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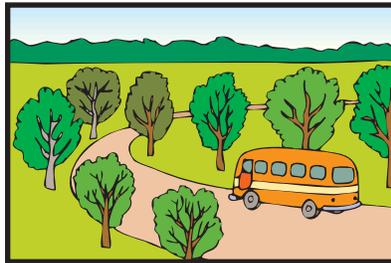
THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

## July 4th Parade

*July 4th Parade spectators are asked not to place chairs, blankets, tarps, 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 strip on Siskiyou Blvd., all park rows and sidewalks of Siskiyou Blvd., E. Main St., the Plaza and other public areas. Spectators place items at their own risk. Items which create a safety hazard for pedestrians or vehicles will be removed and disposed of. Chairs and blankets should not block sidewalks and should be secured to prevent items from blowing out of place. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. ▼*

## Travel Safety

As the season for vacation travel approaches, this is a good time to review some safe practices for travel.



If you are traveling in a car or truck with small children, please make sure they are in a child safety seat and that the seat is installed properly. Ashland Fire and Rescue has certified Child Safety Seat installers. Please call 541-482-2770 to make an appointment. When you fly with a child under the age of two, you have a choice. Your child can ride on your lap for free, or you can buy a ticket and put your child in a seat. Although it is legal in the US to carry children under two on your lap, the  
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## Fireworks

Ashland Fire & Rescue thanks you for helping to protect our city last summer by leaving fireworks outside the city! We are asking you again this year to help keep your family, friends and neighbors safe this summer by observing the fireworks ordinance. Fireworks will go on sale in Oregon on June 23, but even retail fireworks that are legal in the state of Oregon are not permitted to be used in Ashland.

One of the best ways to keep your family safe is to enjoy the Ashland Chamber of Commerce fireworks displayed over the SOU campus near Iowa Street on the night of July 4th. For information on how to support this fireworks display, visit their website at [www.ashlandchamber.com](http://www.ashlandchamber.com)

If you still want to experience a few fireworks, there are a few "unclassified" items that Ashland residents can use inside the city limits without violating the law: Sparklers (wire-cored), Snakes, Smoke bombs and Party Poppers. For more fireworks information, please visit [www.ashland.or.us/fire](http://www.ashland.or.us/fire). Violators of the fireworks law can be fined up to \$500. ▼



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## Travel Safety

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FAA strongly recommends that all children who fly, regardless of their age, be protected by an approved child restraint system (CRS) or child restraint device.

### *Here are the Oregon Child Seat Laws for vehicles:*

- **CHILD RESTRAINT LAW:** (effective July 1, 2007) Child passengers must be restrained in approved child safety seats until they weigh forty pounds. Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach both one year of age AND twenty pounds.
- **BOOSTER SEAT LAW:** (effective July 1, 2007) Children over forty pounds must use boosters to 4'9" tall unless they have reached age eight.
- **NATIONAL "BEST PRACTICE" RECOMMENDATIONS:** Oregon child seat laws generally reflect USDOT National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommendations based upon accepted nationwide research studies. However, NHTSA offers the following two additional recommendations which are not currently included in Oregon law: 1) children should ride rear-facing in their car seat until they reach the upper height or weight limit recommended by the manufacturer of the seat in use (provides greater head protection particularly in a side-impact crash), and 2) children under age thirteen should ride in the back seat (reduces the risk of crash injury by 37% for this age group.)

### *If possible, stay at a hotel with a fire sprinkler system*

and smoke detectors. Modern hotels will have such systems but depending on the age of the facility and the local fire codes, an older building may not. Remember, a fire sprinkler system combined with smoke detectors

dramatically reduces your chance of injury due to fire.

Many hotels abroad don't have the same level of fire protection and exiting systems as facilities in the United States. Be aware of the features of the hotel you're staying at. Learn about the alarm and exiting systems. Determine how you will exit the building during an emergency before it occurs. If you're staying in a hotel room above the ground floor, look where the stairwell exits are when you get to your room. The exits will be much more difficult to find in a smoke filled hallway. Count how many doors there are from your room to the exit door. Knowing this will help you find the exit when your visibility is reduced.

Never use the elevators if there is smoke. Smoke can prohibit elevator doors from closing by occluding the photoelectric eye and heat can "trick" the control buttons to call the elevator to the floor where the fire is.

## 2011 Tree of the Year Nomination

Tree of the Year Nominations will be accepted until Monday, August 1, 2011.

Trees nominated should be visible from the street and not on City of Ashland Park property. The list of nominated trees will be reduced by a vote of the Tree Commissioners to five. A ballot with the five finalists will follow in a future City Source Newsletter.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
Located at \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Why is this tree special? (Use a separate sheet of paper if needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
My name, address and phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please send with utility payment, or send to Community Development,  
Attn: Amy Gunter at 20 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520.**

When dining out, immediately locate both exits when you sit down at your table. One will be the door you entered through, find the second exit out and remember its location. Most patrons will attempt to exit through the main entrance. This exit may be compromised and you should know an alternate means of leaving the building. ▼

## Curb to Creek

The City of Ashland is recruiting volunteers for neighborhood storm drain marking. Through citizen involvement, we are educating communities about the hazards of dumping pollutants into storm drains. With the help of volunteers we are placing over 3,000 placards which state “No Dumping - Drains to Stream” next to storm drains throughout the City of Ashland. The placards remind people that storm drains flow untreated, directly into local creeks.

You can take an active role in preventing pollution in your neighborhood by becoming a Neighborhood Leader and hosting a storm drain marking event. Please discuss this project with your neighbors, and gather a group of four to six people for a weekend community building adventure. Then contact KS Wild or Rogue Riverkeeper at 541-488-5789 to receive a Registration Form and Instruction Manual to prepare for your event. Select a date, and a staff member will help you mobilize your neighborhood through education, equipment, and coordination.

If you can't commit to being a Neighborhood Leader, we'd still appreciate your assistance and will be glad to keep you informed regarding upcoming storm drain marking events. We appreciate your ongoing vigilance in protecting our watershed.

*Here are some other ways you can help keep our storm drains free from pollutants:*

- ☐ Report any storm drain dumping or problems with storm drains in your neighborhood to the Ashland Street Department 541-488-5313.
- ☐ Dispose of household hazardous, such as oil and antifreeze, properly. Call Recology Ashland Sanitary Service about the next collection date. 541-482-1471.
- ☐ Participate in Ashland's Curb to Creek, Storm Drain Marking Program. Call the KS Wild or Rogue Riverkeeper at 541-488-5789.

For more information, please visit <http://ashland.or.us/Curb2Creek>.

## News Notes

### *HeartSaver CPR for Adults*

On Saturday July 23, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, Ashland Fire and Rescue will be holding a CPR class for adults. Class will be held at Fire Station Number 1 located at 455 Siskiyou Blvd. and will cost \$35.00. This class is for anyone with limited or no medical training who has a duty to respond to a

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## VIP— Volunteer in Parks

“It’s the Natural Thing to Do!” The Ashland Parks & Recreation wants you to become a VIP, Volunteer in Parks. Whether you and your friends Adopt-a-Park, come out for a Saturday clean-up event, or volunteer at the Nature or Senior Centers, we have a wide variety of opportunities for everyone!

Be sure to check out the City of Ashland’s Facebook or Twitter page to find the time and location of our next park maintenance party. To learn more about Ashland Parks & Recreation volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth, at 541-552-2264 or email her at [lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us](mailto:lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us).



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cardiac emergency because of job or personal responsibilities or regulatory requirements. Upon completion participants are issued a course completion card.

### ***Demonstration Garden Tours***

Soak up the sights and smells of summer while learning about the gardens at North Mountain Park with volunteer docents and master gardeners Susan Lander and Gary Foll. The tours are for ages 10 and up and will take place the first Wednesday of the month, June through August, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Discover how to attract wildlife and conserve water 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 demonstration garden tours can be arranged. The tours are free (suggested donation to the Nature Center). North Mountain Park Nature Center is located at 620 N Mountain Avenue in Ashland. Register online at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

### ***4th of July Run***

The Ashland Parks & Recreation Department will present the 35th Annual 4th of July Run on Monday, July 4, 2011. Register early for the 6-mile run or the 2-mile walk/run and receive this year's 4th of July t-shirt FREE. Join in the fun — Adults, children and families are welcome! Please visit [www.ashland.or.us/julyrun](http://www.ashland.or.us/julyrun), or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340 for additional information. There will be NO race-day registration this year! ▼

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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 5:30 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.
- ***Conservation Commission*** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 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 Wednesday 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.
- ***Transportation Commission*** meets on third Thursday at 6:00 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

