

City

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

Greeting From
the Mayor

Dear Ashland Citizens:

It is a pleasure to be serving as your Mayor and I am proud of the work of our city council, city staff, and volunteers on the numerous commissions, committees and boards on your behalf.

During this holiday season, it is important for each of us to remember it is our combined differences, backgrounds, heritages and beliefs which make Ashland such a special place. It is times like this which remind me of what a wonderful community we live in — a community active in local and national government, supportive of its schools, and appreciative of its parks.

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Christmas Tree Recycling

The annual Christmas tree recycle day will be on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Remember to place your tree by the curb on Friday, January 11 for pick up the next day. The Ashland Host Lions, Early Bird Lions and the Boy Scouts of Troop 112 will be recycling the trees to be used as mulching materials by the Ashland Parks Department on trails in in the parks. ▼

Sanding and Snow
Removal

Following snowfall, streets are cleared and sanded in the following order:

- ❑ Arterial streets including Siskiyou Boulevard, North Main, Highway 66, Lithia Way, Maple Street (hospital), school zones etc. are always cleared first.
- ❑ Collector streets such as Mountain Avenue, East Main, Hersey Street, Park Street, Beach Street etc. are cleared next.
- ❑ Residential streets are cleared last and are prioritized based on volume of vehicular traffic and grade. Residential streets with heavy volume such as Morton Street, Strawberry Lane, Wimer Street, Church Street, Granite Street, etc. are attended to first. Low priority is given to streets with low vehicular traffic.

The Street Department reminds motorists that a plowed and sanded street does not guarantee the street is free from ice. Motorists should

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I would encourage you, in this reflective time of year, to make an effort to really listen to someone who thinks differently from you. Acknowledge and respect those differences, be patient with one another, slow down, look around, and appreciate all that we share.

Elected officials and city commission members are volunteers and donate countless hours keeping abreast of issues affecting our community. They work hard to make the best recommendations and decisions for the community as a whole. If you have a chance, say thank you to them, those simple words mean a lot.

Best wishes on a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,
John Morrison, Mayor ▼

Ashland Round Up

Many of Ashland's low-income residents have difficulty paying their basic monthly utility services.

The City of Ashland's Round Up program allows Ashland utility customers to voluntarily round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar. The additional funds accumulated will be devoted to assisting low-income Ashland residents with their monthly utility bills. Customers who qualify for low-income assistance are screened to determine eligibility using the

current Federal poverty guidelines. In addition, occasionally customers who don't necessarily qualify as low-income may need some assistance due to personal difficulties. These funds will be used to assist qualified, low-income customers and can be used in an emergency to help others on a one time per year only basis.

Many public utilities around the country operate a "round-up" program to provide public purpose funding to assist others. This is a voluntary program.

Please join the Ashland Round Up program by completing the coupon below and returning it with your utility payment. ▼

Ashland Round Up Program

Yes, please round up my monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar. I understand the funds will assist needy Ashland residents with their utility bill.

Name _____ Signature _____

Service Address _____

Account Number _____ Phone Number _____

Sanding and Snow Removal

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still exercise caution when traveling cleared streets and use common sense when deciding to drive on non-cleared residential streets. Tire chains are always a good idea on ice and snow, when in doubt chain up.

For more information, contact John Peterson at the street department at 488-5313. ▼

Tree of the Year Winner

The City of Ashland Tree Commission is pleased to announce the 2007 Tree of the Year — the Silver Maple — *Acer saccharinum* — located at 122 Helman Street.

This neighborhood tree has had many nominations for Tree of the Year and it has definitely earned an honorary place in Ashland's urban forest. It is obvious that this tree has been well cared for over the years. Neighbors and visitors alike, have the good fortune to enjoy this tree with its lush shade in summer and its spectacular gnarled trunk throughout the seasons. The Silver Maple is a fast growing shade tree, which tolerates all types of soils. Well deserving of the honor to be chosen Tree of the Year, this Maple is a tree to be treasured for many years to come. The Tree Commission will dedicate a plaque at the site honoring the tree next spring during annual Arbor week events.

This year marks Ashland's twentieth Tree of the Year contest. Throughout the year a nomination form is available on the City of Ashland website and in early October, the call for nominations was distributed in the City Source newsletter. Residents identified nine trees for consideration. The Ashland Tree Commission then narrowed the field down to five nominees. Residents voted in late October and early November choosing from the finalists. The ballot was published in the Ashland Daily Tidings, posted on the City's web site, available at City Hall, and the Community Development and Public Works Building. A total of 73 votes were submitted in this years contest with the Coast Redwoods at 65 Granite Street coming in a close second. While there is only one winner of the award, there were many wonderful trees nominated. And though they were not all big and beautiful, each tree was special in some way to someone in the community. The City of Ashland Tree Commission would like to thank Ashland residents who took the time to submit nominations and to vote for Tree of the Year.

Previous Tree of the Year Winners

2006 Pacific Madrone Mountain View Cemetery
2005 Giant Sequoia 165 Almond
2004 Monterey Cypress 407 Scenic

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Low Income Assistance

Once again, the City of Ashland has set aside money during the budget process for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program to assist low-income Ashland residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months.

Applicants may call City Hall at 552-2038 to request an application packet.



Tree of the Year Winner

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- 2003 Pecan Tree 762 & 774 B Street
- 2002 Deodar Cedars Safeway
- 2001 Blue Atlas Cedar 391 Liberty
- 2000 Ginkgo formerly at the Ashland Public Library
- 1999 Osage Orange Helman and Orange
- 1998 Coast Redwood 801 Ashland
- 1997 American Elm 6th & B Street
- 1996 Colorado Spruce N. Main at Maple
- 1995 Black Oak 128 South Laurel
- 1994 Sequoia SOU Library
- 1993 Walnut Glenwood Park
- 1992 California Black Oak 133 Nutley
- 1991 Interior Oak at Beach and Ashland
- 1990 Monkey Puzzle Tree 1 Hillcrest
- 1989 Tree of Heaven formerly at the entrance to Lithia Park on the Plaza ▼

Thanks

The City of Ashland Public Art Commission would like to thank all the citizens who contributed to the development of the Public Art Master Plan during the public input process conducted earlier this year.

Many, many people took the time to complete questionnaires, attend public forums and participate in focus groups providing input and insight to the commission. Their input forms the basis of the Public Art Master Plan.

The Commission has completed the Master Plan and has presented the document to the City Council.

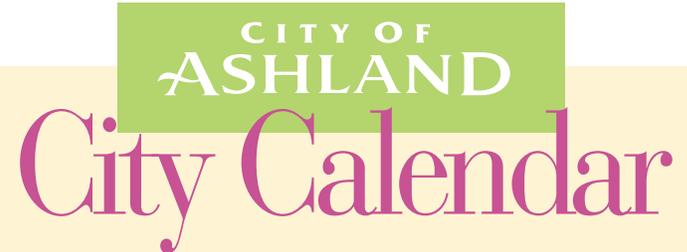
It can be viewed on line at www.ashland.or.us/PAMB. Hard copies are available through the Administration Department at City Hall. ▼

News Notes

Winter Bird Walk

Stroll through North Mountain Park to view feathered fauna with birding expert Vince Zauskey on Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. The leafless winter season offers birders a great opportunity to see the birds that winter-over near Bear Creek. Binoculars and field guides will be available for check-out. All

ages welcome. Free. Please register online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> or call the Nature Center at 488-6606. ▼



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City Calendar

December 14	Public Art Commission	8:15 a.m.
December 17	Parks and Recreation Commission	7:00 p.m.
December 17	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
December 18	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 20	Bike and Pedestrian Commission	5:15 p.m.
December 20	Housing Commission	5:30 p.m.
December 26	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 2	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 2	Historic Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 3	Tree Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 8	Airport Commission	9:30 a.m.
January 8	Planning Commission	7:00 p.m.
January 14	City Council Study Session	5:15 p.m.
January 15	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

◆ 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

