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Lithia Park Bandshell Closed for Repairs

Lithia Park's iconic Butler Bandshell will be closed to the public from November 6, 2017 until February 1, 2018.

During this period, Public Works will be managing the construction of long overdue repairs, improvements, and upgrades. Work will include repairs to damaged interior floors, walls, and decking; replacement and strengthening of rotting wood members and cladding; rehabilitation of failing roofs and interior ceilings; and replacement of all exterior features on the ceiling of the bandshell's cantilevered overhang, including sound baffles, suspension items, and lighting fixtures. During construction Parks and Recreation will maintain pedestrian detours, and they may also use the closure as an opportunity to repair a damaged stretch of the walkway near the bandshell.

The project design strives to ensure that the refurbished bandshell will not differ visually from its current condition to the casual observer, although parties that use the interior spaces of the bandshell will notice improvements in space

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Compostable Leaf Bags Available at a Discount

Please keep leaves out of the landfill and from clogging the storm drains to our streams. The City of Ashland Public Works Department, the Conservation Commission, and Recology Ashland are subsidizing a limited number of compostable bags for the collection and disposal of leaves.

A set of five bags can be purchased at Recology Ashland, 170 Oak Street, for \$10.00 (regularly \$14.50) from October 23 - November 3, 2017. The bags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of two sets per household. Customers must live within the urban growth boundaries of Talent & Ashland. Identification will be required.

Each bag is nearly three feet tall and can hold up to 35 pounds of leaves. The compostable bags, for leaves only, will be picked up curbside on regular garbage collection/green debris days. Customers who do not pay for Green Debris Service will need to call Recology Ashland to schedule the pickup of their leaf bags. Only pre-paid bags purchased from Recology Ashland are eligible. Unused leaf

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Let's Skate at the Ashland Centennial Ice Rink!

It's that time of year again... so lace up your skates and hit the ice! The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink will be operational November 15, 2017 through February 19, 2018. The outdoor rink, a division of Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission (APRC), is located at 95 Winburn Way.

Don't miss FIRST FROST, our seasonal gala on Nov. 18, from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Highlights include:

- SOAHA Hockey Exhibition; 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Early-bird, family-friendly, discount skate; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Figure Skating Performance; 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Live DJ during Rec Skate; 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Our friendly mascot, Chilly the Snowman
- Ice Sculpting by Roger Butterfield

Please come prepared to skate, as changing rooms are

not available but our skate rentals do accommodate toddler size 9 all the way up to men's size 15! The rink offers skate trainers for select sessions... available at no charge. Hot chocolate, coffee and a variety of snacks will be available for purchase.

The 2017-18 Season will feature something for everyone. Bring the whole family! For more information on prices, schedules, lessons, programming, hockey, scholarships and all we have to offer you, visit AshlandParksandRec.org or call the ice rink directly at 541-488-9189. You may also call the APRC office at 541-488-5340.

We hope you can experience one of the most magical places in Ashland - that little outdoor rink in beautiful Lithia Park, where the air is fresh, the white lights are twinkling and the music blends with the sounds of nature and blades on the ice. "Let's skate!"

Cottage Housing Public Input

The City Council will hold a public hearing on November 7th at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers (1175 E. Main Street) to consider adoption of new standards that would allow cottage housing within Ashland single family residential zones. The proposed cottage housing draft ordinance can be reviewed online at www.ashland.or.us/cottagehousing.



Cottage housing developments are a group of small homes oriented around an open space that are pedestrian-oriented and minimize the visibility of off-street parking by providing a consolidated parking area. Cottage housing is considered an innovative housing type that provides opportunities for creative, diverse, and high quality infill development that preserves the scale and character of existing single-family neighborhoods. Cottage housing offers a choice for those needing moderately priced home ownership opportunities within units that are of a size and function suitable for a single person or small families. Cottage housing is generally considered more affordable because of substantially smaller unit and lot sizes.

For more information about cottage housing, contact the Community Development Department at 541-488-5305 or planning@ashland.or.us.

Leaf Bags

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bags can be used at any point during the year.

Additionally, FREE leaf drop-off is available this year on November 5th and December 10th at the Ashland Recycle Center on Water Street between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Customers will need to arrive prepared to empty their bags of leaves on their own and take their bags home with them.

For more information, please contact Recology Ashland at 541-482-1471 or www.RecologyAshland.com.

Fall into Water Savings!

The fall is a great time to reassess our lawns and gardens to make sure we're making the most of the water we use in our yards. As the weather cools and plants get ready for winter temperatures, they'll require less water and a little less maintenance. This is also a great time for planting. Winterizing your irrigation systems is another very important thing to do as well. Here are a few ways to ensure you do your part to conserve water while maintaining a healthy landscape and protect your irrigation system investments from Mr. Frost.

- **Adjust Your Watering Schedule.** Over irrigation is common in the early fall, especially October. Although we can still have high temperatures in October, the water needs of plants and grass decrease significantly because daylight hours have become shorter and the sun's intensity has decreased. As the days get shorter, so should your watering times.
- **Planting new plants.** The fall months provide better days for planting. The soil temperatures are still on the warm side and the fall rains provide a fantastic growing environment for root systems to grow big and strong before the winter months set in.
- **Lawn Replacement Program.** The City offers rebates for the removal of **well-maintained** and **watered** lawns to be replaced with drought tolerant plants and more efficient irrigation. The fall is the perfect time to start a project in the yard. Explore the City of Ashland's Water-Wise Landscaping Website for some fresh ideas. From trees to plants and shrubs, this site will help you determine which landscape ideas could be best for your property. Please visit www.ashland saveswater.org.
- **Winterizing irrigation systems.** The best way to

The best way to protect your irrigation investment from potential freeze damage over the winter season is to "winterize" all system components. This process involves removing water from pipes, valves and sprinkler heads before freezing occurs. Properly preparing your system for the winter can be far less costly than repairing damaged equipment in the spring. A list of licensed contractors is available upon request.

For more information on water conservation programs visit our website at www.ashland saveswater.org. If you need assistance with programming your controller or you would like a sprinkler system evaluation call 541-552-2421.

City Holidays

The City of Ashland will be closed
November 10th for Veterans Day
and
November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

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Savvy Social Security Planning for Baby Boomers

This one-day workshop, designed for those planning an upcoming retirement, covers the basics of social security, maximizing benefits and current reform proposals. Please bring a pen and notepad. Pre-registration is required at ashland.or.us/Register.

AGE 50-70
DATE November 14
TIME 5:30-6:30pm
PLACE SOU Campbell Center
COST \$10 per session
INSTRUCTOR Rich Todd is a Charter Retirement Planning Counselor with an MBA.

Bandshell Repairs

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availability and storage conditions. We wish to thank members of the Band Board for their input on some practical interior changes aimed to reduce current logistical challenges associated with band performances.

We look forward to providing community with a bandshell in great condition that will function optimally for decades to come. Questions may be directed to the project manager, Kaylea Kathol, at 541-488-5587

Low Income Assistance

The City of Ashland has funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program, 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 \$300.00 for either group.

Beginning October 2, applicants may call the request line at

541-552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet or may pick one up at the Utility Billing Counter at City Hall.

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 January 31, 2018.

November City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: Nov. 7 & 21 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Sessions: Nov. 6 & 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

Nov. 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Dec 13 (Nov/Dec combo mtg.) | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Nov. 14 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

Nov. 8 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

TBD | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Nov. 27 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Session: Nov. 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Nov. 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Study Session: Nov. 28 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

Nov. 17 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

TBD | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

Nov. 9 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Nov. 15 | 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.