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DriveSafe: Clear + Focused Campaign

The Ashland Traffic Safety Commission and the Oregon Department of Transportation Safety Division are



pleased to announce a new campaign designed to promote safe driving.

The DriveSafe: Clear + Focused message is simple; you cannot drive safely when your head is drowsy, dizzy, or distracted. Even small amounts of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs impair your ability to drive safely. Prescriptions and over-the-counter remedies are less obvious culprits, but are also quite capable of affecting vision, reaction time, coordination, and (See *DriveSafe: Clear + Focused Campaign*, Page 2)

Trim Trees and Shrubs

Ashland property owners are reminded to keep their trees and bushes trimmed and clear of sidewalks. Tree limbs should be trimmed to 14 feet above street and 8 feet above sidewalks. Corners are required to have a "vision clearance triangle" extending 25 feet back on both streets and clear between 2 1/2 feet and 8 feet off the ground.

For more information call Dean Walker, Code Compliance Specialist, at 552-2424. ▼

Free Plastic Round-up: Recycle Your Plastic!

Fri & Sat, November 14-15

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Save your plastic for recycling! On November 14 and 15, Jackson County Recycling Partnership will host 3 free drop-off locations for numerous types of plastic including; grocery and dry cleaning bags, cereal and potato chips bags, to-go containers, lawn furniture, toys, nursery pots, buckets and tubs, lids and caps, CDs and CD cases, shrink wrap, and much more.

Three event locations include: Rogue Disposal Transfer Station at 8001 Table Rock Road in White City, Valley View Transfer Station at 3000 Valley View Road in Ashland, and OSU Extension Service at 569 Hanley Road in Central Point.

For a list of acceptable items, visit www.jcrecycle.org. ▼



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judgment and can decrease the mental and physical abilities needed to operate a motor vehicle safely. Drive safely using your optimum level of competence — Clear Head + Focused Mind.

The City of Ashland recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Oregon Alliance for Community Traffic Safety (ACTS) for this campaign. The funds will be used to produce print educational material for distribution in the community, create window decals for local businesses, produce public service announcements to run in local movie theatres, provide funds for police presentations and produce a banner to hang across East Main Street.

Ashland attracts approximately 350,000 visitors each year, 76% of which are over the age of 50. Ashland also has a larger-than-average population of middle aged adults. Twenty-five percent of Ashland residents are between the ages of 45 and 64. Retirees over the age of 65 comprise 15% of our citizens. This safe driving campaign targets these often ignored demographics.

Businesses, service clubs, social groups, senior and retirement communities, and other interested parties are invited to schedule a presentation for your group or to request window decals. For more information, call Nancy Slocum, Ashland Public Works at 552-2420.



Low Income Assistance

The City of Ashland has set aside money during the budget process for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program to assist low-income Ashland residents with electric bill costs during the winter months.

Eligible Ashland residents include those whose income is at or below 60 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% will be given to seniors and disabled persons for up to six months and credits of up to 50% to others for up to three months. Maximum credit is \$300.00 for either group.

Beginning October 1 applicants may call the request line at 552-2038 to request an application packet be sent to them.

If you know of someone who might qualify and needs assistance please let them know about this program. ▼

Energy Conservation

Most energy saving techniques are simple changes in daily habits. Those that cost money don't cost much. Water-saving showerheads, fluorescent lights, and timers for security lights are inexpensive investments.

❑ *Check the thermostat settings on your water heater.*

Set both top and bottom elements of your electric water heater to 120 degrees F. or lower, and insulate the first few feet of water pipes coming out of the water heater. If your electric water heater is located in an unheated area, insulate it only if it's an older model and be sure to leave the pressure relief valve and thermostat panels exposed.

❑ *Use a water-saving showerhead rated at 2.5 gallons per minute or less.*

New showerheads give spray and deliver water with plenty of pressure. Water-saving pulsating shower massage models are also available. The City installs free showerheads as part of the water audit program.

❑ *Clothes washing and dish washing.*

Do not run partial loads, or if you must, set the water level to a smaller load. Use the cold wash/cold rinse setting for most of your laundry loads. Only diapers and oily work clothes need a hot water wash. Using only full loads is a good rule of thumb for automatic dishwashers. If you wash dishes by hand, use

Oak Knoll Golf Course

Be sure to check out the Oak Knoll Golf course website at www.OakKnollGolf.org and click on the coupon button for special discounts. Take a visual tour of the course while you're there! Winter rates will kick off on November 1, 2008. Please call 541-482-4311 for more information.

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one side of the sink or a large bowl for washing and the other side for rinsing. Do not leave the faucet running which can use as much water as a shower or bath. If you are thinking of replacing your dishwasher or clothes washer, consider purchasing energy efficient models which may qualify for state tax credits and City of Ashland rebates. Dry laundry on the clothesline or on racks whenever possible to save energy.

❑ *Refrigerators and Freezers.*

The ideal setting is 40 degrees F. for the refrigerator and 0 degrees F. for the freezer. Combination refrigerator/freezers usually have only one control in the refrigerator. Place a thermometer inside the refrigerator section and take a temperature reading after a half-hour. Adjust the setting higher or lower to achieve 40 F. Wait one hour before checking the temperature again. Readjust as necessary. New refrigerators use only a fraction of the energy that older models use; replacing a model that is 10 years old or more will usually pay for itself in energy savings. For more information see City of Ashland's Conservation Programs.

❑ *Lighting and Entertainment.*

Turn off lights, computers, TV sets and stereos when you're not using them. Replace standard incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR approved compact fluorescent bulbs wherever feasible. They use only one fourth of the energy and last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs.

❑ *Setting electric heaters between 65F and 68F will save a substantial amount of energy.*

Turn off ceiling cable heaters and baseboard wall heaters when not at home to limit their use. If you have electric resistive heat, consider installing a ductless ("mini-split") heat pump that will use 40% less energy and provide energy-efficient cooling. Check out the City's new Ductless Heat Pump Program!

❑ *Clean or replace filters in air conditioners and heaters on a regular basis.*

Keep furniture and other obstructions away from supply vents and air grills. Have your heating and cooling ducts checked for leakage.

The City of Ashland has numerous energy conservation programs. For more information see www.ashland.or.us or call Cathy at 552-2063. ▼

News Notes

Restoration Work Party

Saturday, November 1
1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Join the staff and volunteers of North Mountain Park for a riparian restoration project. Help out with weeding and mulching to improve water quality and wildlife habitat at Clay Street Park. Individuals, families, service organizations and clubs are needed. Tools and snacks will be provided. All ages welcome.

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Preregistration is not required, except for groups of 5 or more. For more information or for group registration, please contact the Nature Center at 541-488-6606 or on-line at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>.

Project FeederWatch

November 8 & 22, December 6 & 20

9:00 a.m. — 10 a.m.

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with the help of experienced Audubon volunteers. This is a great opportunity for all-level birders to get acquainted with local birds and mingle with other birders. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University's FeederWatch project, a nationwide bird monitoring effort. This activity is free and pre-registration is not required. Ages 10 and up only, please. For more information please contact the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 488-6606 or www.northmountainpark.org.

Photography Basics for Digital Camera Users

Wednesdays, November 5 — 19

9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

If you want to take full advantage of your digital camera, the best way to do it is to learn a bit about photography. Join David Vanderlip in a hands-on class in Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way. In this class we will take a look at aperture, shutter speed, exposure, lighting and so on. With a little knowledge and some extra button pushing, you'll be taking even better pictures in no time! Ages 15 and up register for \$69.00 on-line at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>

Natural Cleaning Products

Wednesday, November 19

1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to combine familiar ingredients to make a variety of "green" cleaning products for your home or to give away as gifts. Kari Gies will teach participants how to make five different products to take home and will distribute recipes for several more. This class will help you save money and the environment at the same time. The class takes place in Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way. Ages 14 and up register for \$10.00

online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com> (younger children are welcome with an adult at no additional cost).▼

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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 5:15 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. ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

