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Fourth of July Parade Preparations

The City of Ashland asks Fourth of July parade spectators not to place chairs, blankets and other placeholders on public property prior to the evening of July 3. Public property includes the median on Siskiyou Boulevard, park rows and curbs of Siskiyou Boulevard, and East Main, the Plaza and other public areas.

In recent years, City staff has seen considerable clean up issues from the use of duct tape and other extremely adhesive tapes. After being in the heat for a day or two, the tape bakes onto the sidewalk surface and is nearly impossible to completely remove. While all space is public and not guaranteed for any individual resident or guest, following Ashland's traditional honor system for reserving space would be best done with the use of non-toxic chalk.

Chairs and blankets should not block sidewalks and should be weighted to prevent items from blowing out of place; however, please do not drive stakes into the ground as irrigation systems can be damaged.

Additionally, the covering of grass areas with tarps and blankets quickly fries and sometimes kills the grass completely. The shorter the amount of time the grass is covered the better.

Items that create a safety hazard for pedestrians or vehicles may be picked up and disposed of if not able to be easily moved to restore a safe situation. Please remember, spectators place all items at their own risk.

The Fourth of July celebration is one of Ashland's great community events so please responsibly enjoy the festivities, respect fellow parade goers, be safe and enjoy this special event and holiday.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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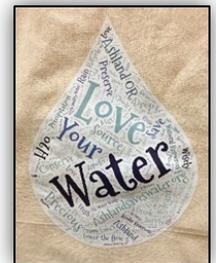
Refresh for City Website

The City of Ashland, in conjunction with Project A, has dedicated some time into refreshing its website to be more user-friendly. The site content will not change but navigation of the site will be slightly different.

The updated website will reflect new colors consistent with our logo and organize news and events by department. Coming soon, visit www.ashland.or.us, to see the new look!

If you have questions about this update or the City's website, call 541-488-6002.

LOVE YOUR WATER!



FREE Irrigation Evaluation!

Did you know that you can get a personalized irrigation

schedule and irrigation evaluation for FREE?

For a limited time only, a free 100% cotton reusable "Love Your Water" bag along with a few surprises inside will be given out upon our visit to your home. If you are interested, please call

541-552-2421 or email Julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us to schedule your appointment.



Lawn Replacement Program

Need a change in perspective? How about a new landscape?



Perhaps you've been considering replacing your lawn with water wise landscaping. Rebates are available now for replacing thirsty green lawns that are currently watered using city water. There are many colorful drought tolerant plants to choose from. Add some character to your landscape this summer and save water while you're at it.

Will I Actually Save Water?

Great question! Most of our Lawn Replacement Program (LRP) participants do save water. In fact, we recently did a water savings analysis reviewing the last two years of LRP participants' water use. On average they are saving 20,000 gallons of water per year, and several are saving three times as much.

The City of Ashland offers many great resources to assist you in managing your landscape. Check out the City's Water Wise Landscaping website for more ideas on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water.

Visit the site at www.ashland saves water.org to see how much you can save!

Ashland Needs Sustainability Champions

We Ashlanders put out our recycling every other week, but what really happens after its picked up? Is there more you should be doing to increase your positive impact? Now you can become a sustainability insider in the comfort of your home through an online Oregon-based course named Recycling 101.

Recycling 101 is a self-paced course created in partnership by the Association of Oregon Recyclers and Oregon State University. Designed for everyday recyclers, community leaders and sustainability industry professionals, the course goes beyond what you think you know about recycling. As you move through eight thought-provoking, interactive modules, you will learn how to shrink your footprint, shop smarter, save money and join others on a more sustainable path. With a Recycling 101 Certificate, you'll have the tools you need to get your household, workplace and community thinking sustainably.

Sign up for the Recycling 101 Certificate anytime at <https://pace.oregonstate.edu/catalog/recycling-101-certificate>. Want to learn more before enrolling? The first module in the course is available for free!

You set the pace! The online platform makes it easy for you to become an expert in your spare time. Enrollees have 24 months to complete the course and can start and return to modules as convenient. See how easy it can be to make a BIG difference—enroll today!

Public Art dedication for "Threshold"



The Ashland Public Arts Commission invites you to join us as we welcome THRESHOLD by artist Susan Zoccola into the City's Public Art Collection. Wednesday, June 6 at 2 pm, the Gateway Island, Siskiyou Boulevard between the Library and Fire Station #1.

Historic Railroad District Tours

Please join Terry Skibby every Friday for walking tours of the Railroad District. Tours will meet at the gazebo at Railroad Park on A Street. These tours will run on a weekly basis from May 25, 2018 – September 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. For more information, please call Community Development at 541-488-5305.

Rate Increases

The City Council has approved rate increases effective July 1, 2018. Rates are calculated to cover only the costs incurred by that utility to provide services to its customers. Rate increases are caused by increasing system maintenance and replacement costs and are typically related to increased costs of materials and labor. In the case of the Electric Utility, rate increases are also impacted by the cost of wholesale power that the City purchases from the Bonneville Power Administration.

Customers can expect to see rate adjustments as follows based on a residential utility account using 750 kWh and 1,000 cubic feet of water (nearly 7,500 gallons) per month:

Monthly	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Difference
Street User Fee	8.83	9.14	0.31
Storm Drain	4.75	4.90	0.15
Water Residential 1,000cf	56.82	59.36	2.54
Sewer Residential 600cf	40.36	42.38	2.02
Electric Residential 750 kwh	66.36	70.40	4.04
Electric Users Tax	16.59	17.60	1.01
Public Safety Support Fee	0.50	1.50	1.00
Total	\$194.21	\$205.27	\$11.06

The City of Ashland has a variety of efficiency programs that may help customers lower their monthly consumption and bills. For information about efficiency programs, and water and energy saving tips, please visit our website at www.ashland.or.us/conserve.

For questions on how this increase may impact your utility bill, please contact Utility Customer Service at 20 East Main St., or call (541) 488-6004. Complete rate information can be found at www.ashland.or.us/rates.

We value you as a customer and are proud to serve you with clean, safe, reliable public utilities.

Cut Weeds and Grass by June 15th

KEEP IT SHORT!

Why is Weed Abatement important?

We have a lot to lose in Ashland when it comes to wildfires. Cutting grass and weeds reduces the ability for fire to start or spread as quickly, thus substantially decreasing the fire risk in our community.

Visit www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement or call 541-552-2246 for more information for more information and useful links

News Notes

42nd Annual Fourth of July Run

APRC will present the 42nd Annual 4th of July Run on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 which is a fundraiser for the Ashland and Phoenix High School cross country teams.

This annual run is steeped in tradition dating back to 1976! Two runs are offered, a 2-mile fun run for all ages and a 10K that attracts local competitors as well as running talent from other regions in the U.S. Both races start at 7:45 a.m., are chip-timed and the routes are scenic and on closed roadways.

Registration is ONLY available online at ashland.or.us/JulyRun. Register early to save money! T-shirts are available for \$10 and must be ordered by Friday, June 8. Call 541-488-5340 for more information.

Become a Lithia Park Host

Volunteers needed to host an information table at the front of Lithia Park this summer. Hand out maps, give directions and answer park-related questions. Flexible two hour shifts are available. Must be age 16 & up and students will earn community service hours. Contact Lori Ainsworth at 541-499-8798 or Lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us.

2nd Annual Pollinator Garden Tour

Hosted by Bee City USA Ashland, the 2nd Annual Pollinator Garden Tour showcases pollinator gardens created by residents of Ashland. On this *self-guided* tour, host gardeners will welcome guests and answer questions.

Tour books will be available at the NMP Nature Center starting July 9 (early pick up is highly recommended).

Pre-registration is required at ashland.or.us/register or call the NMP Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

AGES All ages welcome
DAY Sunday
DATE Jul 15
TIME 9am-1pm
PLACE Throughout Ashland
COST \$10 (\$15 after Jul 13)

City offices will be closed July 4, 2018, for Independence Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

July City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: July 3 & 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: July 2 & 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

July 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

July 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

July 10 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

TBD | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

July 26 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Study Session: July 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: July 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: July 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: July 24 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

July 20 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

July 19 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

July 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

July 18 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.