

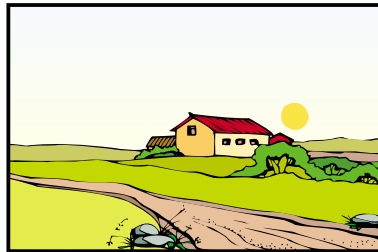
## City

## SOURCE

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

## Ashland Green and Solar Home Tour

October is Energy Awareness Month. Find out how solar energy can be used to power and heat your home and water,



and how homes can be more energy efficient, healthier and better for the environment by participating in Ashland's Green and Solar Home Tour on Saturday, October 11, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Participants will visit the Solar Pioneer II site — Ashland's new community solar electricity generating facility, and homes with solar electric, solar hot water, solar space heat, straw bale construction, increased energy efficiency, healthier indoor air, and reduced environmental (See *Ashland Green and Solar Home Tour*, Page 2)

## Low Income Assistance

Once again, 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 cold winter months.

Beginning October 1 applicants may call the request line at 552-2038 to request a Low Income Assistance application packet. ▼

## CERT Basic Training

Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer a 24-hour Basic Training over two weekends in October. CERT trains volunteers to respond safely and effectively during disasters. Classes for the CERT Basic Training include: Fire Suppression, Disaster Medical, Incident Command System, Disaster Psychology, Emergency Radio Operations, Light Search and Rescue, and Emergency Extraction. Training culminates in a final exercise with a disaster scenario. Friday classes are at Fire Station No. 1 and Saturday classes are at the Public Works yard. The class dates are October 17-18 and 24-25. You must pre-register as space is limited. Call CERT for more information at 552-2226 or check the website: [www.ashlandcert.org](http://www.ashlandcert.org). ▼



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impacts. Learn about current technologies and financial incentive programs to implement them.

The City of Ashland tour is part of the Oregon Green and Solar Tours [www.solaroregon.org/tours](http://www.solaroregon.org/tours), sponsored by the Oregon Department of Energy and is one of hundreds of events planned throughout the state and across the country to raise awareness of energy conservation and clean, renewable energy.

The tour will begin at 9:00 AM at the Ashland Civic Center, 1175 East Main Street. All tour participants will travel by buses to four home sites, with a bring-your-own lunch stop along the way, and return around 3:00 PM.

Pre-registration for the tour is required and limited to 100 people over age 16. Register for \$10.00 at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, at the Ashland Parks Department Office, or online at <http://ashlandparks.recware.com>

We look forward to seeing you on the tour! ▼

## Ashland Round Up

Many of Ashland's low-income residents have difficulty paying their basic monthly utility services. The City of Ashland's Round Up program allows Ashland utility customers to voluntarily round up their utility bills to the nearest dollar. The additional funds accumulated will be devoted to assisting low-income

Ashland residents with their monthly utility bills.

Customers who qualify for low-income assistance are screened to determine eligibility using the current Federal poverty guidelines. In addition, occasionally customers who don't necessarily qualify as low-income may need some assistance due to personal difficulties. These funds will be used to assist qualified, low-income customers and can be used in an emergency to help others on a one time per year only basis.

Many public utilities around the country operate a "round-up" program to provide public purpose funding to assist others. This is a voluntary program. Please join the Ashland Round Up program by completing the coupon below and returning it with your utility payment. ▼

## 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 needy Ashland residents with their utility bill.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this coupon and return it with your utility payment.**

## Police Community Meetings

Neighborhood police officers assigned to one of four areas in Ashland will hold neighborhood meetings in October.

❑ **Area 1** (Northwest Ashland) – includes households and businesses north of N. Main and Lithia Way and west of N. Mountain Ave. Sgt. Malcus Williams will host at Oregon Stage Works, 191 “A” St., on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 P.M.

❑ **Area 2** (Northeast Ashland) – includes households and businesses north of Siskiyou Blvd. and East of N. Mountain Ave. Sgt. Scott Schuster will host at Old Mill Village, 1361 Quincy St., on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 P.M.

❑ **Area 3** (Southeast Ashland) – includes households and businesses south of Siskiyou Blvd and east of S. Mountain Ave. Sgt. Robert Smith will host at the First Baptist Church, 2004 Siskiyou Blvd., on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 P.M.

❑ **Area 4** (Southwest Ashland) – includes households and businesses south of N. Main and Lithia Way and East of S. Mountain Ave. Sgt. Jim Alderman will host at the Community Center, 59 Winburn Way, on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 P.M.

For more information on any of the Police Community Meetings, call 488-2211. ▼

## News Notes

### *Volunteer Police Service*

The Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) is still accepting applications. Many different rewarding volunteer opportunities are available including Downtown Patrol. For more information call 488-2211.

### *Bear Creek Salmon Festival*

The 5th Annual Bear Creek Salmon Festival will take place on Saturday, October 4, from 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 North Mountain Avenue in Ashland. This free event will offer activities for people of all ages to explore their connection with salmon through this year’s event theme: “Salmon People — Recalling the Past, Working for the Future”. For more information about event entertainment, the menu, exhibitors, sponsors and more please call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606 or visit the website: [www.BearCreekSalmonFestival.org](http://www.BearCreekSalmonFestival.org)

### *Hargadine Cemetery Tour*

Join Tour Guide Jan Wright for a tour of the historic Hargadine Cemetery in Ashland (off Sheridan St.) The Hargadine Cemetery is one of the older graveyards in the valley and reveals the history of Ashland. Those buried there are gone but not forgotten. The tour is for ages 14 & up and will take place on Saturday, October 25 from 2:00 — 3:00 P.M. The cost is \$5. Register on-line at <http://ashlandparks.recware.co>



## Resilient and Prepared Neighborhoods

Ashland’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has resources for anyone in Ashland who would like to create a neighborhood preparedness plan. **Map Your Neighborhood** is a simple 9-step program for neighborhood gatherings to find out what to do in emergencies. CERT can help you plan your meeting. Call CERT for more information at 552-2226 or check the website: [www.ashlandcert.org](http://www.ashlandcert.org).



# National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

People at the highest risk of death in home structure fires are the very young and very old, according to the Characteristics of Home Fire Victims report.

## Causes of Home Fires

Smoking materials have historically caused the largest number of civilian deaths in home structure fires; however in 2002-2005, heating equipment and smoking materials each accounted for 24 percent of civilian fire deaths. Cooking equipment continues to be the leading cause of civilian fire injuries. For children 14 and under, heating equipment is the leading cause of civilian fire deaths. Children under the age of 5 are more than eight times as likely to die in fire caused by playing with heat source than are people of all ages. Fire deaths due to smoke inhalation outnumber deaths due to burns.

## Ashland Fire & Rescue offers the following tips on 10 things people can do to be fire-safe at home:

- ❑ **Watch your cooking.** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- ❑ **Give space heaters space.** Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- ❑ **Smoke outside.** Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❑ **Keep matches and lighters out of reach.** Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- ❑ **Inspect electrical cords.** Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.
- ❑ **Be careful when using candles.** Keep candles at least 1 foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- ❑ **Have a home fire escape plan.** Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- ❑ **Install smoke alarms.** Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- ❑ **Test smoke alarms.** Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm “chirps” to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.

- ❑ **Install sprinklers.** If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive. ▼

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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](http://www.ashland.or.us). ◆ TTY 1-800-735-2900

