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

Water: Planning for the Future

The City of Ashland is preparing a comprehensive study of the community's



overall source of water and how water is delivered to residents and businesses. The study will evaluate our current source of water and delivery and the potential for future sources of water and deliveries. It will evaluate how drinking water is treated, how we currently use water and how we might use water in the future. It will also evaluate the potential for greater water conservation and ways we can recycle and reuse water.

When the study is completed two reports will be
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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 the park row (the area between the curb and the sidewalk), utility poles and boxes, street lights, street signs, etc. ▼

Wildfire Season is Here, are you Prepared?

Last year's Siskiyou Fire reminded us that wildfire is a real threat to our community. Let's all do our part to make sure that this fire season is a safe one. Residents near forested areas should be doing preventative maintenance each and every year to keep their home "Firewise".

To find out if your home is in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), you can locate homes in the hazard area at: www.ashland.or.us/wui. Also check out www.firewise.org for good tips.

Take a few minutes to check these important spots around your home:

1. Clear flammable debris and branches from gutters and rooftops.
2. Create a fuel free space 5 feet around your home. This means raking needles, leaves and twigs around the house and moving any combustible material out from under decks and near homes and outbuildings.

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Changes to Bus Route 15

Over the past several months, citizens who regularly ride Route #15 in south Ashland have expressed a preference for the old route which ran in the opposite direction as Route #10. Based on this input, the City requested RVTD make that change. Route #15 now runs in the opposite direction as Route #10 providing

bi-directional service. Thirty minutes service will be provided in each direction in the affected service area indicated below. There are no changes to Route #10.

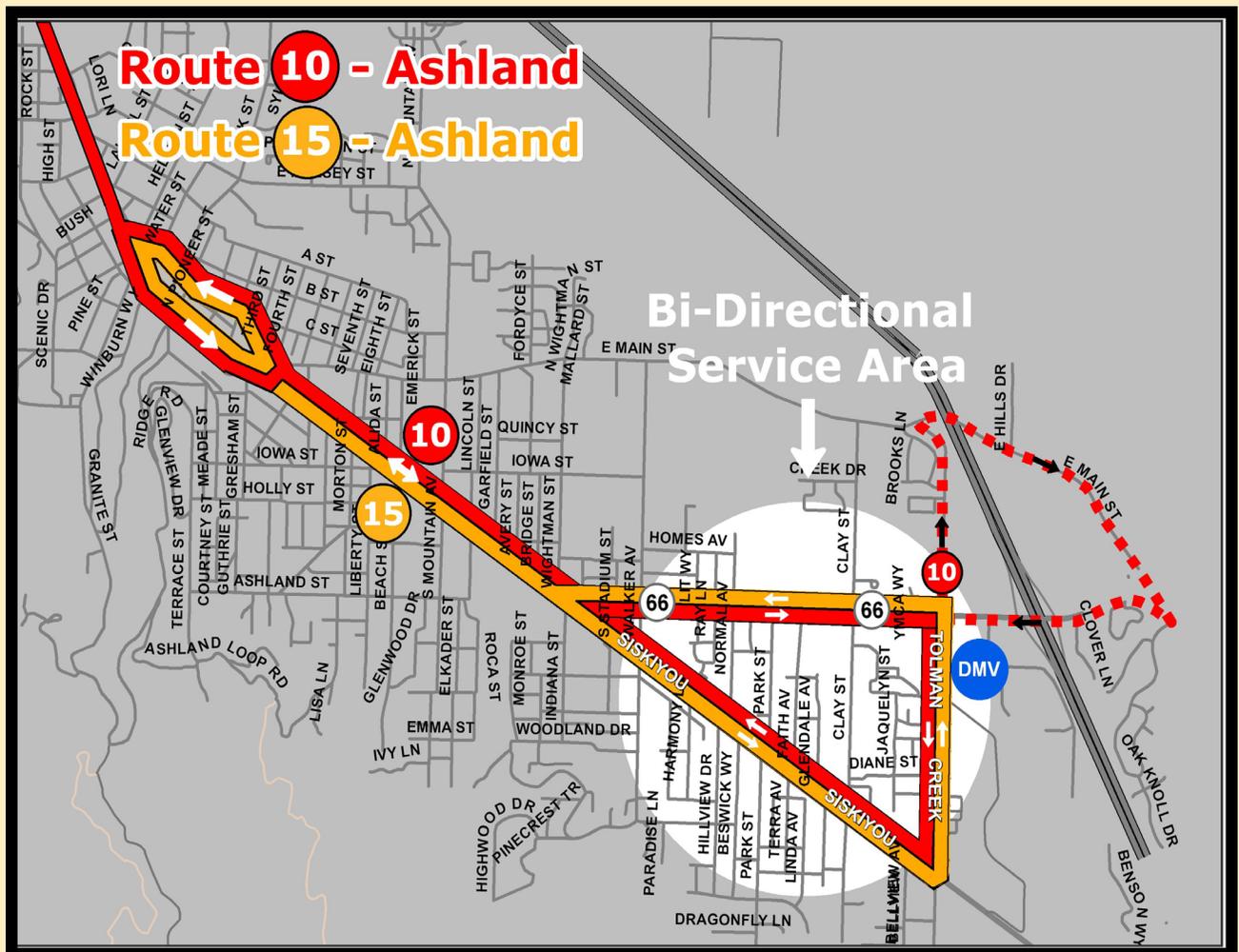
The City of Ashland pays for Route #10 in order to provide more frequent bus service in Ashland. The city-subsidized fare remains \$1.00. Riders travelling on RVTD outside of Ashland must pay the regular full fare of \$2.00. ▼

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created and include the plans for future sources of water, water treatment and water conservation and reuse: one report will be the Water Conservation and Reuse Study (WCRS) and the second will be a Comprehensive Water Master Plan (CWMP).

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Collecting Native Seeds for your Garden

Seed collecting is a fun and effective way to enhance your garden with native plants. Jim Duncan will guide that endeavor as we explore an area of the Dead Indian Plateau just east of Ashland. Please bring water, a snack and sun-screen as desired. This event will take place on August 14 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please meet at North Mountain Park and be prepared to drive 20 to 25 miles. The event is for ages 12 and up and will cost \$15. Pre-registration is required. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

Though there is substantial overlap between the two reports, they have different focuses. Broadly, the WCRS will identify water needs through the year 2058, identify sources of water, and evaluate opportunities for conservation to manage the community's future water needs. The CWMP will be a detailed study of the City's current water delivery infrastructure, the improvements needed to support future water demands, other programs recommended in the WCRS, and the related costs and timing to accomplish the plan.

The Ashland Water Advisory Committee (AWAC) is at the center of this work and includes two City Council members and members of the Ashland community who represent the diverse interests of citizens.

The AWAC has identified four areas of focus:

- Capacity, the amount of water we'll need to meet long-term water demand
- Redundancy, how we reuse water such as using recycled water to irrigate our park and private land
- Reliability, how we ensure sufficient water is available during seasons of drought
- Regulatory, how we ensure we are not overusing water during seasons of drought.

These areas of focus are called Levels of Service (LOS) Goals and will form the basis of the overall water study and final recommendations to the City Council for adoption.

With these initial LOS Goals selected, the consultant team is now beginning the technical work to identify options for consideration by

the AWAC in future meetings.

Given the importance of this work, the City encourages community participation at upcoming AWAC meetings. There will be many meetings in the coming months, culminating in a City Council meeting at the end of the year, where the final water options and alternatives will be selected. The meeting dates will be included in future City Source newsletters and posted on the City's website at www.ashland.or.us. For more information about this project, please contact Pieter Smeenk at the City of Ashland either by phone, 541-552-2413 or by email, smeenkp@ashland.or.us. ▼

News Notes

Making a Rainwater Harvest Plan

Instructor Vicki Simpson, Urban & Community Conservationist for Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District will teach you to look at your yard as a small watershed with many places to catch, store and infiltrate rain water. Find the perfect location for your rain barrel(s) and/or rain garden and learn about many other infiltration techniques. Learn how to determine the properties of your soil and about the use of native plants. This class will take place on August 24, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For people 6th grade and up only, please. Class costs \$5.00. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.



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3. Thin and prune vegetation within 50 to 100 feet of any structure and remove all dead plant material. This includes pruning landscaping plants as well! Keep all vegetation away from sliding and windows. Lean, clean, and green is the motto for fire-resistant plants. Remove flammable species such as juniper.

Review your home evacuation plan and which routes are designated wildfire evacuation routes in your neighborhood. Go to www.ashland.or.us/evacuation for specific details about wildfire ▼

News Notes

RVTD Skateboard Camp for Beginners

Skateboarding camps are a great place to get skateboarding lessons and become a better skateboarder, while making new friends. Instructors will cover basic balancing techniques, skate park etiquette, where to ride in the city, safety information including the Oregon Helmet Law, and more. Bring your own skateboard, helmet, water, and snacks. A limited supply of elbow pads, knees pads, and helmets will be available to borrow. This camp is offered through Rogue Valley Transportation District's (RVTD) Transportation Options Department. Camp is for ages 6 - 10 will take place on August 2 - 6, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ashland Skate Park, located at the corner of Water and Hersey Streets. Camp costs \$40 and registration is required. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/parks or call 541-488-5340. ▼

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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

