

What's going on in Ashland?

As an elderly widow I'm blessed to have the means to get me through this increasingly dependent stage of life.

I'm appalled by news of a plan to charge Food & Friends for facility usage and to deprive seniors of staff and socialization activities they rely on. What is Ashland turning into?

Our budget has doubled over the mayor's eight years in office but doesn't cover our needs.

We can't afford more police officers, can't fund a study for our ever-worsening parking problem, and fought full payment to citizens for damages city negligence caused to their homes. Why?

Our city administrator left last winter with a very healthy dollar settlement and praise for his work but no clear explanation as to why the mayor had wanted him to go and the council agreed. Why?

When a concerned citizen -- with specifics given by city staff -- suggested that a change to tax revenue allocation might resolve a particular funding problem, the mayor broke "public comment" protocol to argue. Why?

We can spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on welcome signs that no longer welcome and grand art works that run counter to the directives in the Public Art Commission's own Master Plan. Why?

Does anybody know?
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