

Ashland Community Bike Swap

Saturday, April 16, noon to 2:00 p.m.
The Grove, 1195 E Main Street, Ashland



The 26th 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 Commission (APRC), Rogue Valley Transportation District, Jefferson Public Radio, and the City of Ashland Fire Department and Transportation Commission.

If you are interested in selling, items for sale can be dropped off Friday, April 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 16, 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 16, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Grove, 1195 E. Main St. in Ashland. Admission into the swap is \$1 per person. Kids 5 and under are FREE!

Bicycle and equipment donations are tax-deductible. Donations will be accepted until April 12, and are equivalent to more bike safety classes! Please call the main APRC office at 541-488-5340 for more information

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Coming up in April

Council action on a proposal to ban smoking in all public places in downtown Ashland will come before the Council in April, at either its April 5 or April 19 business meeting. The Council first considered the ordinance at its February 2 meeting, but decided to do additional outreach to potentially impacted businesses before taking any action. A copy of the proposal can be found on the city's website in the February 2nd agenda packet.

Meanwhile, either the Council's April 4 study session or April 5 business meeting will be devoted to a review of the Downtown Parking and Multimodal Traffic Circulation Plan. This is a plan that a citizen committee has been working on for some two years to address parking needs and traffic issues downtown. One of the committee's key recommendations that is sure to generate a lot of public discussion is a proposal to narrow E. Main St. from three lanes to two lanes with wider sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes. Formal adoption of the plan would not take place until June or later.

Council business meetings are held on
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Take Spring Cleaning Outdoors and Spruce Up Your Sprinklers

Spring is often a time for tackling those tough chores indoors. But you can also save water and money outdoors with a little sprinkler spruce-up this season. If you have an irrigation system, chances are it has been dormant for the past several months. Take a few minutes to check your system for common problems such as leaks or malfunctioning sprinkler heads.

Inspect – Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads. If you're not the do-it-yourself type, go with a pro. Look for an irrigation professional certified through the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board to help you maintain your system.

Connect – Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak in your system. A leak only as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen (1/32nd of an inch) can waste as much as 6,300 gallons (840 cubic feet) of water per month.

Direct – Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.

Select – An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste a lot of water and money. Update your system's schedule every two weeks throughout the summer and turn the system off if rain is in the forecast.

Call 541-552-2057 during the watering season for updated weather and controller scheduling information. The City of Ashland offers many resources to assist you in managing your landscape.

Check out the Water Wise Landscaping website at www.ashland saveswater.org. Visit the Conservation Division webpage at www.ashland.or.us/conserves or call 541-552-2421 to take advantage of our **free** sprinkler evaluations or the lawn replacement program.



Hire

Give a hand up, not a hand out.

Ashland Job Match
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Ashland Job Match

Are you an employer looking to hire hard-working individuals? Are you a low-income individual looking to expand your work experience? [Ashland Job Match](#) is the program for you!

Ashland Job Match is a program through the [Ashland Community Resource Center](#) funded through the City of Ashland and other grants. This program connects low-income and homeless individuals in the community with businesses and individuals looking for hard workers. These opportunities provide people with work experience to build their resume and obtain employment references in order to help them secure a more stable job position in the future.

Ashland Job Match gives the community a chance to provide struggling individuals with a “hand-up” rather than a “hand-out.” Ashland Job Match personally screens each individual looking for work and matches them with the available job position. The Jobs Specialist at Ashland Job Match is the only person who can see the job posting, and they are responsible for matching an individual to the open position. This ensures that employers’ information will remain confidential and they will receive an employee matched to their needs.

The program needs people interested and willing to offer short- or long-term work opportunities. Spring and summer brings many seasonal tasks that could be a great fit. For more information on the program and how you can participate, please visit ashlandjobmatch.com. If you have any questions you can call jobs specialist Tina Stevens at 541-631-2235 or email crystinastevens@gmail.com.

It's Swarm Season for Honeybees - Help Them Find New Homes

It's a privilege to witness swarming honeybees. Every spring, this wondrous event happens many times, as a growing beehive divides and sends half of its colony with the old queen to seek a new home. Before leaving the hive, worker bees fill their honey stomachs for the journey. With their full abdomens, swarming bees are unlikely to sting - their focus is on finding a new home and protecting their queen.

Unprotected, a bee swarm is exposed to rain, cold, and predators, and may not survive more than three days. Even if scouts do find a location for the new hive, survival rates can be quite low.

Beekeepers dream of catching swarms. If you see a swarm or a colony that needs a new home, please report it immediately by calling one of the numbers listed below. You will be helping to sustain one of the world's most fascinating and beneficial creatures.

1. Southern OR Beekeepers Association - 541-462-1604 or www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/report-a-swarm
2. Bee Rescue Team, College of the Melissae - 360-531-3017
3. Southern Oregon University Beekeeping Club - 541-244-0391
4. Ashland Police Department Dispatch - 541-770-4784

Coming Up

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the third Tuesday of the month in the Council Chambers at 1175 E. Main St., starting at 7:00 p.m. Study sessions are held on the Monday before each regular business meeting (except on holidays) in the Siskiyou Room at 51 Winburn Way starting at 5:30 p.m. Council agendas are subject to change on short notice, so please check the City website to be sure agenda items in which you are interested are still scheduled for Council discussion or action.

AFN for Business

Ashland Fiber Network now offers the fastest download speeds in the Rogue Valley: 120 megabytes per second. There's *nobody* else offering that kind of speed and bandwidth in Ashland. This "MAX Enterprise" service is ideal for businesses – large or small – that need super-fast internet service (or for anyone else that wants it).

For now, this service is available only through AFN internet service provider Ashland Home Net. This 120 mbps service is not sold by AFN direct. We know that many businesses have been clamoring for this kind of service for a long time. Now it's here! Fast, reliable and local. When you purchase AFN service you're not only getting state-of-the-art broadband service at a very competitive price, you're keeping your dollars in the local economy instead of sending them off to an out-of-state investor-owned corporation.

To sign on to MAX Enterprise 120 mbps service, contact Ashland Home Net, 541-488-9207. Find more information at the City website: www.ashland.or.us and look for the "Connect to AFN" link.

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Summer 2016

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission is offering an opportunity for the youth of the Rogue Valley to participate in restoration and riparian work in Ashland parks and trails during our summer YCC. Incoming eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh graders will spend a week in June or July performing a variety of parks and trails maintenance tasks, including invasive species removal, trail chipping, hand-watering newly planted native species and shoring up well-used hiking trails.

After successfully completing the program, participants will earn 25 hours of academic community service per session plus recreation passes to the Daniel Meyer Pool and the Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink. For more information and to apply, please visit ashland.or.us/YouthCorps or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth, at 541-552-2264 or lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us.

Calendar Notes

HeartSaver First Aid / CPR / AED Certification

HeartSaver First Aid / CPR / AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and AED use.

All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland. We now accept credit cards.

For information or to register contact the CERT Program Coordinator at 541-552-2226 or cpr@ashland.or.us

DATE: April 9

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ashland Fire Station 2

COST: \$55

Earth Day

Join us in celebrating Rogue Valley Earth Day on Saturday, April 23rd, 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 please call 541-488-5306 or go to <http://roguevalleyearthday.net/>.

Exploring Ashland Parks' Trails

Learn about recreational trails in Ashland. Pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

AGES: 10 - Adult

PLACE: North Mountain Park

DATE: April 5

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

COST: \$5

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or visit www.RVTD.org/bikeswap. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or 541-552-2264.

City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: April 5 & 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: April 4 & 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: April 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: April 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission

April 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

April 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

April 12 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

April 6 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Commission

April 28 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: April 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: April 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

April 15 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

April 28 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

April 7 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

April 20 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public.
▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.