

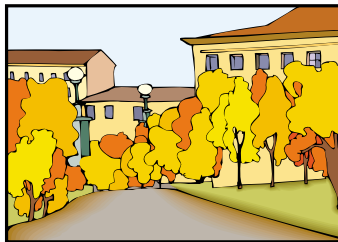
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THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

Historic Preservation Award Winners

One of the many reasons Ashland is so wonderful is the special care and recognition we give to our many architectural and historical resources. Historic preservation is a catalyst that brings our community together and assists us in respecting the past as we move forward as a city. The theme for this year's Historic Preservation Week was "Recognizing That This Place Matters." The City of Ashland Historic Commission held a special award ceremony on May 15th to honor the people and building projects that contributed to the preservation of our City's historic districts and (See *Historic Preservation Award Winners*, Page 2)



New Public Works Director

The City of Ashland welcomes new Public Works Director, Mike Faught. Faught was appointed to the position on May 20 and began work on June 16. He brings a wide range of experience in the fields of engineering, utilities and facility maintenance, street maintenance, water and wastewater treatment and in the development of master plans for growth and infrastructure. Welcome Mike! ▼

Electric Meter Changes

The City of Ashland Electric Department is changing all residential meters from Electro Mechanical Meters to Digital Radio Read Meters. Currently, the Electric Department has installed approximately 2,600 meters.

Changing to the new system will:

- Reduce time reading meters.
- Enable the meter reader to take readings from the street rather than going onto the property.
- Reduce the need for additional employees.
- Reduce the use of vehicles and fuel. (Readings will take approximately one week rather than a month)
- Provide more accurate readings and fewer errors due to digital system.

In order to complete the change, the power will need to be turned off momentarily at the property, usually for less than one minute, while City employees change out the meter. When residents are not home, a notification is left at the home

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to recognize the commitment of local citizens in the furtherance of historic preservation and the protection of cultural resources over this past year.

The following were recognized as the 2008 Historic Preservation Award Winners. Pictures and more information can be found on the City's website at

www.ashland.or.us/2008winners

- ☐ Historically Compatible New Commercial. 150 Lithia Street
- ☐ Historically Compatible Commercial Renovation. 264 Fourth Street
- ☐ Historically Compatible Civic. 175 North Main Street

- ☐ Historically Compatible New Residential. 155 Susan Lane
- ☐ Historically Compatible New Accessory Structure. 253 Almond Street
- ☐ Historically Compatible Residential Addition. 762 B Street
- ☐ Individual Award
George Kramer ▼

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indicating the meter has been changed. The Electric Department will continue changing meters over the next few years.

For more information, call the Electric Department at 488-5357.



Speed Limit Change on Siskiyou Boulevard

One of the five recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee for pedestrian safety improvements on Siskiyou Boulevard is to reduce speed limits from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

The City petitioned the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), who conducted a traffic study and approved the change on May 22.

The 25 mph zone will stretch from the Fire Station on Siskiyou Boulevard to the intersection of Siskiyou Boulevard and Harmony Lane.

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Passport Services

The City Recorder's Office will be temporarily closed for Passport Services. Applicants can submit their applications at the Medford Post Office or the Jackson County Recorder's Office, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garden Tours

Soak up the sights and smells of summer while learning about the gardens at North Mountain Park with volunteer docent and master gardener Susan Lander. Discover how to attract wildlife in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile Gardens and Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden and enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Private tours can be arranged. Ages 10 and up on August 13 and August 23 from 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

The Traffic Safety Committee identified five specific recommendations:

- 1) Install rumble strips on Siskiyou near the University (installed in April).
- 2) Reduce the speed limit to 25 mph (implemented in June).
- 3) Install pedestrian activated beacons (the City is currently soliciting bids).
- 4) Consider changes to the existing street lights.
- 5) Form an ad hoc committee to identify, pursue and plan for long term pedestrian safety improvements. A priority of the committee is to evaluate the intersection of Siskiyou Boulevard and Garfield Street. The City has applied for a grant from ODOT to finance the redesign of the intersection.

Updates on Siskiyou Boulevard pedestrian safety improvements are posted on the city's website at www.ashland.or.us. ▼

5 MPH does Matter

Driving 5 miles an hour over the speed limit may not seem like a big deal, UNTIL someone steps out in front of you. It doesn't matter how good a driver you are, the faster you go, the longer it takes to stop.

- ❑ Traveling @ 20 MPH requires 64 feet to stop.
- ❑ Traveling @ 25 MPH requires 86 feet to stop.
- ❑ Traveling @ 30 MPH requires 112 feet to stop.
- ❑ Traveling @ 35 MPH requires 138 feet to stop.
- ❑ Traveling @ 40 MPH requires 170 feet to stop.

Reducing speed not only reduces the occurrence of crashes, it also reduces the severity of injuries due to crashes. There is a dramatic correlation between motor vehicle speeds and pedestrian fatality rates:

- ❑ At 20 mph, a pedestrian's chance of death is 15%
- ❑ At 30 mph, a pedestrian's chance of death is 45%
- ❑ At 40 mph, a pedestrian's chance of death is 85%

Let's watch out for each other on Ashland's streets. If we can strive to be alert and drive within posted speed limits, Ashland will be a safer place for all of us. ▼

News Notes

Adopt a Street — Participants Needed

If you are involved in a business or organization (civic, scout, church group, for example), please consider signing up to participate in the City's ADOPT-A-STREET Program. As an adopter, your group commits to conducting a litter pick-up event at least 4 times a year on a street that you choose (from a list). The City will provide you with safety vests, gloves, and litter bags, and signs with your group's name will be posted at both ends of your adopted street. It's easy to sign up; just email Cathy at cartmille@ashland.or.us or call her at 541-552-2063.

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If you just want to pick up litter on your own street on a regular “as-needed” basis, you can sign up for the Residential AAS Program. For more information, please contact Cathy.

Work Zone Safety for Drivers

The Ashland Traffic Safety commission reminds drivers to use caution and be extra careful when traveling through road construction zones. The Oregon Department of Transportation offers the following tips:

- ❑ Pay complete attention to driving, especially in the transition zone before the work area
- ❑ “Orange is your clue.” Slow down when you see orange signs, barrels and barricades.
- ❑ Don’t tailgate. Double your following distance.
- ❑ Get in the correct lane well in advance; do not suddenly change lanes.
- ❑ Remember, work zone traffic lanes are often narrow, without shoulders or emergency lanes.
- ❑ Be aware of temporary entrances to the roadway from the median.
- ❑ Expect delays — plan for them and be patient.
- ❑ Call 511 for the latest traffic, weather and highway conditions by route or mountain pass.

Oak Knoll Summer Specials

- ❑ 10 rounds of golf and 10 range tokens for \$150.
- ❑ Annual Range Pass: single pass is \$399, family pass is \$499.
- ❑ Wednesdays are Dollar Days.
- ❑ Friday is Kid’s Day! (Kids play free after 4pm when a parent plays).
- ❑ Twilight Rate after 4pm, \$12 / 9-holes.
- ❑ Senior Range Night, Mon — Fri, 6 to 6:30pm. Buy 2 tokens, get a 3rd free. (55 & up).
- ❑ Oak Knoll Golf Course, 3070 Hwy 66, 482-4311.

Movies in Garfield Park

Join Ashland Parks & Recreation and US Cellular for Free Movies in the Park. Each movie will begin at dusk (around 9:00 pm) and will be shown on the big screen at Garfield Park 40 Garfield Street. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray and snacks! The Oak Knoll Golf Course staff will be on site to lead some fun golf games and US Cellular will be on hand to give out some great prizes. Friday, August 1, The Wizard of Oz and Friday, August 15, Shrek, The Third.

Summer Hours at North Mountain Park

The North Mountain Park Nature Center is open on Saturdays from noon to 5:00 pm. A docent will be on site from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on August 9 and August 23 to help families explore the park with North Mountain Park’s Discovery Kits or to offer tours of the park. For more information call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. ▼

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 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

