

The citizen's source of information about the City of Ashland

Online Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates: To help ease concern over the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and spread correct information, the City has created a webpage ashland.or.us/coronavirus and will be updating a hotline (541) 552-2490 with the most up-to-date information on what the City is doing and helpful information from the CDC and other health organizations.

DOG FRIENDLY

The City would like to take this time to remind dog owners and walkers to keep all dogs on a six foot leash and pick up their waste while out and about. This helps prevent incidents with other dogs, humans, and wildlife (especially deer) while preventing pollution of our natural environment. If you do find yourself and your dog near a deer, remember to give them plenty of space and consider changing your route to avoid them all together. Deer can become aggressive around dogs as they feel threatened and mother deer are very protective of their young.

Dogs are **not allowed** in Lithia and North Mountain Park. Although this may seem like a bummer, make a note to check out these dog friendly parks instead (excluding playground areas and ballfields):

- Ashland Creek Park
- Bluebird Park
- Calle Guanajuato
- Clay Street Park
- Dog Park (off leash allowed)
- Garden Way Park
- Garfield Park
- Glenwood Park
- Hunter Park
- Oak Knoll Golf Course
- Railroad Park
- Scenic Park
- Sherwood Park
- Triangle Park
- Siskiyou Mountain Park



For more information including dog friendly open spaces, maps, and suggested routes, check out ashland.or.us/dogfriendly. Thank you for being respectful while you and your best friend enjoy Ashland.

CELEBRATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK "THIS PLACE MATTERS" MAY 17 TO 23, 2020

Ashland Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. Hosted by Mayor John Stromberg, will take place on Tuesday May, 19, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. at Pioneer Hall, located at 73 Winburn Way.

Ashland Memorial Mausoleum at Mountain View Cemetery. Open for "self guided" tours on Wednesday May 20, 2020, from 8:30 to 4 p.m. The Mausoleum is located on the east side of Ashland Street and Normal Avenue.

Walking tour of Downtown Ashland. Hosted by The City of Ashland Historic Commission on Friday, May 21, 2020 at 2 p.m. Terry Skibby will lead the tour that will last approximately one and a half hours. Please meet on the Plaza at the Lithia Water fountains at 2 p.m.

Visit the City's website at www.ashland.or.us/historicpreservationweek for the full Event Brochure. Brochures will also be available at City Hall and the Ashland Community Development Department, 51 Winburn Way. You may also call (541) 488-5305 for event details.

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“When In Doubt, Find Out” Recycling Tips and Tricks

Remember when it seemed like you could toss practically anything into your recycling cart and feel *good*? Or maybe you questioned whether something belonged in your cart, but tossed it in anyway, *hoping* for the best. After all, we’re human; we like to feel *good*, and we like feeling *hopeful*.

As the world wakes up to the reality of recycling struggling, it’s never been more important to reexamine our habits. Interested in knowing the **Top Ten Ways to Feel Good About Your Recycling Impact**? Keep reading.

Always check the list of what is permissible in your recycle cart, regardless of what was allowed in other places you’ve lived. What can go into carts often varies by region, and even city, depending on the technology available at the sorting facility where your mixed recycling ends up. Make sure you are following your local list. Don’t guess. Know.

Never try to recycle papers made for cleaning. Items like paper towels, napkins, and tissues should be composted at home, or thrown away. These products have very short fibers and have reached their end of life.

Shredded paper is not permissible in recycle carts. Not even bagged shred. Shred takes flight easily, creates excessive particulates in the air, and has a hard time making it through the sorting process at facilities.

Items should be empty, clean, dry, and free of food residue. Bottles and cans should be lightly rinsed. Paper should be dry.

Contrary to popular belief, egg cartons don’t belong in recycle carts. Just like paper towels, the fibers are short and have reached their end of life.

No plastic bags, or soft plastic of any kind should go into your cart. These materials clog the gears of the sorting machinery and wreak havoc at facilities. Recycle your soft plastic for free at the Ashland Recycle Center on Water Street instead.

No lids of any kind. Lids can be easily trapped between pieces of cardboard, contaminating that material at sorting facilities. You can recycle your metal lids in a separate area at the Recycle Center on Water Street. Please see an attendant for assistance.

No Cartons (think milk, soy, soup). These containers are aseptic, designed to resist moisture, and are often composed of three *different* materials - paper, metal, and plastic - which makes them a big offender at our sorting facility.

No to-go containers (also called “clam shells”). Clam shells, which often contain foods like lettuce and pastries, flatten easily and then get trapped between pieces of cardboard and paper, just like lids do.

No mixed materials. For instance, a “can” a Planter’s peanuts may look like a can, but it has a plastic lid, a metal bottom and a foil-lined cardboard tube. Sorting facilities have no ability to separate the materials from one another, making them nearly impossible to recycle.

All in all, if you live in Ashland or Talent and are paying close attention to the list of materials that can go into your cart, you are doing great work! For more information, see the list below, or go to

Recology.com/Recology-Ashland.



WHAT GOES IN A RECYCLE CART?

If it's not on this list, it's contamination.

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|  <p>Mixed Paper & Cardboard</p> |  <p>Metal Aluminum & Tin</p> |  <p>Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs #1, #2, #5</p> |
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GLASS COLLECTED SEPARATELY IN SMALL OPEN BIN

**AVISTA REMINDS YOU
SAFE DIGGING
IS NO ACCIDENT:
CALL 811 BEFORE YOU
DIG**



Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 at least two business days before you dig. Calling 811 will get a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines. There is a two-foot tolerance zone on each side of the line, and it is required to hand dig to determine the precise location of the utility in this tolerance zone. This service is free. Remember, you may have your own utilities that require a Private Locate request at 811.

Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, prevent damages to utilities and service disruptions, and avoid potential fines and repair costs. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere, so keeping your shovel in the shed or garage and calling 811 first is a smart move (and it’s the law).

Every digging job requires a call — even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Here are just a few examples of when to call:

- Installing a rural mailbox
- Putting in a fence
- Planting a tree or shrubbery
- Building a patio or deck
- Excavating a new garden area

**Call 811 or go to
www.digsafelyoregon.com**

Get Wise this Spring WaterWise and FireWise Landscaping



Spring is the perfect time to prepare your landscape for the summer watering season. It's also a great time to reduce the wildfire risk to your home. Fortunately, it's easy to accomplish both at the same time! In fact, Ashland WaterWise recently teamed up with Ashland FireWise to create a Firewise Landscaping Demonstration Garden (with a big help from Ashland Parks & Recreation). Located at Fire Station 1, this garden follows basic principles to create a landscape that is both WaterWise and FireWise, and we would like to share some of those principles with you!

Consider completing these simple tasks in the spring before the heat of summer sets in:

Pruning and cleaning - Remove easily ignitable wildfire fuels like leaves and branches before they dry out and add to your fire risk. Clearing out dead debris away from trees and shrubs also allows new growth to flourish and water to reach the roots more effectively.

Test your irrigation to assess if you need to replace or repair any parts of your irrigation system before the hot summer months, when plants may otherwise dry out and be ready to ignite by embers from a wildfire.

Mulching and aerating - Completing tasks such as aerating, amending soil, and adding mulch will sustain healthy soils that cycle nutrients, minimize runoff and retain water. While great for most of your landscape, keep bark mulch away from the first five feet of your home to help stop fire from carrying directly against your siding, and opt for rock or pebbles in this zone instead.

Add a pop of color - If Mr. Frost is retired for the year, this is a great time to add new plants to your landscape. It's easy to grow plants that are both WaterWise and FireWise. Check out Ashland's Firewise Plant List for plants that are both drought tolerant and have low flammability (added bonus - the list also indicates plants that are pollinator friendly!)

We invite you to check out the Firewise Landscaping Demonstration Garden at 455 Siskiyou Blvd to see what's blooming! Please visit ashland.or.us/firewiseplants to view Ashland's list of Firewise plants and check out the City of Ashland's WaterWise Landscaping website at www.ashlandsaveswater.org for more ideas on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water.

Fire for Water

our home – our backyard – our water

CONTROLLED BURNS HELP PROTECT OUR WATERSHED AND COMMUNITY



900,000,000 gallons of drinking water delivered to homes in Ashland



75,000 skiers visit Mt. Ashland

Get Connected

Text WATERSHED (message line) to 888777 (recipient)

Ashland Forest Resiliency Project
ashlandwatershed.org



Events

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local observance of World Migratory Bird Day, which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird. Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, join experts for guided bird walks and compete in a bird calling contest for all ages. This outdoor event is admission free. For more information, call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at (541) 488-6606 or visit roguevalleybirdday.com. If you are interested in sponsoring the 2020 event, please contact Ashland Parks and Recreation Nature Center Coordinator, Jennifer Aguayo, at jennifer.aguayo@ashland.or.us or (541) 488-6606.

DATE Saturday, May 9
TIME 8 AM to 12 PM
PLACE North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue

Ashland World Music Festival

Ashland Parks & Recreation and Rogue World Music are pleased to bring you all the fun of the Ashland World Music Festival, where our community celebrates the world! This festival is a multi-day cultural celebration filled with music, dance, storytelling, food and fun for the whole family. The main event is free and visit rogueworldmusic.org/awmf for details of this year's exciting line-up throughout Memorial Day weekend! Are you interested in sponsoring the 2020 event? Learn more at rogueworldmusic.org/awmf.

DATE Sunday, May 24
TIME 12 PM to 6 PM
PLACE Butler Bandshell, 150 Winburn Way

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Events

Free Lithia Park Nature Walks

Three days a week—Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays (additional Saturday walks in July and August)—rain or shine, trained volunteer naturalists lead an easy, interesting, 1.5-hour nature walk through Lithia Park. Topics include: trees, flowers, birds, climate, water, geology and the history of the park. Nature walks are free and all ages are welcome. Please meet at 10 a.m. at the park entrance, across from the Plaza in Ashland.

DAYS Sunday, Wednesday & Friday (May through September)
Saturdays (July and August only)
DATES May 1 through September 30
TIME 10 AM
PLACE Entrance to Lithia Park, across from Ashland Plaza

First Friday Silent Discos in the Park!

Join Silent Movement for their 4th summer of family-friendly events, as they return to the front of Lithia Park. Rent a pair of headphones and wander through downtown's Art Walk, or dance with hundreds of other attendees to multiple channels of Live DJ's playing funky beats, while the little ones can make their own music on the interactive "Wiggle Wagons" which broadcasts on our Kid's Channel. Animals and alcohol are not allowed in parks. Visit ashland.or.us/silentdisco for more details.

DATES May 1 | Jun 5 | Jul 9 | Aug 7 | Sep 4 (First Friday)
TIME 5 to 11 PM
PLACE Front of Lithia Park
COST \$5 for a headset (A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ashland Parks Foundation and Synths for Kids)

The Only Thing is Death & Taxes: Rogue Valley Care Options at the End of Life

A panel presentation by Celia's House Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice addressing concerns that arise as we age toward and into the end of our lives, and the resources in the Rogue Valley that are available to meet our physical and emotional needs. Come learn what is most important and supportive to older adults facing physical decline, with an emphasis on palliative and hospice care, so they are prepared to make choices that meet their circumstances. Please register for free by calling the Senior Center at (541) 488-5342 or emailing seniorinfo@ashland.or.us. Event is subject to cancellation or postponement due to public health concerns, please call to check.

DATE May 13
TIME 1 to 3 PM
PLACE Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Avenue

Ashland in Chalk Pastel and Colored Pencils

Open to all skill levels and for ages 50 and better. Through step-by-step instruction, students will complete one drawing of our lovely Ashland valley, and learn to expand chalk pastels and colored pencils through the use of solvents. Taught by Shea Cathey. Register at ashland.or.us/register or call the Senior Center at (541) 488-5342. Course is subject to cancellation or postponement due to public health concerns, please call to check.

DATES May 16, 23 & 30
TIME 1 to 3 PM
PLACE Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave
COST \$80 (includes all supplies)

Check out how Ashland connects at www.ashlandfiber.net



MAY CITY CALENDAR

- City Council
 - Business Meeting: May 5 & 19 | 6 p.m.
 - Study Sessions: May 4 & 18 | 5:30 p.m.
- Airport Commission
 - May 5 | 9:30 a.m.
- Conservation & Climate Outreach Commission
 - May 27 | 6 p.m.
- Climate Policy Commission
 - May 14 | 4 p.m.
- Forest Lands Commission
 - May 12 | 9:30 a.m.
 - Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street
- Historic Commission
 - May 6 | 6 p.m.
- Housing and Human Services Commission
 - May 28 | 4 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Business Meeting: May 13 | 6:30 p.m.
 - Study Session: May 6 | 6:30 p.m.
 - Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street
- Planning Commission
 - Business Meeting: May 12 | 7 p.m.
 - Study Session: May 26 | 7 p.m.
- Public Art Commission
 - May 15 | 8:30 a.m.
- Transportation Commission
 - May 11 | 6 p.m.
- Tree Commission
 - May 7 | 6 p.m.
- Wildfire Safety Commission
 - May 20 | 11 a.m.
 - Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900 ▲ Meetings are held in the Council Chambers (1175 E Main Street) or the Siskiyou Room (51 Winburn Way) unless otherwise noted. ▲ 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, select channel RVTV Prime.



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