

## City

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

Help Us Help You--  
Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas is safe when properly used. But accidents can happen as we saw recently in San Bruno, California.



While that situation was unusual, it gives us an opportunity to review natural gas safety. It's important for you to know all you can about natural gas safety. Natural gas is odorless, colorless, non-toxic and has no taste in its natural state. It is 40 percent lighter than air. If it isn't contained, natural gas rises, seeking its way into the atmosphere and dissipates on its own.

As a safety precaution, natural gas purveyors  
(See *Natural Gas Safety*, Page 3)

## Did you Know?

*Residential Utility Customer 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 2010 and ending March 31, 2011 will determine your sewer bills for next year. Water bills beginning in April 2011 will reflect that usage. ▼*

Pedestrian Places  
Public Workshop

City of Ashland community members are invited and encouraged to attend a public workshop on Wednesday, December 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. located at the Ashland Middle School Commons. This is the second workshop in a series of several meetings on planning for Pedestrian Places. This workshop will present draft concepts and ideas contributed at the first public workshop conducted on October 27th.

The City of Ashland is conducting a study of three locations as Pedestrian Places — Tolman Creek Rd./Ashland St., Walker Ave./Ashland St., and N. Mountain Ave./E. Main St. Pedestrian places are neighborhood centers that provide a concentration of small gathering places, housing, businesses and pedestrian amenities grouped in a way to encourage more walking, bicycling and transit use.

As a part of the Pedestrian Places

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# City **S O U R C E**

## Celebrate the Season with a Unique Gift

The holidays are a special time, a time for celebrating family, friends, traditions and giving. Ashland Community Hospital Foundation's Lights For Life is a unique program that combines all of these special ingredients of the season into a heartfelt tradition that supports the work of Ashland Community Hospital.

Honoring an individual or family through Lights For Life is the perfect holiday gift, guaranteed to warm their hearts. Your contribution can be given in memory or in honor of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, physicians

and caregivers, just to name a few. It is a wonderful way to say "thank you" to someone who has touched your life this year. We will promptly send a Lights For Life notification card to the person or family that you designate.

Gifts to Lights For Life support the work of Ashland Community Hospital in Ashland and Talent. Your contribution can be designated to purchase cardiac monitors for Ashland Community Hospital's most critically ill patients or support the department that is most important to you. Whichever area you choose, you can be confident your gift will be used wisely and will make a difference in the lives of the patients and families we serve.

*Your Lights For Life gift will be symbolized by lights on two trees.*

In Ashland, our Lights For Life tree is located on Siskiyou Boulevard near the Ashland Library and will be lit on November 26th at 5:00 pm to kick off the Festival of Lights parade

In Talent, our tree is located near the Talent Community Center and will be lit during a special ceremony on December 14th at 6:00 pm

ACH has been our hometown hospital for more than 100 years. Your generous contributions help the hospital provide exceptional care for exceptional people. Thank you for supporting our community hospital! All donors and honorees will be recognized in the Ashland Tidings, Mail Tribune, Sneak Preview and Talent News and Review, unless you indicate that your gift is anonymous. ▼

## Let Your Lights for Life Shine — Lights for Life Contribution Form

### *I wish to light:*

\_\_\_\_\_ An Angel (\$1000 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Light (\$100 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ A Star (\$500 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue Light (\$50 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ White Light (\$250 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Green Light (\$25 each)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ My total contribution is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate my gift for:  Cardiac Monitors  Other

### *My contribution:*

Please make my contribution In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a notification of my gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not wish to have public acknowledgement

### *My contact information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list name as you wish to be recognized*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to ACH Foundation

Please bill my credit card:  Visa  M/C  Discover  AMEX

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your contribution to ACH Foundation PO Box 98, Ashland, OR 97520  
Or Donate online at [www.achfoundation.org](http://www.achfoundation.org)**



## Volunteer Opportunity

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program is accepting applications for all of their different rewarding volunteer opportunities.

Especially in need of volunteers is the House Check Patrol program. Training will be provided. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Frank D'Entremont, at 541-552-2121 for more information.

## Natural Gas Safety

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add a strong odorant, usually ethyl mercaptan, with a smell similar to rotten eggs. This allows leak detection. For your safety, it is important that everyone in your home know how to recognize the odor of escaping natural gas.

### Remember to DO:

- ❑ Use your nose. If you ever detect even a small amount of the odor of natural gas in the air, don't stay—get away. Then dial 9-1-1.
- ❑ Look for the blue flame. If pilot lights and burners have a steady, blue flame, they are operating correctly. (Decorative gas fire logs are the only exception. Their flame is usually yellow.)
- ❑ Have all gas appliances, furnaces, vents, flues, chimneys and gas lines in your home or business inspected every year or two by qualified industry professionals.
- ❑ Keep the areas around all appliances and equipment clean and unblocked to allow for proper air flow.
- ❑ Make sure there is at least one multipurpose fire extinguisher in your home or place of business.
- ❑ Install carbon monoxide detectors in all sleeping areas of the home.
- ❑ Review these natural gas safety tips regularly with ALL family members and coworkers.

### DON'T do the following:

- ❑ Let small children play with or near natural gas appliances or

pipes, even the knobs on the oven or cook top.

- ❑ Use your stove or oven for anything other than cooking.
- ❑ Move or install a gas appliance or change the connector in any way without professional assistance.
- ❑ Use a space heater UNTIL you are sure it has been vented properly. If using a vent-free heater, make sure the automatic cut-off switch is operational.
- ❑ Store household chemicals or combustible materials near gas appliances.

HELP US HELP YOU! ▼

## Pedestrian Places Public Workshop

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project, the City is testing a new citizen involvement tool called Open City Hall. This is an opportunity for citizens to learn about the project and then be able to provide input electronically. You are encouraged to visit [www.ashland.or.us/opencityhall](http://www.ashland.or.us/opencityhall). Citizen comments are critical to the success of the project. ▼

## News Notes

### Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink

The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink will be operational (weather permitting) from November 2010 through February 2011. For more information, prices, daily schedules, and extended holiday schedules visit

(See *News Notes*, Back Page)



## Make a Plan for Next Fire Season

The 2010 wildfire season is ending, and now is the time to make a plan for next summer's fire season. Do you have a survivable space around your home? Does your roof have a Class A non-wood covering? Do you have a yard filled with hazardous vegetation that needs to be cleared out? Winter is the time to make plans and complete work on your survivable space. Would you like some tips on what to do and how to do it? Ashland Fire and Rescue offers free Wildfire Home Safety assessments year round. Call Ali True, Firewise Communities Coordinator, at 541-552-2231 to schedule an assessment. Don't wait till smoke is in the air! Be ready for next fire season! Visit [www.ashlandfirewise.org](http://www.ashlandfirewise.org) for more information. ▼

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[www.ashland.or.us/icerink](http://www.ashland.or.us/icerink), call the ice rink directly at 541-488-9189, or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation Department at 541-488-5340.

### **Youth Hockey Class**

Ashland Parks & Recreation is offering a Youth Hockey Class at the Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink (95 Winburn Way) for students, grades K through 8. The Youth Hockey classes will have Tuesday practices and Sunday morning games with a referee. Classes run from Tuesday, November 30 through Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Local adult and/or high school hockey players will serve as bench coaches. Full hockey equipment is required, most of which can be borrowed as necessary. The cost is \$60 for K—2 grades; \$80 for 3—8 grades. For more information please contact Brian Brainard at 541-601-4392. To register, please call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340.

### **The Ashland Parks & Recreation Department Guides**

The Ashland Parks & Recreation Department publishes three recreation guides per year; fall, winter/spring and summer. The guides are delivered to every Ashland and Talent household, and can also be viewed online at [www.ashland.or.us/recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide). For more information or to register for a program online please visit [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register). Remember, online registration helps to reduce costs and it's easy to do! If you need assistance, please call 541-488-5340, or stop by the Parks office in Lithia Park, 340 S Pioneer St in Ashland. ▼

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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 Wednesday 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](http://www.ashland.or.us). ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

