

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

**LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE**

The City of Ashland has funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program (ALIEAP), which assists low income residents with electric bill costs during the cold winter months. Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 65 percent of Oregon’s median income. These levels are based on household income and household size. Qualified recipients will receive a credit on their electric utility charges. Credits of up to 50 percent will be given to seniors and disabled persons for up to six months and credits of 50 percent to other qualified residents for up to three months. The maximum allowed credit is \$300 for either group.

Beginning October 1, applicants may call the request line at (541) 552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet. Applications are also available on the City of Ashland website at [ashland.or.us](http://ashland.or.us). If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance, please let them know about this program. The deadline to submit the application is February 1, 2021.

**ROUND UP YOUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE**

The City of Ashland’s Round Up program allows Ashland utility customers to voluntarily round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar to assist low-income Ashland residents through ALIEAP mentioned above. You can join the Ashland Round Up program by going to [ashland.or.us/roundup](http://ashland.or.us/roundup) or complete the coupon and return it with your utility payment or by dropping it off at City Hall, 20 E. Main Street. You can also make a one-time donation by sending in a check indicating it is a donation to help with the utility bills of those in need.

**YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE ASHLAND ROUND UP PROGRAM**

Yes, please round up my monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar. I understand the funds will assist Ashland residents in need with their utility bill.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STAY UPDATED ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

To help ease concern over the COVID-19 pandemic and spread correct information, the City has created a webpage [ashland.or.us/coronavirus](http://ashland.or.us/coronavirus) with the most up-to-date information from the Federal, State, County, and City governments. The webpage includes information on:

**Prevention and Health**—links to the CDC, Oregon Health Authority, and Jackson County Health and Human Services.

**City Government Updates**—including current City closures and how to attend virtual meetings and events.

**Current Restrictions**—offering a timeline of the Governor’s orders including mandated closures.

**Local & Business Resources**—where affected businesses and locals can go for help and information on how to support local businesses and organizations.



## JAMES M. RAGLAND "VOLUNTEER SPIRIT" AWARD NOMINATIONS

In an effort to recognize the contribution of public sector volunteers, the Mayor and City Council present the annual community service award in memory of James M. Ragland. Through Jim's involvement in numerous public sector volunteer efforts, he contributed significantly to the physical and social fabric of the community that we enjoy today. Criteria is based on public sector volunteer services performed, length of service, absence of adequate recognition in the past, and any other attributes the nominee may have that should be considered. Consideration is also given to people who volunteer hours beyond their regular work day to perform a service that benefits the community.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Ragland Award, go to [ashland.or.us/ragland](http://ashland.or.us/ragland) or fill out the below nomination form below and send it to Administration, 20 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520 by December 4, 2020. The winner of the award will be honored at the State of the City ceremony in January 2021.

### 2021 James M. Ragland "Volunteer Spirit" Community Service Award

Please answer the questions listed below on a *separate sheet of paper* and return it by **December 4, 2020**, to  
**Attn: Administration, 20 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

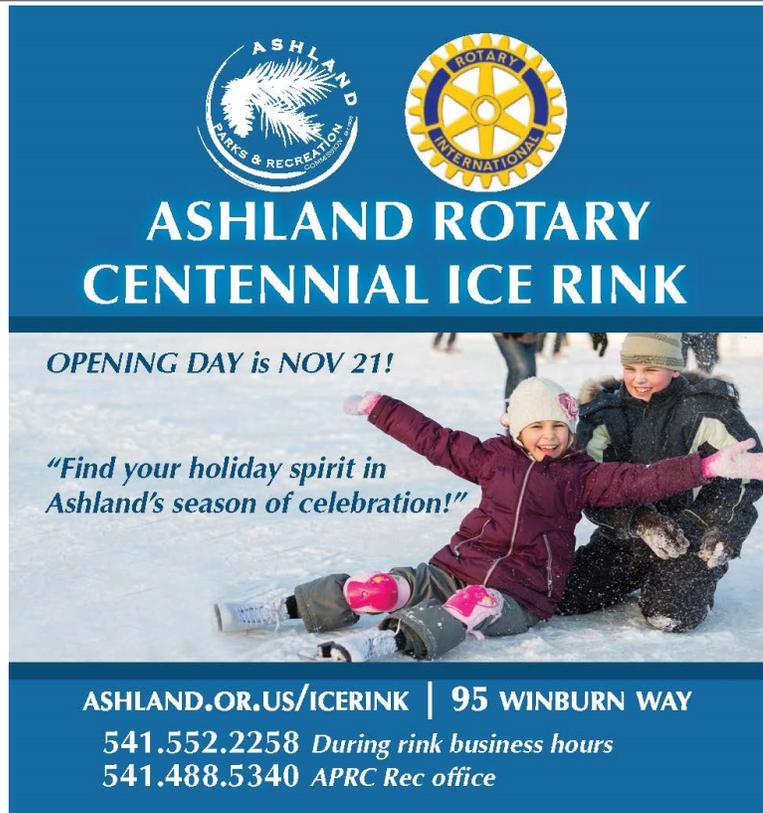
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Please describe the nominee's public sector volunteer service.
- 2) How long has the nominee performed that service?
- 3) How has this effort benefited the community?
- 4) What awards or recognition has the nominee received for their service in the past?
- 5) What other information about the nominee should be considered?

### MUNICIPAL AUDIT COMMISSION VACANCY – OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Come serve your community by applying to be on the City of Ashland Municipal Audit Commission. The commission's duties include analyzing and reporting to Council significant findings in the annual audit report and making recommendations regarding such findings. Periodically, the commission also recommends to the council an independent firm of certified public accountants to perform the annual financial audit of the City. The Commission meets semi-annually or as needed. These meetings are usually during the months of September through November during the day.

The current vacant term expires April 30, 2022. Please contact the City Recorder's office at (541) 488-5307 if you would like more information or to apply.



**ASHLAND ROTARY  
CENTENNIAL ICE RINK**

*OPENING DAY is NOV 21!*

*"Find your holiday spirit in  
Ashland's season of celebration!"*

**ASHLAND.OR.US/ICERINK | 95 WINBURN WAY**  
541.552.2258 *During rink business hours*  
541.488.5340 *APRC Rec office*

## BE WINTER WISE WINTERIZE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM!



Fall is officially here. The daylight hours are getting shorter and plants are going dormant for the winter season. The summer watering season has come to an end and now it's time to prepare your irrigation system for winter temperatures. The best way to protect your irrigation investment from potential freeze damage over the winter is to "winterize" all system components. This process involves removing water from pipes, valves and sprinkler heads before freezing occurs. Follow these basic steps to assist you in winterizing your irrigation system:

- 1) Shut off water to your sprinkler system. This can typically be done at the backflow prevention device.
- 2) Turn on each of the sprinkler valves to release the pressure in the pipes.
- 3) Drain sprinkler components as much as possible. Remove the cap and riser from the highest and lowest sprinkler in each irrigation zone to help water drain out.
- 4) Some systems are equipped to be blown out with compressed air. Contact an irrigation professional who offers this service.
- 5) After purging the system of all water, leave all the valves on your backflow preventer half open. Make sure to close them when you turn the system back on in the spring.
- 6) Turn your sprinkler controller to the off position.
- 7) In addition, any above ground piping, backflow preventers and valves need to be insulated. Disconnect garden hoses and place insulation caps on hose bibs.

Properly preparing your system for the winter can be far less costly than repairing damaged equipment in the spring. Consider contacting an irrigation professional to assist you with winterizing your system. If you have any questions or would like more information on the City's water conservation programs please call 541-552-2062 or visit our website at [www.ashlandsaveswater.org](http://www.ashlandsaveswater.org).

### DID YOU KNOW?



The City of Ashland is still giving away **free** showerheads and faucet aerators. Just call the Public Works office at (541) 488-5587 to schedule a time to pick them up. Also, be sure to take advantage of the toilet rebate. Get up to \$75 when replacing an older toilet

with a new high efficiency one. You can find more information at [www.ashland.or.us/rebates](http://www.ashland.or.us/rebates).

Remember, even small fixture changes can make a big difference in how much water we use. So, why not take advantage of this opportunity and take that little step to save water and money!



### CONTROLLED BURNS: BALANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

When summer departs and cooler temperatures set in--this is normally when agencies and organizations begin controlled burn planning. Planned fires are lit when fire danger is low and weather conditions are favorable for protecting sensitive community members. This year has been different. Well before fall, smoke regulators, fire managers and agencies began a massive coordination effort by integrating COVID-19 safety precautions for controlled burn planning at the state and local level.

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**COMMUNITY LEAF COMPOSTING**  
DATES & DETAILS

**Leaf Bag Discount**  
Oct 12th - Nov 6th  
\$10  
(set of 5, limit 2)

To Order Bags  
Call 541-482-1471

DUE TO COVID-19:  
PHONE PAYMENTS ONLY  
CALL TO ARRANGE PICKUP

**Free Community Leaf Drop-off Events**

**Ashland Recycle Center**  
9 - 4PM  
220 Water Street  
November 8th  
December 13th

**Talent City Hall**  
9 - 4PM  
110 E Main Street  
November 15th

## CONTROLLED BURNS: BALANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Controlled burning remains a valuable tool for maintaining a healthy forest and reducing risks to public safety. For 10 years, Ashland Forest Resiliency partners have worked together to address wildfire risk. With climate change, we recognize that the urgency of forest thinning and controlled burning are more important now than ever. AFR partners include Lomakatsi Restoration Project, The Nature Conservancy, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and The City of Ashland recognize improving communication for controlled burning and providing resources to the community remains an even greater priority for personal health.

To receive non-emergency burning and smoke alerts, register for the AFR email list at [www.ashlandwatershed.org](http://www.ashlandwatershed.org) or text WATERSHED in the message line to 888777. You can also follow AFR on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AFR.Project](https://www.facebook.com/AFR.Project) or on Twitter [@ashlandforest](https://twitter.com/ashlandforest).



**Ashland  
Forest  
Resiliency**  
STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

**City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25  
in observation of Christmas Day.**

### EVENTS

*Due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures in place, many of our events may need to be canceled or postponed.*

#### **Art is for Everyone!**

This senior art class welcomes all skill levels. The December session will feature acrylic paint. Through step-by-step instruction, students will complete one or more paintings over the three-class session. A supplies list and Zoom link will be emailed after registration; students should obtain supplies prior to course start. Taught by Shea Cathey. Register at [ashland.or.us/register](http://ashland.or.us/register) or call the Senior Center at (541) 488-5342.

**DATES** December 5, 12, 19  
**TIME** 1 to 3 PM  
**PLACE** Online (Zoom)  
**COST** \$60 (3 classes)

#### **Gentle Yoga for Adults 50 & Better**

The focus of this one-hour hatha yoga class is to increase strength, flexibility and balance while simultaneously alleviating stress and fatigue. Additional benefits of regular yoga practice include an overall sense of well-being and an increase in self-awareness and self acceptance. Participants must be aware of their own capabilities in order to participate safely. Ability to get up and down from the floor is encouraged. Each class will conclude with deep relaxation. Please have a mat, two blankets and a light-weight portable chair for each Zoom class. Taught by Linda-Grace Wilhelm. Register at [ashland.or.us/register](http://ashland.or.us/register) or call the Senior Center at (541) 488-5342. A Zoom link will be emailed after registration.

**DATES** Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
**TIME** 10:30 to 11:30 AM  
**PLACE** Online (Zoom)  
**COST** \$25 (5 classes)

Check out how Ashland  
connects at  
[www.ashlandfiber.net](http://www.ashlandfiber.net)



### December City Calendar

*Due to COVID-19 and social distancing measures in place, many meetings might be canceled or held electronically. Please check [ashland.or.us/calendar.asp](http://ashland.or.us/calendar.asp) for updates.*

#### City Council

Business Meeting: Dec. 1 & 15 | 6 p.m.  
Study Session: Nov. 30 & Dec. 14 |  
5:30 p.m.

#### Airport Commission

December 1 | 9:30 a.m.

#### Conservation & Climate Outreach Commission

December 23 | 3 p.m.

#### Climate Policy Commission

December 10 | 4 p.m.

#### Forest Lands Commission TBD

#### Historic Commission

December 2 | 6 p.m.

#### Housing and Human Services Commission TBD

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m.  
Study Session: TBD

#### Planning Commission

Business Meeting: December 8 | 7 p.m.  
Study Session: December 22 | 7 p.m.

#### Public Art Commission

December 18 | 8:30 a.m.

#### Transportation Commission

December 17 | 6 p.m.

#### Tree Commission

December 3 | 6 p.m.

#### Wildfire Safety Commission TBD

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900 ▲ Meetings are held electronically until further notice. Please check [ashland.or.us/calendar.asp](http://ashland.or.us/calendar.asp) for information on how to view the meetings live or watch a recorded version. ▲ City Council, Parks, and Planning 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](http://rvtv.sou.edu), select channel RVTV Prime.

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