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Ashland World Music Festival

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC) is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Ashland World Music Festival, formerly "Siskiyou de Mayo: A World Music Festival." This FREE, outdoor festival in Lithia Park will bring live music and dance into the park!



The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at the Butler Bandshell in Lithia Park. Stay tuned as we schedule this year's line-up! Plan to gather your family and friends, pack a picnic and stay for the entire afternoon!

Are you interested in sponsoring the Ashland World Music Festival? The Valley 106.3, The Rogue Valley Messenger and JPR are proud sponsors of the 2017 event. Partnering with APRC will give your organization the opportunity to connect with more people in the Southern Oregon community.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities and the event by visiting ashland.or.us/AWMF, calling APRC at 541-488-5340, or liking us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AshlandParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/AshlandParksandRec).

We'll see you in the Park!

Cool Down (and Save!) With a Ductless Heat Pump

Summer is right around the corner and now is a good time to reflect back on last summer and things you wish you would have accomplished.

If any of these items sound familiar, maybe it's time to look into a ductless heat pump:

- No matter what you try, you have a room or area that never seems to get to the same temperature as the rest of the home.
- You have a multilevel home and the upstairs temperature is unbearable?
- You have a portion of your home you only want to heat and cool when you are using it.
- Your heating or cooling system keeps you (or your neighbor) awake at night when it's on.
- You have been thinking about doing an addition, but extending the ducting of the main unit is either not possible or is very expensive.
- You want to find the most efficient way to heat and cool your home.

Interested in learning more? Like standard air-source heat pumps, ductless

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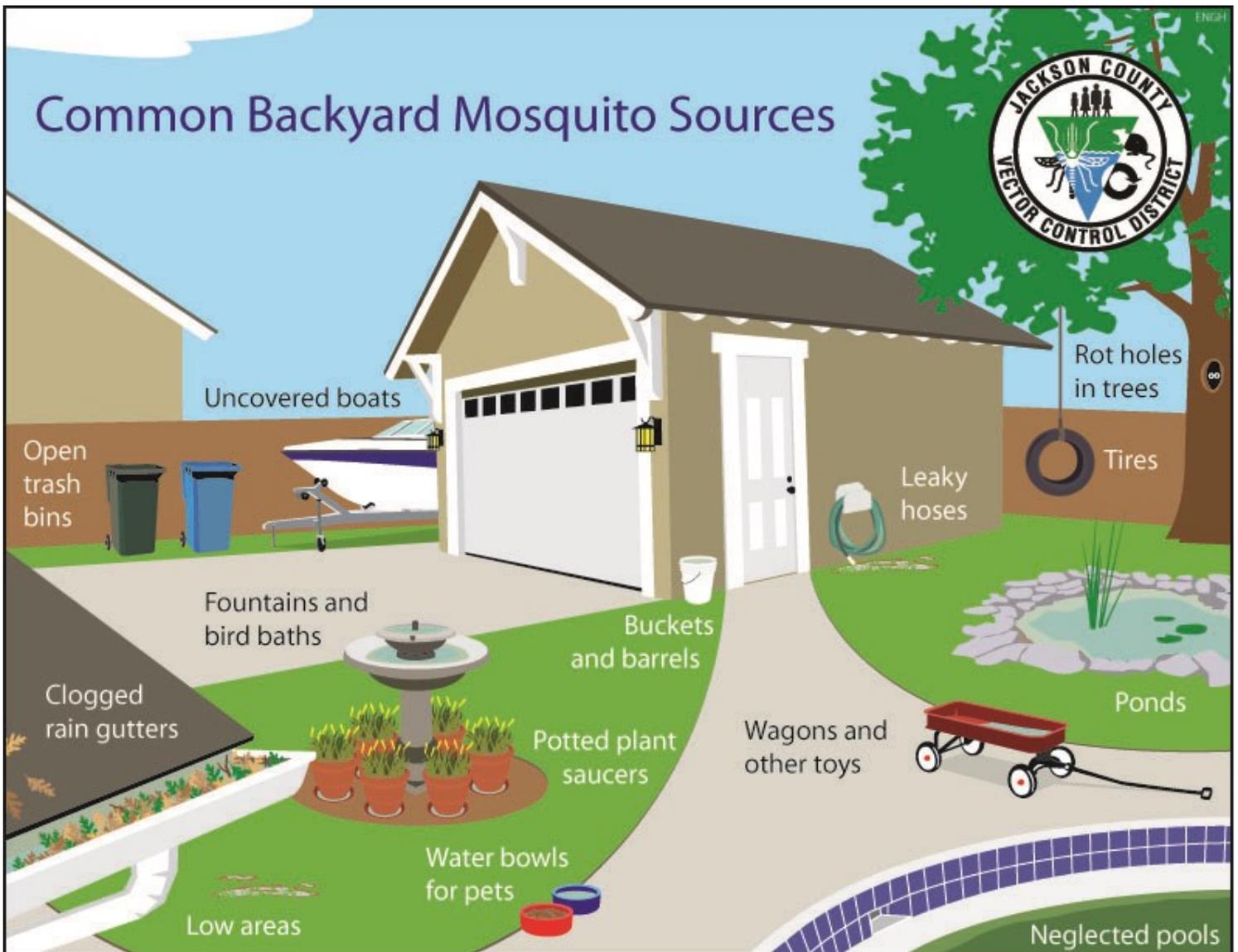
Ashland Parks Youth Conservation Corps.

Register Now!

Applications are currently being accepted for Ashland Parks' 2017 Youth Conservation Corps summer program. Entering 8th through 12th graders can earn 25 Community Service Hours in just four days building trails, working in parks, and restoring riparian areas.

Dates: Session 1 - June 12-15; Session 2 - June 26-29; Session 3 - July 10-13.

Apply now at ashland.or.us/youthcorps or contact Volunteer Coordinator Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or 541-552-2264.



Prevent Backyard Mosquitos!

Taking a few minutes to remove mosquito breeding habitat around your property can reduce your risk of mosquitoes spoiling your barbeques, or worse, spreading diseases such as West Nile Virus. After each rain take a few minutes and inspect your yard and dump out water from any household containers, such as buckets, flowerpots, and old tires that may breed mosquitoes. Don't forget to check for clogged rain gutters, or tarps over wood piles, and boats that may also be holding water. If you are collecting rainwater for later use, be sure that barrels or cisterns are covered with fine mesh screen to keep mosquitoes from using them as a home. Ornamental ponds and stock troughs should be stocked with mosquito fish to keep mosquitoes at bay. Dog dishes and bird baths should be cleaned weekly, remember anything that holds water for 7 days can produce mosquitoes.

Sponsored by Ashland Fire & Rescue and the Ashland Wildfire Mitigation Commission.
Generously supported by Recology Ashland and the National Fire Protection Association

Ashland's 6th Annual Firewise Clean Up Day!

Saturday, May 6, from 9 AM to 3 PM

Valley View Transfer Station, 3000 N. Valley View Rd.

**Bring your green debris and drop it off for FREE!
ID with local address will be required for free
disposal. All other disposal will require normal fees.**

**Prepare your home for fire season now!
Learn how at ashlandfirewise.org!**

Prohibited materials: trash, stumps, logs, lumber
ONLY organic yard debris will be accepted
Collected debris will be composted
Plastic bags must be emptied on site & taken home

For more information please contact:
Ashland Fire & Rescue
541-482-2770
alison.lerch@ashland.or.us



Historic Preservation Week 2017

Celebrate Historic Preservation Week with us! This year's theme is, "Discover America's Hidden Gems." The following tours and activities are planned:

- Walking tour of High Street, Manzanita and N. Main Streets. In addition to the High Street homes, the tour will also include the Skidmore Academy, Briscoe School, and Methodist Church locations. Meet Terry Skibby in front of Community Development, 51 Winburn Way, at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017. The tour will last approximately one and a half hours. Sponsored by the Ashland Historic Commission and the Ashland Heritage Committee.
- Ashland Memorial Mausoleum self-guided tour, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.
- Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 59 Winburn Way.

Please call City of Ashland's Community Development Department at 541-488-5305 if you have any questions, or visit the website at: ashland.or.us/historicpreservationweek.

Ductless Heat Pumps

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mini splits have two main components - an outdoor compressor/condenser and an indoor air-handling unit. These two units are connected with a conduit that includes the power cable, refrigerant tubing, suction tubing and condensate drain. The primary difference between ductless heat pumps and standard furnaces or heat pumps is, you guessed it, no ducting! This provides all sorts of location options, cost reductions and increases the speed of installation.

The City's Conservation Division has some excellent incentives to make having a ductless system possible. Go to ashland.or.us/HVAC for more information.

News Notes

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird - its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme is, "The importance of stopover habitats."

Join us on Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at North Mountain Park to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits where you can meet some magnificent birds of prey. Join the experts for guided bird walks, and compete in a bird-calling contest at 10:30 a.m. for all ages.

This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 North Mountain Avenue. For more information on this exciting and family-friendly event, please call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606 or visit RogueValleyBirdDay.net.

This event is made possible with the generous help of sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2017 event, please contact the Nature Center at 541-488-6606 or email libby.vanwyhe@ashland.or.us.

HeartSaver Adult CPR / AED Course

HeartSaver CPR course is for anyone with limited or no medical training seeking a card in CPR and AED use to meet job, regulatory, and/or other requirements.

Date: Saturday, May 20

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Where: Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Cost: \$35

To Register: Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd. Make checks payable to City of Ashland. Credit cards accepted in person.

For information or to register contact the CERT Program Coordinator at 541-552-2226, cpr@ashland.or.us, or www.ashland.or.us/cpr

**City offices will be closed on
May 29, 2017, for Memorial Day.**

**We apologize for any
inconvenience this may cause.**

May City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: May 2 & 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: May 1 & 15 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

May 2 | 9:30 a.m.

Citizen's Budget Committee

May 11, 18, & 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

May 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

May 9 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

May 3 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

May 25 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: May 22 | 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: May 9 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: May 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

May 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

May 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

May 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

May 17 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.



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