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3rd Annual Pollinator Garden Tour in Ashland



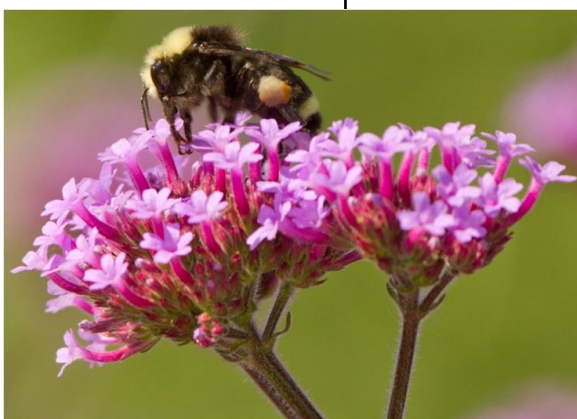
It's time for the 3rd Annual Pollinator Garden Tour in Ashland! You're invited to take a peek at the pollinator gardens that beautify our City and create habitat for the pollinators we need the most.

Hosted by Bee City USA Ashland, the Pollinator Garden Tour showcases pollinator gardens created by residents of Ashland. Learn about butterflies and bees while walking through gardens full of zinnias, lavender,

ceanothus, thyme, and Oregon sunshine.

This year, for the first time, the self-guided tour will occur from 9 a.m. until noon on both Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. Different gardens will be open each day. Register by calling (541) 488-6606 or by visiting ashland.or.us/register to receive your Tour booklet, which includes your guide to two days of exploration. The cost is \$10 if you register early; after June 29 the cost is \$15. Tour booklets will be available at the North Mountain Park Nature Center starting June 1. Early pick up is highly recommended.

Another first this year, is the participation of Ashland businesses, offering pollinator-themed treats for the tour participants. As you visit the gardens, host gardeners will welcome you and answer questions. All ages are welcome. Please note: bathrooms will not be available at the tour sites. Plan to bring a water bottle, hat and walking shoes. For information visit NorthMountainPark.org or www.ashland.or.us/beeconomy.



New Customer Service Features for City Utility Customers!

As part of a continuing commitment to providing seamless service to customers, the City is pleased to announce the arrival of new Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system software. IVR is a menu based system that interacts with customers using a phone's keypad and speech-recognition technology. This allows for 24/7 access to customer account information and payment options via the telephone in addition to the City's online software options already available.

This transition may feel like a big change for customers who are more familiar and

comfortable speaking directly with City of Ashland Utility Billing staff as the initial contact a customer will have when calling will now be with the IVR assistance system. City staff will still be available to assist you as the system does provide an opportunity to speak live with staff

regarding your account information.

The Utility Billing staff is excited to launch this new feature that improves our service offerings to customers, and encourages you to contact the Utility Billing Division if you have any questions at (541) 488-6004 or by email at utilitybilling@ashland.or.us.

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Right Plant, Right Place

Want to find the right plant for that sunny, shady, wet, or dry area of your landscape? Have you ever tried to find a low water use plant that blooms bright yellow flowers in the summer, that can grow well in full sun and that will grow between one to three feet tall? Then, we have the perfect resource for you! The City of Ashland's Water-Wise Landscaping Website

www.ashlandsaveswater.org is just what you need to easily find the plants you're looking for this spring. On this website, you will be able to search for plants based on plant type, size, color, sun need, soil type and blooming season. Once you're on the website, click on the Plants category at the top of the screen then select Guided Search to get started.

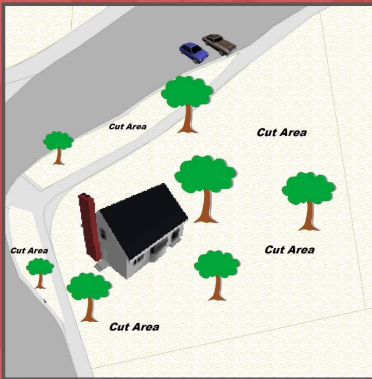


Among many other categories, the plant section's helpful plant list enables you to search a variety of categories such as Very Low Water Use, Bee Pollinators, and Screens and Hedges. There are also plant categories that list Firewise and Deer Resistant plants. Each plant on this site includes pictures as well as detailed plant information on water needs, growth rates, and planting instructions.

If you find a plant that you like, you can save it to your list. Once you have selected the plants you want, you can organize them by water need and then email the list to yourself or your landscaper. In addition to plant information, there are Tours and Galleries highlighting gardens in our community. If you see a plant you like in a design, you can click on it and find out what it is or add it to your list. There are also numerous pages on irrigation design, maintenance, how and when to water, and a watering calculator, making it easier for you to develop your own watering schedule. The City of Ashland offers several other resources to assist you in managing your landscape and irrigation system. Check out our website at www.ashland.or.us/conserv for helpful tips, or give us a call at (541) 552-2062 for more information.

Cut Weeds and Grass by June 15

CUT IT SHORT!



Properties

1 Acre or Smaller

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height:

- On the entire property
- On abutting park rows, alleys and other right of ways

Why is Weed Abatement important?

We have much to lose in Ashland when it comes to wildfires. Cutting grass and weeds reduces the ability for fire to start or spread as quickly, thus substantially decreasing the fire risk in our community.

Visit ashland.or.us/weedabatement for more information and useful links

Section 9.04 of the Ashland Municipal Code requires landowners or occupants to cut grass and weeds by June 15 each year and maintain that height throughout fire season. This applies to all lots within City limits.

Failure to abate and maintain weeds and grass by June 15 each year can result in fines up to \$500 each day the violation exists, plus any abatement and staff costs.

Properties

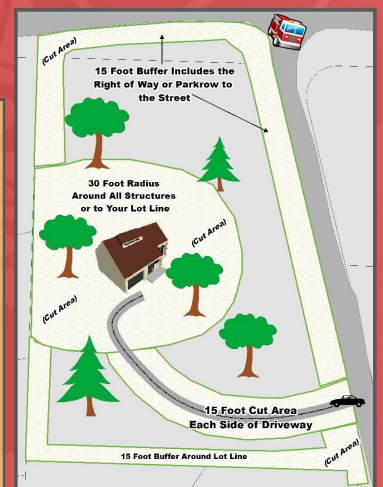
Greater Than 1 Acre

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height:

- On abutting park rows, alleys and other right of ways
- Within 30 feet of every structure
- In a 15-foot wide buffer strip around your property
- In a 15-foot wide buffer next to access roads and drive-ways through the property

KEEP IT SHORT!

Please visit our website at ashland.or.us/weedabatement or call 541.552.2246 for more information



Home Energy Assessment Tool

A new home energy assessment tool is available to all Ashland Electric customers. Spend a few minutes with this online tool and you will receive custom recommendations on how to save energy and money in your home. You will also get information about incentives that can reduce the cost.

When adapting your home for our changing climate, energy efficiency is a good place to start. Climate adapted homes are more than just energy efficient, they are healthier and more comfortable to live in. The survey can be found by going to <http://ashland.eeaudit.com>.

High Speed Internet for Residents & Businesses in Ashland

Great news for all customers: Our speeds just **doubled**—at no extra charge to you!

Max Home—Up to 60Mbps \$55/month
Email, surfing and music

Max Streaming—Up to 120Mbps \$65/month
Great for video streaming

Max Small Business—Up to 180Mbps \$95/month
Make your business fly



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Or visit ashlandfiber.net

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Ashland's Hydroelectric Output

Ashland's municipal electric utility delivers approximately 20 average megawatts (aMW) of electricity to its customers, primarily within the City limits. Roughly 98% of the total electricity purchased comes from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Approximately 1.5% of electricity in Ashland is generated by the City owned hydroelectric turbine at Reeder Reservoir located in the Mt. Ashland watershed and approximately 0.5% by public and private solar electric installations within the City limits. The average production for the past three years from the hydroelectric turbine would power approximately 207 homes a month, based on usage of 1,000 Kwh per month.

In other news, the electric utility received on March 9, 2019 a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability from America Public Power Association. The utility exceeded the average of all U.S. electric utilities for reliable electric service. Ashland Electric participates in the American Public Power Association's e-Reliability Tracker program to track its power outages and restoration against national benchmarks.

Events

10th Anniversary of the World's Largest Swimming Lesson

This is a free 30-minute introductory swim lesson focusing on water safety, comfort in the water, air recovery, and basic movement in water. *Must pre-register online at ashland.or.us/register by June 12, 5 p.m.*

AGES 3 to 12 years old
DATE Thursday, June 20
TIME 2 PM
PLACE Daniel Meyer Pool,
1705 Homes Avenue

Family Movies at the Lithia Park Bandshell

We are excited to host our first season of movies in the park, at the Butler Bandshell Bring a blanket, stadium seats, and the whole family and enjoy an evening of family-friendly movies under the stars! The white roof of the Bandshell has proven an exceptional screen for our projections, and optional, wireless "Silent Disco" headphones will be available to rent for crystal-clear audio. Concessions will be available for purchase as well. To vote for which PG rated movies you'd like to see, visit ashland.or.us/MoviesinthePark. In case of inclement weather, visit [facebook.com/silentmovementinternational](https://www.facebook.com/silentmovementinternational) for cancellation updates. Animals and alcohol are not allowed in parks.

DAYS 2nd & 4th Fridays
(May through September)
TIME: Start after dusk
(approximately 8-8:30 PM)
PLACE: Butler Bandshell, Lithia Park
COST: \$5 donation—A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ashland Parks Foundation

Gentle Hatha Yoga for Adults 60 & Better

This class is designed with the belief that yoga can be practiced by anyone! Classes are instructed at a slow and gentle pace, including yoga postures, breath work and deep relaxation. Participants will be asked to get up or down from the floor at most twice during each session. Wear comfortable loose attire, and bring your yoga mat. Try your first class at no cost. *Pre-registration is not required.*

DAY Fridays
TIME 9 to 10 AM
PLACE Ashland Senior Center,
1699 Homes Ave
COST \$15 (4 lessons) | \$5/class for drop-in
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Events (continued)

First Friday Silent Discos in the Park!

Join Silent Movement for their 4th summer of family-friendly events, as they return to the front of Lithia Park. Rent a pair of headphones and wander through downtown's Art Walk, or dance with over 200 other attendees to multiple channels of Live DJ's playing funky beats, while the little ones can make their own music on the interactive "Wiggle Wagon" which broadcasts on our Kid's Channel. Animals and alcohol are not allowed in parks. *In case of inclement weather, visit [facebook.com/silentmovementinternational](https://www.facebook.com/silentmovementinternational) for cancellation updates.*

AGES All ages welcome
DAYS First Fridays (June through October 4)
TIME 5 to 11 PM
PLACE: Front of Lithia Park
COST: \$5 donation—A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ashland Parks Foundation.

Free Lesson Friday

The Oak Knoll Golf Course is holding free lessons every other Friday for children and teens starting from January 25. You can learn new golf skills and have some fun. Parents are encouraged to join in the lesson. *Contact Patrick Oropallo at (541) 482-4311 or patrick.oropallo@ashland.or.us for more information.*

AGES 7 to 17
DATES May 3, 17, 31 & June 14, 28
(continues for the rest of the year)
PLACE Oak Knoll Golf Course, 3070 Hwy 66

Fall Prevention Class

This class is for aging adults, caregivers, and family members. Learn about the factors that affect your fall risks as you age and how you can prevent falls. This class is sponsored and presented by Ashland Fire & Rescue, Asante, and Ashland Family YMCA. *This program is free, but space is limited. If interested, pre-register with the YMCA by calling (541) 482-9622.*

DATE Wednesday, May 29
TIME 12 to 1 PM
PLACE Ashland Family YMCA, 540 YMCA Way

Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool

Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission invites you to beat the heat at Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool this summer! The pool will open for lap swim on Monday, May 20 and for Senior and Rec Swim on Saturday, May 25. Check out all our swim programs, swim lessons and view the calendar for the 2019 season at ashland.or.us/Swim.

Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool, an outdoor facility located in Hunter Park at 1705 Homes Avenue, will be open through early September 2019. The pool offers rec swim, lap swim, water fitness, swim lessons, swim camps and much more. After May 20, the pool can be reached directly at (541) 488-0313.

June City Calendar

City Council

Business Meeting: June 4 & 18 | 7 p.m.
Study Sessions: June 3 & 17 | 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Airport Commission

June 4 | 9:30 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Conservation Commission

June 26 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Forest Lands Commission

June 11 | 5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #2, 1860 Ashland Street

Historic Commission

June 5 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Housing and Human Services Commission

June 27 | 4:30 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: June 24 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street
Study Session: June 17 | 5:30 p.m.
The Grove, 1195 E Main St.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: June 11 | 7 p.m.
Study Session: June 25 | 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Public Art Commission

June 21 | 8 a.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Transportation Commission

June 20 | 6 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1175 E. Main Street

Tree Commission

June 6 | 6 p.m.
Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way

Wildfire Safety Commission

June 19 | 11 a.m.
Fire Station #1, 455 Siskiyou Boulevard

▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.