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

Cool Weather Heating Safety

Days are shorter, evenings are cooler and Oregon households are beginning to turn up the heat. Ashland Fire & Rescue reminds Ashland residents that chimney fires and combustibles left too close to a heat source are the state's two leading fire causes in heating related fires. These types of fires are easily prevented by keeping chimneys cleaned and remembering to keep combustibles such as furniture, blankets and clothing far away from heaters, woodstoves and similar heat sources.

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CPR Classes

Recognizing that far too many citizens aren't prepared to do CPR when it's needed and to increase survival rates among cardiac arrest victims, Ashland Fire & Rescue is offering CPR classes accredited by The American Heart Association. Classes are held every month and are open to the general public and healthcare professionals. The next course is scheduled for February 19, 2011.

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Pedestrian Places Public Workshop

City of Ashland community members are invited and encouraged to attend a public workshop on Wednesday, February 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm located at the Ashland Middle School Commons. This is the third workshop in a series of several meetings on planning for Pedestrian Places which began in October 2010, and included two previous workshops on October 27 and December 8. This workshop will present the draft concept plans and recommended implementing codes and strategies.

The City of Ashland is conducting a study of three locations as Pedestrian Places — N. Mountain Ave./E. Main St., Walker Ave./Ashland St., and Tolman Creek Rd./Ashland St. Pedestrian places are neighborhood centers that provide a concentration of small gathering places, housing, businesses and

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"Although fires during the day when no one is home are devastating, fires at night when family members are sleeping may be fatal," advise Ashland Fire & Rescue personnel. "Simple precautions prevent fires and the tragedies they bring."

To reduce fire risk, Ashland Fire & Rescue recommends:

- Have chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep. Ask them to check for creosote deposits, soot build-up or physical damage.
- Move combustibles including paper, trash, furniture, bedding or clothing at least three feet away from heat sources. Heat sources include candles, gas/wood/pellet stoves, portable, baseboard and wall heaters and any sources with

an open flame.

□ Be cautious with portable heaters. Make sure these heaters have a tip switch to turn them off if knocked over. Keep them away from high traffic areas and unplug when not in use and at night. ▼

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pedestrian amenities grouped in a way to encourage more walking, bicycling and transit use.

As a part of the Pedestrian Places project, the City is testing a new citizen involvement tool called Open City Hall. This is an opportunity for citizens to learn about the project and provide input electronically. You are encouraged to visit www.ashland.or.us/opencityhall. Citizen comments are critical to the success of the project. ▼

CPR Classes

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According to the American Heart Association less than one-third of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR. Effective CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. The cardiac arrest survival rate in the U.S. is less than five percent and approximately 75 percent of sudden cardiac arrests occur at home.

More information about AF&R's CPR program and class dates can be found at www.ashland.or.us/cpr or by contacting Richard Randleman, at 541-552-2226 or randler@ashland.or.us ▼

Bus Tokens and Valley Lift Vouchers

The City of Ashland is again offering a limited number of free RVTD bus tokens and Valley Lift vouchers to income eligible Ashland residents, age 62 and older, and to income eligible residents ages 17 - 62 with a valid Oregon Trail Card. Bus tokens and Valley Lift vouchers are currently available on a one time basis and are not transferable.

If you have not already received free tokens,
please call the Senior Program at 541.488.5342.

Become a Master Recycler in Spring 2011

Jackson County Recycling Partnership & OSU Extension Service invite residents and business representatives to become Master Recyclers, gaining a broad understanding of waste prevention, recycling, the local solid waste infrastructure, hazardous waste avoidance, and composting. Join a 11-week training course that offers an extensive training manual, discussion-based classes, presentations from local and regional experts and field trips to relevant sites, including the regional landfill, waste-to-energy plant, composting facility and waste water treatment plant.

Master Recyclers are required to give 40 service hours to support and expand local waste diversion programs and projects. Weekly classes will take place on Thursday evenings, March 3 — May 12, 5:30—8:30 pm at the OSU Extension auditorium, 569 Hanley Road. Applications are due Friday, February 4, 2011 and are available online at www.jcrecycle.org. For more information, contact OSU Extension Service at 541-776-7371. ▼

Welcome to New Council Members

On January 4th, the newest members of our Ashland City Council will be sworn in. Please join us in welcoming Dennis Slattery and Mike Morris. Please also take a minute or two to thank our exiting council members, Eric Navickas and Kate Jackson, for their many years of service. Please keep an eye out in future newsletters as we highlight both Dennis and Mike. ▼

News Notes

Project FeederWatch

Help count birds that visit the feeders at North Mountain Park while learning to identify species with expert guidance. This is a great opportunity for all-level birders to get acquainted with local birds and mingle with other birders. The program will take place 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on alternate Saturdays, through March, 2011. The information collected will be submitted to Cornell University's FeederWatch project, a nationwide bird monitoring effort. Pre-registration is not required for this free program. Ages 10 and up. North Mountain Park is located at 620 N Mountain Avenue in Ashland.

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Sustainable Landscape Practices

Join Landscape Architect Bonnie Bayard as she explores the following topics: 1) Plant Design Considerations; 2) Plant Composition; 3) Lower Maintenance Landscape Ideas; 4) No Lawn! Then What?; 5) Going Beyond Xeriscape. This class, for ages 17 and up, will take place on Wednesdays, February 9 through March 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The class costs \$60 and will be held at North Mountain Park.



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Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink

Bundle up; the Ashland Parks & Recreation ice rink is open! The Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink will be operational (weather permitting) through February 2011.

Bring the whole family; our skate rentals accommodate toddler size 9 to adult 13. We also rent adjustable skate trainers for first time skaters or those needing a little support.

Come prepared to skate as there are no changing rooms. Hot chocolate, coffee and water are available for sale. Open to the public for recreational and hockey skating.

For more information, prices, daily schedule, and extended holiday schedules visit www.ashland.or.us/icerink, call the ice rink directly at 541-488-9189, or call the Ashland Parks & Recreation Department at 541-488-5340.

Fix a Flat, Basic Bike Maintenance Workshop

This beginning-level bicycle repair class will ensure that you never get stranded out on the road or trail with a flat tire and how to spot small problems with your bicycle before they become bigger and more expensive. We will cover the names of important bicycle parts and frame parts, removal and installation of wheels, tire/tube removal, patching, wheel re-installation and repair kit options. This class will also include basic diagnosis of problems and home maintenance such as cleaning the bike, proper lubrication, checking bolts and pedals. All tools are provided for use during class. Parts and tools will be available for purchase as well. Bring your favorite bicycle and a smile! This workshop is for ages 14 and up, and will be held on Tuesday, February 1 OR March 1 from 6:00 — 8:00 p.m. The Workshop will be held at Ashland Cycle Sport, 191 Oak Street and will cost \$25.

Seed Swap

Are you planning your garden? Before you order a long list of seeds from the catalogs, you might want to try acquiring seeds locally at North Mountain Park's seed swap. You can save money, grow plants that are adapted to our local climate, and exchange information with other gardeners. It's fun and simple— just bring seeds you have saved from your garden and some bags or envelopes for taking seed with you. The Nature

Center will also be selling low-cost seed harvested at the park by volunteers. This all ages welcome, FREE, event will take place on Wednesday, February 2 from 7:00 — 8:00 p.m. at North Mountain Park. ▼

CITY OF ASHLAND 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

