

CITY OF ASHLAND

City Source

November 2018



James M. Ragland Volunteer Spirit Award

Each year, the Mayor and City Council recognize an Ashland citizen for their volunteer spirit and contribution to the Ashland community. The Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award was established by the Mayor and Council in 1994, in honor of James M. Ragland. Mr. Ragland was a former city councilor and planning commissioner who was involved in numerous citizen volunteer efforts.

The Mayor and Council review the nominations and determine the annual winner. Criteria for nomination and selection are based on public sector volunteer service performed, length of service, absence of adequate recognition in the past, and any other attributes the nominee may have that should be considered. Consideration is also given to people who volunteer hours beyond their regular work day to perform a service that benefits the community.

The award is given annually. This year it will be given in late January at the State of the City and Volunteer Recognition event (more information on this event to follow).

If you know of an individual or organization deserving of a nomination for the Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award, please fill out the form on page two using a separate sheet of paper to answer the questions listed there and return it to the Mayor's office, 20 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520, by *Monday, November 26, 2018*.

You may also download the nomination form at www.ashland.or.us/ragland, or pick up a form at the Utility Billing counter in City Hall. For more information please call 541-488-6002.

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Low Income Assistance

The City of Ashland has funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which assists low income residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months.

Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 65 percent of Oregon's median income. These levels are based on household income and household size. Qualified recipients will receive a credit on their electric utility charges. Credits of up to 50 percent will be given to seniors and disabled persons for up to six months and credits of 50 percent to other qualified residents for up to three months. The maximum allowed credit is \$300 for either group.

As of October 1, applicants may call the request line at (541) 552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet or may pick one up at the Utility Billing counter at City Hall. If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance, please let them know about this program. The deadline to submit the application is **January 31, 2019**.



Don't Rush to Flush Safely Dispose of Your Unused Medications

Does your medicine cabinet contain medications you no longer use? Are you unsure about what to do with them?

If you've been told that flushing them down the toilet is the best option, keep reading. According to Raanan Bloom, an environmental assessment expert for the FDA, many drugs can enter the environment after passing through wastewater treatment plants. This means that when you flush your medications down the sink or toilet, traces of those medications will end up in our rivers and groundwater. Yikes! Fortunately, here in Ashland, we don't need to flush medications down the sink or toilet. Our local law enforcement agency will take prescription drugs back, no questions asked. Recology partnered with the Ashland Police Department to bring a prescription drug deposit box to the lobby of the Ashland Police Department.

The prescription drug deposit box **ALLOWS** citizens the opportunity to drop off the following items in a secure box:

- Prescriptions,
- Over the counter medications,
- Medication samples,
- Medications for pets,
- Ointments,
- Lotions, and
- Liquid medication in glass or leak proof containers.



The following items **WILL NOT** be accepted in the box:

- Needles (sharps)
- Thermometers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Medications from businesses or clinics
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans or inhalers
- Food items
- Supplements



The best time to drop off your items are during Police Department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This box offers you the ability to keep prescription medicines away from children, out of landfills, our water supply, and waste treatment systems.

James M. Ragland "Volunteer Spirit" Community Service Award

Please answer the questions listed below on a *separate sheet of paper* and return it by

November 26, 2018, to

Attn: Mayor Stromberg, 20 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520

Name of nominee: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone or e-mail: _____

Name of person making nomination: _____

Address: _____ Phone or e-mail: _____

- 1) Please describe the nominee's public sector volunteer service.
- 2) How long has the nominee performed that service?
- 3) How has this effort benefited the community?
- 4) What awards or recognition has the nominee received for their service in the past?
- 5) What other information about the nominee should be considered?

Good Fire Prevents Bad Fire

Recent years of summer smoke have impacted our health and economy, and July's Klamathon Fire threatened Ashland homes and our source of drinking water. Since 2010, Ashland has supported a science-based and collaborative wildfire solution: Ashland Forest Resiliency, or AFR. With accelerating climate change, wildfires and smoke are inevitable; we have to embrace a better future through forest stewardship and that includes well-proven controlled burning. Controlled burns during the wet season reduce the summer wildfire threat, increase firefighter safety, and ultimately reduce summer smoke exposure.

Why Controlled Burning, Why Now? Proactive burning during the cool season (starting with fall rains), protects communities and restores fire dependent ecosystems like ours. Last year's Milli Fire in Sisters and this summer's Timber Crater 6 Fire near Crater Lake are two of many examples where proactive thinning and controlled burns led to successful, safe firefighting, and less smoke.

Minimizing Smoke During controlled burn season, careful planning by AFR burn bosses attempts to minimize unwanted smoke in the community, but past experience shows smoke can drift into town for short periods. The AFR team will provide the public with up-to-date alerts about burning and smoke visible in the hills, and additional updates to let people know if transient smoke will drift into the community.

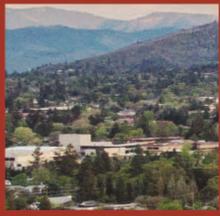
Receive AFR Alerts

OnLine

On Facebook:
AFR.project

On Twitter:
@ashlandforest

Web Updates:
ashland.or.us/
trailinfo



Emails

Subscribe to
emails on the AFR
website

ashlandwatershed.org

Or subscribe directly:
afrpartners@ashland.or.us



Text Alerts

To receive text
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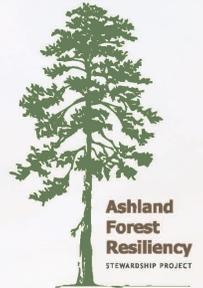
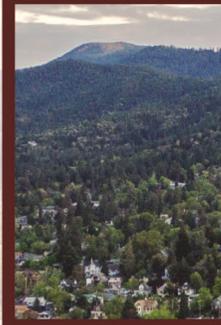
Text
WATERSHED to
888777



Phone

Call the City of
Ashland Smoke &
Wildfire Hotline

(541) 552-2490



Smoke Sensitive?

Find health recommendations at
smokewiseashland.org

Citizen Alert System

Visit ashland.or.us/alert to get text, email, or phone calls about evacuations and all emergency situations that may affect our community.

Empower Ashland: Home Analysis Tool

Empower Ashland is the outreach program for Ashland's Climate and Energy Action Plan. Our community has a plan for solving carbon pollution, but we need everyone to be part of the solution, especially residents. 75% of Ashland's emissions come from residential sources - from our homes and things we buy.

Together we can make change happen.

Get to know Ashland's Climate Plan, or at least the Executive Summary (ashland.or.us/climateplan). We've developed a home analysis tool that can save you money, reduce your energy use, and shrink your carbon footprint. We are asking all Ashland households to use the new tool (ashland.eeaudit.com/). It's easy to use. In just a few minutes, you'll get custom recommendations for your home and info about incentive programs you may qualify for.

Events

Project FeederWatch

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with expert birders. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University's FeederWatch project, a nationwide citizen science bird monitoring effort.

WHAT: An annual survey of birds that visit feeders in winter.
AGES 10 & up
DAYS Alternate Saturdays
DATES Dec 8, 22 (*and continuing through March 2019*)
TIME 9-10:00 a.m.
PLACE North Mountain Park Pavilion, 620 N Mountain Avenue
COST FREE | Pre-registration is not required.

Young at Art: Christmas Card-Making

Free monthly art class open to all skill levels, no experience required. Join us in December to make Christmas cards to send some holiday cheer to local Meals on Wheels recipients, and to take home. All supplies provided. Pre-registration is not required for this free program.

AGES: 50 & up
DAY: Wednesday
DATE Dec 5
TIME: 2 -3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Avenue

Child & Me Yoga

Share a fun class exploring yoga together, for you and your little one. Learn movement poses and breath awareness. Wear comfortable clothing for ease of movement. Yoga mat recommended. *Pre-register online or call the Nature Center at (541) 488-6606.*

WHO: Adults with a child aged 4-7 years.
INSTRUCTOR: Sherryl Pederson has been a Nationally Certified Yoga Instructor & Licensed Massage Therapist for over 15 years.

AGES Adults with kids ages 4-7
DAY Saturday
DATE Dec 15
TIME 11-11:45 a.m.
PLACE North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue
COST \$16 a pair per class

Become an Ice Rink Host!

Enjoy the outdoors while having fun volunteering at the Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink. Non-skaters welcome! Day, night and weekend times are available through February. High school students earn community service hours. For more information, please contact lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or call/text (541) 499-8798. To learn more about the ice rink, please visit ashland.or.us/icerink or call (541) 488-9189.

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20 East Main St., Ashland, OR 97520 | www.ashland.or.us

**The City of Ashland will be closed
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 for the
Christmas holiday.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience
this may cause.**

December City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: Dec. 4 & 18 | 7 p.m.
Study Sessions: Dec. 3 & 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

Dec. 4 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Dec 19 | 6 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Dec. 11 | 5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission

Dec. 5 | 6 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

TBD | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Dec 10 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: TBD | 5:30 p.m.
The Grove, 1195 East Main

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Dec. 11 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: TBD | 7 p.m.

Public Art Commission

Dec. 21 | 8 a.m.

Transportation Commission

Dec 20 | 6 p.m.

Tree Commission

Dec. 6 | 6 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Dec. 19 | 11 a.m.
Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way (unless otherwise noted) 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.

