

CITY NEWS

Better Together

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Sabrina Cotta is our new City Manager



At the Ashland City Council Business Meeting on August 20, 2024, Sabrina Cotta was officially appointed as City Manager. Sabrina, who has been serving as Acting City Manager since October 2023 following the resignation of former City Manager Joseph Lessard, was formally designated Interim City Manager by the Council in February 2024.

She joined the City in March 2022 as the Deputy City Manager, relocating from Colorado. During a period of staffing

shortages, she took on additional responsibilities as Interim Finance Director and Interim Human Resources Director.

With over 15 years of public sector experience, Sabrina holds a Master of Public Administration and Master of Political Science degrees and has taught Public Policy at the University of Arizona. She also maintains several professional affiliations. Sabrina expressed her gratitude for the support she has received, stating, "I appreciate the support of the Mayor, the Council, the community, and City staff as I make this transition. I am proud to work with such an amazing team in this wonderful community."

"We are Better Together!"

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(L to R.) —Jamie Blankenship, City of Ashland GIS Technician; Rocky Houston, City of Ashland Parks & Recreation Director; Tara Laidlaw, SOLC Education Program Manager; Kristi Mergenthaler, SOLC Stewardship Director

Collaborative Kiosk Revamp

We are thrilled to share our recent collaboration with the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC) to revitalize the kiosk display maps at Oredson-Todd Woods and at the entrance to Siskiyou Mountain Park. This initiative was generously supported by the Bob and Phyllis Mace Watchable Wildlife Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. Learn more at watchablewildlife.org.

The updated interpretive displays now feature current trail maps, bilingual resources in English and Spanish, and significant acknowledgments of the Takelma, Latgawa, and Shasta peoples. The new displays also highlight key wildlife species found in the region, such as gray squirrels, Pacific fishers and Pacific giant salamanders. —Continue reading on p 10...


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Position No. 1



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Position No. 3



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Councilor
Position No. 4



Gina DuQuenne
Councilor
Position No. 5



Eric Hansen
Councilor
Position No. 6

COUNCIL OUTCOMES AUGUST 2024 highlights

- Voted unanimously to let the voters decide in November 2024 election if the City Municipal Court Judge should be an appointed position, or retain it as an elected office.
- In response to the State’s upcoming wildfire hazard map that designates Ashland as moderate to low risk for wildfire, Council voted unanimously to accept staff’s request for Mayor Tonya Graham to send a letter to State officials requesting that local governments retain their own unique wildfire risk designations and corresponding code enforcement.
- Unanimously approved the proposed art designs for three Oregon Department of Transportation utility boxes, as identified by the Public Arts Advisory Committee.
- Appointed Acting City Manager Sabrina Cotta as the new City Manager.
- Unanimously accepted the proposed dedication of six lots in the Beach Creek Subdivision to fulfill the remaining affordable housing requirements associated with the Beach Creek annexation.

For more information, including meetings, agendas, minutes and how to contact Council, visit ashlandoregon.gov/Council. Our public meetings calendar for **all** City meetings can be found at ashlandoregon.gov/MeetingSchedules.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our city?



Here’s your chance to get involved! Applications are being accepted for the following volunteer committee positions:

- Citizens’ Budget Committee
- Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee
- Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
- Municipal Audit Committee
- Public Arts Advisory Committee
- Social Equity & Racial Justice Advisory Committee
- Ad hoc Committee on Affordable Childcare & Early Childhood Development

More information and apply online at ashlandoregon.gov/CouncilCommissionsCommittees. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive community.

The Ashland Municipal Code stipulates that voting and alternate standing advisory committee members will be comprised of individuals who reside within the City except one (1) member from each advisory committee may be an at-large member living within the City’s urban growth boundary. Unless otherwise provided, all nonvoting ex-officio members are not required to be residents within the City or the urban growth boundary. Voting and alternate members must be over eighteen (18) years of age.

BALLOT MEASURES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION

The following measures have been filed with Jackson County

Measure 15-232 - Open Seat Election

Measure 15-233 - Municipal Judge as an Appointed Position

Measure 15-234 - Ashland Resolution 2024-05 Authority to Issue Water Revenue Bonds

More information at ashlandoregon.gov/Elections.

PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION:

Climate Friendly Area Project

The City must re-zone Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs) by the end of 2024 to meet Oregon's 2022 rules. Potential CFAs include the old Croman Mill site, Railroad Property, Transit Triangle and downtown. The Planning Commission will discuss CFA selection and re-zoning on October 22 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda and materials at ashlandoregon.gov/PlanningCommission.



A MESSAGE FROM UTILITY BILLING

Utility Billing continues delinquent processing. We'll reach out multiple times to help you bring your account up to date. Act now – Contact utilitybilling@ashlandoregon.gov today to establish a payment plan and avoid service interruption. Don't delay – *Let's resolve this together!*

ARE YOU BEHIND ON UTILITY PAYMENTS?

Apply for a PAYMENT PLAN at ashlandoregon.gov/Utilities, or at utilitybilling@ashlandoregon.gov.

Payment Plan Durations are available for past due balances, detailed below:

\$500-\$1000 – 6 months

\$2000-\$4000 – 18 months

\$1000-\$2000 – 12 months

\$4000 & up – 24 months

WAYS TO INTERACT WITH UTILITY BILLING

Need help?

- Email utilitybilling@ashlandoregon.gov
- Call 541.488.6004, Mon through Fri, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- In person at The Grove, 1195 E Main St, Fri, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- In person at Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave, Mon or Wed, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Need Disconnect or Connect Services? Go to ashlandoregon.gov/Utilities.



CLIMATE, ENERGY & CONSERVATION

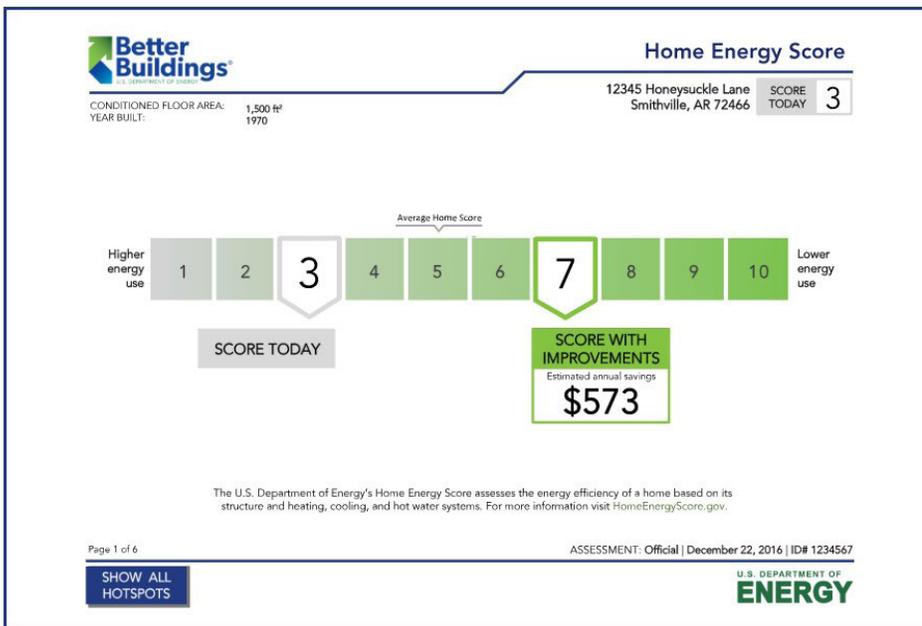
City secures funding for new program and renewed initiative!

This summer, we received two grants from the Energy Efficiency and Community Block Grant (EECBG) program through the Oregon Department of Energy. These grants will support the launch of a new Home Energy Score (HES) initiative and the continuation of our electric vehicle (EV) CarShare program. Both initiatives are designed to benefit residents within the City’s federally recognized Justice 40 Zone, which encompasses over 1,900 residents, nearly 10% of Ashland’s total population.

Home Energy Scores

Home Energy Scores (HES) serve two key purposes:

1. Real Estate Insight: HESs are increasingly included in real estate listings to provide potential buyers with information on a home’s energy efficiency, making it easier to compare homes before purchasing.
2. Energy Audits: For current homeowners and renters, HESs are used to audit homes, offering guidance on how to make energy-efficient improvements.



Think of HESs as similar to a car’s miles per gallon rating—though improvements can often enhance a home’s efficiency. Ashland’s HES program will offer residential energy audits and information on making energy-efficient upgrades to homebuyers, homeowners, and renters.

Energy savings will vary based on each home’s condition. By providing access to HES information and optional low-interest loans, we aim to equip residents with both the knowledge and resources needed to make impactful, climate-friendly changes that can lead to significant long-term savings.

We previously launched a voluntary HES program in partnership with the Rogue Valley Realtors Association (RVAR), but it was halted due to the pandemic and staffing changes. With renewed funding, the City is excited to relaunch and advance this initiative.

While other cities have implemented mandatory HES programs, Ashland is focusing on developing a voluntary market. The EECBG grant will help subsidize the cost of over 200 HES assessments. We will also offer educational resources on building electrification, improving building performance and understanding available incentives.

The program is in development and is expected to launch in the coming months. In the meantime, visit the City’s website for current incentives at ashlandoregon.gov/ResidentialIncentives.

Read about our EV CarShare program on p 5.

CLIMATE, ENERGY & CONSERVATION

City electric vehicle (EV) CarShare program

What is CarShare? Carsharing allows individuals to access a network of vehicles for short-term rental. While traditional carsharing has featured gasoline-powered cars, recent programs focus on climate-friendly electric vehicles (EVs).

With the GoForth CarShare program, once you verify your driver's license and set up an account, you can locate and reserve vehicles using a web app. The first ride is free, with a small hourly fee for additional rides.

Since its launch in spring 2023, Ashland's CarShare program currently offers a Chevy Bolt. Learn more about this program at ashlandoregon.gov/TransportationIncentives. The EECBG grant will extend the CarShare program for an additional two years, during which data will be collected to evaluate the program's long-term viability.

In the upcoming months, the CarShare program will relocate to the public parking lot at Lithia Way and Pioneer St, 130 N Pioneer St, within the Justice 40 Zone.* We are excited about the next two years for several reasons:

- **Equitable Access:** Provides affordable access to an EV for daily travel, reducing carbon footprints without the need to invest in an EV. This also allows individuals to try an EV before committing to purchase.
- **Cost Savings:** Helps households reduce transportation costs by potentially replacing one or two personal vehicles.
- **Strategic Location:** The Justice 40 Zone's central, densely populated area ensures that affordable transportation benefits those who need it most.

Stay tuned for updates and more information on these exciting programs!

* A Justice 40 Zone is a designated area where 40% of the benefits from federal investments in clean energy and infrastructure are directed toward underserved communities to promote equity and environmental justice.

Utility Billing Assistance

Do you need help paying your utility bill? Applications for our Utility Assistance program will be available as of October 1, 2024

We have funds available for the Ashland Low Income Energy Assistance Program or ALIEAP. This annual program assists low-income residents with electric bill costs during the 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 (6) months and credits of up to 50 percent to other qualified residents for up to three (3) months. The maximum allowed credit is \$300 per year for either group.

Applications are available at ashlandoregon.gov/UtilityAssistance. Applicants may also call 541.488.6004 to request a Low-Income Assistance application packet or visit the new Utility Billing Office in The Grove on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Grove is located at 1195 E Main St. Walk-in service is also available at Ashland Senior Center on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 1699 Homes Ave.

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, 2025.

ASHLAND COMMUNITY SURVEY

Keep an eye on your mailbox—A survey request is coming!

Select households will receive invitations to participate in the Ashland Community Survey. This survey is conducted every two years and helps us better understand how Ashland’s livability – our natural environment, community design, safety, economy, inclusivity and more – changes over time. This information helps us and our community partners set priorities, design policy and make improvements to programs. If you don’t receive an invitation in the mail, stay-tuned: a community-wide survey will be open in October 2024.



FIRE SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Be AWARE & PREPARED!

As of August 20, 2024, our **fire danger decreased to HIGH**. Restrictions are in place. To stay abreast visit ashlandoregon.gov/FireSeasonInfo.

For information about air quality in our region, please visit ashlandoregon.gov/SmokewiseAshland. **SMOKEWISE ASHLAND** is a local collaborative working group in Southwest Oregon dedicated to protecting public health and creating community resiliency in the face of increasing summer wildfire smoke and the overwhelming need to reduce community wildfire risk through proactive, safely conducted controlled burning.



Learn more about **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** at ashlandoregon.gov/BetterPrepared and on page 7.

- Know evacuation zone
- Know evacuation levels
- Sign up for alerts
- Pack a Go Bag
- and more!

SMOKEWISE ASHLAND

Learn about **COMMUNITY CONNECT** on page 8. Community Connect is a free, secure, and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household that will aid first responders and emergency response personnel when responding to your residence!

BASECAMP ASHLAND Live Like a Local



Southern Oregon abounds with outdoor recreation and Ashland makes a great basecamp to do and see it all!

Lithia Park in downtown Ashland — This fall, keep it, “SUPER LOCAL,” and experience the beauty of Lithia Park! As Ashland’s crown jewel, this 100-acre park features stunning autumn foliage, an authentic Japanese Garden and a seasonal ice rink (November–February). Discover more at ashlandoregon.gov/LithiaPark.

TravelAshland.com, @TravelAshlandOregon on social media and use the hashtags #Basecamp #BasecampAshland #LiveLikeaLocal.

ATTENTION ASHLAND! Don't wait for the next emergency – prepare now

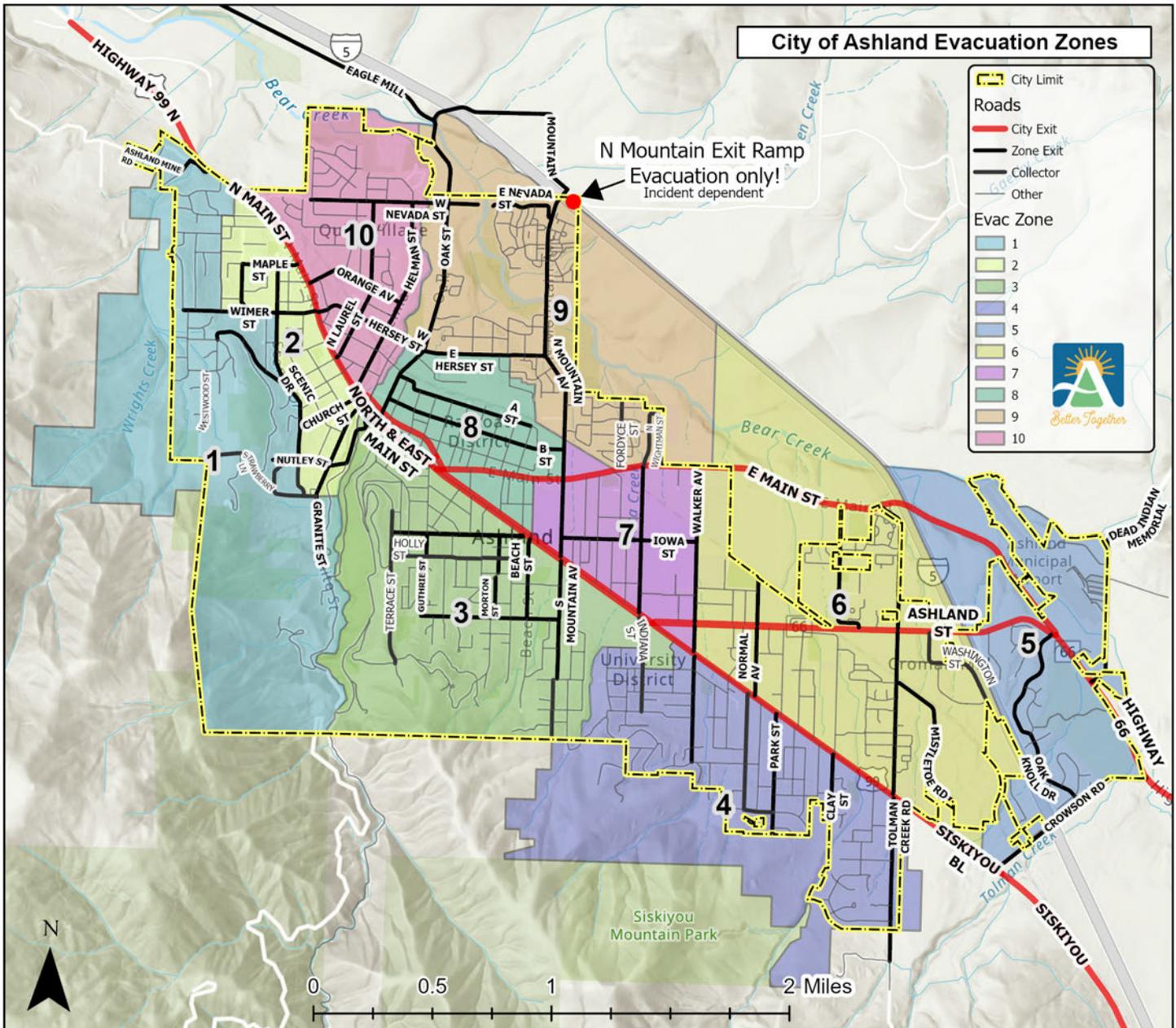
With the threat of wildfires and natural disasters in our region, it's crucial to be ready. Here's how:

- Sign up your whole family for emergency alerts with Everbridge Citizen Alert.
- Know your evacuation zones and understand evacuation levels.
- Pack a "GO!" bag with essentials.

Visit ashlandoregon.gov/BetterPrepared to learn more. Stay safe, stay prepared!

ASHLAND EVACUATION MAP—Print it, Post it, Save it!

This map is on the City website and it is interactive! Click on a zone to zoom in on your area, view street names to orient yourself and download/print YOUR zone map! We recommend putting the map on your refrigerator (for example) and on the top of your to-go bag. View map directly online at ashlandoregon.gov/KnowYourZone. Note: The evacuation map was expanded in May 2024.





CREATE YOUR HOUSEHOLD LIFE SAFETY PROFILE TODAY

Building a safer community through prevention, preparedness & response.

Scan the QR code to sign up for Ashland's community connect.



- 1 Create an Account**
Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email phone number and address.
- 2 Enter the Info That Matters Most**
Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.
- 3 Help Your First Responders When Seconds Count**
That's it. Just keep us updated when things change over time so we can always be prepared.

communityconnect.io/info/or-ashland



Check it out!

You can now watch public meetings for City Council, Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission on the new RVTV APP! Stream live from your phone or favorite device, including Android, iOS, AppleTV, Amazon Fire or Roku. Plus, access VOD (video on demand) content from various organizations, including the City of Ashland and more. It's all free and filled with valuable community information. Download "RVTV" from your app store today!

CITY CALENDAR Public Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Business Meeting: Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 6 p.m.
Study Session: Meets 1st & 3rd Monday | 5:30 p.m.

ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Business Meeting: Meets 2nd Wednesday | 6 p.m.
Study Session: Meets 1st Wednesday | 6 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 7 p.m.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Thursday | 4 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets the Wednesday following the 1st Tue Council meeting | 4 p.m.

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets 4th Thursday | 4 p.m.

SOCIAL EQUITY & RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets 1st Thursday | 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets 3rd Thursday | 4 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets 3rd Thursday | 6 p.m.

Information on our Finance / Budget and Ad Hoc Committees can be found at ashlandoregon.gov/Committees.

See the City Meeting calendar for additional details. Information on attending or viewing meetings, and providing written or oral public testimony can be found at ashlandoregon.gov/PublicMeetings.

Questions can be directed to our City Manager's Office, citymanageroffice@ashlandoregon.gov or call 541.488.6002.

WHAT'S COMING UP in October?

October Events with Parks & Recreation

October events with Parks & Recreation—There are so many ways for all ages to have fun and stay engaged this fall. See below and view our PlayGuide at AshlandParksandRec.org.



LIVE MUSIC ↗ FAMILY FUN ↗ NATIVE FISH



SAT, OCT 12
11AM-4PM
FREE



NORTH MOUNTAIN PARK
620 NORTH MOUNTAIN AVE, ASHLAND

BEARCREEKSALMONFESTIVAL.NET



Photos by Bob Palermini- palermini.com

Japanese Garden
2nd Anniversary
Celebration

Oct 19
11am-2pm



For a list of upcoming events please visit, AshlandJapaneseGarden.org



ASHLAND
JAPANESE
GARDEN

Argentinian Tango Guitar Performance

– Oct 9, 1-2 p.m., FREE, register by calling 541.488.5342

Ashland Senior Center will present, "Lautaro Tiessera Falvaloro: Argentinian Tango Guitar Performance." This event is co-sponsored by the Guitar Society of Southern Oregon.

Butler-Perozzi Fountain in Lithia Park

– Oct 30, 2-3:30 p.m., FREE, register by calling 541.488.5342

More than 500 years of historic photos and stories, by Peter Finkle of walkashland.com.

Other community event this October...

- **Southern Oregon Pride** – Oct 5, 10 a.m. in Ashland. Complete info at sopride.org
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day** – Oct 14
- **Ashland Mystery Festival** – Oct 17-20. More at ashlandmysteryfest.com
- **Ashland Monster Dash** – Oct 26... 10K, 5K and 1-mile options! More at ashlandmonsterdash.com
- **Children's Halloween Parade** – Oct 31, 3:30 p.m. More at ashlandchamber.com

Collaborative Kiosk Revamp [Continued from the cover page...](#)

Tara Laidlaw, Education Program Manager for SOLC, expressed her enthusiasm: “At SOLC, we cherish opportunities to enhance connections between people and our treasured natural lands in Southern Oregon. We were delighted to collaborate with the City of Ashland and the Ashland Parks and Recreation Department to update the kiosks at Oredson-Todd Woods, one of the town’s most frequented parks. The new displays feature current trail maps and bilingual resources, making the natural beauty of our parks accessible to even more visitors.”

To explore the Woods and access SOLC’s digital resources— including brochures on shrubs and birds, a wildflower photo gallery and the award-winning Ecology StoryMap—visit SOLC’s Oredson-Todd Woods page, landconserve.org/oredsontodd-woods-siskiyou-mt-park.

In addition, we are proud to announce that in 2023, the City of Ashland in collaboration with SOLC, earned a prestigious Map Gallery Award at the ESRI User Conference (UC) for our Oredson-Todd Woods StoryMap! ESRI, a leader in geographic information systems (GIS) software and mapping, honored us with second place in the Educational category, recognizing the exceptional contribution of our map to education and learning.

GIS Manager Lea Light Richards commented, “Winning an ESRI UC Map Gallery Award underscores the excellence of our educational map. It reflects the map’s success in conveying information effectively and enhancing educational outcomes. This accolade highlights our skillful use of cartography and educational methods to effectively convey information and enrich learning experiences through GIS tools.”

Explore all of our StoryMaps and visit our Mapping Hub at Ashland Mapping Hub, maps.ashlandoregon.gov.

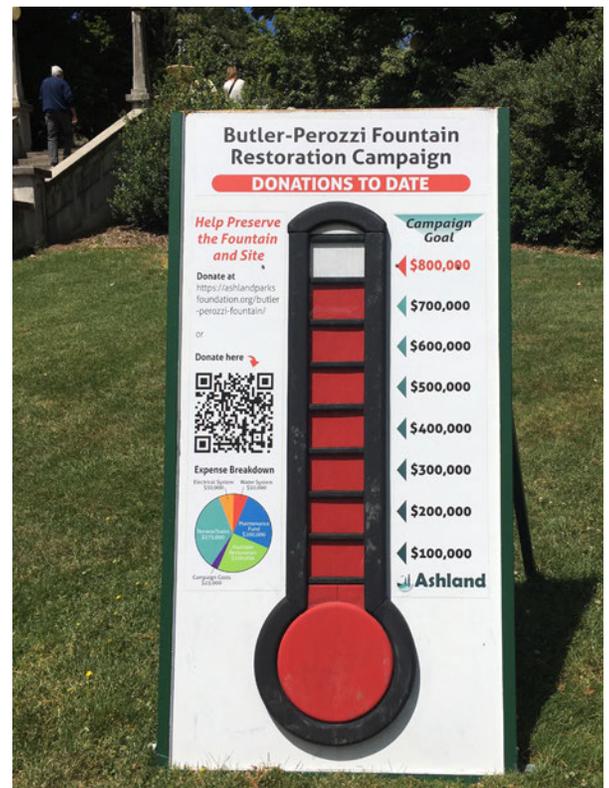
Butler-Perozzi Fountain Update State grant puts us closer to our goal!

We’re excited to share that the fundraising campaign for the restoration of the Butler-Perozzi Fountain has now reached an impressive 94% of the target, thanks to a generous \$20,000 grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. This funding will be used to restore the inner basin and column of the fountain.

The steering committee for this project is optimistic that the remaining 6% of the goal—\$50,000—will come from our dedicated local community. If you appreciate the fountain’s historical significance, craftsmanship and beauty, your support can help us bring this cherished landmark back to its former splendor.

Gifted to the City of Ashland in 1916 by two esteemed businessmen and civic leaders, the fountain has endured decades of harsh weather and vandalism. A complete restoration will revitalize it as the centerpiece of Lithia Park.

To contribute or learn more about the project, please visit ashlandparksfoundation.org.



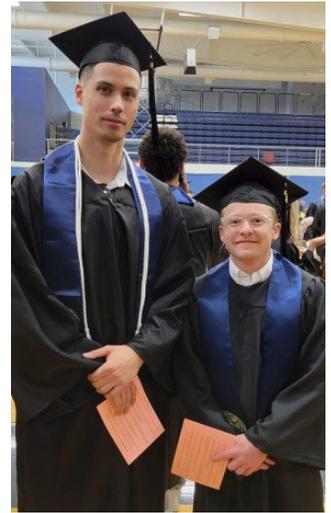
ADVANCING FIRE SERVICE THROUGH EDUCATION: Sydney Jenkins and Ryan Creason

Sydney Jenkins and Ryan Creason demonstrate the value of combining education with practical experience in fire service.

Sydney Jenkins has nearly six years in fire service, including over two at Albany Fire & Rescue (AF&R). He earned a major in Fire Service Administration and a minor in Public Policy. Sydney has used his education to enhance his understanding of budgeting and policy. He plans to pursue a PhD in Public Policy to further improve departmental operations and influence state policy.

Ryan Creason earned a Bachelor's in Fire Services Administration and a minor in Emergency Medical Services Administration, graduating Cum Laude. With three years in fire service and a current role as an EMT at AF&R, Ryan aims to pursue a Master's in Public Administration to advance his skills in community engagement and emergency response.

Both Sydney and Ryan show how education and experience together can lead to meaningful improvements in fire service.



Ryan Creason and Sydney Jenkins graduated this Summer from Eastern Oregon University with their bachelor's degrees.

LEND ME A PLATE: A Step Towards Zero Waste



Southern Oregon Master Recyclers in Action (SOMRA) has been championing the cause of waste reduction and prevention since its inception. One of their standout initiatives, "Lend Me a Plate" (LMAP), embodies their commitment to a Zero Waste future.



Launched in July 2017, LMAP provides high-quality, durable tableware for community events, significantly cutting down on single-use items like paper plates and plastic utensils. The program began with a modest inventory at the Ashland Recycling Center but has since flourished, lending thousands of items each year.

Event organizers—from the City of Ashland and Oregon Shakespeare Festival to local schools, nonprofits and hundreds of individuals—have embraced LMAP's offerings. They stock items needed for events of all sizes, such as full place settings of dishes, flatware and glassware, tablecloths, cloth napkins and beverage dispensers. Fully volunteer-run, this service operates on a simple, eco-friendly principle: borrow, use, clean and return. Items are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis, with donations helping to sustain the program by replacing broken or lost pieces.

In addition to LMAP, SOMRA advocates for the seven R's of waste reduction: reduce, reuse, refill, repurpose, repair, rot (compost) and refuse. These principles drive their mission to shift waste management practices from recycling to prevention.

For more details on how LMAP can support your next event or to get involved with SOMRA's broader initiatives, visit [SOMRA.org](https://www.somra.org). There you can view the inventory and follow the instructions to place an order. A volunteer host will then help coordinate the rest. Join the movement towards a more sustainable community—one plate at a time!

LITHIUM BATTERIES Do you know how to handle them to ensure safety?

Lithium-ion batteries are found in many commonly used devices. Proper handling of these batteries is crucial for both your safety and the safety of the environment.

Proper Storage of Lithium-Ion Batteries

- Optimal Storage Temperature: Store lithium-ion batteries in a cool, dry place with a stable temperature between 59°F to 77°F. Avoid exposure to extreme heat or cold.
- Charge Level: For long-term storage, keep the battery at a charge level of 40-60%. Avoid storing batteries fully charged or completely drained.
- Safety Precautions: Store batteries in their original packaging or a non-conductive, fireproof container to prevent short circuits. Keep batteries away from flammable materials and out of direct sunlight.
- Regular Inspection: Periodically check stored batteries for any signs of damage, such as swelling, leakage or corrosion. If you notice any issues, do not use the battery and dispose of it properly.

Proper Disposal of Lithium-Ion Batteries

- Do Not Throw in the Trash: Never dispose of lithium-ion batteries in your regular trash or recycling bin. They pose a fire hazard and can release harmful chemicals if damaged.
- Use Designated Collection Sites—More information below!
- Preparation for Disposal: Tape the Terminals with electrical tape before disposing of the battery. Handle damaged batteries with care—If the battery is damaged, place it in a non-conductive, fireproof container before disposal.

By following these guidelines, you can help protect the environment and reduce the risk of fires or injuries associated with improper battery handling. Always store and dispose of lithium-ion batteries with care.

In Southern Oregon, you can dispose of lithium batteries at two locations:

- Rogue Disposal & Recycling's annual, free Hazardous Waste event every May in White City. The date has yet to be announced, but it's generally the first Saturday in May. roguedisposal.com.
- BatteriesPlus in Medford at 3599 Crater Lake Hwy, 541.858.5103. The cost is \$3.50/lb. batteriesplus.com.

For information on how to dispose of other types of batteries, or cell phones, visit call2recycle.org.

RECOLOGY ASHLAND'S BULKY ITEM COLLECTION PROGRAM

Pickup details and fees...

Recology Ashland offers a bulky item collection program for Recology customers in Ashland and Talent (currently not available to those living in unincorporated Jackson County). Customers can contact the Recology business office at 541.482.1471 or email customerService103@Recology.com to request curbside pickup of bulky items.



This service is provided on Wednesdays only, and customers are encouraged to contact the business office at least 48 hours prior to the Wednesday pickup. Fees are calculated based on the current disposal rate at Valley View Transfer Station plus a \$19.14 per-item fee for the first two items and a \$9.56 per-item fee for each following item. All items must be brought to the curb for pickup (no driveway or in-home service). Fees are subject to change.

LET CURIOSITY BE YOUR GUIDE

Are you curious about something in Ashland? Get your questions answered and see what others in the community are asking about. Questions like:

- How can I pay my utility bill?
- Does Ashland have a sister city?
- Does the City offer trash and recycling services?

All of this and more at ashlandoregon.gov/Curious.



COUNCIL ADOPTED VISION & VALUES STATEMENTS FOR THE CITY

Vision

Ashland is a resilient, sustainable community that maintains the distinctive quality of place for which it is known.

We will continue to be a unique and caring city that stresses environmental conservation, fosters artistic expression and is open to new ideas and innovation.

We will plan and direct our efforts to fulfill this Vision for the long term with a constant view toward being an open, welcoming community for all with a positive economic future.

Values

Community

COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY, including available housing and childcare

BELONGING through mutual respect and openness, inclusion and equity

QUALITY OF LIFE that underpins the City's economic vibrancy

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE, including addressing climate change and ecosystem conservation

REGIONAL COOPERATION, including in support for public safety and homelessness

Organization

RESPECT for the citizens we serve, for each other and for the work we do

EXCELLENCE in governance and City services

SUSTAINABILITY through creativity, affordability and rightsized service delivery

PUBLIC SAFETY, including emergency preparedness for climate change risk

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES through timely maintenance and community investment

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Stay informed at ashlandoregon.gov/StayConnected, where you can:

- View the monthly *City News*
- View live streams
- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Ask a question

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Follow us on social media

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- Instagram @CityofAshlandOregon
- X/Twitter @CityofAshland
- YouTube @CityofAshlandOr
- Nextdoor

Use the hashtags #BetterTogether #CityofAshlandOregon

How to contact us:

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- 541.488.6002

