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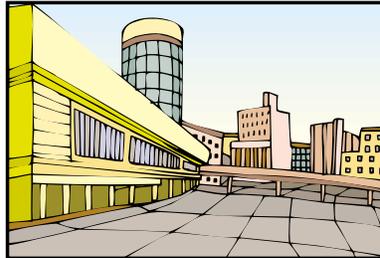
THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

Arbor Day

April 28 is Arbor Day and is celebrated nationwide. The State of Oregon celebrates Arbor Week during the first week in April. The City of Ashland Tree Commission has a number of events planned during April to celebrate Arbor Week and Ashland's designation as a Tree City USA. These include the Mayor's proclamation, a tree planting ceremony, placement of the Tree of the Year plaque near the Giant Sequoia at the corner (See Arbor Day, Back Page)

Architectural Award Nominations Sought

As part of the City of Ashland's annual celebration of National Historic Preservation Week, May 21 through May 27, the



Ashland Historic Commission is seeking award nominations for its "Distinguished Architectural Preservation Awards." The purpose of these awards is to honor citizens that have made a contribution to the historic character of Ashland, either through the renovation of existing structures or sites, or through their ongoing efforts on behalf of historic preservation in Ashland. Awards will be presented in the following categories: residential, commercial, (See *Architectural Award Nominations Sought*, Page 2)

Request for Contractors for Weed Abatement Program

Every spring, the city reminds Ashland residents to mow nuisance and hazard weeds on their properties including vacant and underdeveloped land.

The largest portion of the Weed Abatement program occurs from late May through early July. During this time, many property owners will contact contractors to mow the weeds. In 2005 there were only three remaining contractors on the city's list of local mowing contractors.

If you are a licensed contractor and interested in being added to the list of mowing service providers, please contact Dean Walker 552-2424. ▼



Spring is a Good Time to Clean

Tree branches and bushes that extend onto city streets and sidewalks pose hazards for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. Larger vehicles such as delivery trucks, street sweepers and RVs can sustain damage when coming into contact with tree branches and trees can sustain damage if branches are broken.

Property owners are responsible for trimming trees or bushes that abut the street and their property. This includes the park row area between the sidewalk and the curb.

To determine if your trees need trimming, stand on the curb line in

front of your home, look up and see if there are any branches extending beyond the curb into the street under 14 feet or 8 feet over sidewalks. If so, these branches should be trimmed back to the curb line.

Bushes and shrubs should also be trimmed to allow passengers to easily exit a parked car and to allow pedestrians the full width of the sidewalk.

Please call Dean Walker 552-2424 for more information. ▼

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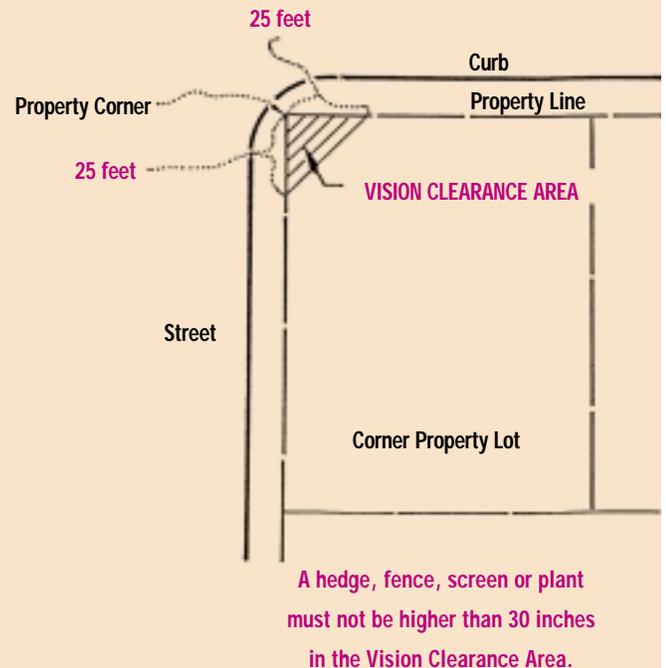
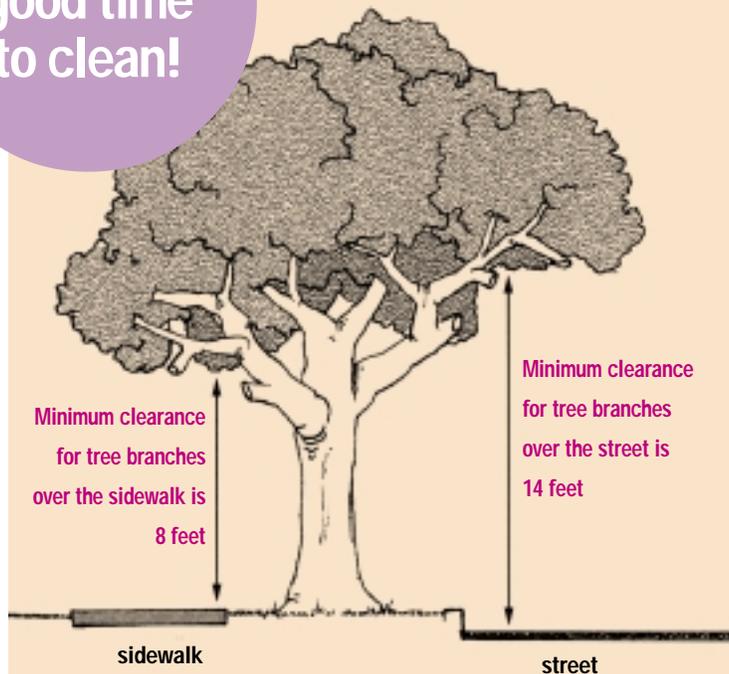
civic projects, historically compatible new construction, and an award that recognizes the efforts of

individual(s) citizens.

We welcome and encourage your participation. Historic preservation in Ashland is an important and valued aspect of our community. Your opinion counts! Nomination forms may be picked up from the City of Ashland Community Development and Engineering Services Building at 51 Winburn Way or downloaded from the City's website at www.ashland.or.us.

Nomination forms are due by April 1, 2006. Nominations will be reviewed by the Ashland Historic Commission and awards will be presented at a ceremony scheduled for May 26, 2006. The time and location of the award ceremony will be posted on the City's website and announced in the City Source newsletter. ▼

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News Notes

Field Study Volunteer Training

Volunteers are needed to help teach about water. Two trainings will be offered for volunteers, 16 and older, who are interested in working with elementary students during May and June.

Wednesday, April 12, 9 am — 2 pm; K through 3rd grades:

Program topics include the water cycle, ponds & wetlands, and uses of water by people, plants & animals. Program and training location: North Mountain Park.

Thursday, April 13, 9 am — 2 pm;

3rd through 5th grades: Program topics include the watershed, stream flow & water quality, riparian habitat and the Ashland water infrastructure. Program and training location: upper Lithia Park.

All materials and lessons provided. Volunteers may attend one or both trainings. Free. To register visit <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 488-6606.

Open House ASD Bond and Facilities Committee

The volunteer Bond and Facilities Planning committee for the Ashland School District is hosting an open house on April 5 in the Ashland Public Library between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Drop by anytime to view the options prepared by the 17 member Bond and Facilities Planning Committee. The committee has spent hundreds of hours collecting

information from consultants, parents, staff, students and community members in order to prioritize needed facility improvement projects identified in the mechanical, engineering architectural and seismic assessment completed last summer. The committee will forward a final plan to the School Board based on input from the community.

Funding for the projects would be through a general obligation bond proposed for the November 2006 election. Come be a part of our children's future. Refreshments will be served. Feel free to RSVP at www.ashland.k12.or.us/facility or call 482-2811 or just show up — we'll be happy to see you!

Are You Ready? CERT

Free training in Emergency Preparedness. The City of Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) wants to know if you are ready to respond to emergencies great and small? Do you have basic medical supplies together in a portable case? How about food you can prepare without electricity or gas? Radio, batteries, flashlights? How about a family communication plan, if something happens while you are at work and your child is at school? Ashland CERT offers basic information about how to prepare you and your family in an emergency. Three-hour ARE YOU READY training sessions start in

(See *Are You Ready? CERT*, Back Page)

Rogue Valley Earth Day 2006

Celebrate Earth Day 2006 at North Mountain Park on Saturday, April 22, from 11 am to 4:00 pm.

All ages are invited to this free community festival. Over 50 exhibits will teach how to conserve energy, reduce waste, prevent pollution, protect wildlife and create an earth-friendly lifestyle. Kids will enjoy a birds of prey and reptile exhibit from Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center, a hands-on tour of exhibits, crafts, Earthball games, puppet theater and more. Delicious, healthy snacks and beverages will be for sale, and live entertainment will be scheduled throughout the day.

For more information and the schedule for the free shuttle please call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606 or visit www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net.



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of Bush and Almond Streets, a Tree Walk and participation at the Annual Earth Day festival.

For the second year, the City of Ashland Tree Commission is participating in a Department of Forestry statewide effort to get every community in the state to celebrate trees with Tree Walks. The Tree Walk for 2006 is scheduled on Sunday, April 2. Commissioners will lead a free Tree Walk through the Railroad District; meet the commissioners at 2 p.m. at Railroad Park on A Street.

More information about the numerous activities during the month of April to celebrate Arbor Week will be posted on the City web page, www.ashland.or.us. ▼

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April. Call 552-2226 or e-mail cert@ashland.or.us

Also, CERT BASIC TRAINING Intensive, a 24-hour FREE prep and rescue course taught by AFR paramedics is offered over two weekends, Apr. 14-15 and 21-22. See the schedule at www.ashlandcert.org or call 552-2226 to sign up.

Prepare Now for Fire Season

Now is the time to reduce the risk of fire, in preparation of fire season. Property owners are encouraged to reduce wildfire fuels around their property, remove leaves and combustible debris from gutters, eaves and roof area and cut tall grass by June 15. Store firewood away from the outside of buildings, place flammable liquids in air tight, spill-proof containers and store outside of living areas, test and maintain smoke detectors regularly, ensure that address numbers are easily visible from the street and that emergency vehicles have access to your property.

Open burning within the City of Ashland begins on March 1 and continues until fire season opens. Open burning requires a permit from the fire department. Before deciding to burn consider alternatives such as recycling through chipping and/or composting.

For more information call the Ashland Fire Department at 482-2701. ▼



Volunteers Sarah Gottlieb (sitting) and Sandra Basudde practice an emergency drill. CERT volunteers are trained to help neighbors and emergency personnel during disasters.

CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

March 16	Bike and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
March 17	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
March 20	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
March 21	City Council	7:00 p.m.
March 22	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
March 23	AFN Programming Committee	5:30 p.m.
March 23	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 p.m.
March 27	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
March 28	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
April 3	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
April 4	Airport Commission	9:30 p.m.
April 5	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
April 6	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
April 11	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
April 12	Forest Lands Commission	4:30 p.m.

◆ 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

