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Interim Public Works Director

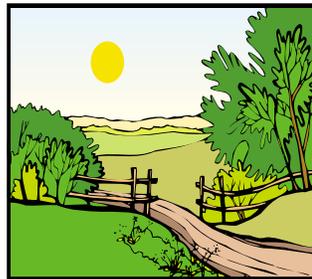
Jim Olson, City of Ashland Engineering Services Manager has agreed to serve as the Interim Public Works Director while the City recruits for a new Director.

Olson began work at the City as a Surveyor's Aide in 1971. Since that time he has held numerous titles including Engineering Technician 1, 2 and 3, Assistant City Engineer, City Surveyor, Engineering Services Manager, and on three previous occasions Interim Public Works Director.

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Croman Master Plan

The City of Ashland recently received an Oregon Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Quick Response Grant to be used for redevelopment master planning of the Croman Mill site and surrounding properties. Crandall Arambula, a city and regional planning firm, will work with the City on the project. The TGM Program is a joint effort of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).



The City, with the assistance of Crandall Arambula, will engage the property owners, nearby residents, state government and other interested parties. (See *Croman Master Plan*, Page 2)

Fair Housing

All households deserve fair and equal access to housing. "Fair housing" is the name for the federal, state and local civil rights laws that protect all of us from discrimination in housing based on our race, color, national origin, religion, gender, physical or mental disability, the presence of children under age 18 (familial status), marital status and source of income. In the City of Ashland local laws also protect against housing discrimination based on sexual orientation.

What is prohibited?

Housing discrimination can occur in a variety of ways. Listed below are just some housing practices that are considered illegal if they are based on a home seeker's race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, disability or sexual orientation.

- Refusing to rent or sell a house.
- Falsely denying that a house is available for inspection, sale, or rent.

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parties to identify and develop a vision for the area. The master plan will be formulated based on the vision. The final step will be the adoption of a Redevelopment Master Plan and implementation of code amendments to achieve the identified project goals.

The Croman Mill site located on Mistletoe Road, is bounded by the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad, Siskiyou Boulevard, Mistletoe Road, and Interstate I-5. This approximately 65-acre site is currently zoned industrial and intended to provide employment opportunities. The site was previously used as a lumber mill that ceased operations in the late 1990's. Since the closure of the mill, the site has largely been unused. The site is the largest unused site in Ashland that is identified to provide employment opportunities for the next 20 years. The City determined that a comprehensive, area-wide planning effort would be beneficial to clearly outline what the community is looking for on the Croman Mill site.

Issues that will be examined during the process include maximizing opportunities for business development and employment growth, analyzing potential transportation connections from within the area to the city wide transportation system, determining appropriate land uses for the area, identifying development scenarios

to address potential on-site clean up, developing an efficient parking plan and incorporating sustainable and energy efficient development practices.

To begin the process of developing a master plan for the site, city staff and the consultants will conduct Public Workshops in late January and again in early spring. The dates, times and the locations of the workshops will be announced at a later date and will be available on the City of Ashland website www.ashland.or.us. For more information about the Croman Mill Redevelopment Plan contact Maria Harris, Planning Manager, at 552-2045. ▼

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- ❑ Offering differing terms, conditions, or privileges for certain people.
- ❑ Advertising or posting notices about the sale or rental of a dwelling where the ad or notice indicates preference, limitation, or discrimination.
- ❑ Intimidating, interfering with, or coercing a person to prevent him or her from buying, leasing, or remaining within a dwelling.
- ❑ Discriminating against someone through financing or broker's services.
- ❑ "Steering" of clients by real estate agents to or from certain neighborhoods.
- ❑ "Steering" of tenants by landlords to or from certain areas of

the complex.

Do you think your rights have been violated?

If you have faced discrimination that limited your access to housing based on any of the listed "classes" above contact the Fair Housing Council of Oregon: you have one year after an alleged violation to file a complaint, but you should file it as soon as possible.

Fair Housing Council of Oregon Program staff receives and screen complaints of housing discrimination over a state-wide, toll-free hot line: 1-800-424-3247

If you have general questions about Fair Housing please contact Brandon Goldman, City of Ashland Housing Program Specialist, at 552-2076 or goldmanb@ashland.or.us. ▼

Interim Public Works Director

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"The City has always attracted great employees and has worked hard to retain them. I have had the opportunity to work with some truly dedicated people. I am pleased to take on the duties of the Interim Public Works Director and I am privileged to work with an amazing staff, all of whom are extremely talented and dedicated to their work," said Olson.

Paula Brown, Public Works Director since 1997, retired December 4 and will work part time under Olson for the next few months as Project Manager/City Engineer. Her respon-



Reminder from Ashland Police Department

The Ashland Police Department reminds residents and visitors to lock their cars and homes. There have been a number of break-ins of automobiles and homes lately and the majority occur because the owners have left doors unlocked including: garage doors, sliding glass doors, front and back doors and car doors. Citizens can do a lot to deter crime by taking away the opportunity. Lock your doors!

sibilities will include budget preparation for the department, the capital improvement plan, and a number of ongoing projects including transportation, facilities master planning, and wastewater treatment plant permit renewal.

The City will advertise for a new Public Works Director with the goal of having the position filled by April.

Changes Passport Services

Beginning January 2008, the Ashland City Recorder's Office will accept passport applications on THURSDAYS only, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Closed from 12-1 for the lunch hour).

Applicants who have not been issued a passport within the last 15 years, or have never had one before must appear in person with the following:

- Completed DS-11 Application: Blank applications are available at the City Recorder's Office or can be downloaded at www.travel.state.gov
- Proof of Citizenship: Certified Copy of Birth Certificate, previously issued U.S. Passport, or a Certificate of Naturalization.
- Current Identification: Valid Driver's License or other acceptable Government issued ID.
- Two Identical Passport Photos: 2"x2" in size with a plain white or off white background.

Fees for Passports

- Adults: \$67.00 Passport Fee plus \$30.00 Execution Fee
- Children: \$52.00 Passport Fee plus \$30.00 Execution Fee
- Fee must be paid by check or cash. No credit or debit cards.

Processing Timeline

Standard processing for passport applications is approximately 4 - 6 weeks. Expedited options are available at an increased cost. For additional information regarding Passport Services, please contact the City Recorder's Office at (541) 488-5307. ▼

Holiday Lights Shine with Green Energy

Electricity used to power this year's Festival of Light was offset with clean, renewable energy through the Ashland Renewable Pioneers program. Dagoba Organic Chocolate Company sponsored the annual event by purchasing Green Tags to cover 100% of the energy used to illuminate the City with holiday lights.

Ashland Renewable Pioneers is a partnership between the City of Ashland and Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF). All Ashland homes and businesses can offset the environmental impact of their travel, electricity or natural gas with Green Tags from BEF. One Green Tag, or renewable energy certificate (REC), represents 1,000 kilowatt-hours of (Continued on Back Page)



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renewable energy generated for the electrical grid by a wind- or solar-based renewable energy facility.

Purchasing Green Tags guarantees that clean electricity is generated for the grid and encourages the development of more renewable energy projects. BEF Green Tags meet strict environmental standards and are certified through Green-e, the industry standard certification program. Because BEF is a Portland-based nonprofit, any net revenue is reinvested to build community wind and solar projects, or to restore salmon habitat. For more information, www.GreenAshland.org or 1-866-BEF-TAGS. ▼

What North Mountain Park Tells Us

Before purchase by the City in 1993, the site that is now North Mountain Park was: a Native American gathering location, a donation land claim, a dump, a neighbor to a sawmill, a farm and a homestead. Through photos, interviews and artifacts, instructors Kari Gies and Jan Wright will tell the story of how the culture and land use of Ashland changed over the past 200 years. Following the presentation, there will be a discussion about how schools, families and others can put together their own site histories. Wednesday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.; children ages 12 -17 \$3 and adults \$5.

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

Calendar Changes

The City Source is mailed with utility bills and utility bills are mailed in batches over the course of the month. Consequently some people receive the city source early in the month and others late in the month — thereby missing some of the meeting dates previously listed in this column.

We hope the following information on city meetings is helpful. For more information on city meetings see www.ashland.or.us. ▼

CITY OF ASHLAND City Calendar

- ❑ **City Council** meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Study sessions occur on the day before at 5:15 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 5:30 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** 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

