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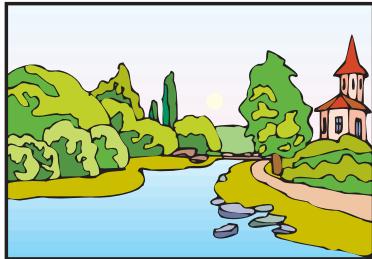
THE CITIZEN'S SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF ASHLAND

Stream Shade Restoration

Water temperatures in many streams in the Pacific Northwest are too warm for salmon.

As a result, agencies that regulate water quality are requiring wastewater treatment facilities to minimize the effect of clean but warm discharge (effluent) entering rivers and streams.

Until recently, new temperature regulations would have meant expensive new facilities to cool effluent before entering a stream. However, in Oregon, conservation groups, regulatory agencies, and treatment facility managers have now developed a more ecologically beneficial approach to (See *Stream Shade Restoration*, Page 2)



CPR & AED Class

Ashland Fire & Rescue will be offering an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid, CPR and AED class on May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The class will take place at Fire Station 1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard and will cost \$45.00. Register for this life saving class by emailing Terri Eubanks at eubankst@ashland.or.us or calling 541-552-2242. ▼

Controlled Burns

During the wetter months for many years to come crews will be at work in the Ashland watershed and surrounding areas using controlled fire as a tool to decrease summer wildfire hazards. On both City and U.S. Forest Service land, the main goal is to decrease fire danger and better protect our main source of municipal water and adjacent private property. To accomplish this, managers will use fire under controlled conditions to consume unwanted vegetation. Burn projects will consist of debris piles as well as controlled underburns that mimic fire's natural, and long absent, role in our local forests.

The City will post notifications about controlled burns on the City and Ashland Forest Resiliency Stewardship (AFR) project websites, as well as the City's Smoke and Wildfire Hotline number at 541-552-2490. Website addresses are www.ashland.or.us for the City and www.ashlandwatershed.org for the AFR project. All efforts are made to keep smoke away from town, but it will be visible above the city. During the summer months, all smoke should be considered an emergency and reported to 9-1-1. ▼



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Stream Shade Restoration

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compliance. This system allows for cities to restore streamside shade in places critical for fish to rest, rear, and spawn, instead of cooling water directly at a treatment facility's point of discharge. In other words, the increase in overall stream temperature from the facility's effluent is offset by cooling water naturally upstream. This approach also has numerous secondary benefits, such as trees for bird and other species habitat, reducing carbon in the atmosphere, stabilizing banks to control sediment, and controlling runoff from agriculture and roads.

Along with many other locations in Oregon, the City of Ashland is faced with new temperature limits on effluent. With help from The Freshwater Trust and the Oregon Department of Environmental

Quality, we have determined that restoring shade on about 8 miles of local streams in the Ashland area would fully offset the effects of temperature from the City's treatment facility. In addition to the ecological benefits, the shade restoration alternative is about half the cost of refrigeration.

Under the program, local restoration professionals will recruit and implement projects on local streams. The eventual cooling benefits will be calculated using rigorous standards approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Projects will be maintained and monitored annually to ensure the sites are performing as intended.

Clearly a viable alternative from an ecological perspective, the "restoration solution" also looks good economically, keeping local funds from rate payers in the local community. Ashland's direct investment in stream restoration to

improve water temperature conditions looks good for local streams, City budgets and our local economy.

For more information about Ashland's Stream Side Shade Restoration project, please contact the Public Works Department at 541-488-5587. ▼

Phone in one hand, Ticket in the other

Every single time someone takes their eyes or their focus off the road — even for just a few seconds — they put their lives and the lives of others in danger. Distracted driving is unsafe, irresponsible and in a split second, its consequences can be devastating.

□ Put it Down. When drivers engage in distracted driving behavior, like talking on the phone or texting, they are not only a danger to themselves, but to everyone else on the road around them.

Rain Garden Design

Rain gardens are a beautiful solution to help solve flooding and pollution problems caused by stormwater runoff. Learn how this type of garden can help your home or business become a zero-runoff landscape, while enhancing wildlife and aesthetics. This course will take you through the rain garden construction process and will introduce creative design and planting concepts. (The Oregon Rain Garden Guide will be available for \$5.) This ages 10 & up class will be held on Wednesday, May 25 from 7:00 — 8:30 p.m. at North Mountain Park. The class costs \$5.00 and registration is required.

Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/register or
call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

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4th of July Run

The Ashland Parks & Recreation Department will present the 35th Annual 4th of July Run on Monday, July 4, 2011. Register early for the 6-mile run or the 2-mile walk/run and receive this year's 4th of July t-shirt FREE. Join in the fun — Adults, children and families are welcome! After April 5, 2011, please visit www.ashland.or.us/julyrun, or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation office at 541-488-5340 for additional information. There will be NO raceday registration this year!

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird—its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme, "Go Wild, Go Birding!" invites new birders to learn about birds and get involved in conservation efforts. Join us on Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 am to noon, to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, shade-grown coffee, and a bird-calling contest for all ages. This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue, Ashland. For more information visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net or call the North Mountain Park

(See *News Notes*, Back Page)

Volunteer Opportunity

**The Volunteers in
Police Service (VIPS)
program is accepting
applications for all
their different re-
warding volunteer
opportunities.**

**Especially in need of
volunteers is the
House Check Patrol
program. Training
will be provided.
Please contact
the Volunteer
Coordinator, Frank
D'Entremont, at 541-
552-2121 for more
information.**



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Nature Center at 541-488-6606. Pre-registration is not required for the program.

Golf Lessons at Oak Knoll Golf Course

Learn to play golf in a friendly, relaxed small-group setting. This is a great class for either the complete beginner or the person looking to get back into golf. Instructor Rick Stinchcomb has over 15 years of teaching experience working with golfers of all abilities. Class options include:

1) Monday through Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (4 consecutive days)

OR

2) Four Saturdays in a row (once a week)

Class will include putting, chipping, irons, woods, basic rules and etiquette. The cost is \$40 per person (includes range balls). If a student needs clubs, they will be provided; however, students who have clubs should bring them. Minimum of three people per group, with a maximum of five people per group.

Private Group Lessons available also. For more information please visit www.ashland.or.us/golf or call 541-482-4311. The course is located at 3070 Hwy 66 in Ashland.

Learn to Make Compost Tea

Learn the necessary steps to brew an aerated compost tea in a five-gallon bucket. Compost tea is a nutrient and biologically rich solution that can be applied as a foliar spray or a soil drench. Compost tea can save you money by reducing the need for many external synthetic inputs into your garden. We will discuss the many ways to brew compost tea, but will primarily focus on aerated compost tea. (For an optional \$50 materials fee you will receive all the equipment to build your own brewer in class.) This ages 14 and up class will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 2:00 — 3:30 p.m. at North Mountain Park. The class costs \$5.00 and registration is required. Please register online at www.ashland.or.us/register or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606. ▼

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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 5:30 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.
- **Conservation Commission** meets on the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 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 Wednesday 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.
- **Transportation Commission** meets on third Thursday at 6:00 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

