



COMMUNITY PLAYGUIDE... *what to do!*

A photograph of three children in a nature play area. One child in a striped shirt is jumping on a large log. Two other children, one in a yellow shirt and one in a blue shirt, are sitting on a large rock. A third child in a grey hoodie and red cap is crouching on the ground in the foreground. The background is filled with tall pine trees.

Nature Play Celebration!

—Details p 9
May 11, 3pm
at North Mountain Park

SUMMER 2022

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director's message

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS – YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our Parks Division manages 766 acres of parkland and open space that includes 19 parks within the City of Ashland. We also co-manage 53 miles of trails in and around the city. Our Recreation Division hosts several annual events and offers recreation programs. The Recreation Division oversees The Grove, North Mountain Park Nature Center, Oak Knoll Golf Course and two seasonal facilities: Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink and Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool. Our Senior Services Division also hosts events, offers support services and programming, manages Ashland Senior Center, and hosts Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) to provide senior meals through the Food & Friends program. We could not provide all of these services and maintain parkland without the help of our volunteers!

Our Commission, established in 1908 by City Charter, is led by five elected officials who volunteer their time and life experiences to guide the mission and goals of APRC. Our newest Commissioner, Jim Bachman, was appointed this spring to fill the seat vacated by longtime Commissioner, Mike Gardiner. Jim will fill this vacancy through the end of this year, and he brings a high level of experience and knowledge. Mike Gardiner is sorely missed after his 18 years on the Commission.

Our Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Program was created in 2011. Since the inception of the program, our volunteers have logged over 128,000 hours! Volunteer projects range from park maintenance work parties, to teaching environmental education to youth across the Rogue Valley, to computer support at our Senior Center. With volunteer support we are able to host multiple annual events such as the Rogue Valley Bike Swap, and Bear Creek Salmon Festival. Twenty-one local organizations, businesses and schools have adopted 17 parks to help to maintain them. In fact, it is with the help of volunteers that our parks are pesticide-free. It takes a lot of human power to pull weeds!

Volunteering is good for all in our community. It benefits the person doing the volunteer work and all organizations who reap the benefits of their work and dedication.

A Tribute to Volunteer & Friend Mike Hersh

With a heavy heart, we say farewell to Mike Hersh, one of the most dedicated volunteers our community has ever known. We would like to acknowledge Mike and his enormous service to the community. Our staff cherish fond memories of Mike, who for 20 years delivered our interoffice mail, volunteered since 2006 with the RVCOG Food & Friends program at Ashland Senior Center and served on the Ashland Senior Advisory Committee since 2018. Mike also volunteered for many other organizations in Ashland over the last 20 years, including at ScienceWorks, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Ashland Independent Film Festival, just to name a few! Our hearts go out to Mike's family and friends.



Michael A. Black, AICP; APRC Director

Rachel Dials, APRC Deputy Director

Isleen Glatt, APRC Senior Services Division Superintendent

Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission

Fun, it's in our Nature!

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We manage over 766 acres of parkland and open space and co-manage 53 miles of trails. Are you interested in viewing a map of APRC properties? Or maybe you want to check out maps for the local trails? Visit ashland.or.us/ParksMaps.

Another great source is the Ashland Chamber of Commerce Map Guide! Pick one up at the Chamber or visit: AshlandChamber.com/MapGuide.



advertise with us...



We offer great exposure for your business! Your first step is to fill out our online application at ashland.or.us/AdvertiseSponsor.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to email APRC Executive Analyst, Dorinda Cottle, at dorinda.cottle@ashland.or.us or call her at 541.552.2265.

Have you heard the news?

There's a new local community news source focused on all things Ashland. Ashland.news is an independent, nonprofit, professional news service supported by and serving residents of Ashland and nearby areas. Find us online at Ashland.news and sign up for the free emailed newsletter and read accurate, trustworthy and timely local and useful news and information about Ashland and surrounding areas.

Ashland.news — Filling the community news cupboard with locally sourced, nutritious brain food since 2022.

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how to register

Register Online 

Steps for a Smooth Registration Process!

APRC programs take place indoors, outdoors and virtually. An email is required for registration. Email is an effective and efficient way to communicate especially for virtual programming that requires a link for access.

Do you need support for a virtual class? Complete info at ashland.or.us/aprcVirtualPrograms. Training is one-on-one assistance by phone.

We will continue to comply with COVID-19 requirements as put forth by the Oregon Health Authority.

The best way to register is online. Please visit ashland.or.us/Register and click on the green button, "Register Online!" Make sure your user profile includes a current email and emergency contact for you. Need help? Call 541.488.5340 or email ParksInfo@ashland.or.us.

You may also come into one of our facilities to register: Mon, Wed, Fri; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- For general and Nature Center programs:
The Grove, 1195 E Main St
- For Senior programs:
Ashland Senior Center, 1699 Homes Ave

Information on our refund policy is online at ashland.or.us/Register.

irrigation this summer



Irrigation of Parks during a Drought

Our parks may look a little different this summer as we prioritize where we will water and where we will not. Historically, Talent Irrigation District (TID) water is used for irrigation in our largest parks during the summer months. In 2021, TID was only available intermittently and cut off early in June. This year could prove to be more severe than 2021 and it is feasible that TID water will not be available at all this summer. Irrigating with potable city water is not a viable option for all parks. In order to keep expenses down and conserve water, it will be necessary to reduce irrigation in many of our parks. You can expect some of our parks to look different this summer. Please bear with us as we navigate this drought. We will do our best to conserve water while continuing to provide outdoor recreation spaces.

Brown is the new green!

Interested in becoming an instructor for us?

Find everything you need to know at ashland.or.us/Instructors.



youth programs (up to 18)

For full program descriptions and to register, visit ashland.or.us/Register
Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated

NATURE & GREEN LIVING



Preschool Puppet Show - \$10/show

May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12 | 10:30-11:30am | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Anna Edmondson

Make Botanical Ink!

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Nature Journaling and Joy for LGBTQ+ and Allies

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Cultural Wisdom - Exploring the Eagle Staff and Native American Crafts

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Ashland Library Summer Programs for Youth - Complete info at JCLS.libcal.com

- Summer Kickoff Party | Jun 14, 10am-6pm
- John Jackson Presents: Oregon Coast Sea Life | Jun 28, 2pm
- Snuggle Bunnies | Jul 28, 2pm
- Moldable Magic | Aug 10, 2pm
- Dragon Egg Storytime | Aug 17, 10:30am
- Summer Reading Wind-Down | Aug 24, 2pm

FITNESS & MOVEMENT

Rogue Valley Youth Lacrosse Camp - \$100

Jun 20-23 | 9am-Noon | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Mark Brown

Youth Ballet - \$120 (12 classes)

Tuesdays | May 10-Jul 26 | *Indoors*
8-11 years: 3:30-4:30pm | 12-17 years: 4:30-5:30pm
Instructor: Mary Silva

West Coast Golf Academy Junior Golf Camps - \$199

Monday-Wednesday | Jun 13-Aug 31 | *Outdoors*
Age: 7-16 | 9am-Noon
Registration and complete info at:
westcoastga.com/programsjunior-golf-programs

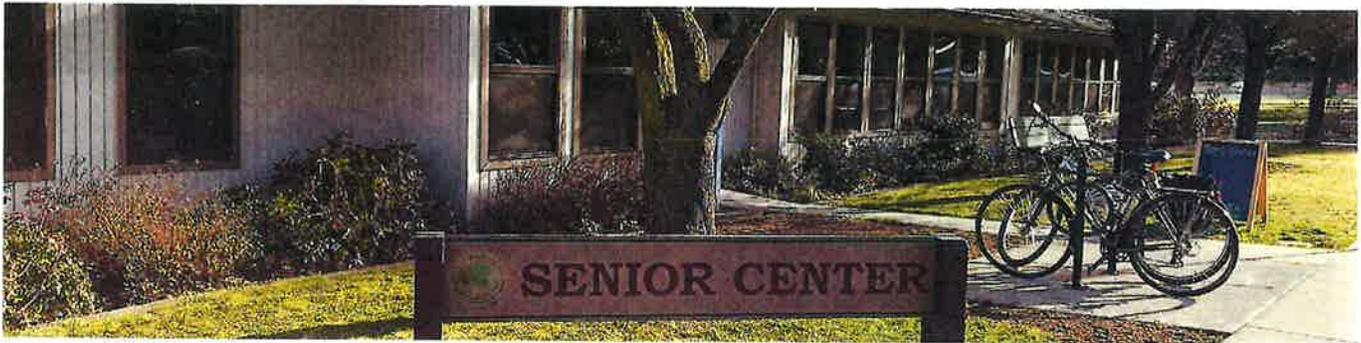


Bike Swap

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Register Today!

Senior Services Division



Senior Services Division – Ashland Senior Center 1699 Homes Avenue in Ashland, Mon – Fri, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

The APRC **Senior Services Division** enhances the lives of seniors by promoting healthy aging, well-being, dignity and independence. The Senior Services Division offers a variety of services and activities at the **Ashland Senior Center** and advocates for senior needs throughout the community.

Hours, services and activities are subject to change due to public health conditions. All activities require registration, and public health precautions such as masking and physical distancing may be required. For more information or to request a monthly newsletter, call 541.488.5342 or email seniorinfo@ashland.or.us.

Services

The following services support seniors and families.

- **Information & Referral and Resource Consultations:** Referrals to local and regional resources for seniors and family caregivers, and appointments for more in-depth resource consultations and assistance
- **Education:** Seminars and workshops on topics of interest to seniors and their families
- **Recreation and Social Activities:** Weekly games, movies, discussion group, and specially scheduled craft activities
- **Ashland Senior Phone Buddy:** Add more fun and connection to your life by letting us match you to a volunteer for regular check-ins and socializing by phone or video chat. We also welcome volunteer applications for this program
- **Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA):** Call to schedule an appointment for free assistance with Medicare, supplemental plans and prescription plans
- **Senior Utility & Internet Discounts:** Offered by City of Ashland for low-income utility and/or internet customers over age 65, or over age 60 with disability
- **Free Touchpass Bus Cards/Valley Lift Vouchers:** Prepaid Touchpass bus cards and Valley Lift vouchers are available to seniors 62 and older
- **Senior Food Box Program:** We can help you connect with Ashland Emergency Food Bank for home-delivered food.
- **Free library:** An honor system lending library of donated books and DVDs
- **Newsletter:** Call 541.488.5342 to sign up for our monthly newsletter with current events and programs, helpful local resources, topical articles and more

Food & Friends

The **Food & Friends** program serves lunch at the Ashland Senior Center for seniors age 60 and up, by donation. Hours are normally Monday – Friday, 11:30 am–12:30 pm, but may vary due to public health conditions. **Meals on Wheels** home delivery is available for qualified seniors. These programs are administered by our partner, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG). For more information, please call 541.734.9505.

Current Activities

Enjoy a variety of recreational and social activities at the Senior Center.

All activities require registration.

- **Digital Education** – Details p 5
- **Dementia Caregiver Support Group** – Details p 5
- **Discussion Group** – Details p 5
- **Friday Movie** – Details p 5
- **Game groups (Cribbage, Mah Jongg, Spades)** – Details p 5
- **Gentle Yoga** – Details p 5
- **Line Dancing** – Details p 5
- **Tai Chi** – Details p 5
- **Walking Group** – Details p 5
- **Young at Art Class** – Details p 5

Upcoming Events

Check AshlandSeniorServices.org for newly added events. For more information and to register, call 541.488.5342.

- **Britt Fellows Concert** (June 14, 7pm)
- **Preparing for Smoke presentation** (June 8, 1-2pm)
- **Britt concert fieldtrip** (June 17, 5-11pm)
- **Ice Cream Social** (July 13, 1-2:30pm)

**For more information, call the Senior Services Division at 541.488.5342 or visit
ASHLANDSENIORSERVICES.ORG**



senior programs (50 and up)

For full program descriptions and to register, visit ashland.or.us/Register
Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated

ART & CULTURE



Young at Art - \$5/class

Every 1st Wednesday | 2-3:30pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Shea Cathey

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Computer Lab for Older Adults - Free

TBD | *Indoors*
Instructor: Jackson County Library Services staff
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Computer, Phone & Tablet

Tutoring - Free

Day/time by app | *Indoors or by phone*
Tutors: Judy Blue, Peter DeGroot, Phil Settles
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Dementia Caregiver Support Group - Free

Every 3rd Wednesday | 5:30-7pm | *Virtual*
Facilitator: Isleen Glatt
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

AARP Smart Driver Course - \$23.95-\$29.95

Jul 20-21 | 1-4:15pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Jim Nagel
Call to sign up: 503.676.3653

FITNESS & MOVEMENT

Gentle Yoga - \$15-25/month

Wednesdays | 9:15-10:15am & 10:30-11:30am | *Indoors*
Thursdays | 9-10am | *Virtual*
Instructor: Cheri Theobald

Line Dancing - \$9-15/month

Mondays | 1-2:30pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Lynn Roberts
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

FITNESS & MOVEMENT

Tai Chi, Beginning - \$12-\$15/month

Thursdays | 9-30-10:45am | *Indoors*
Instructor: Char Hersh

Tai Chi, Intermediate - \$9-\$15/month

Mondays | 9:30-10:45am | *Indoors*
Instructor: Char Hersh

Walking Group - \$16 (8 weeks)

TBD | *Outdoors*
Leader: Rosalie Rybka

FRIENDS & FUN

Cribbage - Free

Tuesdays | 1-3:30pm | *Indoors*
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Mah Jongg - Free

Thursdays | 1-3:30pm | *Indoors*
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Spades - Free

Thursdays | 1-3:30pm | *Indoors*
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Discussion Group - Free

Tuesdays | 9:30-11:30am | *Indoors*
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

Friday Movie - Free

Fridays | 1-3:30pm | *Indoors*
Call to sign up: 541.488.5342

NATURE & GREEN LIVING

Talking About It Won't Kill You: A Community Conversation about End of Life

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Register Today!



community opportunities

The ASHLAND PARKS FOUNDATION raises funds to enhance Ashland's quality of life by supporting our parks & recreation system.

Join us in supporting APRC!
AshlandParksFoundation.org



Ashland

PARKS FOUNDATION

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REGISTER TODAY!



community opportunities

Get Drawn In!

Over 40 Galleries, Studios, Artists,
and Local Businesses

 [instagram.com/ashlandgalleries](https://www.instagram.com/ashlandgalleries)

 www.ashlandgalleries.com

 [facebook.com/ashlandgalleries](https://www.facebook.com/ashlandgalleries)

The Ashland Gallery Association is a membership organization that represents the Visual Arts in Southern Oregon.

First Friday Art Walk Year Round

Indoor / Outdoor Open Studio Tours

Art With a View

Complimentary Gallery Guides are at participating organizations sponsored by the Ashland Gallery Association.



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Oak Knoll Golf Course EST. 1927



Community Events

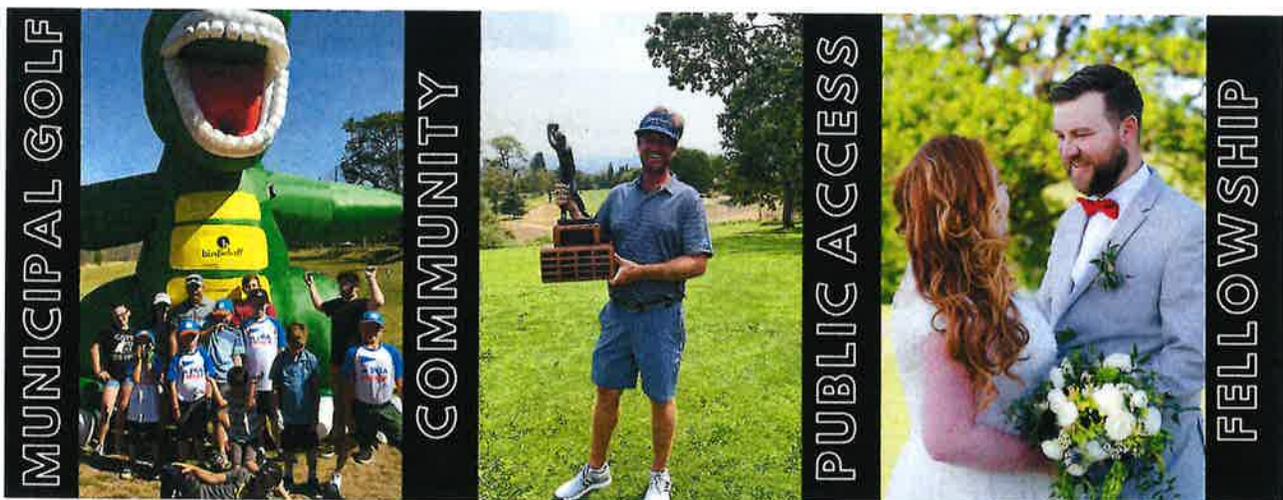
The Ashland community has hosted events at Oak Knoll GC for almost 100 years. Our gorgeous setting, knowledgeable staff and competitive pricing make us a fantastic choice for your next milestone event.

Championship Golf

Oak Knoll GC is the best option in all of Southern Oregon for introductory golf, but did you know that we host championship golf as well! Our historic design, small undulating greens and sloped terrain can challenge the most skilled golfer. We are the most dynamic golf course in Southern Oregon!

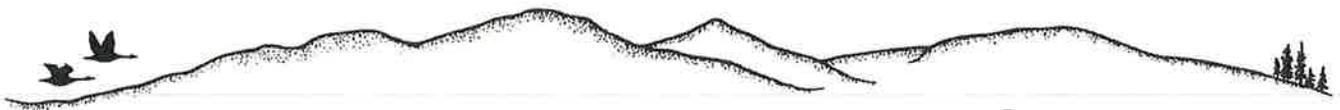
New to Golf?

Oak Knoll is the perfect place to learn the game. The staff at Oak Knoll are welcoming and supportive of emerging golfers. The practice facilities which include the driving range, putting green and chipping green make Oak Knoll the best option for learning the game of golf.



For more information, call the Oak Knoll Golf Course at 541.482.4311 or visit

OakKnollGolf.org



NORTH MOUNTAIN PARK NATURE CENTER

620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland



About North Mountain Park & The Nature Center Hours & Overview

North Mountain Park Nature Center, located next to Bear Creek at 620 N Mountain Ave. offers a variety of programs and exhibits. All year round, from sunrise to sunset, visitors can enjoy the Demonstration Gardens, nature trails, pavilion, picnic and play areas.

COME VOLUNTEER: Connect with us and make a difference on the NMP grounds by joining one of these two weekly work parties:

- Drop In Gardening: Wednesdays, 9-Noon
- Thursday Restoration Team: Thursdays, 9-11 am

Meet Carolyn Singh – Nature Play Area Host

"I love the charming and inventive clientele; Lots of smiles, and serious fort and canal building."

Carolyn began volunteering in the park in July 2020, when the world was topsy turvy. She is a daily user of the Ashland Parks and Recreation trail system, and she was looking for a way to give back.

Tending to the Nature Play area has been a great way to celebrate community, and care for a treasured park resource. Her time in the playground is spent sweeping sand, tidying, and organizing the loose natural pieces once they've been strewn everywhere through PLAY. She says, "There aren't many places where contributing just an hour per week can keep chaos at bay."

Carolyn loves outdoor, human-powered activities like hiking, biking, swimming at the Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool, and gardening. She's studying Spanish in her free time and is looking forward to future travels.



NATURE PLAY CELEBRATION!

MAY 11 | 3PM

Come celebrate our **Nature Play Area** and the community donors that made it possible! Let's say a big **THANK YOU** by playing together. *Fun activities for the whole family!*

North Mountain Park | 620 N Mountain Ave

ROGUE VALLEY BIRD DAY



ALL AGES WELCOME

MAY 14 | 8AM-NOON

North Mountain Park | FREE

For complete details visit:
RogueValleyBirdDay.net

For more information, call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606 or visit

NORTHMOUNTAINPARK.ORG



adult programs

For full program descriptions and to register, visit ashland.or.us/Register
Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated

DOG TRAINING

Good Puppy Skills – \$99 (4 classes/session)

Mondays | May 16-Jun 6 | 4-5pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Colleen Shanahan

Good Dog Skills – \$99 (4 classes/session)

Mondays | May 16-Jun 16 | 5:15-6:15pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Colleen Shanahan

NATURE & GREEN LIVING

The Great Outdoors Book Group – FREE (4 classes) (pre-register at jcls.org/events)

May 18, Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 17 | 2-3:30pm | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Ellie Anderson

Make Botanical Ink! – \$33

May 22 | 10am-Noon | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Lauren Kemple

Nature Journaling and Joy for LGBTQ+ and Allies – FREE (pre-registration not required)

May 26 | 5:30-8pm | *Outdoors*
Instructors: Mel Hanby and Libby VanWyhe

Cultural Wisdom - Exploring the Eagle Staff and Native American Crafts – \$10

Jun 2 | 5:30-7:30pm | *Outdoors*
Instructors: Tom Smith and Hannah Stafford

Beginning Bird Language – \$12

Jun 4 | 10am-Noon | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Collette Streight

Introduction to the Ashland Forest Plan - Now with Climate Change – FREE

Jun 7 | Noon-1:15pm | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Frank Betlejewski

Living a Wholehearted Life: A Guided Book Study – \$10 (6 classes)

Thursdays | Jun 9-Jul 14 | 5:30-7pm | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Mary Ann Perry

NATURE & GREEN LIVING

Talking About It Won't Kill You: A Community Conversation about End of Life – \$10

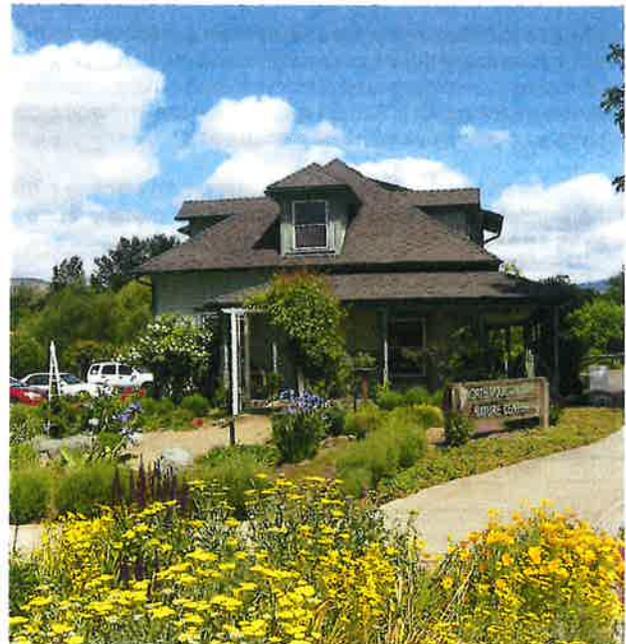
Part 1: Jun 12 | 3-5pm | *Outdoors*
Part 2: Jun 26 | Noon-2pm | *Outdoor Field Trip*
Instructor: Mary Ann Perry

Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks – \$10 (4 opportunities)

Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17 | 8-9am | *Outdoors*
Instructor: North Mountain Park Volunteer Birders

Ashland's Transition to Sustainability; One Cool Block at a Time – \$13 (6 classes)

Wednesdays | Jun 22-Jul 27 | 6-7:30pm | *Indoors or Virtual*
Instructor: Flavia Franco



Demonstration Garden Tour – \$10

Jun 24 | 9-10am | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Jen Aguayo

An Experience in Harmony – \$35

Jul 31 | 1:30-3:30pm | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Anjalisa Aitken and Gary Garrett



adult programs

For full program descriptions and to register, visit ashland.or.us/Register
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NATURE & GREEN LIVING

Nature & Forest Therapy Walks - \$10/session

Outdoors

- Session 1: Apr 29 | 1-3pm
 - Session 2: May 13 | 10am-Noon
 - Session 3: May 25 | 1-3pm
 - Session 4: May 28 | 1-3pm
 - Session 5: Jun 10 | 10am-Noon
 - Session 6: Jun 22 | 1-3pm
 - Session 7: Jun 25 | 1-3pm
 - Session 8: Jul 15 | 10am-Noon
 - Session 9: Jul 20 | 1-3pm
 - Session 10: Jul 23 | 1-3pm
 - Session 11: Aug 24 | 1-3pm
 - Session 12: Aug 27 | 1-3pm
- Instructor: Nadine Lefkowitz

FITNESS & MOVEMENT

Adult Ballet - \$120 (12 classes)

Tuesdays | May 10-Jul 26 | 5:30-6:30pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Mary Silva

Beginning Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dance - \$24/session (3 classes)

Tuesdays | 7-8pm | *Indoors*
Session 1: Salsa/Bachata | May 17-31
Session 2: Waltz | Jun 7-21
Session 3: Swing | Jun 28-Jul 12
Instructor: Cori Grimm

Learn to Play Pickleball - \$25/session

Outdoors

Session 1: May 6 | 3-5pm
Session 2: May 16 | 4-6pm
Session 3: Jun 4 | 10:30am-12:30pm
Session 4: Jun 21 | 8:15-10:15am
Instructor: Joel Heller

Improve Your Pickleball Skills - \$25/session

Outdoors

Session 1: May 7 | 9-11am
Session 2: Jun 4 | 8:30-10:30am
Instructor: Joel Heller

FITNESS & MOVEMENT

Balkan Explosion - \$60 (6 classes)

Thursdays | Jun 9-Jul 14 | 6:30-7:30pm | *Indoors*
Instructor: Sophia Blanton

Yin Yoga for Flexibility and Restoration - \$32 (4 classes)

Tuesdays | 9:30-10:30am | *Indoors*
Session 1: Jun 7-28
Session 2: Jul 5-26
Session 3: Aug 2-23
Instructor: Cheri Theobald

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Italian for Travelers - \$120 (6 classes)

Mondays | May 2-Jun 6 | 6:30-8pm | *Virtual*
Instructor: Monica Rountree

Spanish for Travelers - \$120 (6 classes)

Mondays | May 2-Jun 6 | 5-6:30pm | *Virtual*
Instructor: Monica Rountree

ART & CULTURE



Beginning Watercolor in Lithia Park - \$85 (6 classes)

Tuesdays | Jul 19-Aug 23 | 10-11:30am | *Outdoors*
Instructor: Cathy Egelston

Register Today!



community opportunities

The 5W's

(and a How and a You)



Who: Ashland.news is an independent, professional nonprofit news service supported by and serving residents of Ashland and nearby areas.

What: Ashland.news gathers, verifies and distributes reliable, trustworthy and timely Ashland community news and information via its website and email newsletters.

When: Ashland.news is a website available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, updated regularly with local news and information. Ashland.news also sends out an email newsletter three times a week with links to stories posted on the website.

Where: Ashland.news is available on your desktop computer, tablet and mobile device. Ashland.news strives to cover the entire Ashland community and nearby areas.

Why: Ashland.news exists to inform the civic dialogue and promote cultural engagement in the hope that will help make it possible for residents of Ashland and adjacent communities to engage in informed conversations and effective collaboration, representing diverse points of view while seeking a common way forward.

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community opportunities

BRITTKIDS KONCERTS 2022 LIVE PERFORMANCES THIS SUMMER!

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Pre-College Youth Programs · Summer 2022





Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool

Seasonal-Outdoor Pool in Hunter Park at 1705 Homes Ave | 541.488.0313 | ashland.or.us/Swim



The Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool will open for the summer swim season by mid-June, or sooner if possible. Our seasonal pool will offer recreational opportunities for the community and most importantly, teach kids how to swim! Swimming provides many health benefits and is a crucial life-saving skill. **Offerings include:**

 **RECREATION SWIMMING**
(open swim for families and all ages)

 **WATER AEROBICS**

 **LAP SWIMMING**

 **WATER POLO**

 **SENIOR SWIMMING**

 **SWIM LESSONS**

Check ashland.or.us/swim for updated swim schedule and session details

Check the pool website, ashland.or.us/Swim, for the 2022 Summer Schedule in May. Information about swim lessons will be posted at this time and registration will open by mid-May for summer lessons.

For questions email ParksInfo@ashland.or.us or call 541.488.5340. After June 6, you may reach the pool directly at 541.488.0313.

If you are interested in employment at the pool, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact us at ParksInfo@ashland.or.us. We are recruiting and training lifeguard and swim instructor staff... gain experience, build your resume, and start building your skill set. Lifeguards and Swim Instructors will receive on-the-job paid training and certification including First Aid, CPR/AED, StarGuard Elite Lifeguard Certification, and Starfish Aquatic Institute Swim Lesson Instructor Certification.

The pool is located in Hunter Park at 1705 Homes Ave. As you may know, the pool is aging, as it is now nearly 30 years old. We will post updates on a pool rebuild at ashland.or.us/Swim. It is our goal to ensure the current pool is running smoothly for the 2022 Summer Season for all of our customers.

Our website will post relevant information regarding COVID protocols as directed by the Oregon Health Authority.



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For a complete list of our summer events

See pp 20-21

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Dates:
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get to know your parks



Lithia Park near Lower Duck Pond



*Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool—Opens mid-Jun
Photo Bob Palermi*



*Garfield Park Splash Pad
Opens Memorial Weekend —Photo Bob Palermi*



Swim Reservoir in Lithia Park

WONDERING WHAT YOU AND YOURS CAN EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER OUTDOORS?

- Swim at the Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool in Hunter Park or at the Swim Reservoir in Lithia Park
- Take the kids to the splash pad at Garfield Park (The splash pad will open for the season on Memorial Day Weekend)
- Enjoy a picnic in Lithia Park
- Walk the Demonstration Gardens at North Mountain Park
- Check out the dog friendly walk in downtown Ashland that takes you on a nice 5K loop around Lithia Park
- Take a walk-through time at Briscoe Geology Park where you can learn the history of Earth and Ashland's geology place in that history
- Go on a hike or bike ride - we offer 53 miles of trails in and around Ashland
- 766 acres of parkland that includes 19 parks

Fun, it's in our Nature!

For summer events in Lithia Park, such as the guided Nature Walks, Silent Disco, Movies in the Park and the City Band summer concert series, please visit ashland.or.us/LithiaHappenings.



facilities & amenities



The Grove



Senior Center



Nature Center



*Daniel Meyer Memorial Pool
Photo Bob Palermini*

FACILITIES

THE GROVE—The Grove houses our Recreation Division and is located at 1195 E Main St in Ashland. The center is a place where you can register for a program, get a map or gift certificate, apply for a scholarship, reserve a facility or just stop by to say, 'hello!'

ASHLAND SENIOR CENTER—The Ashland Senior Center is typically open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The center is located at 1699 Homes Ave in Ashland. Learn more about the center and about our Senior Services Division on p 4.

NORTH MOUNTAIN PARK NATURE CENTER—The North Mountain Park Nature Center is at 620 N Mountain Ave in Ashland, adjacent to Bear Creek. The park offers a Nature Center, Demonstration Gardens, sports fields, wildlife friendly open space and trails. Learn more about this park on p 9.

DANIEL MEYER MEMORIAL POOL— Our seasonal pool is located at 1705 Homes Ave in Hunter Park. The pool is open June to early September each year and offers rec swim, lap swim, water fitness, swim lessons, swim camps and more! Learn more about this outdoor pool on p 14.

Park Site Rentals

We offer many outdoor sites for rentals, from the Butler Memorial Bandshell in Lithia Park to pavilions to picnic areas.

Sports Fields

We offer field rentals to local youth & adult sports organizations!

Planning an Event for the Public?

Complete our online Special Event Application.

AMENITIES

We offer sports courts, a Splash Pad in the summer, Skate Park, Dog Park, outdoor swimming pool, playgrounds, picnic shelters and more!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!



special events

45TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY RUN

This event is a fundraiser for the Ashland & Phoenix high School Cross Country Teams!

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Register at: ashland.or.us/JulyRun



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The beloved Ashland Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Parade is back this year and will take place after the 4th of July Run! For more information on the parade and festivities following the parade, visit AshlandChamber.com

Ashland Celebrates Pollinator Week

As a Bee City USA, the City of Ashland celebrates Pollinator Week, every year!

Let's just acknowledge that thousands of pollinator species are essential partners in producing much of our food supply. Pollinators also provide environmental benefits that are necessary to maintain healthy, diverse urban ecosystems that enhance our quality of life. Because APRC maintains so many landscapes that include gardens and wildlife habitats, we love our pollinators!

Learn about Bee City USA Ashland our Approved Pollinator Garden Program here: ashland.or.us/bee-city. During Pollinator Week, June 20-26, watch our social media for pollinator education.



Since 2015

Do you or a friend have a garden that pollinators love? Consider nominating it and be recognized! Our Approved Pollinator Garden program encourages homeowners, businesses, schools, organizations, farmers and gardeners to create pollinator habitats. Qualifying gardens will be recognized with a Bee City USA-Ashland garden sign and will have the opportunity to be included on Ashland's annual Pollinator Garden Tour.



special events



Ashland World Music Festival every Memorial Weekend!

See p 15 for details

Senior Events!

For information on events this summer with our Senior Services Division, please visit AshlandSeniorServices.org and view upcoming events.

Bike Swap

Sat, APR 30, Noon-2:30pm
THE GROVE, 1195 E Main St, Ashland



- ✓ DROP-OFF YOUR BIKE or ACCESSORIES TO SELL/DONATE:
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Fri, APR 29, 5-7pm, or Sat, Apr 30, 8-10am at The Grove
- ✓ ADMISSION: FREE—Donations Appreciated
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NATURE PLAY CELEBRATION!

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community opportunities

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

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– *The Tempest*, William Shakespeare

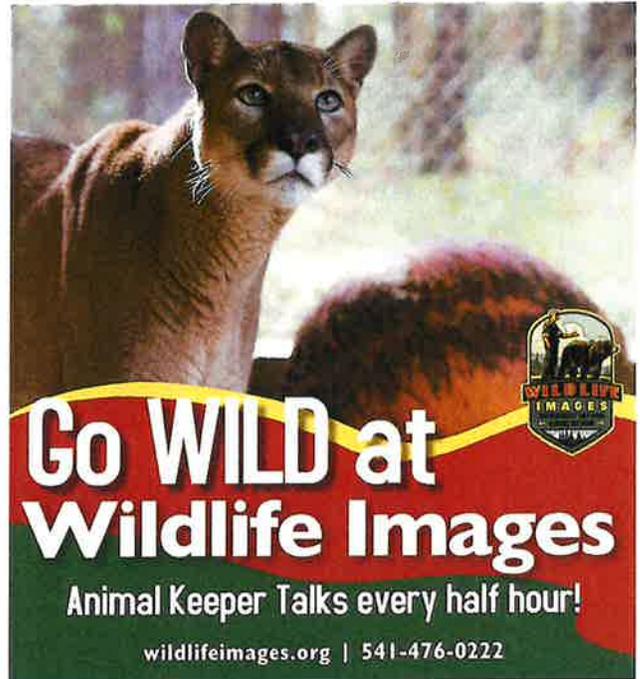


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volunteer in parks

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Ashland Parks Youth Conservation Corps

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Dates: Sessions 1 - June 13-16 | Session 2 - June 27-30

Other Opportunities

- Park Clean-ups
- Ashland World Music Festival
- Nature Center Gardeners
- Lithia Park Hosts & Guides

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- Dog Park | *Friends of the Ashland Dog Park*
- Garden Way Park | *The Soroptimists*
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- Heirloom Garden at Nature Center | *Ashland Garden Club*
- Hunter Park | *Ashland Tennis & Fitness Club & TKE Iota-Delta, Southern Oregon*
- Lithia Park Japanese Garden | *Barbara Settles, Nitsa Marcandonatou, Carrie Chancellor and Carol Stella*
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- Scenic Park | *Ashland High School Robotics Team*
- Siskiyou MT Park | *The Zaffaroni Family*

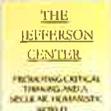
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how to participate in public meetings



We encourage your participation...

The Ashland Parks & Recreation Commission holds Regular Business Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month either in Council Chambers or electronically. Study Sessions are typically held the first Wednesday of each month electronically.

We currently have the following Subcommittees:

Bee City USA

Current Parks, Conservation and Maintenance

Golf Course

Long Range Park Planning

Recreation Division Advisory Committee (RDAC)

Ashland Senior Advisory Committee (ASAC)

Trails Master Plan Review

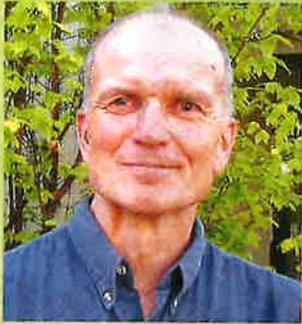
Instructions for taking part in a public meeting are always included in the agendas. Options for participation include: submitting written comments before the meeting, watching or attending the meeting or providing oral testimony during the meeting.

Learn more about Commission on page 28
More information in general at AshlandParksandRec.org



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Meet the Parks and Recreation Commissioners



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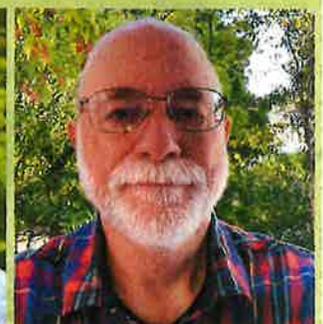
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Since 1908, APRC has been overseen by an elected Commission, when the City of Ashland set aside property for parkland, authorized a permanent tax levy to fund Parks & established the first Commission. These actions were part of a City Charter amendment, overwhelmingly adopted by Ashland voters.

—See p 27 to learn how to participate in public meetings or provide public comment

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The mission of APRC is to provide and promote recreational opportunities and to preserve and maintain public lands. Our values are: COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, PRIDE in WORK, STEWARDSHIP.

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On occasion, APRC photographs participants enrolled in recreation programs, at events or on APRC properties. The photos are used for APRC purposes only and may be included in APRC media.

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If you are planning a public event or outdoor activity in a park, please complete our online application at ashland.or.us/SpecialEventApplication.

Facility & Park Rentals

APRC facilities and specified park locations can be rented for private events such as weddings, receptions, meetings, picnics and family gatherings. Complete info at ashland.or.us/Facility.

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