



It's Swarm Season for Honeybees - Help Them Find New Homes

It is a privilege to witness swarming honeybees. Every spring, this wondrous event happens many times, as a growing beehive divides and sends half of its colony with the old queen to seek a new home. Before leaving the hive, worker bees fill their honey stomachs for the journey. With their full abdomens, swarming bees are unlikely to sting - their focus is on finding a new home and protecting their queen.

Unprotected, a bee swarm is exposed to rain, cold, and predators and may not survive more than three days. Even if scouts do find a location for the new hive, survival rates can be quite low.



Beekeepers dream of catching swarms. If you see a swarm or a colony that needs a new home, please report it immediately by calling one of the numbers listed below. You will be helping to sustain one of the world's most fascinating and beneficial creatures.

1. Ashland Police Department Dispatch 541-776-7206
2. Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association at www.southernoregonbeekeepers.org/report-a-swarm 541-862-1604
3. Southern Oregon University Beekeeping Club 541-244-0391 or 708-205-0049

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Recycling in Ashland

Do you watch or read Medford-based news? If so, you might be confused about the state of recycling in Ashland.

Thanks to a unanimous vote by City Council, Ashland residents will continue to have the broadest range of recycling choices in Southern Oregon. However, it's never been a better time to double-check Recology Ashland's list of what can be recycled. Is it possible that you aren't aware that certain items - especially certain *plastic* items - can't go in your recycle bin? This is a great time to find out what can (and can't) be recycled.

"Wishful Recycler" is a term for a person who loves recycling so much that they put almost anything, including plastic bags, garden hoses, Styrofoam, toys, and even wood in their recycling cart *hoping* it can be turned into something new. Wishful recycling compromises the whole industry, and wreaks havoc in sorting facilities. Are you a wishful recycler, or do you know someone who is?

Need support? Free education and outreach is available courtesy of Recology Ashland's Waste Zero Team. To make a request for assistance, call 541-482-1471 or visit Recology Ashland's website or Facebook page.



Ashland Canal Piping Project

As you know, water is one of Ashland's most precious resources, and the City of Ashland takes its responsibility as a steward of our region's water and watersheds very seriously. This includes improving water quality and conserving water quantity within the Ashland (TID) Canal and Ashland Creek, the outlet of the Ashland Canal.

Through this stewardship, the City's 2012 Water Master Plan identified piping the City's portion of the Ashland Canal as a priority. The project goal is to replace the open-channel irrigation canal between Starlite Place and Terrace Street with below ground pipe(s) by the year 2020.

The Ashland Canal is a regular source of seasonal irrigation water for the City. In years when water supplies are limited, the canal water is used as a supplemental water source that is treated to drinking water standards at our Water Treatment Plant. Water in an open canal is vulnerable to contaminants from a variety of sources, which increases treatment costs and reduces water

quality in Ashland Creek. Additionally, an estimated 30 percent of the canal water is lost due to seepage and evaporation.

We understand that you may have questions about the piping project. City staff and our partners have thoughtfully considered the impact this project may have on members of the community. We will do our best to minimize disruptions to the community from project design through construction.

The City's project team invites you to a Community meeting on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Stevenson Union Arena (second floor) at Southern Oregon University. Meet the team, express your concerns, get answers to your questions and learn more about the piping project.

To learn more about the project, visit www.ashland.or.us/ashlandcanal or call 541-488-5347. If you wish to be included on our email notification list, please email us at ashlandcanal@ashland.or.us.

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Ashland Parks Summer Youth Conservation Corps

The Ashland Parks Summer Youth Conservation Corps is now accepting applications! Eight through twelfth graders can earn 25 hours of community service in just four days while working on Ashland trails and in Ashland parks.

Visit www.ashland.or.us/youthcorps or call 541-552-2264 for more information.

Spring Garden Work Party

Get your hands dirty and meet new friends as a volunteer gardener at North Mountain Park. Celebrate spring's arrival with our first garden work-party of the season in the demonstration gardens at the Nature Center. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Garden volunteers meet every Wednesday morning from March to November. Come every week or drop in anytime. For more information call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

WHO: All levels of gardeners.

WHAT: Learn how to care for plants and flowers, or lend your knowledge to help the Demonstration Gardens at NMP thrive and flourish.

AGES 15 & up
DATE March 21
TIME 10:00 a.m. - Noon
PLACE N. Mountain Park Nature Center
COST FREE | *Pre-Registration not required*

Ashland Community Bike Swap Now Accepting Bike Donations!

The 28th Annual Bike Swap, held on Saturday, April 14, will provide a community venue for buying and selling working-condition bicycles and related equipment. Proceeds from this event help fund bike safety education in the Rogue Valley.

Bicycle and equipment donations are tax-deductible. All bicycles must be in very good condition and working order. Donations will be accepted at The Grove, 1195 E. Main Street until April 6. Please call Lori Ainsworth for

more information at 541-552-2264.

We couldn't hold the Bike Swap without help from our stellar volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Ainsworth by email at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us or by phone at 541-552-2264.

HeartSaver First Aid Certification Class

HeartSaver First Aid / CPR / AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock and other first aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and AED use.

DATE April 14, 2018
PLACE AF&R Station 2 - 1860 Ashland Street
TIME 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
COST \$55

TO REGISTER: Registration is first-come, first-served according to when class fees are paid. Classes are limited to nine participants. Participants may register by mailing a check or by paying in person at Fire Station No. 1, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash, credit card, and checks payable to City of Ashland are all accepted.

For more information contact the CPR Program Coordinator at 541-552-2226, cpr@ashland.or.us or www.ashland.or.us/cpr.

Get Involved!

If you are interested in joining one of our many commissions or committees, please submit an application form to the City Recorder's office, 20 E. Main Street. Applications and more information can be found at www.ashland.or.us/vacancies or 541-488-5307.

There are opportunities to get involved on a variety of commissions including; the Airport, Conservation, Historic, Public Art, Tree, and Wildfire Commissions.



March 19-25, 2018

Fix a Leak Week

Simple Steps to Big Savings

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons (74,800 cubic ft.) each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. Across the country, these household leaks can add up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water lost every year. Be for water and start saving today with three simple steps: Check. Twist. Replace.

1. Check

First, *check* your home for leaks. An easy way to start is to examine your winter water use. Walk around your home with eyes and ears open to find leaks, and don't forget to check pipes and outdoor spigots. You can check your toilet for leaks by putting a dye tab in your toilet's tank. Wait ten minutes and if any color appears in the bowl during that time, your toilet has a leak.

2. Twist

Apply pipe tape to be sure plumbing fixture connections are sealed tight and give leaking faucets and showerheads a firm *twist* with a wrench. If you can't stop those drops yourself, contact your favorite plumbing professional.

3. Replace

If you can't nip that drip, it may be time to replace the fixture. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which use at least 20% less water. The City of Ashland is giving out low flow aerators and showerheads to all Ashland residents. A family of four could reduce their indoor water use by up to 60% when replacing old toilets, showerheads, bathroom aerators and washing machines.

Friendly reminder...Earth Day 2018

Please join us in celebrating Rogue Valley Earth Day on Saturday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Science Works Museum in Ashland! The City of Ashland's Conservation Division will be among the many exhibitors participating in this year's festivities. Stop by our booth

and learn more about water conservation tips and how you can be more efficient with your water. For more information, please call 541-552-2421

April City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: April 3 & 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: April 2, 16, & 30 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

April 3 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

April 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

April 10 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

April 4 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

April 26 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: April 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: April 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: April 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: TBD

Public Art Commission

April 20 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

April 26 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

April 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

April 18 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are typically held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ 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.