

# City

**S O U R C E**

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

## July 4

July 4 parade spectators are asked not to place chairs, blankets and other placeholders on public property prior to 6:00 a.m. the morning of July 3 (please, no plastic tarps on the grass). Public property includes the median on Siskiyou Boulevard, park rows and curbs of Siskiyou Boulevard, as well as the Plaza and other public areas. Spectators place items at their own risk. Items that create a safety hazard for pedestrians or vehicles will be picked up and disposed of. Chairs and blankets should not block sidewalks and should be weighted to prevent items from blowing out of place.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. ▼

## Wildlife

This is the time of the year when bear or other wildlife may be seen in or around parks and the forest interface neighborhoods.



Take the time now to wildlife proof your yard and neighborhoods to avoid potentially dangerous encounters. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFE) recommend the following:

- Keep pet food indoors. Feed pets in the house, garage or enclosed kennel.
- Do not feed any wildlife including birds or deer; they are prey for cougars.
- If you do have bird feeders, hang them at least ten feet off the ground and keep the area under the bird feeders clean. (See *Wildlife*, Page 2)

## New Police Contact Station

The Ashland Police Department (APD) is pleased to announce the opening of the downtown police contact station located at 40 North Main.

For a number of years, APD has searched for a suitable location to locate a contact station. The space at 40 North Main became available in March.

A police contact station in the downtown core provides advantages to both the public and police officers and is a standard community policing strategy used around the country. A contact station improves public accessibility to police services. It is easily accessible to citizens, local businesses and visitors. In addition, it increases the amount of time officers are actually in downtown by giving them a place to conduct routine business such as report writing, interviews and phone calls rather than returning to the main station. It is also a visible

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- Remove fruit that has fallen from trees.
- Add lime to compost piles to reduce odors. Do not compost meat, bones, fruit, dairy products or grease.
- Secure garbage cans in a garage, shed or behind a chain link or electric fence.
- Put garbage cans out just before pick-up time, not the night before.
- Purchase bear-proof garbage cans if necessary. (contact Ashland Sanitary for more information)
- Clean garbage containers regularly with bleach or moth balls to reduce odors.
- Use electric fencing to keep bears from orchards, gardens, compost, beehives and berries.
- Store livestock food in a secure place.
- Don't leave scented candles, soap or suntan lotions outdoors or near open windows.

- Talk to neighbors to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to remove attractants.
- Keep barbeques clean. Store them in a shed or garage. ▼

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reminder to people who might otherwise violate the law that an officer might be in the area.

Citizens who did not have a chance to attend the Contact Station grand opening in June are invited to stop in and say hello. ▼

## Dogs

With the exception of service dogs in the custody and control of a disabled person, dogs are not permitted in any City of Ashland park except for those areas designated by the Ashland Parks and

Recreation Commission as “dog friendly”.

Dogs are allowed on leashes in the following designated “dog friendly” areas, open spaces, and trail areas:

- Hald-Strawberry Park
- Siskiyou Mountain Park
- Oredson-Todd Woods
- Cottle property
- Liberty Street access
- Greenway trails
- Granite Street property
- Burnson property
- Lawrence property
- TID easements that are currently in place

Dogs are allowed off-leash at the Dog Park located on Nevada Street.

A citation of up to \$250 may be issued to a dog owner for not complying with the City's dog ordinance. It is expected that dog owners will pick up after their dogs at all times. If you have questions, contact Ashland Parks and Recreation at 488-5340. ▼

## Wildlife — Other Precautions

- Do not hike alone.
- Do not approach a mountain lion, give them room to escape.
- Do not run from a mountain lion. Stand and face the animal, make eye contact.
- Do all you can to appear larger, open your jacket, throw stones, raise your arms slowly.
- Do not run from a bear. Do not make eye contact. Back away slowly and speak softly to let the bear discover your presence.

More tips and information are available from the ODFW. [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us).

Please notify ODFW if you see a bear or cougar or 826-8778 ext. 227



## Being Safe on the Road is Simple

### **Same Roads, Same Rules**

The roads, streets and highways that we travel each day are all different in alignment, width, number of lanes and posted speeds, but they all have one thing in common; they are all public ways with laws in place to ensure that they can be traveled safely. If everyone interpreted and followed the laws in exactly the same manner road travel would be much more efficient and safe. But all road users are not the same: some drive SUVs, some drive little sports cars, some ride motorcycles or bicycles, some drive semi-tractor trucks and some walk. Regardless of our need, we all have the right and obligation to share the roads with other users. Road safety is mainly based on our individual behavior and can be reduced to a single simple acronym; PALS: be Polite, Alert, Legal, Safe.

**Being POLITE** is essential in maintaining the safe and efficient flow of traffic. Think of the other person and how you might be able to help such as letting someone into the traffic stream ahead of you. Be patient and diligent in making sure your proposed movements are advertised.

**Be ALERT** to the many activities on the road that occur simultaneously. Reducing the number of distractions in the car, such as loud music, cell phone use, child care,

will allow drivers to stay more focused on their driving.

**Being LEGAL** is to know your rights and responsibilities on the roadway. All road users must:

- Obey traffic signals, signs and markings
- Yield when changing lanes
- Yield to oncoming traffic when turning left
- Signal before turning
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks

**Being SAFE** requires that you practice all of the above and are prepared for those who may not be following the rules. Keep your eyes on the road, your ears open and be prepared for the unexpected. ▼

## Wildfire: Are You Prepared?

Protecting your home from wildfire is an ongoing job. Preparing your home and property has to be done before a fire starts and is the responsibility of each homeowner. Firefighters may not be able to protect your home if you haven't taken basic wildfire safety measures before a fire starts:

**Take a few minutes to check these important spots around your home:**

1. Clear flammable leaves, needles, and branches from gutters and rooftops.

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## Weed Abatement

The City reminds all property owners that they are responsible for the mowing of all nuisance and hazard weeds on their properties. The target is to have all nuisance and hazard weeds cut on all properties before the beginning of fire season.

For specific questions regarding the weed abatement program, please contact Dean Walker, Code Compliance Specialist of the City of Ashland Community Development Department at 552-2424 or e-mail to [walkerd@ashland.or.us](mailto:walkerd@ashland.or.us)



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2. Create a five foot fuel free space around your home. This means raking needles, leaves, and twigs around the house and moving any combustible material out from under decks and near structures.

3. Thin and prune vegetation within 100 feet of any structure and remove all dead plant material. Big trees are fine, just keep them pruned at least 8 feet up from the ground and away from your siding and roofline.

For more information or to request a free inspection, contact Chris Chambers at 552-2066. ▼

## News Notes

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

The City's VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) is in need of new volunteers to patrol the downtown area and act as the eyes and ears of the Police Dept. This is a great way to get exercise, assist visitors, meet local citizens and business owners and enjoy our beautiful community.

For more information call Frank at the Ashland Police Department Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 488-2211.

### **Specialty Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Promotion Continues**

BPA's "Change a Light Specialty CFL Program" has been extended through September 2008.

Retailers including Bi-Mart, Costco, Home Depot, Fred Meyer, and Lowe's are carrying ENERGY STAR "specialty" bulbs at reduced prices. Bulbs include several types of high heat reflectors for use in recessed cans and track lights, 3-way twists, CFL globes for use in vanity bars, CFL "A-lamp" bulbs that look more like traditional bulbs, and candelabra bulbs. Note that not every store carries every type of bulb, and this offer is good while supplies last!

For more information on this promotion, call Cathy at 552-2063.

### **Daniel Meyer Pool**

The Daniel Meyer Pool, located in Hunter Park at 1705 Homes Avenue is open to the public through September 1. For more information about the summer pool schedule see [www.ashland.or.us/swim](http://www.ashland.or.us/swim) or call 488-5340. Register for swim lessons at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

### **Oak Knoll Golf Course**

Oak Knoll Golf course is located at 3070 Highway 66 in Ashland. Kids play free after 4:00 p.m. on Fridays with a paid adult green fee. Wednesday's are "dollar days" and senior rates apply to people 55 years of age and older. For more information, call 482-4311. ▼

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

