

City

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

Help Us Help You-- Addresses

Ashland Fire and Rescue commits a great deal of effort and resources into minimizing our response time to emergency service requests.

However, as the saying goes, "if we can't find you we can't help you." Many residences and businesses in Ashland have missing or obscure address numbers. The inability to quickly identify an address dramatically slows our response times. Seconds count in fire emergencies and many medical situations. Please, take a moment and walk in front of your home or business, approaching the building from both directions.

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Tree of the Year Ballot

The Tree Commission's ballot for the 23rd Tree of the Year contest will be available on the City of Ashland website, www.ashland.or.us. The ballots will also be available at the Community Development office located at 51 Winburn Way, the City Utility office located at 20 E. Main Street and in local print publications. VOTE for your favorite tree. Ballots are due November 1 for the winner announcement at the November 16 City Council meeting. ▼

Low Income Assistance

Once again, the City of Ashland has set aside money during the budget process for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program to assist low-income residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months.

Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 60 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 \$300.00 for either group.

Beginning October 1 applicants may call the request line at 541-552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet be sent to them.

If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance, please let them know about this program. ▼



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Where does Ashland get electricity?

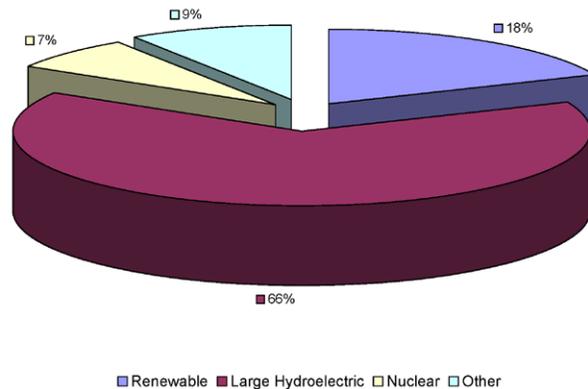
Ashland purchases electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The BPA relies on a variety of fuels to generate electricity including biomass and waste, small and large hydroelectric, nuclear, solar and wind.

99.6% of our electricity comes from the Bonneville Power Administration the remaining 0.4% is generated in Ashland from solar panels and at the small hydro plant on Ashland Creek at the Water Treatment Plant. In 2009, the small hydro plant in Ashland was off line for a number of months to allow crews to make repairs and improvements. When running at full power, the small plant generates enough electricity to light the City's street lights. ▼

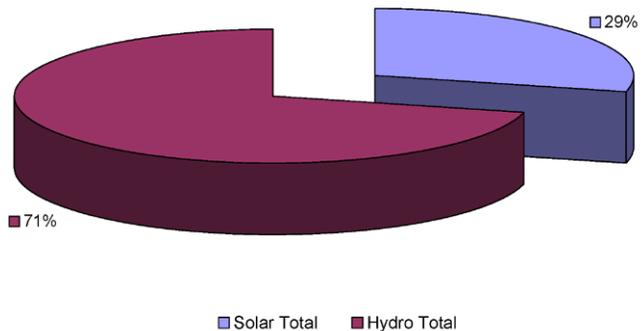
Oak Knoll Golf Course

3070 Hwy 66, Ashland
Whether you are a beginner or an experienced golfer looking to fine-tune your swing, Oak Knoll's professional teachers are here to help you. For more information call us at 541-482-4311, or visit us on the web at www.oakknollgolf.org. We hope to see you soon! Oak Knoll Golf Course, Great Course—Good Times. ▼

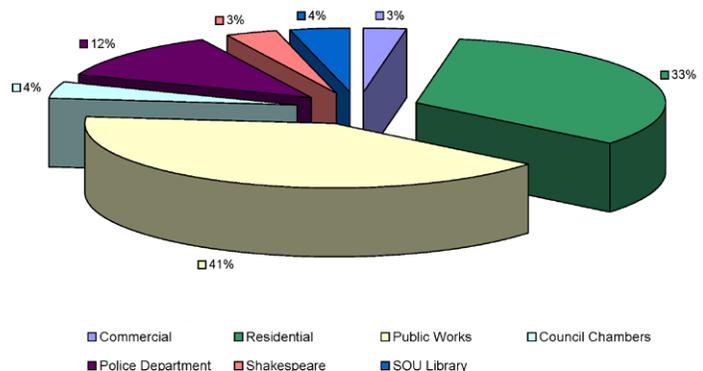
BPA Fuels 2009



Total Solar and Hydro Generated in the City of Ashland 2009



Total Solar Generated in City of Ashland 2009





The Self-Sustaining Garden

Wouldn't it be nice to relax and enjoy your garden more? Plan now for easier gardening in the spring. On Monday, October 25 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm explore methods for increasing garden vitality, creating a system that uses a self-sustaining cycle of nutrients, eliminating the need for purchasing soil or amendments. Plan to discuss which edible plants are easiest to grow and how to manage weeds in an environmentally sustainable way. Participants will receive recipes for pest management as well. This class costs \$15 and is for ages 8 and up. Class will be held at North Mountain Park. Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call 541-488-6606.

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The State of Oregon Fire and Building Codes require that all buildings have a minimum of 4 inch tall address numbers with a 1/2 inch stroke and be visible from the street. If your building has a long setback from the street, the numbers may need to be larger. These numbers should contrast with the background color. If you reside on a flag lot please contact Ashland Fire and Rescue or the building department for those requirements.

Ashland Fire and Rescue thanks you for taking the time to evaluate your address numbering. Help us help you! ▼

Back to School Safety Checklist

With the new school year starting teachers, students, parents, and school buses will be all back on the road so we need to think of safety as we move throughout school zones. If your mode of transportation includes a car, bike, or travel by foot this safety checklist applies to you:

- Drive the speed limit — 20 miles per hour in all school zones.
- Drive or ride with lights on or wear reflective clothing — be visible.
- Travel without distractions — cell phones, food, grooming, changing the radio station or CD are all distractions.
- Watch for people crossing the street, getting out of cars or coming

out from between parked cars.

- For bike and pedestrian commuters, keep your head up and avoid large hats or hoods in addition to your helmet as they can limit your side vision.
- Be a positive role model, wear your seat belt or helmet every time.

While the start of a new school year can be exciting, it is also an adjustment for the people who travel in and around school zones each day. Remember this safety checklist and keep school zones safe for everyone. ▼

Bear Creek Festival

On Saturday, October 2, the North Mountain Park Nature Center will host the 2nd Annual Bear Creek Festival from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at 620 North Mountain Avenue in Ashland. Formerly celebrated as the Bear Creek Salmon Festival, this free event will include hands-on experiences offered by many local and regional organizations and sustainable farms. Discover the natural and cultural significance of Bear Creek and its tributary streams! Engage in a variety of fun outdoor activities and learn to become a better steward of the local watershed. Live entertainment will take place throughout the day and Grilla Bites restaurant will provide a wholesome and delicious food concession. Exhibitors and participants are asked to help make the Bear Creek Festival a Zero Waste event. More information is available at <http://www.BearCreekFestival.net> or by calling the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. ▼



Bicycle Safety

Did you know that bicyclists on public roadways have all the same rights and responsibilities as motorists and must obey the same state and local laws?

Cyclists are part of the normal traffic flow and are entitled to share the road with other drivers. Here are some tips for bicycle safety:

- Always wear a helmet
- Obey all traffic controls
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against it
- Ride your bicycle near the right-hand edge of the road
- Never carry another person on your bicycle
- Always use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Look out for cars at cross streets, driveways and parking places
- Be careful when checking traffic and don't swerve when looking over your shoulder
- Give pedestrians the right of way
- Always ride carefully. ▼

News Notes

Green & Solar Tour

On Saturday, October 9, 2010 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm find out how solar energy can be used to power and heat your home and water and how homes can be more energy and water efficient, healthier and better for the environment. Participants will visit homes that exhibit innovative products, materials and systems to be more sustainable. Join us to learn about current sustainable technologies, and financial incentive programs to implement them. All tour participants will travel by bus to five home sites, with a bring-your-own lunch stop along the way. This event costs \$10 and is for ages 16 and up. Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call 541-488-6606.

Reclaim the Rain

Did you know that less than 1% of treated drinking water delivered to your home is actually consumed? The other 99% is used for landscape watering, toilet flushing, personal hygiene, and more. Climate change, demand, and water quality issues require us to use water differently. Learn about putting water to beneficial use as close as possible to where it falls—your personal watershed. This overview covers a variety of active and passive techniques for collection and storage and ways to use rainwater as an alternative and supplemental source for home and garden. For more information visit

www.valleyrainharvesting.com. This class will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at North Mountain Park. Class costs \$5 and is for ages 15 and up. Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call 541-488-6606. ▼

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City Calendar

- City Council** meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the day before at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission** meets on the second Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Airport Commission** meets on the first Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Conservation Commission** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- Forest Lands Commission** meets on the second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission** meets on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday Planning Commission)
- Housing Commission** meets on the fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission** meets on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. Study session occurs on the third Monday.
- Public Art Commission** meets on the third Friday at 8:15 a.m.
- Transportation Commission** meets on third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- Tree Commission** meets on the Thursday before the Tuesday Planning Commission Meeting

◆ 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

