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

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 2007 and ending March 31, 2008 will determine your sewer bills for next year. Water bills beginning in April 2008 will reflect that usage. ▼

Pedestrian Safety

Ashland prides itself on being a pedestrian friendly city with a substantial yearly budget allocated toward improving and building additional sidewalks, bikeways, crosswalks and other pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Yet each year pedestrians are hurt or even killed on Ashland's streets; since 1998 there have been 175 accidents involving bicyclists or pedestrians on Siskiyou Boulevard alone; of this total, 131 involved injuries including three fatalities.



Bicycle and pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility. As a driver it is important to understand that pedestrians are required to obey traffic signals and to
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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 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, portable, 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

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Lights for Life Raises Funds for Ashland Community Hospital Foundation

Ashland is a town that likes to keep things local and support those groups that contribute to a livable, dynamic community. From our world-class theater, local farmers, vintners and brewers at the Co-op to our independent community hospital, we take pride in supporting the local organizations that make Ashland a great place to be.

Each holiday season the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation invites the community to participate in the annual Lights

for Life campaign. Lights for Life is an opportunity for everyone in Ashland to support their local hometown hospital while participating in a cherished holiday tradition.

For over 100 years, Ashland Community Hospital has been providing local, independent healthcare to the citizens of Ashland. Over the years the community has worked with the foundation to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for new equipment, continuing education, program development, respite care, school nurse programs, hospice and other services that foster a healthy community.

Each gift to the Foundation

“lights a light” on a commemorative tree that allows Ashland residents to remember someone or something special. Lights can be given in creative ways or to commemorate a variety of traditional events such as the birth of a baby, a special thank you to a neighbor, friend or colleague or in memory of a loved one. Lights for Life has been a visible sign of Ashland’s commitment to community since 1987.

All of the proceeds from Lights for Life stay here in Ashland, working to provide the quality patient-centered care that Ashland residents have come to expect from their local hospital. However, remaining on the cutting edge of medicine requires more than a

Lights for Life Tree — Contribution Form

I wish to light ____blue light(s) at \$50 (Students and Seniors) each; ____red light(s) at \$100 each; ____twinkle light(s) at \$250 each; ____star light(s) at \$500 each; ____angel light(s) at \$1,000 each. My total contribution is \$_____.

My contribution:

Please make my contribution *In Memory of* _____ or *In Honor of* _____.

Please send a notification of my dedicated light or ornament to _____

Address _____

Email _____

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 _____

My Email _____

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



Holiday Crafts

Learn to create beautiful hand-crafted gifts from natural and recycled materials to share with family and friends. Crafted items include floral journals, dream pillows, cat toys, corn husk angels, herbal bath salts, gift boxes and ornaments. Open to ages 9 - 14 (parents are welcome to participate) on December 18, from 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. at Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way. Cost is \$7. For more information call 488-6606. ▼

commitment to warm, personalized care. To keep pace with medical advancements and provide 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 that is both hometown and high-tech.

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 someone special becomes a gift for all and is a true reflection of the real spirit of the holidays. ▼

Pedestrian Safety

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walk safely. However, pedestrians are unprotected and vulnerable. Drivers can prevent terrible injury by being prepared to stop if a child runs into the street or an older adult takes longer to clear an intersection. Be prepared to stop and yield no matter who has the right of way.

Safety Tips

- ❑ Oregon law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- ❑ A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing. Don't Pass. It is unsafe and illegal to pass any vehicle stopped at a

crosswalk for a pedestrian.

- ❑ When stopped at an intersection, do not block the crosswalk. Always leave room for pedestrians to cross.
- ❑ Pedestrians move at different speeds. Be patient with children and older adults who may take extra time to cross the street. Around taverns and bars be alert for pedestrians who may have slowed reaction times or impaired judgment.

Regardless of our preferred mode of travel, we all share Ashland's streets. Let's be safe, courteous and most importantly, let's watch out for each. ▼

News Notes

Flu Shots

The Ashland Senior Center, in partnership with the Jackson County Health Department, is offering a flu shot clinic for seniors on Thursday, November 15, from 9am — 12pm. The Senior Center is located at 1699 Homes Avenue. Chairs will be offered to those who have difficulty standing, and carside vaccinations will be available if needed Medicare, Oregon Health Plan, and Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be billed, otherwise the vaccination will cost \$30.00. Please have your insurance card available. For more information, call the Ashland Senior Center at 488-5342.

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Cool Weather Heating Safety

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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. ▼

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Sale Signs

Garage and Yard Sales are an important part of Americana and occur often in Ashland. However, Ashland Municipal Code (Section 9.08.180) prohibits posting of garage or yard sale signs on telephone poles, street signs, and electrical boxes or in the public right of way and park rows. Signs should be posted on stakes and put into the ground — only after obtaining permission from the owner of the property where the sign is posted. Additionally, all signs must be removed after the event. Have fun with your next garage sale!

Project FeederWatch

Help count the birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with the help of experienced Audubon volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with local birds and mingle with other birders. This free event occurs December 8 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. and is open to ages 10 and up. The information collected

will be submitted to Cornell University’s FeederWatch project, a nationwide bird monitoring effort. To learn more about this national event visit www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw. For more information call 488-6606. ▼

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City Calendar

November 15	Bike and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
November 16	Public Arts Commission	8:15 a.m.
November 19	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
November 20	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 21	Conservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 3	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
December 4	Airport Commission	9:30 a.m.
December 6	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 7	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 8	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. ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900