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

Downtown Pedestrian Safety

The City of Ashland is adding “bumpouts” or curb extensions to five downtown intersections.



Bumpouts extend the corner curb at an intersection into the street thereby shortening the crosswalk and forcing motorists to slow down at those intersections. Improvements will meet ADA requirements with ramping and textured surfaces.

Intersections:

☐ ***Water Street/North Main/East Main Bumpout*** at the corner curb adjacent to Bluebird Park.

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Weed Abatement Season

Beginning in mid May, Code Compliance staff will begin the annual Weed Abatement program.

The goal is to have all nuisance and hazard weeds, on all private and City lands, mowed at least once between mid May and June 15th per Ashland Municipal Code 9.04

*Due to the heavy rains this year, it is possible that some parcels will need more than one mow to stay in compliance. Weeds must be kept short (See *Weed Abatement Season*, Page 2)*

Curbside Recycling

Ashland Sanitary & Recycling has an extended curbside-recycling program. In-town customers are provided with a 65-gallon roll cart that will hold most household recyclables.

The cart can be used for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles #1-7, aluminum, phone books, magazines, catalogs, tin cans and some mixed waste paper (see the list below).

Use the small blue recycling bin for glass and motor oil.

Which mixed waste paper can I recycle?

Magazines, scrap paper, cereal and cracker boxes, labels from metal cans, office paper, opened mail, paper egg cartons, shredded paper (strips only), six-pack holders, shoe boxes, wrapping paper, phone books, paper bags, newspaper.

Which mixed waste paper is not recyclable?

Candy wrappers, foil, food contaminated paper (pizza boxes etc.),

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- ❑ **Oak Street/East Main Bumpouts** at the corner curb in front of Accents and the corner curb at Wells Fargo Bank.
- ❑ **First/East Main Bumpout** at the corner curb near Washington Mutual Bank.
- ❑ **Oak and Lithia Way Bumpout** added to the corner curb at Wells Fargo Bank parking lot and to the corner curb at Sunshine Salon.
- ❑ **First and Lithia Way Bumpouts** at all four corners.

The City has contracted with LTM to construct the improvement. Work began in mid-April and should be completed by the end of May. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 488-5587. ▼

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frozen food boxes, paper cups, paper plates, pet food bags, snack food bags, shredded paper (confetti style) stickers, tissue, waxed paper, milk carton and drink boxes.

What plastics can I recycle?

Any plastic bottle with a neck smaller than the base (milk jugs, pop bottles, juice containers, detergent bottles, water bottles, etc.) is acceptable. Please remove the lids and rinse the bottle.

What plastics are not recyclable?

Do not include margarine tubs, yogurt cups, plastic bags or any plastic bottle that contained motor oil, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials.

Yard debris recycling is also available for an extra charge.

For more information, contact Ashland Sanitary & Recycling at 482-1471 or visit www.ashlandsanitary.com ▼

New Laws for Drivers Help Keep Pedestrians Safe

Senate Bill 591, which took effect January 1, 2006, makes turning at intersections with traffic signals and pedestrian crossings easier for drivers. The Bill allows motorists to make a turn at signaled intersections once a pedestrian is six feet across the lane next to the one a motorist wishes to turn into. This is slightly more than the width of a typical car. This bill created an exception to the 2004 law that required motorists to stop and wait until a pedestrian crossed both the driver's lane and the next lane before turning.

Under Oregon law, a crosswalk exists at any public street intersection, whether marked or unmarked. Crosswalks also exist between intersections (mid-block) where indicated.

At a traffic signal, drivers must:

- ❑ Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared

the lane in which the driver is traveling and the adjacent lane.

- ❑ Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane into which the driver's vehicle is turning and at least 6 feet of the adjacent lane.

At any other crosswalk — those without a signal — drivers must:

- ❑ Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane in which the driver is traveling or turning into and the adjacent lane.
- ❑ Always obey directions of crossing guards. ▼

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enough to not be a fire hazard, as well as to avoid the spreading of weeds on to neighboring parcels.

If you are responsible for property that has this type of nuisance or hazard weeds, please help us make this summer safe and as free of weeds as possible.

For more information contact Dean Walker at 552-2424 (e-mail walkderd@ashland.or.us) or Adam Hanks at 552.2046 (e-mail adam@ashland.or.us) in the Community Development Department. ▼

News Notes

Elections Class

City Recorder Barbara Christensen will be hosting an Elections Class for all citizens interested in running for office this November. If you are interested in running for any of the following elected positions, you do not want to miss this opportunity.

- City Council (Positions 2, 4, & 6)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (Positions 3, 4, & 5)
- City Recorder/Treasurer
- Municipal Judge

The class will be held on Friday, June 2 from 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. in the Siskiyou Room at 51 Winburn Way.

For additional information, contact City Recorder Barbara Christensen at (541) 488-5307.

Energy Saving Coupons

If you're looking for ways to make your home more efficient, check out the Smart Savings Guide coupon book at www.NorthwestENERGYSTAR.com. You'll find manufacturer rebates available from May 1st to October 31st, 2006 on ENERGY STAR qualified products to help you save money and energy. For more information on this promotion, please call Cathy at 552-2063.

EMS Fair

Come join Ashland Fire and Rescue for our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fair on Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 to 3:00 at Garfield Park. We will have a fire safety trailer, games, jump houses,

dunk tank, an ambulance and fire engine to tour, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, water bottles and t-shirts. Everything is free so come join the fun.

Changes to the Safety Belt Laws

Under Oregon law, drivers are responsible for wearing safety belts and for ensuring that all passengers under age 16 are appropriately restrained. The law requires that children under age 4 and weighing less than 40 pounds ride in a child safety seat. Children over 4 years of age or weighing more than 40 pounds must ride in a booster seat until they reach both age 6 and weigh at least 60 pounds. Passengers over age 16 are themselves responsible for wearing a safety belt.

In addition, adult passengers traveling in taxicabs or commercial shuttles and vans now are responsible for properly restraining children traveling with them — as well as themselves — under a new Oregon law that took effect January 1, 2006.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury among children. Last year in Oregon, traffic crashes injured 1,297 children under age 10 and killed 14, according to preliminary data for ODOT's 2005 Crash analysis Unit. More than 60 percent of children injured or killed in traffic crashes were not using a child safety seat or booster. This means they were either using

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Keep Ashland Beautiful

Adopt a street to keep clean. Individuals or groups (service clubs, businesses, schools, etc.) can commit to picking up litter for one year in designated areas under the City's *Adopt A Street Program*. It's easy, fun, and good exercise! For more information, call Cathy at 552-2063, or check out the City's website.



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no restraints at all or were using improperly fitting adult lap and shoulder belts. By strict adherence to the law we can reduce this number to zero!

International Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day, on May 14 from 8:00 a.m. — noon at the North Mountain Park Nature Center with a variety of fun outdoor learning activities for birders of all ages. Take “early bird” guided walks and visit the banding station to get a close-up look. Sip “bird friendly” shade grown coffee and learn about ways to prevent aerial collisions and how local organizations are helping birds. For more information visit <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 488-6606.

Archived City Documents

Through the implementation of WebLink, an efficient and secure gateway to the City of Ashland’s digital document archives, the public can now access thousands of public records from the convenience of their home computer. Currently, the WebLink database contains many of the City Ordinances, Resolutions, Minutes, Meeting Packets, Deeds, Contracts, Easements and Agreements, however web access is in its beginning stages and not all public records are contained on the website. The City Recorder’s Office and City Departments will be continually adding both new and older documents to the database.

From the left-hand column of the webpage click Archived City Records and follow the instructions.

If you experience difficulty locating a specific record, please contact the City Recorder’s Office at (541) 488-5307 for assistance.

3rd Annual Naturescaping Garden Tour

This year’s featured speaker will be Toby Hemenway, author of *Gaia’s Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture*. He will be presenting on Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Lithia Park, 59 Winburn Way.

Six fabulous gardens will be toured on Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour ticket includes a map and directions to the various gardens where docents will be on hand to guide visitors. Light refreshments and informational hand-outs are also included. Please call the Nature Center at 488-6606 for more information or visit www.ashland.or.us/northmountainpark.

Compost Classes

Free Compost classes at the Ashland Recycling Center on Water Street at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 and July 1 and August 5. Attendees will receive a free compost bin for attending. Classes include various systems of backyard composting. Learn how compost can benefit your plants and your soil. Attendants receive a free compost bin per family. If you have any questions, please call Claudia Law, at 488-4129; e-mail: wediggitt@mind.net. ▼

CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

May 15	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
May 16	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 18	Bike and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
May 18	Budget Committee	7:00 p.m.
May 19	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
May 22	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
May 22	Budget Committee	7:00 p.m.
May 24	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
May 24	Budget Commission	7:00 p.m.
May 25	AFN Programming Committee	5:30 p.m.
May 25	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 p.m.
June 6	Airport Commission	9:30 p.m.
June 6	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 7	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
June 8	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
June 13	Forest Lands Commission	4:30 p.m.
June 13	Planning Commission	7:00 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

