

City

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Flood Insurance Study
Revisions

A Flood Insurance Study revision has recently been completed for Jackson County,



Oregon, including the City of Ashland. This revision was prepared by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This revision updates the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) showing the areas that would be inundated by the one percent annual chance flood (Base Flood or 100- year flood).

New digital maps will be used by federally-regulated lending institutions and insurance agents in determining who must purchase flood insurance and (See *Flood Insurance Study Revisions*, Page 2)

Arbor Week

The State of Oregon celebrates Arbor Week during the first full week of April, April 4 —10, 2010. The City of Ashland Tree Commission has a number of events planned throughout the month of April to celebrate Arbor Week and Ashland's designation as a Tree City USA. These include the Mayor's proclamation recognizing Arbor Week and the Oregon Department of Forestry's presentation of Ashland's Tree City USA award. Other activities include the placement of the Tree of the Year plaque near the (See Arbor Week, Back Page)

Historic Preservation
Week 2010

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate National Historic Preservation Week from May 9-15, 2010. National Historic Preservation Week is an outreach program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and observed annually in Ashland. 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. This year's theme is "Old is the New Green".

Historic Preservation Award Nominations are being gathered and winners will be selected. These awards are to honor the people and building projects that have contributed to the preservation of our City's historic districts and to recognize the commitment of local citizens in the

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the cost of that insurance, should it be necessary. In addition, the maps will be used by city and county officials for floodplain management and permitting purposes.

The people most directly affected by the issuance of this study are those owning property and/or living in the identified flood hazard areas. Interested persons are invited to a Public Forum on April 14 from 5:00 — 6:30 p.m. at the Community Development Building, Siskiyou Room to review the revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The maps are also available for review at the Commu-

nity Development Building located at 51 Winburn Way.

For more information about the FEMA Flood Insurance Study and how it affects properties within the City of Ashland, contact Amy Gunter, Assistant Planner at 541-552-2044. ▼

Spring Cleaning

Tree branches and bushes that extend onto city streets and sidewalks pose hazards for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. Larger vehicles such as delivery trucks, street sweepers and RVs can sustain damage when coming into contact with tree branches — and trees can sustain damage if branches are broken.

Property owners are responsible for trimming trees or bushes

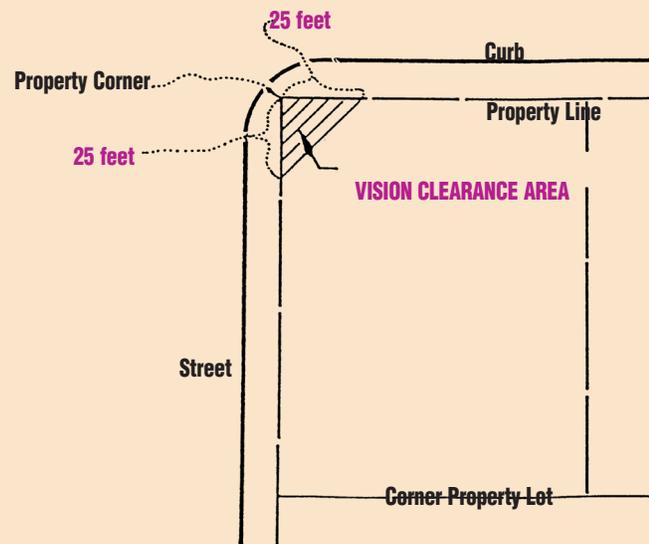
adjacent to the street and their property. This includes the park row area between the sidewalk and the curb.

To determine if your trees need trimming, stand on the curb line in front of your home, look up and see if there are any branches extending beyond the curb into the street under 14 feet or 8 feet over sidewalks. If so, these branches should be trimmed back to the curb line.

Bushes and shrubs should also be trimmed to allow passengers to easily exit a parked car and to allow pedestrians the full width of the sidewalk.

Please call Public Works 541-488-5587 for more information. ▼

Spring is a good time to clean!



A hedge, fence, screen or plant must not be higher than 30 inches in the Vision Clearance Area.

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furtherance of historic preservation and the protection of cultural resources over the past year.

There will be many events and walking tours this year during Historic Preservation Week, including; walking tours of the Ashland Cemetery and the Historic Railroad District, open house tours of historic Ashland homes, and a self-guided tour of the Ashland Memorial Mausoleum. Mayor John Stromberg will also present at the Ashland Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony.

The Event Brochure and the Historic Open Houses Brochure will be posted on the City's website, www.ashland.or.us by May 1, 2010.

Or you may stop by the Ashland Community Development Department at 51 Winburn Way or you may call us for information at 541-488-5305. ▼

News Notes

Celebrate Rogue Valley Earth Day

Ashland and the Rogue Valley will celebrate Earth Day on April 24, 2010 at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum, 1500 East Main Street. With this year's theme, "Living, Learning, Leading"), the event will once again be the region's annual festival for discovery and inspiration towards shaping sustainable lifestyles and building community.

Over 70 exhibits from local businesses, nonprofits and government organizations will share information on a wide range of topics: energy and water conservation, transportation alternatives, waste prevention, wildlife preservation and much more. Visitors can discover the benefits of supporting local farmers, learn how solar electricity works, see how to start a compost pile, sign up for renewable energy programs, and learn about sustainable landscaping.

Hours of family-friendly fun includes live music, dance and theater, dozens of kid's activities, field games and recycled crafts, and delicious food for sale.

Help make Earth Day a "zero-waste" event. Please bring your own reusable beverage container. For more information and the entertainment line-up, visit www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net or call 541.488.6606.

Are You Ready?

Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team will offer its free CERT Basic Training course over two weekends beginning April 23, 2010. CERT is a volunteer program of Ashland Fire & Rescue. CERT training is for all ages, 14 and above. The course will take place April 23 -24 and April 30 - May 1. Attendance is required both weekends.

☐ Learn disaster response skills and volunteer during local emer

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Volunteer Opportunity

The Ashland Police Department is taking applications for volunteers in their Downtown Patrol. This is a uniform unit, no enforcement involved. The Downtown Patrol Volunteers are the eyes and ears of the Ashland Police Department and are available to anyone needing information about the community. Training will be provided. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Frank d'Entremont, at 541-552-2121 for more information.



Ashland Community Bike Swap

The 20th Annual Bike Swap promotes bicycle transportation & recreation and benefits bike safety education by providing a community venue for buying and selling working condition bicycles and related equipment. Please Note: The Bike Swap will be held early this year and take place in April rather than the traditional May date.

If you are interested in selling, items for sale can be dropped off at The Grove, 1195 E Main Street, Friday April 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and again on Saturday, April 17, from 7:00 to 10:00 am. The seller will agree to donate 15% of each sale, or minimum of \$5 per bike (whichever is more), to benefit bicycle safety education programs throughout the Rogue Valley.

If you are interested in buying a bicycle, the swap will be open to the public on Saturday, April 17, noon to 2:00 pm.

This event is made possible by Ashland Parks & Recreation, RVTD, and the City of Ashland Fire Department and Transportation Commission. For more information, please call Ashland Parks & Recreation at 541-488-5340 or visit www.RVTD.org/bikeswap. Volunteers are needed for this event!

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, please call 541-951-1136. ▼

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Pink Dogwood at 634 Iowa Street, a tree planting at the Ashland Public Library, a neighborhood Tree Walk, and an informational booth at the annual Earth Day festival at ScienceWorks.

Please stay tuned to the City of Ashland website, www.ashland.or.us, Tree Commission page for information as it becomes available. ▼

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agencies with Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team.

□ Over two weekends you will practice disaster medical operations, fire suppression, emergency radio communications, the Incident Command System, and more.

□ Disaster Medical, Fire, and Search & Rescue operations taught by Ashland Fire and Rescue. Training culminates with a disaster exercise and rescue.

Pre-register at Ashland Fire and Rescue, 455 Siskiyou

Blvd, or 541-552-2226.

Ashland CERT volunteers have been called by the city to make sandbags during flooding, host emergency shelters during extreme weather, and evacuate a neighborhood during the Siskiyou Fire. CERT is neighbors helping neighbors. ▼

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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 Thursday 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. ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

