

City

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

Annual Appointments for Commissions / Committees

If you are interested in being considered for a volunteer position on a City Commission, please submit: 1) Letter of interest, and 2) Completed application to the City Recorder's Office by March 13, 2009. Applications are available at the City Recorder's office, 20 E. Main Street, or on-line at www.ashland.or.us. ▼

Night Time Pedestrian Safety



The Ashland Traffic Safety Commission reminds Pedestrians that wearing bright clothing at night when crossing a street can dramatically improve your chance of being seen by motorists. A study conducted by Cornell University has shown that pedestrians wearing dark colors at night are first seen by motorists at about 55 feet away but a driver going just 20 mph needs at least 64 feet to stop, even on dry pavement!

Retroreflective materials, which direct light back at the motorist, give pedestrians the highest
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Welcome to the new Mayor and Council Members

On January 5th the newest members of our Ashland City Council were sworn in. This is part two in our continuing series highlighting our new Council. Here, in her own words, is a mini biography for Council Member Carol Voisin:

Ashland is a magnetic city attracting residents that are creative and outspoken with a diversity of opinions. The creativity is found in the depth of the artistic community from OSF to independent artists and musicians, as well as those who have ideas about everything! The degree of diversity and activism keeps the city on edge, and that's what makes Ashland an incredibly dynamic and rich city in which to live.

The magnetic force of Ashland attracted me. When I decided to escape the congestion and whirlwind existence of the Bay Area, I came to the

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Night Time Pedestrian Safety

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visibility at night. A pedestrian wearing white is first seen at around 180 feet but a pedestrian wearing something retroreflective is first seen from 500 feet away, allowing a motorist going even 60 mph more than enough time to stop.

Ultimately, we are all responsible for our own safety and should never attempt to delegate that responsibility to others, especially when crossing a busy street. Let's all be aware, alert, and make choices to improve our safety in the crosswalk. ▼

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place that drew me to it with its rich cultural offerings and a forward looking city. Having been a small business owner, I decided to return to teaching at Southern Oregon University. Before owning a small business, I was director of continuing education at Duke Divinity School and before then at the Graduate Theological Union and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

Even though my work occupied a good deal of my life, I always found time to be involved in the local community from the League of Women Voters to the city commissions.

Upon setting up residence in

Ashland, my desire to be involved in the local community became paramount. I became a commissioner on the Ashland Housing Commission and joined the local Democratic Party and League of Women Voters. As the political scene became dire, I decided to stop whining and do something. I won the Democratic primary for the 2nd Congressional District, but lost the general election. From this experience, I learned the importance of listening to the concerns of real people, because that is the truth that needs a voice.

Because I along with many others want to see Ashland become a model of sustainability while being fiscally responsible, I decided to run for city council. Ashland has an opportunity to lead the Northwest if not our country and I want to be a part of this groundswell and to lure Ashlanders to get involved and to make a difference in the world in which we live. ▼

Ragland Award Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award

Name of nominee or organization _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name of person making nomination _____

Address _____ Phone _____

- 1) Please describe nominee's public sector volunteer service.
- 2) How long has the nominee performed that service?
- 3) How has this effort benefited the community?
- 4) What awards or recognition has the nominee received for the service?
- 5) What other information about this nominee should be considered?



Online Utility Bill Payments

The City of Ashland now offers customers the opportunity to pay their utility bill on-line using Visa or MasterCard. To protect customer identity, utility customers are required to complete a form and provide photo identification in person at the Utility Office at City Hall. Customer will then receive an email from the City with a password and directions to pay their bill on-line. For more information, call the Utility Office at 488-6004.

Ragland Award Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award

Each year, the Mayor and City Council recognize an Ashland citizen for their volunteer spirit and contribution to the Ashland community.

The Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award was established by the Mayor and Council in 1994 in honor of James M. Ragland. Mr. Ragland was a former councilor and planning commissioner who was involved in numerous citizen volunteer efforts.

A committee of the Mayor and Council review the nominations and determine the annual award winner. Criteria is based on public sector volunteer service performed, length of service, absence of adequate recognition in the past, and any other attributes the nominee may have that should be considered. Consideration is also given to people to volunteer hours beyond their regular work day to perform a service that benefits the community. The award is given annually during the second City Council meeting in April each year. This year's award will be presented at the April 21 Council meeting.

If you know of an individual or organization you would like to nominate for the Volunteer Spirit Community Service Award, please answer the questions listed on page 2 on a separate sheet of paper and return it to the Mayor's office, 20

E. Main Street, Ashland, Oregon 97520, by Friday, March 13, 2009. You may also download the nomination form at the city's website www.ashland.or.us or pick up a form at City Hall. For more information please call 488-6002.

Previous Ragland Award Recipients

- 1994 - Frank D'Entremont
- 1995 - Donna Daniels
- 1996 - Barbara Jarvis/Terry Skibby
- 1997 - All the Citizens of Ashland (in recognition of the countless volunteers who helped during the flood)
- 1998 - Marty Bryant
- 1999 - Jim Lewis
- 2000 - Midge Thierolf
- 2001 - Hal Cloer
- 2002 - Bill Modesitt
- 2003 - Sue Graham
- 2004 - Pete Belcastro
- 2005 - Pamela Joy
- 2006 - Melissa Mitchell Hooge
- 2007 - Ashland City Band
- 2008 - Amy Amrhein ▼

Arbor Week

Arbor Day is April 24th and Oregon's Arbor Week is celebrated from April 5 — April 11. This year the Tree Commission will be again hosting a Tree Walk, a Tree Planting Ceremony, and there will be a booth at the Earth day Celebration held at Science Works on April 25. Stay tuned for time, date and location of scheduled events. ▼



News Notes

Electronics Recycling

You can recycle your TV's, Monitors & Computers for free at the Valley View Transfer Station. Other electronics are also recycled for free. Only YOU can keep electronics out of the landfill. The Valley View Transfer Station is located at 3000 Valley View Road, open 7:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact Ashland Sanitary and Recycling at 482-1471 or www.ashlandsanitary.com for more information.

New Bottle Bill in effect January 1st.

Every plastic water bottle will have a 5 cent deposit. Redeem your nickels at place of purchase. The goal is to divert more plastic water bills from the landfill. Better yet, drink water in reusable containers.

Spring Garden Work Party

Cultivate new acquaintances and enjoy volunteering your gardening skills at North Mountain Park. Nature Center staff and volunteers will provide an orientation to the Demonstration Gardens, greenhouse, and composting facility to kick off the season. Tools and snacks will be provided. The free work party will be on Wednesday, March 18, from 10:00 a.m. — Noon at North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 N Mountain Ave in Ashland. Ages 10 and up, please. For further information or to register groups of five or more, please contact the Nature Center at 488-6606.

Oak Knoll Golf Course

Be sure to check out the Oak Knoll Golf course website at 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. ▼

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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. ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

