

City

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

Traffic Calming

Most of us have witnessed a driver traveling well over the speed limit on our neighborhood streets. We may have even thought, "I wish the police could see this."



The safety of our streets is a primary concern to residents, the driving public and the city.

Occasionally we must be reminded of our responsibility to drive safely and within speed limits. Traffic enforcement is one of the Three Es of traffic calming (along with engineering and education) and is one focus of our police department. Traffic enforcement consists of more than issuing traffic citations, it is also an important (See *Traffic Calming*, Page 2)

Trim Trees and Shrubs

Ashland property owners are reminded to keep their trees and bushes trimmed and clear of sidewalks. Tree limbs should be trimmed to 14 feet above street and 8 feet above sidewalks. Corners are required to have a "vision clearance triangle" extending 25 feet back on both streets and clear between 2 1/2 feet and 8 feet off the ground.

For more information call, Dean Walker, Code Compliance Specialist 552-2424. ▼

Ashland Green and Solar Tour

*Saturday, October 13, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Find out how solar energy can be used to power and heat your home and water, and how homes can be more energy efficient, healthier and better for the environment. Participants will visit homes with solar electric, solar hot water, solar swimming pool heat, solar space heat, increased energy efficiency, healthier indoor air, and reduced environmental impacts. Learn about current technologies and financial incentive programs to implement them.

The tour will begin at 9:00 AM at the Ashland Civic Center, 1175 East Main Street. All tour participants will travel by buses to four home sites, with a bring-your-own lunch stop along the way and return around 3:00 PM.

Pre-registration for the tour is required and limited to 100 people over age 12. Register for \$6.00 at the North Mountain Park Nature (See *Ashland Green and Solar Tour*, Page 2)



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Center, at the Ashland Parks Department Office, or online at <http://activenet3.active.com/ashlandparks>

October is Energy Awareness Month. The Ashland tour is one of hundreds of events planned throughout the state and across the country to raise awareness of energy conservation and clean, renewable energy. The City of Ashland and Home Power Magazine sponsor the tour. We look forward to seeing you on the tour!

Questions? Larry Giardina, Conservation Analyst, City of Ashland, giardin@ashland.or.us 552-2065 or Hoe Schwartz, CEO and Technical Editor, Home Power Magazine, joe.schwartz@homepower.com, 944-0780. ▼



Bear Creek Salmon Festival

On Saturday, October 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the North Mountain Park nature Center will host its 4th annual Salmon Festival at North Mountain Park.

The event is free and offers activities for all ages and information on how to help protect and enhance salmon habitat, including water and energy saving ideas. Learn about local salmon habitat conservation and restoration efforts and observe wild salmon up close and personal with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 350 gallon salmon tank. Enjoy a wild salmon barbeque (\$10/plate) and live entertainment from bands such as Montana Soul, the Prairie Chickens and the Rutendo Marimba Band. Native American demonstrations will include traditional salmon cooking around an open fire, traditional uses of plants, drumming, storytelling and more!

To learn more visit www.BearCreekSalmonFestival.org.

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education tool which must be a part of any traffic calming plan.

Citizens should report offensive traffic action to the Ashland Police Department (APD) and include, if possible the license number of the speeding vehicle. While APD cannot issue a citation, they will send a letter to the owner of the vehicle suggesting that closer attention be paid to traveling within the speed limit.

To further assist in controlling neighborhood speeding the APD has recently acquired, through a generous grant from the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon (ACTS Oregon), a traffic analyzer that, when placed in a residential street, will continuously measure the speed, type of traffic, (truck, passenger car, etc.), time of day, direction and even the volume of traffic. The purpose is to pinpoint neighborhoods with demonstrated speeding concerns. It will

help the police department determine when speeding is most prevalent and when enforcement will be most effective.

If you live on a street that you suspect has a high volume of speeding traffic you may request a traffic analysis by contacting Officer Steve MacLennan at 488-2211 or 482-5211. He will meet with you and your neighbors to discuss traffic concerns. The traffic analyzers can be installed in minutes and can begin compiling traffic data immediately. The ADP will then share the results of the study with the neighborhood.

The majority of speeding traffic is the result of drivers who momentarily lose track of their speed. With our busy schedules the need to be mentally alert and aware of our driving is sometimes crowded out by other thoughts and concerns. Sometimes, we just need a simple reminder that when we are behind the wheel our most important responsibility is to be a safe and conscientious driver. ▼

New Lighting Promotions

If you still have any old inefficient standard incandescent light bulbs in your home, here's a chance to get some great deals on energy efficient ENERGY STAR bulbs to replace them! Starting in September of 2007, there will be 2 promotions happening in our area:

"Change a Light, Change the World 2007-2008 Specialty CFL Promotion" (PECI)

From September 1 through December 31, 2007, Costco, Home Depot, Lowe's, Wal-Mart, and Bi-Mart will be carrying "specialty" bulbs (such as several types of high heat reflectors for use in recessed cans and track lights, CFL globes for use in vanity bars, CFL "A-lamp" bulbs that look more like traditional bulbs, and candelabra bulbs) at reduced prices. Starting January through May 2008, twist style compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs will also be offered in these stores at reduced prices. Note that not every store will be carrying every type of bulb, and this offer is good while supplies last.

"Change a Light, Change the World Twist Promotion" (Fluid Market Strategies)

From September 1 through December 1, 2007, these retailers will be offering twist style compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs for around \$1 each: Ace Hardware (at BLACK Bird and Hubbard's), Albertsons, Big Lots, Bi-Mart, Food

for Less, Fred Meyer, Grover Electric & Plumbing Supply, Rite Aid (in Medford), Wal-Mart, and Winco. Wattages of these bulbs will include 13, 14, 15, and 20 Watts.

Take advantage of these great promotions and save energy and the environment! For more information, call Cathy at 552-2063. ▼

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Composting Class

The Conservation Commission is sponsoring a free compost class at the Ashland Recycling Center on Water Street. The class is October 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Instruction includes various systems of backyard composting. Learn how compost can benefit your plants and your soil. Attendants receive a free compost bin per family.

CERT Basic Training

The next CERT basic training will occur over two weekends: September 28-29 and October 5-6. Space is limited. Only two trainings are scheduled this fiscal year (September and April) and pre-registration is required. Call the CERT office: 552-2226.

Good Dog 1 Basic Obedience

A class for all dogs, from "new starts" who don't know a thing to "re-starts" who never seem to get it. You and your dog will learn how to communicate, cooperate,

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BMX Freestyle Class

This class will help the beginner bicyclist learn the basic skills of BMX freestyle/trick riding.

Dave Nourie has over 20 years experience in the sport. He teaches the value of having fun on two wheels. Bicycle and helmet required.

Classes are October 6 — November 10 from 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. at The Grove Parking Lot, 1195 East Main Street. Cost \$70. Call 488-5340 or see <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.



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and get things done in a fun and productive way. Taught by a certified trainer with years of experience on Wednesday evenings, October 3 — November 14 from 6:00 — 7:00 p.m at the Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Cost is \$75. Call 488-5340 or see <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

Good Dog 2 Intermediate Obedience

This class mixes obedience with distractions and duration to make your training useful in the real world. If you are a graduate of Good Dog 1, or have successfully completed another basic obedience class, you are encouraged to sign up for this class and take training to the next level. Classes are Wednesday evenings, October 3 — November 14 from 7:15 — 8:15 p.m. at the Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Cost is \$75. Call 488-5340 or see <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

Belly Dance

Belly dancing is one of the most popular and ancient dances in the world. This class, with instructor Tiazza Wilson, will offer a concentration on abdomen and overall body conditioning. Students will learn hip movements, torso movements, hand and arm movements, veil work and shimmy patterns. As the class progresses, students will learn stage presence, floor work, undulations, belly rolls and belly exercises, sword dance and cane dance. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, and bring a scarf, shawl or something similar that can be used to wrap your hips. Beginning classes are Thursdays October 4 — November 15 from 5:15 p.m. — 6:15 p.m. at The Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Cost \$50. Call 488-5340 or see <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

Beginning Guitar Class

So you want to play the guitar, but all you know is what it looks like? Then this is the class for you! You'll learn guitar basics, chords, strumming, finger picking and reading music. What to bring: guitar, pencil, music stand, (optional: tape recorder and tape.) Please trim the nails of your left hand for ease in fingering chords. Instructor Mich Lewis, a local singer-songwriter, has helped Rogue Valley students of all ages

reach their guitar playing goals for over 10 years! Classes are Monday evenings, October 15 — December 3 from 7:00 — 8:00 p.m. at The Grove, 1195 East Main Street. Cost \$75. Call 488-5340 or see <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>. ▼

CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

September 11	Forest Lands Commission	5:30 p.m.
September 11	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 18	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 20	Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
September 21	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
September 24	Parks Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 26	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
September 27	Housing Commission	5:30 p.m.
September 27	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 p.m.
October 2	Airport Commission	9:30 a.m.
October 2	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 3	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
October 4	Tree 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

