

The citizen's source of information about the City of Ashland



Ashland Community Bike Swap

The 27th Annual Bike Swap promotes bicycle transportation and recreation, and benefits bike safety education by providing a community venue for buying and selling working-condition bicycles and related equipment.

This event is made possible by Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC), Rogue Valley Transportation District, JPR, the City of Ashland Fire Department, and the Transportation Commission.

If you are interested in selling, items can be registered and dropped off on Friday, April 14, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 15, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at The Grove, 1195 East Main Street.

If you are interested in buying, the Bike Swap will be open to the public on Saturday, April 15, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at The Grove. Admission is \$1 per person.

After March 6, 2017, call the APRC main office at 541-488-5340 for more information or visit RVTD.org/bikeswap.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact APRC's Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or 541-552-2264.

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Swarm Season for Honeybees - Help Them Find New Homes

With Spring's warmer temperatures and newly emerging blossoms, native bees and honeybees will be on the move. Have you had the privilege of witnessing a honeybee swarm? This unique event occurs when half the members of a bee hive fly off with the old queen to seek a new home. Before departing, the bees fill their honey stomachs for the journey.

Although a swarm can look menacing, the bees are unlikely to sting - the swarm is focused on finding a new home and keeping the queen protected. Unprotected, the swarm is exposed to rain, cold, and predators and may not survive more than three days. Even if scouts do find a location for the new hive, survival rates can be quite low.

Beekeepers dream of catching swarms. If you see a swarm, or find a bee hive that needs to be relocated, please report it immediately by calling one of the numbers listed on the back page.

(See, *Swarm Season*, Back Page)



Lawn Replacement Rebates Available Now – June 30th!



Now is the time to transform your lawn into the water wise landscape you've always dreamed of! Lawn replacement rebate funding is available through June 30th, so submit your application today!

Learn more by visiting ashland saveswater.org or calling 541-552-2421.

HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION

ACCESS Weatherization is looking to help Ashland residents, who heat with electricity, lower their home energy costs by installing energy conserving measures to their home.



The possible improvements include:

- 1 Insulation
- 2 Replacing inefficient windows
- 3 Insulated mobile home roofing
- 4 Air sealing penetrations in your home
- 5 Sealing issues in your heating ducts
- 6 Possible electric appliance upgrades
- 7 Possible heating system upgrades
- 8 In-home energy education, including an energy saving kit

These improvements will all be made free of charge for those who income qualify. This program serves mobile homes and site built homes, both for homeowners and for renters. If your home has been previously weatherized you may still qualify.

For information or for an application please call 541-779-6691 X360

Or visit us online at accesshelps.org and click "Energy/Weatherization"



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.

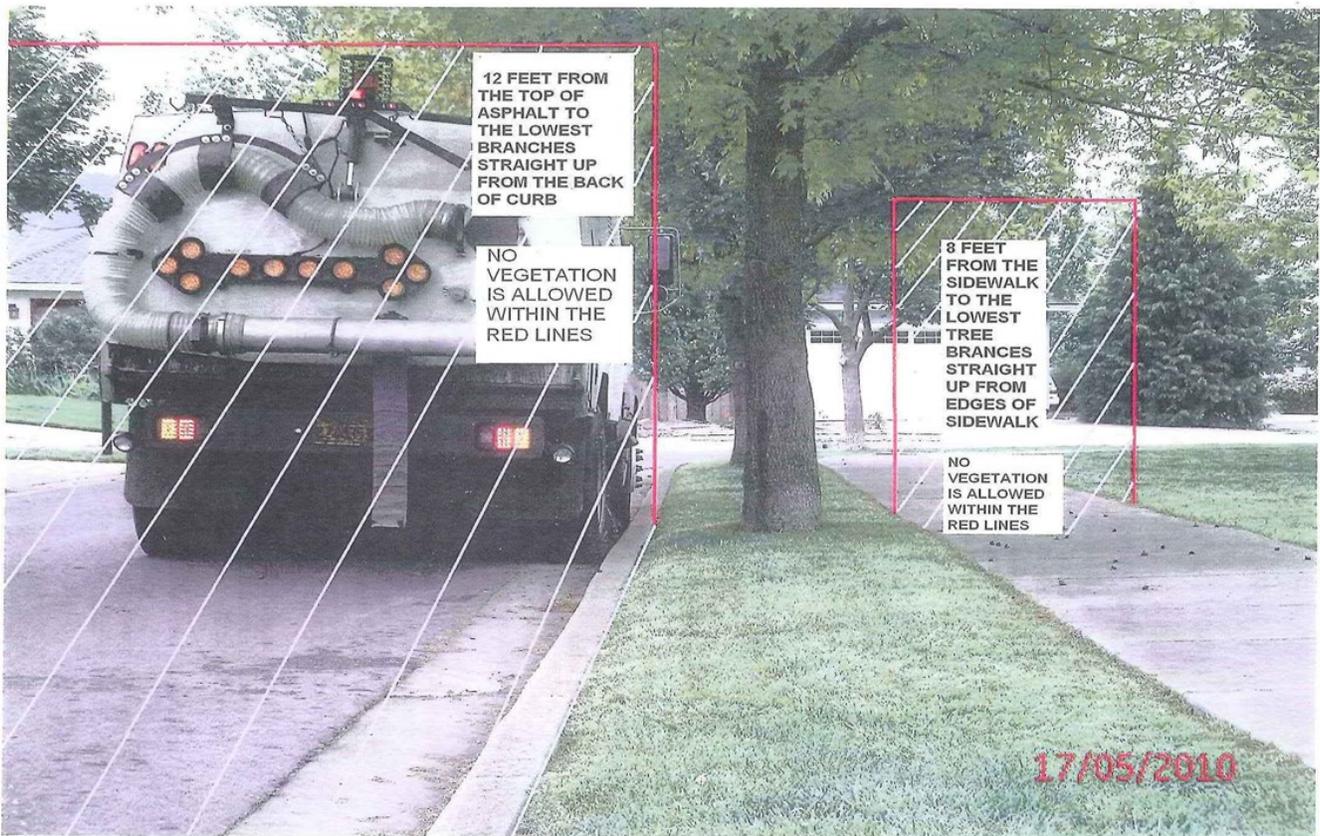
Property owners are responsible for trimming trees or bushes adjacent to the street and their property. This includes the park row area between the sidewalk and the curb.

To determine if your trees need trimming, stand on the curb line in front of your home and, using the vegeta-

tion clearance diagram below for reference, look up to see if there are any branches extending beyond the back of the curb into the street that are less than 12 feet above the street or are less than eight feet above the 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 contact the Street Division at 541-488-5313 for more information.



Earth Day 2017 Celebration

Join us in celebrating Rogue Valley Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Science Works Museum in Ashland! The City of Ashland's Conservation Division will be among the many exhibitors participating in the festivities. Visit our booth to

learn more about water and energy conservation practices and how you can use these methods to make your home more efficient. Find out about our rebate programs and our free onsite water and energy evaluations. For more information please call 541-552-2062.

Swarm Season

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Thank you for helping to sustain one of the world's most fascinating and beneficial creatures.

Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association:

www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/report-a-swarm or
541-862-1604

Bee Rescue Team, College of the Melissae:

360-531-3017

Southern Oregon University Beekeeping Club:

541-244-0391 or 708-205-0049

Ashland: Police Department Dispatch:

541-776-7206

News Notes

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

This class is intended for Healthcare providers and other students seeking training and certification in CPR. The course teaches critical concepts of high quality CPR, use of an automated external defibrillator, and relief choking for victims of all ages.

All fees must be prepaid prior to the class date to confirm reservation. Please register early to reserve your space!

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Ashland Fire Station 2 - 1860 Ashland Street

Cost: \$55*

Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are typically limited to 8 people. Participants may register by paying in-person 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Fire Station 1, or by mailing a check to 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520. Make checks payable to City of Ashland. Credit cards are accepted in-person.

For information or to register contact the CERT Program Coordinator at 541-552-2226, cpr@ashland.or.us, or www.ashland.or.us/cpr.

*Upon successful completion, students will receive an American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers Course Completion Card that is valid for two years.

Get Involved!

If you are interested in being involved in one of our many commissions or committees, please submit a letter of interest and an application form to the City Recorder's office, 20 E. Main Street. Applications and more information can be found at ashland.or.us/vacancies or 541-488-5307.

April City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: April 4 & 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: April 3 & 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

April 4 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

April 26 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

April 11 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

April 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

April 27 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: April 24 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: April 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: April 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

April 21 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

April 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

April 6 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

April 19 | 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.



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