

Recall drive underway

Even as a committee studies ways to change Ashland Parks & Recreation's senior program, a drive to recall three elected members of the Parks & Recreation Commission is underway. Backed by a group called Ashland Support Our Seniors (Ashland SOS), papers were taken out last week in response to a controversial plan to modify Senior Center operations adopted by the commission in August, including dismissal of the center director.

The three commissioners are Mike Gardiner, Rick Landt and Jim Lewis. Petition gatherers have 90 days from when papers were taken out on Nov. 8 to collect 1,566 valid signatures and turn them in to the city recorder, who would then have 35 days in which to hold an election.

SOS has announced volunteers will be at the Washington Federal meeting room, 175 Lithia Way Suite 101, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until the recall is finished, organizer said.