

### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:**

- **The first-ever Spring Clean event was a fantastic success!** A big shoutout to Recology for their partnership and expanded services that made this event possible. Thanks as well to the dedicated CERT Volunteers and the incredible residents of Ashland who showed up in full force—Over 300 vehicles passed through the gates at the Valley View Transfer Station, dropping off everything from trash and recyclables to green debris and donations for the on-site Goodwill station.



- **Recology is shifting to earlier start times for the June–September timeframe.** To prioritize safety and comply with new OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) heat-related workplace regulations, Recology is shifting its start times one hour earlier—from 7 a.m. to 6 a.m.—during the months of June through September. This change is intended to help reduce driver and vehicle exposure to high afternoon temperatures.
- Applications for a **new ad hoc committee to help shape the future of the 2200 Ashland Street facility** are being accepted through June 15. More info at [ashlandoregon.gov/HomelessServices](https://ashlandoregon.gov/HomelessServices).
- The City provides **archives of public meeting broadcasts**. You can also watch recordings of educational programs provided by the City, including **OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes**—*Civics 101* and *Show Me the Money!*—and the **Better Prepared Wildfire Series**. Take this opportunity to learn more about how local government works and get ready for wildfire season!
  - [Ashlandoregon.gov/WatchMeeting](https://ashlandoregon.gov/WatchMeeting)
  - [ashlandoregon.gov/OLLI](https://ashlandoregon.gov/OLLI) (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Southern Oregon University)
  - [ashlandoregon.gov/BetterPreparedSeries](https://ashlandoregon.gov/BetterPreparedSeries) (Also, check out the July 16 event, “**What’s Your Plan? When Every Second Counts: Evacuation Planning & Practice**,” hosted by Ashland.news.)
- **Office Hours at 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.
  - **City Manager Sabrina Cotta** – Thursday each week from 8:30 to 10 a.m.  
*Office hours exclude holidays.*



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- **Coffee & Conversation** gatherings are underway and will continue for the calendar year. This is an opportunity for residents to connect with elected officials and staff. The meetings are informal with no set agenda. Events are scheduled as follows:
  - June 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Railroad Park
  - July 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Garfield Park
  - August 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hunter Park
  - September 10, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Enders Shelter
  - October 14, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at North Mountain Park Pavilion
- The **June 2025 City Newsletter** is available [ashlandoregon.gov/CityNewsletters](https://ashlandoregon.gov/CityNewsletters).
- **Are you signed up for emergency alerts with JACKSON ALERTS?** The City partners with Jackson County under one alert messaging system called JACKSON ALERTS. Sign up your whole family by visiting [ashlandoregon.gov/Alerts](https://ashlandoregon.gov/Alerts).
- **Congratulations to the winners of the, "If I were Mayor Contest" – [ashlandoregon.gov/MayorsContest](https://ashlandoregon.gov/MayorsContest):**  
Nadia, Grade 5 Winner, [poster](#) | Second place winner in the statewide competition!  
Harper, Grade 6 Winner, [essay](#)  
Nora, Grade 7 Winner, [essay](#)  
Fenna, Grade 8 Winner, [essay](#)  
Peri, Grade 8 / Overall Middle School Winner, [essay](#)

## **ELECTRIC:**

- **Rebates for EVs (electric vehicle)** are back! Information is available at [ashlandoregon.gov/Electric](https://ashlandoregon.gov/Electric).

## **FINANCE:**

- **Effective July 1, 2025, Ashland residents will see the following fees on their utility bill:**
  - Increase of Public Safety Fee from \$1.50 to \$5.00 on electric meters.
  - Increase of Wildfire Risk Reduction Fee (previously known as AFR Fee) from \$3.00 to \$7.00 on  $\frac{3}{4}$ -water meter, with subsequent and related increases on other water meters.
  - Addition of the Parks Fee of \$5.00 on electric meters.
- **Updated fees in the City's Miscellaneous Fees and Charge Book will take effect on July 1, 2025.** The book is updated annually and generally for inflationary increases.
- Reviewing **Payroll Software** providers to shift from paper-based timesheets to electronic.
- The Interim **Audit** and **year-end paperwork** have begun.

## **FIRE:**

- **Fire season began on June 1 in SW Oregon** with "Low" danger level, declared by Oregon Department of Forestry.
- **Wildfire Division received their 3rd and final extension of the FEMA-PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation) Grant**, which ends October 1, 2027.
- On **June 5 and 7**, Ashland Fire & Rescue will conduct an **internal promotional process for Engineers**. The Engineers are trained and authorized to drive and pump the Type 1 and 3 classified engines. They are responsible for conducting the regular suppression apparatus checks. They manage specific tasks at incidents that the suppression apparatus responds to.



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- Sign up for **non-emergency notifications about controlled burns and wildfire smoke**. Join our Watershed group by texting **WATERSHED** to **888777**.
- **A wildfire Asset Management Survey**, led by researchers at Southern Oregon University, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon, will be open through June 15. The survey focuses on places community members value and how wildfire might affect them. The survey is open to anyone 13 or older who lives or works in Ashland, Phoenix, Talent or nearby rural areas. [ashlandoregon.gov/Surveys](https://www.ashlandoregon.gov/Surveys).
- **Fire Chief Daniel Barerra from Guanajuato will be visiting with his delegation during the 4th of July festivities.**
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is made up of trained volunteers who assist during emergencies—helping with evacuations, search and rescue, fire safety, damage assessments and medical aid. Take part in mini training sessions every second Wednesday of each month, covering skills like first aid, triage, radio communications and more. These sessions are open to all residents eager to learn. In September, CERT will offer the FEMA-certified CERT Basic Training. Monthly sessions are a great prep for this valuable course. For details, visit [ashlandcert.org](https://www.ashlandcert.org) or email [cert@ashlandoregon.gov](mailto:cert@ashlandoregon.gov). (A CERT evacuation drill will be held in June). *Let's build a more resilient Ashland!*

## **INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY Department (DoIT):**

- Rolling out a **Computer Replacement Policy** and Schedule.
- The **Help Desk Position** will be filled soon.
- Lighting up service at Siskiyou and Clay Street **with High-Speed Internet** (Ashlander Apartments). Learn more and sign up at [ashlandfiber.net](https://www.ashlandfiber.net).
- To ensure business continuity and safeguard from risks, we've **Replaced an old server**.

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

- **Springtime brings baby animals to our parks and natural areas.** Ducklings, fawn, bear cubs, turtles and other creatures may appear to be alone. The parents are usually nearby even if you don't see them. If you see a baby animal, please leave it where it is! Parks staff do not manage wildlife. Concerns should be directed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information visit [myodfw.com](https://www.myodfw.com) or call 800.720.6339.
- **The Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool will open to the public on June 10!** Full Schedule for June includes lap swim, recreational swim, swim lessons, water polo and more! [ashlandoregon.gov/swim](https://www.ashlandoregon.gov/swim).
- **The Ashland Parks Commission is establishing a new structure for the Parks and Recreation Department's policies, protocols and procedures collectively referred to as Direction.** Going forward, part of the process of creating policies will include a period of public comment. Upon closing of the public comment period, the Parks Commission will review the policy for adoption at the June 11, 2025, regular business meeting. In addition to the public comment period, public testimony can be made at the meeting. More information at [AshlandParksandRec.org](https://www.AshlandParksandRec.org).



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## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- **The City advances Water Treatment Plant** with secure federal loan amid grant shifts. Despite recent changes to FEMA grants, Ashland is pressing ahead with its fully funded Water Treatment Plant project, backed by a \$73M low-interest federal WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) loan through the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)—Info at [ashlandoregon.gov/WaterPlant](https://ashlandoregon.gov/WaterPlant).
- **The 2024 CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) on water quality** in Ashland is now available at [ashlandoregon.gov/Water](https://ashlandoregon.gov/Water).

## **WHAT'S COMING UP?**

- **Parks & Recreation Summer PlayGuide:** Visit [AshlandParksandRec.org](https://AshlandParksandRec.org) to view summer programs and register.
- The annual **Ashland Airport Day** will take place on **Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** with free admission and parking. Celebrate the world of flight at your city-owned airport! This event offers a unique opportunity to explore and connect with your airport community. Here's what to expect: Skydivers, Smokejumpers, Ashland Robotics Club, ScienceWorks presentation, Radio-controlled plane exhibitions, Airplanes on display, Food trucks, Kid's activities, Drones & more! The Airport is located at 403 Dead Indian Memorial Rd. More on the City's airport at [ashlandoregon.gov/Airport](https://ashlandoregon.gov/Airport).
- **Registration is open for the Annual Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Run.** There are two runs, a **2-mile fun run and a 10K** that attracts local competitors and running talent from other regions in the U.S. Both races start at **7:30 a.m.** (a change for 2025) and are chip timed. The starting line will remain open until 7:45 a.m. Deadline to buy a t-shirt is June 15. Learn more and register at [ashlandoregon.gov/JulyRun](https://ashlandoregon.gov/JulyRun).
- **Real-Life Training Ops for Local Firefighters**—Southern Oregon Wildfire School offers hands-on wildland firefighting training for structural firefighters **June 20–21**, with live fire drills and air ops practice in the Ashland area. This training opportunity allows local structural firefighters to gain firsthand experience in wildland firefighting in a controlled environment. Registration information available at [orrita.com/classes](https://orrita.com/classes).

## **SUMMER CONCERTS in JUNE...**

- **EPIC Ashland and Ashland Folk Collective are bringing you FREE Concerts in Lithia Park this summer! Live Music, Food Trucks, Beer & Wine, and FUN for ALL Ages at the Lithia Park Bandshell.**
  - **Cas Haley – June 16 | 6 to 9 p.m. (EPIC Concert Series)**

Cas Haley brings a soulful blend of folk, reggae, country and blues, all rooted in the heart of Texas. With a voice that bridges genres and hearts, his music is a feel-good journey through American roots. Expect heartfelt melodies, uplifting rhythms, and an unforgettable night of good vibes. Learn more at [epicashland.com](https://epicashland.com).
  - **Glitter Fox – June 23 | 6 to 9 p.m. (Ashland Folk Collective, "In the Park!")**

Get groovin' with a blend of indie rock, 90's grunge, 80's nostalgia, and Americana that is uniquely Glitterfox – we can't wait to see you there! Learn more at [ashlandfolkcollective.com](https://ashlandfolkcollective.com).



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- **Ashland City Band Concerts—Every Thursday evening this summer, June 19 through August 14 at the Lithia Park Bandshell (Note: The June 26 performance has been moved to Friday, June 27).** The City Band plays a mix of original works, orchestral transcriptions, marches and musicals, often featuring guest soloists! With roots dating back to 1876, the 70-member band continues its tradition of weekly concerts each summer and a Fourth of July Parade appearance (The annual parade starts early this year at 9:30 a.m.). **The band will offer a special show on the Fourth of July at the Lithia Bandshell at 11 a.m.** Seating is limited. Bring a chair or blanket. The free concerts start at 7 p.m., with pre-concert music kicking off at 6:15 p.m.

Celebrate the unveiling of the Playwrights Walk Plaque honoring Lorraine Hansberry and Black lives



JUNE 22, 2025

2 PM @ RAILROAD PARK, A ST. ASHLAND, OR  
~ Designed by Micah BlackLight ~ Cast in bronze by Jack Langford ~

Celebrate the plaque dedication with guest speakers in honor of Juneteenth!  
Brought to you by Ashland's Social Equity & Racial Justice Advisory Committee,  
Public Arts Advisory Committee, and Ashland Playwrights Walk sponsors -- Oregon  
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