

# CITY OF ASHLAND City

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## Be Prepared When Disaster Strikes

Learn the skills to perform basic disaster response such as small fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations in a FREE training offered by Ashland Fire & Rescue's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). When disaster strikes, you'll know how to provide critical support to friends, family, neighbors and professional emergency responders. Training is offered in April and May. For exact dates and to sign up, contact Ashland CERT at 541-552-2226, [cert@ashland.or.us](mailto:cert@ashland.or.us) or [www.ashlandcert.org](http://www.ashlandcert.org). ▼

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## Make the Most of Your Water

Spring is the perfect time to prepare your landscape for the summer watering season. By taking care of a few important maintenance items to increase your landscape's ability to hold water, you'll take the first step towards water efficiency. Completing tasks such as aerating, amending soil, and adding mulch will sustain healthy soils that cycle nutrients, minimize runoff and retain water. When the time finally comes to start up your sprinkler system, these simple steps can help reduce the amount of water needed for your landscape.

If you're designing a new landscape or rethinking your (See, *Landscaping*, Back Page)



## Ashland Community Bike Swap

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Swap will provide a community venue for buying and selling working-condition bicycles and related equipment. Proceeds from this event fund bike safety education in the Rogue Valley.

This event is made possible by Ashland Parks & Recreation, Rogue Valley Transportation District, Jefferson Public Radio, and the City of Ashland Fire Department, Transportation Commission and Police Department.

If you are interested in selling, items for sale can be dropped off Friday, April 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 18, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The seller will agree to pay 20% of each sale with a \$100 cap to benefit bicycle safety education.

If you are interested in buying a bicycle, the swap will be open to the public on Saturday, April 18, noon to 2:00 p.m. The event will take place

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## Living with Deer

Your utility bill this month includes the City's new brochure: "Living with Urban Deer." We hope you'll read this and keep it handy as an information resource (and make sure your friends and neighbors do the same). ▼



## Earth Day 2015

Join us in celebrating Rogue Valley Earth Day on Saturday, April 25th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Science Works Museum in Ashland! The City of Ashland's Conservation Division will be among the many exhibitors participating in this year's festivities. Visit our booth to learn more about water and energy conservation practices and how you can use these methods to make your home more efficient. Find out about our rebate programs and our free onsite water and energy evaluations. For more information about conservation programs, visit our website at [www.ashland.or.us/conserve](http://www.ashland.or.us/conserve) or call 541-488-5306.

For more information about Rogue Valley Earth Day go to [www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net](http://www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net). ▼

## Bike Swap

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at The Grove, 1195 E Main St in Ashland. Admission to the swap is \$1 per person or \$3 per family. Children under five are free!

Bicycle and equipment donations are tax-deductible. Donations will be accepted until April 11, and are equivalent to more bike safety classes! Please call Ashland Parks & Recreation at 541-488-5340 for more information or visit [www.RVTD.org/bikeswap](http://www.RVTD.org/bikeswap). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Ainsworth by email at [lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us](mailto:lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us) or by phone at 541-552-2264. ▼

## Landscaping

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current one, visit the City of Ashland's Water-Wise Landscaping website at [www.ashland.or.us/waterwise](http://www.ashland.or.us/waterwise) to get helpful ideas on water-wise plants. The planning process is one of the most important steps you can take when developing your water-wise landscape. A good plan enables you to design a landscape that will have the appearance and function you desire while also conserving water. If you need assistance, the City offers free sprinkler system evaluations to help you in

your efforts at making your landscape water efficient. Visit our website at [www.ashland.or.us/conserve](http://www.ashland.or.us/conserve) or call us at 541-552-2062 to schedule an appointment. ▼



## 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 Wednesday prior to the Tuesday Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m.
- **Housing and Human Services 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 8:30 a.m.
- **Transportation Commission** meets on the fourth Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Tree Commission** meets on the Thursday before the Tuesday Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- **Wildfire Mitigation Commission** meets on the second Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at [rvtd.sou.edu](http://rvtd.sou.edu). ▲ 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 541-488-6002. ▲ 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. ▼

