

Town of Ashland

"ASHLAND DAY" COMMITTEE

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The Ashland Day Committee is made up of all volunteers from the business and municipal sectors of the town as well as residents. It oversees the following:

Ashland Day

Held on the third Saturday of September (this year 9/15/18) it is a field day celebrating community with the selection of a Grand Marshall and a Citizen of the Year. Over 100 booths, featuring crafts, community groups, municipal departments and more. Amusement rides for the kids, a petting zoo, bike parade, music and an Auction the night before at the American Legion. This is our 33rd year. A large food tent is set up where local restaurants and other food establishments sell their wares.

Summer Concert Program

Concerts on Tuesday nights at Stone Park from the end of June through August featuring all types of music. This year we are featuring a Beatles tribute band on one night.

Children's Movie Night

On Thursday nights at 7PM we have **Free** G & PG movies with **free** popcorn at the Stone Park Pavilion.

Halloween Parade and Party

The kids gather at Montenegro Square march with Fire and Police Department escorts to the Mindess School where costume judging by age group is done with the awarding of \$25 gift cards to the 9 or more winners after which, all receive snacks, juice and a bag full of candy.

Holiday Lighting

Weather permitting the 1st Saturday in December. The Ashland Fire Explorer group decorate trees downtown with lights. Private groups set up a Manger scene and a Menorah. A Santa house is in the parking lot downtown. Free raffle tickets are passed out to all kids for a chance at up to 5 bikes. We do a countdown and then turn the lights on for Santa to arrive. Each child gets to sit in Santa's lap, give their requests and receive a candy cane.

Additionally, we help out financially with the sandwich for shut ins program, food for the Ashland Food Pantry, help the Ashland Coalition for Teens, the Ashland Fire Explorers & much more.

Funding

We solicit heavily our business community and get a very good response from small businesses, local groups such as the Lions, Knights of Columbus, Police and Firefighters Association and anyone else we can put the arm on to keep this going. We have a live Auction the night before to raise funds. We are a Non-Profit group.

William F. Gath Chairman, Ashland Day Committee