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## Darex Family Ice Rink

*The 2008—2009 ice rink season will run December — March 1, 2009, weather permitting. Please check the Ashland Parks & Recreation website, [www.AshlandParksandRec.org](http://www.AshlandParksandRec.org), for schedule information; call the seasonal ice rink number at 541-488-9189 (during operational hours); or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340. The ice rink is located at 95 Winburn Way in Lithia Park, Ashland. ▼*

## Smart 21 Community

The Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) announced at their annual meeting on October 29, 2008, held this year in Seoul, South Korea, that the City of Ashland has been awarded its third consecutive Smart 21 community award.



The Smart 21 of 2009 include communities from 12 nations on four continents with populations ranging from 17,000 to 2.5 million. Ten of the 2009 Smart 21 are North American communities, seven are from Europe, two from Asia-Pacific, one from South America, and one from Africa.

“Each of these communities has demonstrated a commitment to improving their communities (See *Smart 21 Community*, Page 3)

## Skate Park Clean Up

On October 6, 2008 the Ashland Skate Park was vandalized with graffiti. The Ashland Parks Department was concerned with how the park would be restored as repairs would involve painting the cement surface. Most paints would make the park slippery and unsafe for skaters. Additionally, there were environmental concerns due to the Skate Park's proximity to Ashland Creek.

Thankfully, on October 22, 2008, Community Service Officer, Kip Keeton, was approached by a concerned citizen who, after hearing the restoration concerns, called her husband for assistance. Her husband works for Wildish Paving out of Eugene, OR and they agreed to donate paint and supplies which were both cement friendly and environmentally safe.

CSO Keeton then contacted the Ashland High School Soccer Team coach, Brad Roupp for assistance. Coach Roupp and his team agreed to provide manual labor for the

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## 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 given first priority.
- ❑ Lower 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. Motor-

ists should still exercise caution when traveling cleared street and use common sense when deciding to drive on non-cleared residential streets. Tire chains are always recommended on ice and snow — when in doubt chain up.

For more information, please contact the Street Department at 488-5313. ▼

## Skate Park Clean Up

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Skate Park clean-up and spent 3 hours on Saturday, October 22, 2008 cleaning up the park.

The City of Ashland, Ashland Police Department, and the Ashland Parks Department would like to extend their thanks to those involved with this project and is grateful for this perfect example of the Ashland community spirit.



## Smart 21 Community

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through innovative broadband applications,” said Louis Zacharilla, ICF Co-founder. “The ingenuity of these communities is exemplified in their investments in the future of the young, the growth and progress of job creating businesses, and economic security. An overarching theme of the 2009 honorees has been the dedication to putting people first and building a “talent inventory” that will thrive with technology and innovation.”

For the third consecutive year, Ashland was selected as a Smart 21 community due to the successful diversification of its tourism-based economy through the Ashland Fiber Network (AFN). The city-owned electric utility deployed an open-access fiber-to-the-premises network that attracted multiple service providers offering up to 100 Mbps, and then added wireless connectivity for low-income residents and public use. The city has deployed applications such as automated meter reading and remote management to reduce costs and pollution. Broadband has spurred business start-up and growth in software, outsourced services, import/export and online retailing that would have been impossible before AFN.

The Smart 21 announcement is the first stage of the ICF’s annual Intelligent Community Awards cycle. It is followed by the naming of the Top Seven Intelligent Communities of the Year, selected from

among the Smart 21 on January 21, 2009 during the Pacific Telecommunications Council annual conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

More information on each Smart 21 community is available at ICF’s website [www.intelligentcommunity.org/smart21](http://www.intelligentcommunity.org/smart21). ▼

## News Notes

### *Volunteer Police Service*

The Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) is still accepting applications. Many different rewarding volunteer opportunities are available including Downtown Patrol. For more information call 488-2211.

### *Project FeederWatch*

January 3, 17, 31, February 14, 28, and March 14  
9:00 a.m. — 10 a.m.

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with the help of experienced Audubon volunteers. This is a great opportunity for all-level birders to get acquainted with local birds and mingle with other birders. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University’s FeederWatch project, a nationwide bird monitoring effort. This activity is free and pre-registration is not required. Ages 10 and up only, please. For more information please contact the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 488-6606 or [www.northmountainpark.org](http://www.northmountainpark.org). ▼

## Oak Knoll Golf Course

Be sure to check out the Oak Knoll Golf course website at [www.OakKnollGolf.org](http://www.OakKnollGolf.org) and click on the coupon button for special discounts. Take a visual tour of the course while your there! Winter rates are in effect. Please call 541-482-4311 for more information. Oak Knoll, Great Course. . . Good Times.



## Greetings from the Mayor

Dear Ashland Citizens:

It has been both an honor and a pleasure serving as your Mayor for the past 4 years. I have had a challenging and rewarding time working with our city council, city staff, and all the citizen volunteers of our various boards, commissions, and committees.

As I look back on my service as both a council member and as Mayor, I am most pleased with the connections I have made with such a wide variety of people. It is important to remember that it is our different heritages, beliefs, and backgrounds which make Ashland such a special place to live and work.

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of your City Council; Greg Lemhouse and Carol Voisin. Additionally, I wish to offer a particular welcome to John Stromberg, in whose capable hands I leave the office of the Mayor. Our elected officials are volunteers and donate countless hours keeping abreast of issues affecting our community and working hard to make the best decisions for the community as a whole. If you ever have the chance to say thank you, I can assure you those simple words mean a great deal.

Best wishes on a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

John Morrison, Mayor ▼

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The annual Christmas tree recycle day will be on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Remember to place your tree by the curb on Friday, January 9 for pick up the next day. The Ashland Host Lions, Early Bird Lions and the Boy Scouts of Troup 112 will be recycling the trees to be used as mulching materials by the Ashland Parks Department on trails in the parks. ▼

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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 6:00 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](http://www.ashland.or.us). ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

