

## City

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

Sign-Up for the Wildfire Safety  
e-Newsletter

Ashland Fire and Rescue will be starting a wildfire e-newsletter this winter. The quarterly newsletter will present topics related to wildfire home safety, evacuation, forestland management, and wildfire related issues in the watershed. To become a recipient of the newsletter, send an email to [chambersc@ashland.or.us](mailto:chambersc@ashland.or.us) or call Chris Chambers at 552-2066. For more information on wildfire safety see the Fire Department website at [www.ashland.or.us/wui](http://www.ashland.or.us/wui) ▼

# Lights for Life Raises Funds for Women's Imaging Center

Each holiday season the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation invites the community to participate in the annual *Lights for Life* campaign.

The Foundation is devoted to the excellence of Ashland Community Hospital and helps fund superior, close-to-home healthcare for all who need it. In 2005, the Foundation provided \$565,000 in funding for new equipment, continuing education, program development, respite care, hospice and other services that foster a healthy community. (See *Lights for Life Raises Funds for Women's Imaging Center*, Page 2)



## Plaza Tree of Heaven Replacement

The recent removal of the Tree of Heaven left a large gap at the entrance of Lithia Park. The Parks Department and the Tree Commission solicited public input on the selection of a new tree to be planted in its place.

Citizens voted for one of five trees that had been pre-selected by the commission as appropriate for that space and location. Photos of the five trees: Ginko Biloba, Sugar Maple, Scarlet Oak, Zelkova and Prospector Elm were posted on the city's website. A total of 175 votes were received and the winner is the Ginkgo Bilboa.

The Parks Department is in the process of securing a larger stature tree that will do well in an urban environment and hope to plant the tree sometime this fall. ▼



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This year's undesignated proceeds will assist the Hospital in the acquisition of an advanced ultrasound system for the new Women's Imaging Center. The Center will offer women complete diagnostic and screening services in a single location. The new ultrasound system will provide enhanced image resolution and improved imaging performance. It will provide detailed imaging of the breasts, OB/GYN, abdominal, soft tissues, and much more.

The spirit of caring is more than a slogan at Ashland Community Hospital. It is an integral part of all we do. It is what makes our Hospital so special, our staff so dedicated and our patients so grateful. Yet with today's rapidly developing technologies, caring is not enough. To keep pace with medical advancements and provide our patients with the very best diagnostic and treatment services, we must continue to replace equipment, train staff and develop programs. A gift to *Lights for Life* represents your personal commitment to the advancement of quality healthcare close to home. The *Lights for Life* tradition combines all the special elements

of the season, a time for family, friends, good will and giving. Your gift in honor or memory of one person becomes a gift for all and is a true reflection of the real spirit of the holidays. ▼

## Cool Weather Heating Safety

Days are shorter, evenings are cooler and Oregon households are beginning to turn up the heat. Ashland Fire & Rescue reminds Ashland residents that chimney fires and combustibles left too close to a heat source are the state's two leading fire causes in heating related fires. These types of fires

### Lights for Life Tree — Contribution Form

**I wish to light** \_\_\_white light(s) at \$10 each; \_\_\_blue light(s) at \$25 each; \_\_\_red light(s) at \$50 each; \_\_\_twinkle light(s) at \$100 each; \_\_\_star light(s) at \$500 each; \_\_\_angel light(s) at \$1,000 each. My total contribution is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**My contribution:** Please use for \_\_\_greatest need \_\_\_Endowment Fund \_\_\_Emergency Equipment \_\_\_Employee Education. Please make my contribution *In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_ or *In Honor of* \_\_\_\_\_. Please send a notification of my dedicated light or ornament to \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be included in the ACH Foundation's list of donors  I do not wish to have public acknowledgment

**My name and address** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check to the ACH Foundation for my tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Send to Ashland Community Hospital Foundation PO Box 98, Ashland OR 97520

  
*Ice Rink*

The Darex Family Ice Rink opens for the skating season on Saturday November 18 at 12pm. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for youth. Rental skates are available for \$2.

The ice rink season runs from November 18th-February 25th (weather pending). See the full schedule online at [www.ashland.or.us](http://www.ashland.or.us) or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 488-5340.

are easily prevented by keeping chimneys cleaned and remembering to keep combustibles such as furniture, blankets and clothing far away from heaters, woodstoves and similar heat sources.

During the last five years, fires involving heating sources, including woodstoves, baseboard and wall heaters were responsible for 2,891 fires causing 11 fatalities and 59 injuries to Oregonians. Property losses from these fires are estimated at \$27,377,507. Almost half of these fires began in chimneys.

Although fires during the day when no one is home are devastating, fires at night when family members are sleeping may be fatal, simple precautions prevent fires and the tragedies they bring.”

***To reduce fire risk, Ashland Fire & Rescue recommends:***

- ❑ Have chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep. Ask them to check for creosote deposits, soot build-up or physical damage.
- ❑ Move combustibles including paper, trash, furniture, bedding or clothing at least three feet away from heat sources. Heat sources include candles, gas/wood/pellet stoves, portable, baseboard and wall heaters and any sources with an open flame.
- ❑ Be cautious with portable heaters. Make sure these heaters have a tip switch to turn them off if

knocked over. Keep them away from high traffic areas and unplug when not in use and at night. ▼

## News Notes

***Did You Know?***

Your winter water use is the basis for determining annual average sewer bills for the following year. Meter readings taken during January, February and March are used for this determination. Depending on your location and billing cycle, your water use beginning as early as December 11, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006 will determine your sewer bills for next year. Water bills beginning in April 2006 will reflect that usage.

***Wonders of the Winter Solstice***

Celebrate the solstice with hot cider and good cheer. Join astronomy enthusiast and writer Richard Moeschl to learn about seasonal constellations, celestial events, plus the folklore and cultural importance of this festive season.

Ages: All ages welcome  
 Day: Thursday  
 Date: Dec. 21  
 Time: 7:00 pm  
 Place: Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park, 73 Winburn Way, Ashland  
 Cost: Adults \$3  
 Children \$2 ▼





CERT Volunteers train in the classroom and in the field

## CERT Training

This winter will mark a decade since the Ashland New Year's Day Flood. Are we better prepared now than we were in 1997? Ashland Fire & Rescue's CERT program has trained more than 300 local citizens in all-hazards emergency response.

Ashland residents are invited to register for the December training session. The free 20-hour training includes fire suppression, emergency first aid, and search and rescue classes taught by Ashland firefighters.

The December training will be taught over the first two weekends in December: Friday evening, December 1 and all day Saturday December 2 and Friday evening December 8 and all day Saturday 9.

For more information call CERT at 552-2226 or stop by at Fire Station One, 455 Siskiyou Blvd or visit [www.ashlandcert.org](http://www.ashlandcert.org) ▼

# CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

November 16	Bike and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
November 17	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
November 20	Housing Commission	6:30 p.m.
November 20	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
November 21	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 22	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 4	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
December 5	Airport Commission	9:30 a.m.
December 5	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 6	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 7	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 12	Forest Lands Commission	5:30 p.m.
December 12	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 14	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
December 15	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.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](http://www.ashland.or.us). ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

