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

Historic Preservation
Week

You are invited to join in
celebrating National Historic
Preservation Week, May 9 -15,



2010. National Historic Preservation Week is an outreach program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and observed annually in Ashland. One of the many reasons Ashland is so wonderful is the special care and recognition we give to our many architectural and historical resources. Historic preservation is a catalyst that brings our community together and assists us in respecting the past as we move forward as a city. This year's theme is "Old is the New Green".

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Let Us Know

Burned out street lights? Plugged storm drains? Pot-holes or broken curbs? Park playground equipment that needs attention? Anything else?

Click on the Let Us Know link on the right hand side of the City's homepage (www.ashland.or.us) and tell us your concern. We want to keep publically maintained infrastructure in good repair and want to hear from you if you notice anything that needs attention.

Please be as specific as possible and be sure to include your email address so we can get back to you. ▼

So You Want to Run for
City Office?

The City Recorder, Barbara Christensen, will be hosting an informational class in May for all Citizens interested in running for City office this coming November. Please keep an eye on the City's website (www.ashland.or.us) for specific date and location information.

The filing period for the November election begins June 3, 2010 and ends August 20, 2010. If you live within the City limits and 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
- Municipal Court Judge
- City Recorder
- Parks & Recreation Commission Positions 3, 4, 5

For additional information, contact Barbara Christensen at 541-488-5307 or email christeb@ashland.or.us. ▼



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The following events and walking tours are being planned this year during Historic Preservation Week:

❑ Ashland Cemetery Walking Tour — Meet Historic Commissioner Terry Skibby at the Morton Street entrance on Sunday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m.

❑ Ashland Historic Railroad District Walking Tour — Historic Commissioner and local historian, Terry Skibby will be doing a walking tour of this interesting historic district. The tour will cover a selection of historic homes and commercial buildings and some of the important historical sites. Terry will also share some historic photographs from his archive. Meet at the gazebo in the Railroad District Park on “A” Street on

Friday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

❑ The Ashland Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony with Mayor John Stromberg presenting at the Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way on Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 p.m.

❑ Ashland Memorial Mausoleum Self-Guided Tour — Located on the East side of Highway 66 and Normal Avenue, Wednesday, May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

❑ Historic Open Houses — Tour various historic homes and businesses. We are currently working with the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and owners of many of the downtown historic businesses and historic homes to host open houses on Friday, May 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Event Brochure and the Historic Open Houses guide will be posted on the City’s website, www.ashland.or.us, by May 3,

2010. Or you may pick one up at City Hall (20 E Main St.), the Community Development Department (51 Winburn Way) or the Chamber of Commerce (110 E Main St.). Call for information at 541-488-5305. ▼

Traffic Safety Concern

Citizens may not know where to direct a concern regarding traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety. For the past year, the Transportation Commission has been meeting on broad transportation related issues specifically as they relate to safety, planning, funding and advocacy for all modes of transportation. This commission replaced both the Traffic Safety Commission and the Bike and Pedestrian Commission. So who hears routine traffic items? The Transportation Subcommittee does.

Gardening, the Common Sense of It All

Amateur and experienced gardeners alike will benefit from this open forum where expert gardener Jennifer Ewing will share from her rich experience with soil, seeds, and other garden mysteries. Bring your questions and Jennifer will provide answers and resources. This class will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 10:00 — 12:00 p.m

Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. Cost for class is \$10.00. Ages 12 and up only, please.



Budget Meeting Department Presenta- tion Schedule Televised on RVTV

These meetings are all held in the City Council Chambers, 1175 East Main Street, and are open to the public. For more information, please call the Administrative Services Department at 541-488-5300.

- ☐ April 19, 6:00 p.m.– Budget Message, Parks and Recreation
- ☐ April 22, 6:00 p.m.–Police, Fire, Community Development and CDBG
- ☐ April 26, 6:00 p.m.–City Recorder, Administration, Human Resources, Legal, and Admin Services
- ☐ April 29, 6:00 p.m.–Electric, Information Technology, Conservation
- ☐ May 3, 6:00 p.m.– CIP, Public Works
- ☐ May 6, 6:00 p.m.– Public Works Continued, if needed
- ☐ May 12, 6:00 p.m. –Set Tax Rate, Wrap-up, Approval
- ☐ May 17, 6:00 p.m. – Continuation from May 12, if needed
- ☐ June 1, 7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing, City Council Meeting ▼

The Transportation Subcommittee consists of three regular members of the Transportation Commission who sit concurrently on the full Commission. Subcommittee members are appointed by the Transportation Commission Chair on a rotating basis until all members have served. Terms are for six month intervals and members may only sit for two consecutive terms at any one time. The Subcommittee has meetings on an as-needed basis, but always on a first Thursday of the month beginning at 9:00 am in the Community Development / Engineering Services Building located at 51 Winburn Way.

The Traffic Sub-Committee or staff liaison may refer any matter before the Traffic Sub-Committee to the Transportation Commission when it becomes apparent the matter involves major policy concerns or potential serious transportation impacts on surrounding areas.

So please, keep those concerns and ideas for safety improvement coming. Call the Engineering Department at 541-488-5347 or email Jim Olson at olsonj@ashland.or.us. If your concern warrants further study, we will make sure it gets on the next available Subcommittee agenda. We are grateful to you, the citizens of Ashland, for your continued commitment to making our town safer for all modes of transportation. ▼

Make it a Habit— Conserve Water

Now is a good time to think about water conservation before the arrival of hot, dry weather. The City of Ashland has a number of water conservation programs including a water audit of your home conducted by city staff, and low-flow and ultra low-flow toilet rebates. For more information call 541-488-5306 or go to www.ashland.or.us/conservation.



News Notes

Oak Knoll Golf Course

Planning a party or a corporate gathering? Why not have it at Oak Knoll Golf Course? Our convenient location and beautiful setting make Oak Knoll the perfect place for your next get-together. Our friendly staff is ready to help you plan the perfect event.

Are you interested in taking golf lessons? 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.

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird — its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme celebrates The Power of Partnerships in bird conservation. Join us on Saturday, May 8, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, to celebrate the strength of local, national, and international partnerships in effecting change! Enjoy— Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, shade-grown coffee, bird-calling contest for all ages. This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue, Ashland. For more information visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

Leave No Trace

The Leave No Trace workshop is open to anyone who enjoys being in the outdoors. Join us for an engaging afternoon of activities and discussion of ecological awareness. Become an environmental steward and learn how to reduce your own recreational impacts when hiking, camping, fishing, or just enjoying nature. This workshop will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Registration is required — Please register online at www.ashland.or.us or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. The workshop costs \$20.00 and is for ages 10 and up only. ▼

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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

