

80 Years Since Hiroshima & Nagasaki

August 6, 2025



Remembering...So We Won't Repeat



Lead Sponsors: Peace House, One Sunny Day Initiatives, South Mountain Friends, Pachamama Alliance, Southern Oregon Peace Vets

Celebrate Peace & No Nukes
Dance and Enjoy Great Food!
 6-9 pm ♦ Aug. 8

Bellview Grange
 1050 Tolman Creek Road, Ashland




Featuring the dance band Blue Lightning and the Cajun-Creole cooking of Chef Curtis Leon Paul

Menu includes:
 Smoked chicken & pork; chimichurri & wild mushroom/fennel cream sauce; red beans & rice; Cajun potato salad; fresh fruit cobbler.
 Vegetarian option: smoked tofu jambalaya. Also, gluten-free options available. Wine & beer – no-host bar.

Tickets @ Eventbrite (Search "No Nukes" or use QR code on left).
 Questions? E-mail info@PeaceHouse.net

Commemorate the victims of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings of Aug. 6 & 9, 1945, and celebrate a world without nuclear war in the 80 years since. Proceeds benefit the work of Peace House.



CITY OF ASHLAND
Better Together

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI DAY

WHEREAS, Ashland's public commitment to end the threat of nuclear catastrophe dates back to 1982, when its citizens passed a ballot measure declaring the city a Nuclear Free Zone. The non-profit organization Peace House grew out of that effort in 1983. The 2024 Rogue Valley Hiroshima Nagasaki Vigil marks the 39th consecutive year commemorating the atomic bombings of those cities.

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WHEREAS, Ashland became a Mayors for Peace city in 1998, responding to a global invitation from the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons. As of July 1, 2025, there are 8,497 Mayors for Peace cities in 166 nations, including 230 in the United States and eight in Oregon.

WHEREAS, in addition to promoting safe and resilient cities, and a culture of peace, Mayors for Peace supports the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted in July 2017. It entered into force January 2021 and is legally binding on the 70 governments that have ratified it thus far. Another 23 have signed and await ratification.

WHEREAS, The Oregon Legislature passed Senate Joint Memorial 5 in 2019, calling on the President and Congress to lead global efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear war.

WHEREAS, Ashland is home to two living Hiroshima Peace "ambassadors" grown from seeds of trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. The Peace Ginkgo is near Thalden Pavilion on the Southern Oregon University campus, and the Peace Camellia is near the entrance of Lithia Park's Japanese Garden.

WHEREAS, in June of 2024, the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution urging the President and Congress to increase dialogue with other nuclear-armed nations, and work to reduce tensions and explore risk reduction strategies together.

WHEREAS, From August 6-9, concerned citizens, civic organizations and faith communities in Ashland and the Rogue Valley will commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, remember all victims of nuclear weapons development and testing, and renew commitments to prevent such weapons from ever being used again.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tonya Graham, on behalf of the City of Ashland, do hereby proclaim
 August 6, 2025, as "Hiroshima Day" and August 8, 2024, as "Nagasaki Day"

I invite all citizens to participate in the local Hiroshima - Nagasaki Vigil activities.
 In Ashland we are Better Together.

Dated this 5th day of August 2025.

Tonya Graham, Mayor
 City of Ashland, Oregon
 August 6, 2024




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Ashland First United Methodist Church, Ashland United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church of Ashland, Medford United Church of Christ, Rogue Valley Peace Choir, Social Justice & Action Team of RVUUF, Southern Oregon Japanese Assn, Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice, St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Medford, Trinity Episcopal Church of Ashland

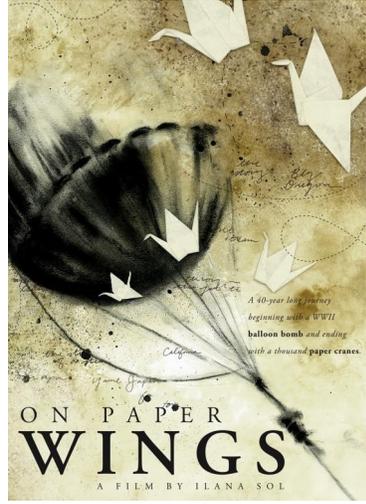


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