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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 recommen-

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Adopt- A- Street Program

Looking for a way your family or organization can help support our community?



The City of Ashland has a program that will help beautify the community and also provide a worthwhile project for your organization or your family. The Adopt-A-Street Program allows your family or organization to adopt a street for one year to clean up the litter on the street.

As an adopter, you would commit to conducting a litter pick-up event at least 4 times a year. The City provides safety vests, gloves, litter bags and signs (for organizations) with your group's (See *Adopt-A-Street Program*, Page 2)

Arbor Day 2009

“He who plants a tree, plants a hope.”
— Lucy Larcom, *Plant a Tree*

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. This year that is April 24. The State of Oregon celebrates Arbor Week during the first full week in April, April 5th — 11th and the City of Ashland Tree Commission has a number of events planned during April to celebrate Arbor Week and Ashland's designation as a Tree City USA. These events include a proclamation from the Mayor's office, Oregon Department of Forestry's presentation of Ashland's Tree City USA plaque, an informative tree walk at Southern Oregon University, placement of the Tree of the Year plaque for the Spanish Fir located at 128 Wimer Street, and an informative Tree Commission booth at the Annual Earth Day festival (see page 2) and a ceremonial tree planting during the festivities.

For more information about the Arbor Day activities planned during the month of April to celebrate Arbor Week please visit the City of Ashland web page, www.ashland.or.us. ▼



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Adopt-A-Street Program

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name posted at both ends of your adopted street. What a great way to help the City and allow your organization or family to participate with no cost to you or your organization.

It is easy to sign up, just email Mary McClary at mcclarym@ashland.or.us or call her at 541-552-2305 and she will be happy to provide you with additional information. ▼

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dations for the City Council based on the information they 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. ▼

National Historic Preservation Week

As part of its annual celebration of National Historic Preservation Week this coming May, the Ashland Historic Commission is seeking nominations for awards that will be presented at an awards ceremony. The purpose of these awards is to honor citizens who have made a significant contribution to the historic character of Ashland during 2008, either through renovation or rehabilitation of historic structures and sites, or through their on-going efforts on behalf of historic preservation in Ashland. Awards will be given in the following categories:

Rogue Valley Earth Day 2009 "Make it a Way of Life"

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.— 4 p.m. at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum, 1500 East Main Street, Ashland. Discover ways to shape a sustainable lifestyle and celebrate Earth Day with over 70 exhibits presenting information on green building, water and energy conservation, native plant landscaping, locally grown and organic food options, and renewable energy choices. The event will have hours of family friendly fun including live music and dance, kids' games and crafts, eco-friendly edibles, a free shuttle and much more. Visit www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net or call 488-6606 for more details.



Free Latex Paint Drop-off Event

April 17 & 18,

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drop off your household latex paints for proper disposal at Ashland Sanitary & Recycling transfer station, 3000 N. Valley

View Road. Need some paint? Check out the free re-use table. Remember: household latex paints only; this event is not open to business waste or oil based paints. For more information, call Ashland Sanitary at 482-1471.

- Residential
- Commercial
- Civic
- Individual(s)
- Historically compatible new construction

Please send in your nomination by March 16, 2009 to the Planning Department. You may also email your suggestion to boswellb@ashland.or.us. Results will be announced the first week of May and awards will be presented at an award ceremony later in the month. ▼

Avoid Attracting Unwanted Wildlife

The sound of a tipped over garbage can or finding empty pet food bowls could mean wildlife visitors. It's not healthy for animals to consume food that's not part of their normal diet, to associate areas of human habitation with food, or to lose their fear of people. To prevent this:

Please **DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE**. Feeding animals artificially increases wildlife populations, making it difficult for them to establish territories for their other needs. Providing artificial food sources may also lead to unnaturally large concentrations of animals and increase the spread of disease. When raccoon numbers are high, for example, diseases like distemper spread more readily in the raccoon population. Some wildlife diseases can be transmitted

to domestic animals, but if pet vaccinations are current, the risk is very low.

Feed pets indoors. If you must feed your dogs or cats outside, bring in food dishes after pets have finished eating to prevent wildlife from eating the leftovers. Bring water bowls in before dark.

Keep your garbage can in a secure location like a closed garage or outbuilding and bring it out just before garbage collection time. If you must keep it outside, tie the can upright with a cord through the handle and fasten it to something sturdy like a post. Metal cans and a tight fitting lid work best.

Pick ripe fruit and vegetables daily in the garden and pick up fallen fruit from the ground. If you use a compost bin, choose a style that excludes wildlife that may be attracted to vegetable and fruit scraps.

If you feed birds, be aware that feeders may attract other wildlife. In some areas, that may include bears. Try placing feeders where they are not accessible to other wildlife species or use feeders designed to exclude other species.

An alternative to artificial feeding is to provide natural food sources for birds and other wildlife.

Share these tips with your neighbors. It only takes one household to create a problem. ▼



News Notes

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event May 1-2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your household hazardous waste to Rogue Disposal Transfer Station, 8001 Table Rock Road. Cost is \$5.00 per vehicle. Trade in your mercury thermometer for a digital one at no charge. Acceptable items include: cleaning supplies, batteries, pool and spa chemicals, lead and oil-based paint, paint removers, wood preservatives and light ballasts.

Do NOT bring: fluorescent bulbs, medical or biological waste, explosives, radioactive materials, ammunition, commercial or industrial waste, asbestos, 55 gallon drums, propane tanks, fire extinguishers or other metal tanks. For more information, contact Rogue Disposal at 779-4161 or www.RogueDisposal.com. ▼

City Facts and Figures

Pipes, drains, sewers and meters

11, 780 electric meters
124 miles of water main pipe
8,281 water connections
137 miles of fiber and coax
110 miles of waste-water lines
1,115 water hydrants

Parks and Open Space

19 parks
640 acres of parkland
1 golf course
1 swimming pool
1 ice rink
12 tennis courts
29 miles of trail
3 community centers

Streets, parking lots

104 miles of paved streets
10 miles of gravel streets
84 miles of storm drains
1,802 street lights
7 parking lots ▼

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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.
- ❑ **Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission** meets on the third Thursday at 5:15 p.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.
- ❑ **Traffic Safety Commission** meets on fourth Thursday at 7:00 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

