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Better Prepared Wildfire Series

APRIL 21

6 to 8 p.m.
Carpenter Hall
44 S Pioneer

Wildfire Preparedness

*Preparing Family &
Community*

MAY 4

2 to 5 p.m.
The Grove 1195 E Main
**Ashland Wildfire
Protection Plan
Open House**

*Empowering
Community*

MAY 14

6 to 8 p.m.
via Zoom

Protect Your Home and Yard

Now is the Time!

JULY 16

6 to 8 p.m.
Ashland Historic Armory

What's Your Plan?

*When every Second
Counts: Evacuation
Planning &
Practice*

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What's Inside...

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Tonya Graham
Mayor



Dylan Bloom
Councilor



Jeff Dahle
Councilor



Gina DuQuenne
Councilor



Eric Hansen
Councilor



Bob Kaplan
Councilor



Doug Knauer
Councilor

COUNCIL OUTCOMES February 2025 highlights

- Unanimously approved an ordinance that will establish Impact Fees on gas appliances for NEW residential structures in Ashland.
- Unanimously approved an ordinance formally creating the Ashland Parks Department.
- Voted to approve a new ad hoc Committee for the 2220 Ashland St property. The committee will assist in the development of a facility site plan, communications and engagement structure, and considerations of how the property will be used in future.

For more information on meetings, agendas, minutes and how to contact our elected officials, visit ashlandoregon.gov/PublicMeetings.

Council Office Hours

All City Councilors meet with their constituents from time to time. In addition to impromptu meetings, some have opted for regular meetings or **office hours in City Hall**.

- Councilor **Jeff Dahle**: 3rd Monday of each month from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Councilor **Bob Kaplan**: 1st Monday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Councilor **Gina DuQuenne**: 1st Thursday of each month from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

These office hours provide an additional opportunity for residents to voice concerns, ask questions and engage with their City Councilors on important issues. City Hall is located at 20 E Main St in Ashland. The front door to City Hall will be open during the times listed above.

Your City Manager, **Sabrina Cotta**, is also available for office hours each week on Thursday, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

ASHLAND LIVABILITY SURVEY The results are in!

Every two-years or so, the City conducts a survey to better understand Ashland's quality of life, and how it has changed over time. In late 2024, we conducted a survey.

View the results at ashlandoregon.gov/LivabilitySurvey.



EVENTS

SHOW ME THE MONEY – April 2 through May 21



If you are over the age of 50, register for the City’s OLLI course, **Show Me the Money: Finances of Local Government**, to learn about the City of Ashland’s fund structure, revenue streams, major expenses and what the City can and cannot spend money on. Register at sou.edu/olli, starting March 17. Classes will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays, from 1 to 2 p.m., beginning **April 2 and ending May 21**, 2025. For those who can’t attend, video recordings will be posted on the City website.

ROGUE VALLEY BIKE SWAP—April 26, Noon to 2:30 p.m.

The **33rd annual Rogue Valley Bike Swap** will be Noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 at The Grove, 1195 E Main St., Ashland. *Admission to the swap is free!*

Buy, sell or donate a bike, parts or accessories at this festive event. Register your bike with the Ashland Police Department, learn about bike events and advocacy efforts in your community, and engage in a youth bike rodeo at 12:30 p.m. *A portion of each sale will go to fund youth bike education programs in local public schools.*

For details on selling, donating, volunteering and more, visit RVTD.org/bikeswap.



Ashland–Sviatohirs’k Aid Project (ASAP)—March 30, 2 p.m.

In 2023, the City Council unanimously approved a new sister city partnership with Sviatohirs’k, Ukraine. This special relationship supports humanitarian aid and fundraising efforts within the Ashland community to help the residents of Sviatohirs’k overcome the devastation caused by the Russian occupation.

Mark your calendars for the next ASAP event, a **benefit concert and informational gathering scheduled at the Ashland High School Mountain Avenue Theatre on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 2 p.m.** Don’t miss this opportunity for world-class entertainment and to show support for our Sister City, Sviatohirs’k.

View **ASAP’s accomplishments** since 2023 and learn more about our Sister City Program, which includes Guanajuato, Mexico, at ashlandoregon.gov/SisterCities. **We are Better Together!**

Staff Acknowledgments Working Better Together!



After 32 years of dedicated service to Jackson County, including the past seven with Ashland Fire & Rescue, Chief **Ralph Sartain** announces his retirement. Details at ashlandoregon.gov/Fire.



In February, **Dena Adame**, celebrated 25 years with the City! She was also voted Employee of the year, representing Innovation & Technology in 2024. She has been an invaluable asset to the AFN (Ashland Fiber Network) Team and is beloved by both her co-workers and AFN customers.



A big thank you to our **Water Division** for their exceptional efforts during the recent storm. Despite freezing temps, **Wilber Gonzalez, Tyler Ramsey, Spencer Ramsey** and **Travis Bennett**, with help from **Austin Racca**, worked tirelessly to repair water leaks and assist residents. We also want to extend appreciation to all City Departments, including **Electric, Public Works (Streets, Cemetery, Facilities Maintenance & Fleet Divisions), Parks, Innovation & Technology** and **Emergency Management**, for their hard work and dedication during the storm. **Your teamwork is greatly appreciated! “We are Better Together!”**

WONDERING HOW TO INTERACT WITH US?

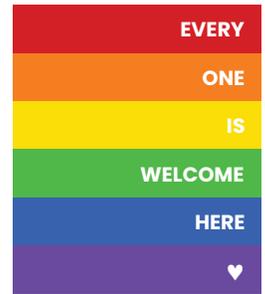
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City Hall, located at 20 E Main St, is open weekly for resident engagement. On Thursdays from 8:30 to 10 a.m., excluding holidays, drop in and have a direct conversation with the City Manager, **Sabrina Cotta**. For City Councilor hours at City Hall, see p 2.

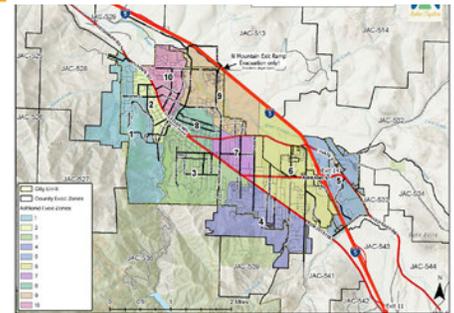


We celebrate diversity in Ashland!

Let us help you be Better Prepared for an Emergency

Don't be caught off guard—Let us help you stay prepared for the unexpected!

- Know Your Evacuation Zone
- Know Your Evacuation Levels
- Sign up for Emergency Alerts
- Get Ready—Pack a Go Bag!



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Sign up for classes with Parks & Recreation

To view all-age activities and events offered by Ashland Parks & Recreation, as well as register for classes, visit AshlandParksandRec.org. View senior activities, events and services at AshlandSeniorServices.org.



ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE IS HIRING *Join their family!*

Explore career opportunities with Ashland Fire & Rescue. Deadline to apply is April 4. Apply today at governmentjobs.com/careers/ashlandor.

Openings: • Single Role EMT • Single Role Paramedic • Firefighter/Paramedic