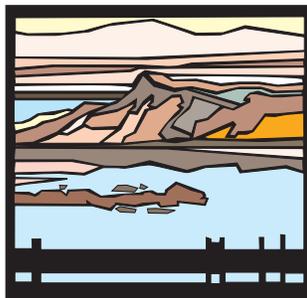


# City

## SOURCE

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

## Water System Protection



Most residences and commercial buildings have one or more backflow protection devices on their water system to protect potable (drinking) water from contamination. These devices are most commonly found on irrigation, fire, solar system, pools, pond fillers, boilers, and many other applications. Backflow devices provide a physical separation of potable water from non-potable water.

Irrigation devices should be tested in the spring, prior to seasonal operation to assure that irrigation systems do not contaminate drinking water. Contamination from irrigation systems is the largest cause of potable water contamination in the United States.

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## New Fire Chief

*The City of Ashland welcomes the new Fire Chief, John Karns. Chief Karns was appointed to the position on May 19 and began work on June 22. He brings extensive experience working in City fire departments, most recently as the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Beverly Hills, CA. Please join us in welcoming Chief Karns to the City of Ashland! ▼*

## Work Zone Safety for Drivers

The Ashland Transportation Commission reminds drivers to use caution and be extra careful when traveling through road construction zones. The Oregon Department of Transportation offers the following tips:

- Pay attention to driving, especially in the transition zone before the work area.
- "Orange is your clue." Slow down when you see orange signs, barrels and barricades.
- Don't tailgate. Double your following distance.
- Get in the correct lane well in advance; do not suddenly change lanes.
- Remember, work zone traffic lanes are often narrow, without shoulders or emergency lanes.
- Be aware of temporary entrances to the roadway from the median.
- Expect delays — plan for them and be patient.

Call 511 or log onto [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) for the latest traffic, weather and highway conditions by route or mountain pass. ▼



## Utility Box Public Art

On July 17, 18, and 19 green utility boxes on Oak Street, A Street and 2nd Street will be painted by local artists. The project is sponsored by the Public Art commission with financial support from the Jackson County Cultural Trust. Eight artists submitted a total of fourteen different designs for consideration by a Selection Panel comprised of neighbors of the various boxes. Seven designs were selected and were approved by the City Council in June. Ashland residents and visitors are encouraged to stop by the various boxes and watch as the artists paint or come afterward and see the completed works. ▼

## Water System Protection

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Backflow devices within the City of Ashland are required by State and local laws to be tested annually. If you have questions about testing requirements, please call Water Quality Technician, Jim Clark, at 488-5353.

Backflow testers are private contractors, so the cost of testing may vary. If your device is due for annual testing, please schedule an appointment with the qualified tester of your choice. Some residents have scheduled annual service with a tester. Your tester is responsible for sending a complete

test report to the City of Ashland.

The following is a list of City of Ashland approved testers:

☐ **Terry Scott Bradley**  
**Scott Bradley Backflow Assembly Testing**  
P.O. Box 313, Medford, OR 97501  
541-601-2259

☐ **Mark B. Jamieson**  
**Rogue Valley Backflow Service**  
550 Taylor Street, Ashland, OR 97520  
541-482-9464

☐ **Garrett Sander or Philip Sander**  
**Southern Oregon Backflow**  
934 NW Cooke Ave  
Grants Pass, OR 97526  
541-472-0280 ▼

## Tree of the Year Nominations Accepted until Monday, August 3, 2009

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 Daily Tidings and the on the City of Ashland website.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Located at \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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

My name, address and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send with utility payment, or send to Community Development,  
Attn: Amy Anderson at 20 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520.**

## Toilet Rebates

The City of Ashland is happy to announce the next step in our toilet rebate program. As of July 1, 2009 rebates will ONLY be issued for 1.28 gallon or less toilets also known as HET or high efficiency toilets AND must be on the Water Sense listing. For more information on this new program contact Robin Pearce in the City's Conservation Division at 552-2062 or pearcer@ashland.or.us. ▼

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Ashland Police Department is taking applications for the V.I.P.S. (Volunteer In Police Service.) There are opportunities available to be a part of the downtown foot patrol, vacation house check, District Attorney courier, bike patrol, or mail courier for the City interoffice mail. For more information, call Olaf Paul or Frank D'Entremont at Ashland Police Dept. 482-5211. ▼

## News Notes

### *Collecting Native Seed for Your Garden*

Seed collecting is a fun and effective way to enhance your garden with native plants. Jim Duncan will guide that endeavor as we explore an area of the Dead Indian Plateau just east of Ashland. Please bring water, a snack, and sunscreen as desired. Meet at North Mountain Park and be prepared to drive 20 to 25 minutes. Seed collection will take place on August 15, from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Ages 12 and

up only, please. The cost is \$10. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>

### *Introduction to Fly Fishing*

Discover the joy of fly fishing with Will Johnson, owner of The Ashland Fly Shop! Let us demystify this intriguing sport and give you the tools you need to develop the art of fly casting! Put yourself in the beautiful places fish live and have fun doing it! You will learn the mechanics of casting a fly rod, simple knots, and what to look for and expect when choosing equipment. All equipment for class provided by The Ashland Fly Shop. Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing for the day. Ages 12 and up only, please. The classes will take place on August 2 and 16, from 8:00 — 10:00 a.m. at Railroad Park, 758 A Street, Ashland. The cost is \$15/lesson. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

### *Simple Summer Cuisine*

#### *Cooking with 3 to 6 Ingredients*

Join local Chef, Sarah Greenblatt, and learn to create fun, tantalizing dishes using fresh ingredients for recipes from around the world. This demonstration class will show you how to make a meal that is both easy and full of flavor. Each student will be provided with recipe handouts, a full plate of food and have the opportunity to purchase wine by the glass, as paired with each meal. The

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## Youth Tennis Camp

Ashland Parks & Recreation is teaming up with Ashland Tennis & Fitness to bring group youth tennis lessons back. Tennis lessons are held 5 days a week, and run for two-week sessions. Classes for ages 12 — 15 will take place from 8:10 — 8:50 a.m. and for ages 8 — 11 from 9:00 — 9:40 a.m. at Hunter Park Tennis Courts. The cost is \$20 for 5 lessons. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.



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classes are for ages 21 and up only, please. All classes will take place from 5:30 — 8:00 p.m. at Agave Restaurant, 92 N. Main Street. The August 3 class will be Middle-Eastern cuisine, August 17 will be Mediterranean Fusion, and August 24 will be Fresh Local Fare. The Cost is \$45/person; \$80/two people for one lesson or \$130/person; \$220/two people for any 4 classes. Please note registration closes 3 days before the start of each class in order to make food purchases. No late registrations accepted. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

### **Summer Outdoor Service Days in the Parks**

Answer the call to service, meet new people and learn amazing factoids about invasive plants while you help to manage them in Ashland Parks and public lands. Tools, gloves, snacks and instruction will be provided. Call North Mountain Park Nature Center for more information 488-6606. See dates, times and locations to meet listed below.

☐ Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 — 8:30 p.m.

Whightman St. and Railroad tracks

☐ Saturday, August 15, 9:00 — 11:30 a.m.

Glenwood Park

Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

### **FREE Movies in Garfield Park**

Join Ashland Parks & Recreation and U.S. Cellular this summer for FREE Movies in Garfield Park. Each movie will begin at dusk (around 9:00 pm) and will be shown on the big screen at Garfield Park. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray, and snacks. U.S. Cellular will be on-hand to lead fun activities for the kids! Call Ashland Parks & Recreation at 541-488-5340 for more information. All ages welcome. Pre-registration is not required for Movie nights!

August 7 - The Tale of Desperaux

August 21 - The Little Rascals

### **All-Comer's Swim Meet**

Rogue Valley Masters Swim Club is hosting an All-Comer's Swim Meet on August 8th! Open to swimmers of all abilities who can swim at least 25 yards. Events will include butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, individual medley, and relays. All ages are welcome. Registration and warm-ups at the pool will

take place from 8:00 — 9:00 a.m. and the meet will take place from 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 or free with proof of Ashland Parks & Recreation Swim Camp Registration. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>. ▼

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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 7:00 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 the 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](http://www.ashland.or.us). ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

