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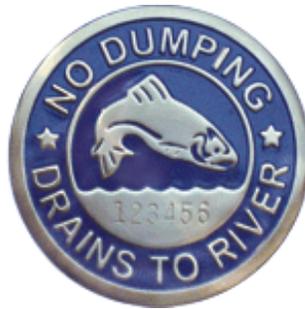
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THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

## Curb to Creek

The City of Ashland is recruiting volunteers for neighborhood storm drain marking. Through citizen involvement, we are educating communities about the hazards of dumping pollutants into storm drains. With the help of volunteers we are placing over 3,000 placards which state “No Dumping — Drains to River” next to storm drains throughout the City of Ashland. The placards remind people that storm drains flow untreated, directly into local creeks.

You can take an active roll in preventing pollution in your neighborhood by becoming a Neighborhood Leader and hosting a storm drain marking event. Please discuss this project with your neighbors, and gather a  
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## July 4th Parade

*July 4th parade spectators are asked not to place chairs, blankets, and other placeholders on public property prior to 6:00 a.m. the morning of July 3 (please no plastic tarps on the grass). Public property includes the median on Siskiyou Blvd., park rows and sidewalks of Siskiyou Blvd., E. Main Street, the Plaza and other public areas. Spectators place items at their own risk. Items which create a safety hazard for pedestrians or vehicles will be picked up and disposed of. Chairs and blankets should not block sidewalks and should be secured to prevent items from blowing out of place. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. ▼*

## New Fireworks Ordinance

Ashland Fire & Rescue is asking you to help keep your family, friends and neighbors safe this summer by observing the new City of Ashland fireworks ordinance. Fireworks will go on sale in Oregon on June 23, but even retail fireworks that are legal in the state of Oregon are not permitted to be used in the City of Ashland.

One of the best ways to keep your family safe is to enjoy the Ashland Chamber of Commerce fireworks displayed over the SOU campus near Iowa Street on the night of July 4th. For information on how to support this fireworks display, visit their website at [www.ashlandchamber.com](http://www.ashlandchamber.com)

If you still want to experience a few fireworks, there are four “unclassified” items that Ashland residents can use inside the city limits without violating the law: Sparklers (wire-cored), Snakes, Smoke bombs and Party Poppers. Please observe the following safety precautions if you choose to use these:  
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group of four to six people for a weekend community building adventure. Then contact North Mountain Park to receive a Registration Form and Instruction Manual to prepare you for your event. Select a date, and a Parks and Recreation staff member will help you mobilize your neighborhood through education, equipment, and coordination.

If you can't commit to being a Neighborhood Leader, we'd still appreciate your assistance and will be glad to keep you informed regarding upcoming storm drain marking events. We appreciate your ongoing vigilance in protecting our watershed.

***Here are some other ways you can help keep our storm drains free from pollutants:***

- Report any storm drain dumping

or problems with storm drains in your neighborhood to the Ashland Street Department 541-488-5313.

- Dispose of household hazardous, such as oil and antifreeze, properly. Call Ashland Sanitary and Recycling about the next collection date. 541-482-1471.
- Participate in Ashland's Curb to Creek, Storm Drain Marking Program. Call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

For more information, please visit <http://ashland.or.us/Curb2Creek>. ▼

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- Always have an adult present
- Use fireworks in a space clear of combustible vegetation
- Never use fireworks in forested areas
- Never alter or throw fireworks

- Keep matches and fireworks out of reach of children
- Place used fireworks in a bucket of water
- Keep water nearby

For more fire safety information, please visit [www.ashland.or.us/fire](http://www.ashland.or.us/fire). Violators of the fireworks law can be fined up to \$500. ▼

## Weed Abatement

As fire season approaches, landowners are encouraged to help mitigate fires. One step toward preventing fire loss is weed and dry grass abatement before the summer sun dries them out. Weeds and other unmanaged combustible vegetation can cause a significant fire hazard as the season turns to summer. The Ashland Municipal Code 9.04 requires that all property owners within the city limits of Ashland abate weeds and dry grass on their property by June 15 of each year. Please do your part to protect

## Free Concerts in Lithia Park

The Ashland City Band Concerts will be held weekly at the Butler Bandshell in Lithia Park on Thursdays, June 17 through August 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Special Pre-Concert Performances, starting at 6:30 p.m., will be given by: the Dixieland Band, Swing Kings Band, Licorice & Chrome, Slide Effects Trombone Ensemble, and others!

homes and property in the City of Ashland.

If you have a location where you are concerned about weed abatement issues, please submit a complaint in writing using the form found on our website. Complaints will be addressed beginning June 16. Weed abatement requirements will be applied as indicated in Ashland Municipal Code 9.04 and penalties can include fines up to \$500.

Additional information about weed abatement can be found at the City of Ashland's website - [www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement](http://www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement).

## Work Zone Safety

With construction work picking up this summer, the Ashland Transportation Commission would like to remind drivers to be extra careful when traveling through work zones. The Oregon Department of Transportation offers the following tips for safe summer traveling:

- ❑ Pay complete attention to the driving task, 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 often are 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 for the latest traffic, weather and highway conditions by route or mountain pass.

Visit [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com) to check routes, snags, work zones or bad road conditions before you begin your trip. ▼

## News Notes

### *Urban Composting Classes*

On Saturdays June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18 from 10 am-noon, at the Recycle Center on Water Street, Denny Morelli will instruct participants on how to divert food scraps & organic yard debris from the landfill. In time, this material can become valuable soil for your garden & yard. You will 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 thanks to the sponsorship of City of Ashland Conservation Commission. Please park on Water Street (not in Recycle Center parking area.) For more information, please contact Mary McClary at 541-552-2305.

### *Tree Climbing Workshop*

Use rope-and-saddle tree climbing techniques to enter the leafy crown of a living tree! Instructor Tim Kovar will introduce tree climbing

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## *Free Ballet Classes in Lithia Park*

Little Ballerina Classes will be held at the Butler Bandshell in Lithia Park. Aspiring ballerinas ages 5 - 9 can come dance on Sundays, from 11:00 a.m. until noon on July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. Registration will be on-site, starting at 10:45 a.m.

## *Free Ballet Performances in Lithia Park*

The State Ballet of Oregon will hold ballet performances from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on July 11, 18, 25, and August 1.



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equipment, knot tying, rope placement, and basic tree inspection. Then Tim will guide you as you climb up into the crown and glide back down again. Bring a bag lunch to this all-day event and wear long sleeves, long pants and closed-toe shoes. All climbing gear will be provided. Pre-registration is required. This workshop is for ages 17 and up (13 - 16 allowed, if accompanied by a parent of guardian.) The workshop will be held Tuesday, July 13, from 9:00 am - 6:00 p.m. at North Mountain Park. Workshop costs \$125/participant and you will receive a \$50 credit toward tuition for any Tree Climbing Northwest ([www.treeclimbingnorthwest.com](http://www.treeclimbingnorthwest.com)) training course.) Please register online at [www.ashland.or.us/parks](http://www.ashland.or.us/parks) or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

### **Swim Instructor Mentorship**

Do you like working with children? Ever wondered what it would be like to teach swim lessons? Here's your chance to find out. Gain experience working with a lead teacher/mentor and learn the basics of instructing a swim lesson. To complete this course you must commit to approximately 20 hours (Session C only). This schedule will be either morning or afternoons. All applicants must pass an interview. Deadline to apply is July 15 — space is limited. Cost, if selected, is \$50. This opportunity is for ages 14 to 15 (must turn 14 by June 15, 2010). All enrollees must pass a swim proficiency test. Hours may be applied to fulfill school community service requirement. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340 or [www.ashland.or.us/parks](http://www.ashland.or.us/parks) for more information.

### **34th Annual 4th of July Run**

On Sunday, July 4, 2010, join us for the 34th Annual 4th of July Run. There will be a 6-Mile Traditional Run, starting 7:45 a.m. and a 2-Mile Traditional Run/Walk starting at 8:00 a.m.

Race Day Headquarters and the Start/Finish Line will be at the corner of Third & Main Streets, near the Ashland Public Library. All miles will be marked. Water is available at five aid stations on the 6-mile race. The Awards Ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Ashland Public Library. All race participants are eligible for the Random Prize Drawing with submission of race number. Age Group Awards (for all 6-milers

and 2-milers ages 11 and under) will be given to the top 3 finishers. You must be present to win. All finishers will receive a ribbon at the Finish Line. For more information visit [www.ashland.or.us/julyrun](http://www.ashland.or.us/julyrun) or call 541-488-5340. ▼

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

