

# City

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

## Cool Weather Heating Safety

Days are shorter, evenings are cooler and Oregon households are beginning



to turn up the heat. Ashland Fire & Rescue reminds Ashland residents that chimney fires and combustibles left too close to a heat source are the state's two leading fire causes in heating related fires. These types of fires are easily prevented by keeping chimneys cleaned and remembering to keep combustibles such as furniture, blankets and clothing far away from heaters, woodstoves and similar heat sources.

“Although fires during the day when no one is home are devastating, fires at night when family  
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## Ice Rink Opening

*The Darex Family Ice Rink will open to the public in mid to late December 2008. Construction began in mid October and the Ashland Parks and Recreation department is hopeful that the facility will open by December 20th, 2008. Call the Ashland Parks and Recreation department at 541-488-5340 for more information. ▼*

## Lights for Life Raises Funds for Ashland Community Hospital Foundation

Ashland is a town that likes to keep things local and support those groups that contribute to a livable, dynamic community. From our world-class theater and local farmers to our independent community hospital, we take pride in supporting the local organizations that make Ashland a great place to live.

Each holiday season Ashland Community Hospital Foundation invites the community to participate in the annual Lights for Life campaign. This campaign is an opportunity for everyone to support their local hometown hospital while participating in a cherished holiday tradition.

For over 100 years, Ashland Community Hospital has been providing local, independent healthcare to the citizens of Ashland and Talent. Over the years the

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community has worked with the Foundation to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for new equipment and programs.

Family members and friends can be honored or remembered through a donation symbolized by

Lights for Life. Lights can be given in creative ways or to commemorate a variety of traditional events such as the birth of a baby, a special thank you to a neighbor, friend or colleague, or in memory of a loved one. Lights for Life has been a visible sign of Ashland's commitment to community since 1987.

All proceeds from Lights for Life stay here in Ashland and Talent working to provide the quality patient-centered care we all have come to expect from

our local hospital. However, to keep pace with medical advancements and provide patients with the very best diagnostic and treatment services, we must continue to replace equipment, train staff, and develop programs. A gift to Lights for Life represents your personal commitment to the advancement of quality healthcare.

The Lights for Life tradition combines all the special elements of the season; a time for family, friends, goodwill, and giving. Your gift in honor or memory of someone special becomes a gift for all. ▼

## Lights for Life Tree — Contribution Form

**I wish to light** \_\_\_blue light(s) at \$50 each; \_\_\_red light(s) at \$100 each; \_\_\_twinkle light(s) at \$250 each; \_\_\_star light(s) at \$500 each; \_\_\_angel light(s) at \$1,000 each; \_\_\_Other Amount. My total contribution is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### My contribution:

Please make my contribution *In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_ or *In Honor of* \_\_\_\_\_.

Please send a notification of my dedicated light or ornament to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be included in the ACH Foundation's list of donors  I do not wish to have public acknowledgment

### My name and address and Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  Visa account \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  Master Card account \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my check to the ACH Foundation for my tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Send to Ashland Community Hospital Foundation PO Box 98, Ashland OR 97520**



## Did You Know?

Your winter water use is the basis for determining annual average sewer bills for the following year.

Meter readings taken during January, February, and March are used for this determination. Depending on your location and billing cycle, your water use beginning as early as December 2008 and ending March 31, 2009 will determine your sewer bills for next year.

Water bills beginning in April 2009 will reflect that usage.

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members are sleeping may be fatal," advises Ashland Fire & Rescue personnel. "Simple precautions prevent fires and the tragedies they bring."

### *To reduce fire risk, Ashland Fire & Rescue recommends:*

- ❑ Have chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep. Ask them to check for creosote deposits, soot build-up or physical damage.
- ❑ Move combustibles including paper, trash, furniture, bedding or clothing at least three feet away from heat sources. Heat sources include candles, gas/wood/pellet stoves, portable, baseboard, and wall heaters and any sources with an open flame.
- ❑ Be cautious with portable heaters. Make sure these heaters have a tip switch to turn them off if knocked over. Keep them away from high traffic areas and unplug when not in use and at night. ▼

## Holiday Fire Safety

Ashland Fire & Rescue encourages a holiday season free of potentially dangerous situations for all residents of our community. To help everyone have a safe and fire-free holiday, here are some good recommendations.

### *Fire and Life Safety*

1. All decorations should be fire retardant or treated with a flame retardant and should be flame-resistant.
2. Avoid candles or other open flame devices for decorations.
3. Decorations of any kind must not be placed in any path to an exit or near a heating device.

### *Natural Trees*

1. Natural trees are inherently fire retardant if they are kept away from indoor heat or low humidity conditions. To keep this resistance, cut off the trunk 1" above the original cut and keep the tree in standing water.
2. Decorate with UL-listed lights and a UL-approved heavy duty extension cord.
3. If your tree becomes dry and needles begin falling in excessive amounts, the tree is a serious fire danger. Check water levels daily.
4. Do not dispose of Christmas trees and holiday decorations by burning them in your fireplace.

### *Artificial Trees*

1. If non-metallic, tree may be decorated with electric lights. Use the same type of lights as for a natural tree.
2. If metallic, do not decorate with any type of electrical devices or lights. ▼



## Celebrate Lithia Park's 100th Birthday



Photo by Terry Skibby

The Ashland Parks Commission invites you to commemorate Lithia Park's 100th birthday. In December, 1908 Ashland voters set aside land for the park and authorized the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission will host a reception on Saturday, December 13, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way in Lithia Park. The reception will include a slideshow and local artifacts dating back to the early 1900s. For more information call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340 or visit [www.AshlandParksandRec.org](http://www.AshlandParksandRec.org). ▼

## Watch for Children Waiting for the School Bus

With the temporary closure of Bellview Elementary School, many children are being bussed to the Rivergate School at Iowa and Garfield Streets. To accommodate these students, additional school bus routes and stops have been scheduled at several streets including Tolman Creek Rd., Greenmeadows Way, Bellview Ave., Clay St., and Faith Ave. Many of these streets lack adequate sidewalks or areas where students can safely wait for the bus. When traveling these streets, please be extra cautious and alert to the presence of young students. ▼

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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 6:00 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.
- ❑ **Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission** meets on the third Thursday at 5:15 p.m.
- ❑ **Conservation Commission** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 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.
- ❑ **Traffic Safety Commission** meets on fourth Thursday at 7:00 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

