



**CITY OF
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Fourth of July Parade Preparations

With the Fourth of July celebration coming up next month, 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 public spaces in general are 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.

As one of Ashland's great community events, we hope that everyone will enjoy the festivities responsibly, respect fellow parade goers, and be safe throughout this special event and holiday.

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APD VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Ashland Police Department (APD) volunteer program is seeking new members from within our community. This organizations known as VIPS (volunteers in police service) perform many duties that enhance our community.

Duties include taking paperwork Monday through Friday to the District Attorney's office in Medford, the Medford Police Department, the County Courthouse, and juvenile division as required. In addition, our group also provides this service to both Talent and Phoenix Police Departments. Other functions can include vacation house checks, downtown foot patrol, a Monday through Friday mail courier service for pick-up and delivery of mail to various city locations and traffic control during parades and civic functions. The ideal volunteer will be someone who has the time to perform any of the available duties.

Be advised that as a minimum requirement all volunteers must have a valid Oregon driver's license and prior to being accepted must complete paperwork which will be submitted to both federal and local law enforcement for a comprehensive background check.

To apply for this important civic duty please contact the VIP'S coordinator Colin Carnegie at the Ashland PD at (541) 552-2128. If we are unavailable please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



2018 Water Quality Report



The City of Ashland provides exceptional water and diligently safeguards its water supplies in order to continue providing safe drinking water for our residents.

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available at ashland.or.us/waterdept select the link listed as Annual Water Quality Report. Hard copies are available upon request. For more information, please contact the Water Department at (541) 488-5353.

Residents can also help conserve water. For conservation tips, go to ashlandsaveswater.org or call (541) 552-2062.



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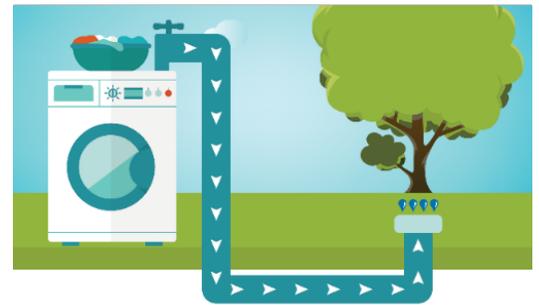
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Greywater System's help stretch water use
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Stretch Your Water Use

Graywater Workshop – Saturday July 27, 2019

Interested in installing a graywater system? Don't know where to start? Then this workshop is perfect for you! Join us and other community members to learn how you can install your very own graywater system and reuse indoor water to water some of your landscape!

Local experts will be on hand to:

- Demonstrate how systems are designed, installed and operated
- Display materials needed to build your own graywater system
- Discuss local and state building codes & permits
- Demonstrate a local laundry to landscape or branched drain graywater system

Date: Saturday July 27, 2019 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$45.00 per person
Where: Southern Oregon University, Room 319 in the Stevenson Union

Lunch will be provided and each attendee will receive a graywater system step by step book written by the instructor, Laura Allen from Graywater Action. Some of the workshop may be held outside, so please wear appropriate clothing. Please also bring a pen or pencil and paper for notes and a water bottle.

Please RSVP as soon as possible. Payment in advance is necessary to hold your reservation. Please contact us to register and for payment details at julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us or call (541) 552-2062.

Ashland Wildfire Preparedness Campaign June: Be SmokeWise!

The third month of the City of Ashland's Wildfire Preparedness Campaign focuses on preparing for wildfire smoke. In June, do the following so you are ready in the event of summertime smoke:

- Determine how your current air filtration system works and what type of filters you should have on hand for the summer. HEPA or MERV 13 or higher are recommended. If you need new filters, purchase at least two if possible because you may need to change them more frequently during a smoke event.
- Consider purchasing a residential air purifier unit, especially if you have health sensitivities to smoke. These are available at most hardware stores.
- Consider purchasing a set of masks (rated N95 or N100) and watch the video at the website listed below to see the correct way to put on a mask.
- Install weather stripping if you have leaky doors or windows to reduce the amount of smoke that enters your home.
- Window air conditioning units should not be used during a smoke event, so be ready to cover and seal the sides if needed.
- If your home doesn't have air conditioning, plan to run the HVAC system on "FAN" with new MERV 13 or better filters.

Visit smokewiseashland.org to learn more. Information courtesy of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Ashland Fire & Rescue.

Events

43rd Annual Fourth of July Run

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) will present the 43rd Annual 4th of July Run. The Run is also a fundraiser for the Ashland and Phoenix High School cross country teams and is steeped in tradition dating back to 1976!

Two runs are offered, a two 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. and are chip-timed through scenic routes on closed roadways. Registration is ONLY available online at ashland.or.us/JulyRun. Register early to save money!

DATE Thursday, July 4, 2019
TIME 7:45 AM

Rock the Knoll Concert Series

Mark your calendars, tell your friends and join us this summer for some great music at Oak Knoll Golf Course. Our "Rock the Knoll" summer concert series kicks off with The Brothers Reed with food available beginning at 5 PM from Caba Empanadas Food Truck. This FREE concert is open to all.

DATES July 12 (The Brothers Reed),
August 16 (East Main Band), and
September 21 (Hog Wild)
TIME 7 to 10 PM (food starting at 5 PM)
PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course,
3070 Hwy 66



Volunteer as a Lithia Park Host for June Through August

Students and adult volunteers are needed to staff an information table at the front of Lithia Park. Lithia Park hosts will offer free maps and answer park-related questions. Flexible two-hour shifts, seven days a week are available. Short training and volunteer t-shirt provided.

If you are interested, please contact Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or call (541) 552-2264 or text (541) 499-8798.

Events (continued)

UP & Down: Ride the Cascade Siskiyou Scenic Bikeway

The 4th Annual UP & Down is a road bike ride, beginning and ending at Emigrant Lake Park. This year's routes are "The Scenic Bikeway," with 49 miles and 4,900 feet of climbing, or "The Spencer Creek," with 96 miles and 7,800 feet of climbing. Both routes feature rest stops and SAG support. After the ride, enjoy a hearty complimentary BBQ lunch and beer.

All proceeds will benefit the Greensprings Rural Search and Rescue and the Bear Creek Greenway. This ride is an effort by Jackson County Parks, Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission, Travel Ashland, the Siskiyou Velo Club and the Bear Creek Greenway Foundation. Please visit upanddownashland.com for more information and registration. Call M.L. Moore at (541) 201-1121 to volunteer or to make a donation.

DATE Saturday, July 20
PLACE Emigrant Lake Park, Hwy 66

Free Lithia Park Nature Walks

Enjoy beautiful Lithia Park's natural history three days a week (four days during July and August), rain or shine. Trained volunteer naturalists from the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC) will lead an easy, interesting one and a half hour nature walk through Lithia Park. Topics include: trees, flowers, birds, climate, water, geology, and the history of the park. Nature walks are free and all ages are welcome. Pre-registration is not required for the Nature Walks. For more information call the Recreation Division office at (541) 488-5340.

Learn about all of the happenings in Lithia Park during the summer months by visiting ashland.or.us/LithiaHappenings.

DAYS Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday (July & August only)
DATES May 1 to September 30
TIME 10 to 11:30 AM
PLACE Entrance of Lithia Park, across from the Plaza

**City offices will be closed July 4, 2019
for Independence Day.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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July City Calendar

City Council

Business Meeting: July 2 & 16 | 7 p.m.
Study Sessions: July 1 & 15 | 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Airport Commission

July 2 | 9:30 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Conservation Commission

July 24 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Forest Lands Commission

July 9 | 5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission

July 3 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Housing and Human Services Commission

July 25 | 4:30 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: July 22 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street
Study Session: July 15 | 5:30 p.m.
The Grove, 1195 E Main St.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: July 9 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: July 23 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Public Art Commission

July 19 | 8 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Transportation Commission

July 18 | 6 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Tree Commission

July 8 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Wildfire Safety Commission

July 17 | 11 a.m.
Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ 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.

