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

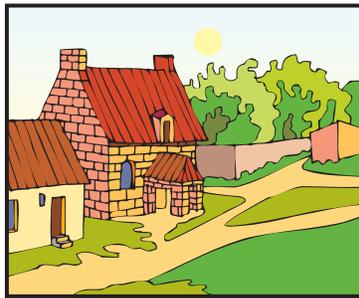
Get involved

More than 200 people participate on one of the over 20 different City of Ashland committees and commissions. All of these volunteers are invaluable to the City Council and to the citizens of Ashland.

*The City Council relies on these groups to research issues and then offer recommendations regarding specific actions. These groups attend monthly public meetings, solicit public comments, and shape their recommendations for the City Council based on the information they (See *Get Involved*, Back Page)*

Fair Housing

All households deserve fair and equal access to housing. "Fair housing" is the name for the federal, state and local civil rights laws that protect all of us from discrimination in housing based on our race, color, national origin, religion, gender, physical or mental disability, the presence of children under age 18 (familial status), marital status and source of income. In the State of Oregon laws also protect against housing discrimination based on sexual orientation.



What is prohibited?

Housing discrimination can occur in a variety of
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Dear Ashland Residents,

The City Council recently approved a draft set of values, a draft vision statement and 15 two-year goals. Now it is interested in your feedback on all three.

The values are supposed to represent what is most important to us as a community. The vision statement describes the long term direction towards which Ashland should be moving. The two-year goals are concrete policy actions the Council expects to focus on through July of 2011.

Ideally all three (values, goals, vision) would be completely consistent with each other. In the real world, however, there are often tensions among the three. It is the purpose of our community dialogue to refine, clarify and better align these three elements.

We expect to review a revised list of values and a revised vision statement to the Council in November. Input regarding the goals will feed into the Council's goal setting

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Fair Housing

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ways. Listed below are some housing practices that are considered illegal if they are based on a home seeker's race, color, national origin, sex religion, familial status, disability or sexual orientation.

- Refusing to rent or sell a house.
- Falsely denying that a house is available for inspection, sale, or rent.
- Offering differing terms, conditions, or privileges for certain people.
- Advertising or posting notices about the sale or rental of a dwelling where the ad or notice indicates preference, limitation, or discrimination.
- Intimidating, interfering with, or coercing a person to prevent him or her from buying, leasing, or remaining within a dwelling.
- Discriminating against someone through financing or broker's

services.

- "Steering" of tenants by real estate agents to or from certain neighborhoods.
- "Steering" of tenants by landlords to or from certain areas of the complex.

Do you think your rights have been violated?

If you have faced discrimination that limited your access to housing based on any of the "protected classes" listed above, contact the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. You have one year after an alleged violation to file a complaint, but you should file it as soon as possible.

Fair Housing Council of Oregon Program staff receive and screen complaints of housing discrimination over a state-wide, toll-free hotline: 1-800-424-3247.

For more information regarding Fair Housing please visit the Fair Housing page on the City's website at www.ashland.or.us/

fairhousing or contact Linda Reid, City of Ashland Housing Program Specialist, at 552-2043 or reidl@ashland.or.us. ▼

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process for Fiscal 2011, which begins next January.

The documents and feedback forms are posted on the city's website, www.ashland.or.us. Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
The City Council and Mayor

PS The Council is seeking broad citizen input. Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors and encourage their participation in this important work. ▼

Parks and Recreation

The 2009 Fall Programs will kick-off in mid-September! Watch for the fall edition of the

Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide in your mailbox in early September

or visit on-line at www.ashland.or.us/recguide.

Register for programs at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call 488-5340.

Ashland FireMed Program

Last year, over 2,000 people in Southern Jackson County required ambulance services. That's an average of 5 patients per day, each and every day, with charges averaging \$865 per person. Yet, many of those people were never sent a bill, never paid so much as an extra penny for their ambulance service. What's behind this remarkable statistic? Those people were all members of FireMed.

For just \$52 a year, you and every member of your household can rely on professional paramedic emergency service whenever you need it; each and every day of the year; both here at home and in our service areas throughout Oregon. As a member of FireMed you'll never have to file an insurance claim, face unpaid insurance charges, or pay another penny in ambulance fees.

Your FireMed membership also entitles you to; medically necessary emergency medical treatment and transportation, neonatal paramedic ambulance service, paramedic rescue, non-emergency medically necessary ambulance service preauthorized by a physician, and medically necessary ambulance transportation between medical facilities.

Additionally, your membership fee is reinvested right here in Jackson County in order to provide

the best professional training, the most advanced medical technology available, and to ensure that your entire household — and our entire community — can depend on the fastest, most expert medical care available anywhere.

During September and October, you can take advantage of our open enrollment period to protect your entire household with lifesaving paramedic ambulance service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, all for just \$52 per household. For more information or an application form please call 541-488-6009 or go to www.ashland.or.us/firemed. ▼

News Notes

Demonstration Garden Tours

Soak up the sights and smells of summer while learning about the gardens at North Mountain Park with volunteer docents and master gardeners, Susan Lander and Gary Foll. Discover how to attract wildlife in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile Gardens, and Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden and enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Private tours can be arranged. The free tours are for ages 10 and up on September 9 and 26, 2009 from 9:30 — 10:30 a.m. at North Mountain Park. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

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Garage and Yard Sales

Residents are reminded not to place garage and yard sale signs in the public right of way including park row (area between the curb and the sidewalk), utility poles and boxes, street lights, etc.

Electric Utility Boxes

Citizens are reminded not to plant flowers and plants close to the green electrical utility boxes located around town. There are times when electric crews need access to those units and plantings risk being damaged.



News Notes

Summer Composting Classes

Learn the basic methods of composting from instructor Denny Morelli. This informative, free, all ages class will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Ashland Recycle Center on Water Street (Please park on Water Street, not on the Recycle Center parking lot.) Plan to dress warmly. This class is sponsored by the City of Ashland Conservation Commission. For more information call Ashland Sanitary Recycling Service at 541-482-1471. Register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

On Wednesday, September 16, from noon to 1:00 pm, enjoy "35 Years without Windows," a glimpse into Ashland's history by Kit Leary, archivist, Oregon Shakespeare Festival. This Free program will take place at the Ashland Parks & Recreation office, 340 S Pioneer St. Pre-registration is not required. Please call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340 for additional details. ▼

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have gathered.

If you are interested in being involved in one of these commissions or committees please submit a letter of interest and a completed application form to the City of Recorder's Office (20 E. Main Street or christeb@ashland.or.us). Application forms, current vacancies, and calendars of meeting dates can be found on the city website at www.ashland.or.us. ▼

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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 7:00 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 the 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

