workshops for 22 years.

Motor vehicle traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for every age from 3 through 34 in the United States. Last year 37,261 persons were killed, 2,346,000 persons were injured and 5,777,000 motor vehicle crashes occurred with the total

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signed, and the Forest Lands Commission will be involved in monitoring the implementation of the project and helping to keep the public informed of project activities, while continuing to manage City owned lands in concert with the developing strategies on USFS owned land in the watershed.

The Forest Lands Commission is charged by the City of Ashland to implement the Ashland Forest Plan, written in 1992, and providing guidance for management of City-owned forest lands. The Forest Lands Commission is planning on updating the Plan to better reflect current science and the objectives of protecting water quality and quantity for the City. While objectives of the Ashland Forest Plan were rewritten in 2001 to be more in line with current thinking regarding forest manage-

ment and fuel hazard reduction, the Ashland Forest Plan is out of date.

Prior to rewriting the Ashland Forest Plan, the Forest Lands Commission would like to know more about our community's interest in helping rewrite the Plan. We understand that people have busy schedules and some of you may be involved in Ashland Forest Resiliency. We would like to know if you would like to be notified when drafts of the plan are available for review or if you would like to be more involved in the project, and what level of involvement you would like in development of the new Ashland Forest Plan.

We appreciate your interest in management of the City's forest lands. Please contact Chris Chambers at 541-552-2066 for more information or to participate in the update of the Ashland Forest Plan. ▼

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needing a little support.

Come prepared to skate, there are no changing rooms. Hot chocolate, coffee and water are available for sale. Open to the public for recreational and hockey skating. For more information, prices, daily schedule and extended holiday schedules refer to the web address www.ashland.or.us/icerink. ▼

Free Traffic Safety Workshop

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economic cost of 257.7 billion dollars! The workshop introduces the latest information in the field of highway safety and focuses on the cause of traffic crashes and how they can be prevented. Some of the topics of the workshop include:

Sustainable Landscape Practices

Join Landscape Architect Bonnie Bayard as she explores the following topics: 1) Plant Design Considerations; 2) Plant Composition; 3) Lower Maintenance Landscape Ideas; 4) No Lawn! Then What?; 5) Going Beyond Xeriscape. With over 25 years of experience, Bonnie brings to her classes a love and knowledge of how to create intimate landscapes that evoke peace and serenity. Her interest in drought-tolerant concepts, coupled with sacred space design practices, leads to landscapes that respect and work with nature. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, February 2 - March 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at North Mountain Park. Cost of the class is \$60 for the series. Ages 17 & up, please.

Registration is required — Please register online at <http://ashland.or.us/parks> or call N MT Park at 541-488-6606.

introduction to roads and streets safety in Oregon, proper use of traffic control devices, traffic calming, pedestrian safety, speed management and low cost roadway safety improvements. This workshop will be of particular value to elected officials, traffic safety committee members, road supervisors, public works personnel and concerned citizens. This workshop also satisfies the requirements for continuing education units (CEUs) for registered civil engineers.

To register for this free workshop contact:

☐ Jamie Strohecker, University of Portland, School of Engineering, Email: stroheck@up.edu, Telephone: 503 943-7292, or Fax: 503 943-7316

Or contact:

☐ Nancy Slocum, City of Ashland Public Works, Email: slocumn@ashland.or.us, Telephone: 541 552-2420, or Fax: 541 488-6006 ▼

Sanding and Snow Removal

Following snowfall, streets are cleared and sanded in the following order:

☐ Arterial streets including Siskiyou Boulevard., North Main, Highway 66, Lithia Way, Maple Street (hospital), school zones, etc. are always cleared first.

☐ Collector streets such as Mountain Avenue, East Main, Hersey Street, Park Street, Beach Street, etc. are cleared second

☐ Residential streets are cleared last and are prioritized based on volume of vehicular traffic and grade. Residential streets with heavy volume such as Morton Street, Strawberry Lane, Wimer Street, Church Street, Granite Street, etc. are attended to first. Low priority is given to streets with low vehicular traffic.

The Street Department reminds motorists that a plowed and sanded street does not guarantee the street is free from ice. Motorists should still exercise caution when traveling cleared streets and use common sense when deciding to drive on non-cleared residential streets. Tire chains are always a good idea on ice and snow, when in doubt chain up.

For more information, contact John Peterson at the street department at 541-488-5313. ▼

News Notes

The Bionic Energy Project

Ride your bike “Generate power and stash it on —The Grid.” Track your progress on the Web— Save the Planet. It’s easy to use sexy one-liners that grab attention. But can we really do all that? If it’s that simple, why hasn’t it been done before? Come see how any bicycle snaps into a stationary platform and watch (or try it yourself!) as a rider generates real electrons that flow back onto the power grid for

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Bus Tokens and Valley Lift Vouchers

The City of Ashland is again offering a limited number of free RVTD bus tokens and Valley Lift vouchers to income eligible Ashland residents, age 62 and older, and to income eligible residents ages 17 - 62 with a valid Oregon Trail Card. Bus tokens and Valley Lift vouchers are currently available on a one time basis and are not transferable. If you have not already received free tokens, please call the Senior Program at 541.488.5342.



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distribution. See how much energy is produced in real-time on our Web site! Followed by a short discussion: we have built the prototype—where do we go next? Class will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at North Mountain Park. This class costs \$5 and is for ages 10 and up. Registration is required — Please register online at <http://ashland.or.us/parks> or call N MT Park at 541-488-6606.

Money Matters: Cash Consciousness for Teens & Parents

Curious about how teens can make an empowered transition into financial independence? Come receive support in making conscious choices for spending, debt, who pays for what, the ins and outs of establishing credit, using credit cards, loan costs, and budgets. We will help you understand your money disposition: the beliefs that influence behavior. By communicating clear goals you will cultivate financial maturity. Break-out sessions will address specific concerns of each group—parents and teens. Gain more understanding of relevant money matters and resources to make a healthy transition with your family. This class will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 10:00 — 1:00 p.m. at the Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Costs are \$40 for parents and teens or \$20 for individuals. Ages 15 and up, please. Registration is required — Please register online at <http://ashland.or.us/parks> or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340.

Fire Inspections

Ashland Fire & Rescue will begin conducting fire inspections in Ashland businesses in January 2010. Business and building owners are encouraged to prepare for their own inspections. Inspections will be based on the Oregon Fire Code and will include such things as making sure that emergency lighting and lighted exit signs work, exits are clear and unobstructed and that fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems are serviced annually. More information is available on the City of Ashland website at www.ashland.or.us/fireinspections. ▼

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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

