



NEWS FROM THE CITY



May Flowers are A Blooming!

After such an interesting Spring, May the Summer begin!! The month of May has been a busy one. School is winding down with the seniors preparing for graduation. We want to congratulate all the Seniors and wish them the very best in success with all of their future endeavors.

With the rising temperatures and longer days, being outside is becoming more and more of a draw to many. Please remember that our waterways are moving fast with the spring runoff. Caution should be taken when playing and spending time in and around our many waterways.

May was also when the City Water department took its next step in complying with

the EPAs Lead and Copper Revision Rule Inventory. Information along with a survey was mailed to all water users with the hopes that everyone who has received one will take the time to fill it out and return the survey.

The last page of this newsletter provides more information. For those who chose to complete the survey and return it to the city offices prior to June 30th, will receive a \$20 credit on the following months water bill.



Picture taken by Michelle Smith

May 2023

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Calendar Key

City Council Meeting	Yellow
Public Hearing	Light Blue
Planning Zoning Meeting	Dark Blue
Utility Bill Payment Due Date	Red
Utility Bill Mailing Date	Green
City Building Closed	Orange
Holiday Garbage Pickup	Purple

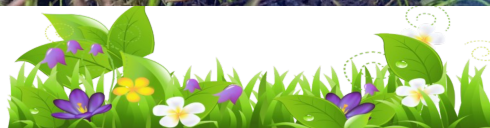
Spring Cleanup

This years Spring Cleanup is June 12th—19th

Please have only materials such as branches, grass, weeds, and other natural green waste for pickup. All other types of garbage will be left and is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Ashton City Pool

The City pool will be opening on June 12th. Hours will be posted on the City Website.





Mental Health Awareness Month 2023

Being healthy incorporates so much more than just taking care of our physical bodies. While that is important, there is a large part of our health that often affects our many aspects of how we feel and function throughout each day. It is often overlooked or hidden for a myriad of reasons that often stem from fear of not being accepted.

Our mental health is an essential component of being healthy. It is time to remove the stigma that so often accompanies the topic of mental health and strive to make the diagnosis and treatment as accepted and tolerated as we do all other health concerns. Helping our children and those around us to feel acceptance without judgment can be a pow-

erful tool in combating the stigma that often accompanies these issues.

If you or anyone you know is struggling, please do not hesitate to reach out to them. Below are several resources that may provide the help that is needed.



Resources

988 Idaho's Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or Text 988 at any time or

<https://call988idaho.com>

<https://www.idahobha.org/resources/>

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/behavioral-health>

Each week this month has a special focus and message, they are all listed below.

- Week 1—Acceptance and support. **“When it come to mental health, small actions equal big impact.”**
- Week 2—Strategies for managing mental health—what does self-care look like to you? **“Self care is**

important to your mental health.”

- Week 3—Promoting acceptance and compassion. **“We play a part in one another’s mental wellness.”**
- Week 4—Encouraging individual to seek help and supporting others. **“Let’s support each other and**

make it okay to reach out and seek help whenever we need it.”

- Week 5—Hope and Positivity. **“No matter the situation, there is always help and there is always hope”**





Ashton Police Department

As we move from winter to spring, please be aware the City of Ashton has ordinances for weed abatement. You are required to keep your properties mowed to prevent noxious weeds from propagating seed. If you have questions or need help with weed control, contact the Fremont County Extension Agent, they are a great resource and are willing to help.

The city has an ordinance for keeping your property free of refuse as well. This ordinance includes unregistered vehicles, car parts, none operating vehicles including ATVs, snowmobiles, wood and metal debris etc. Unregistered vehicles must be kept covered or in a garage.

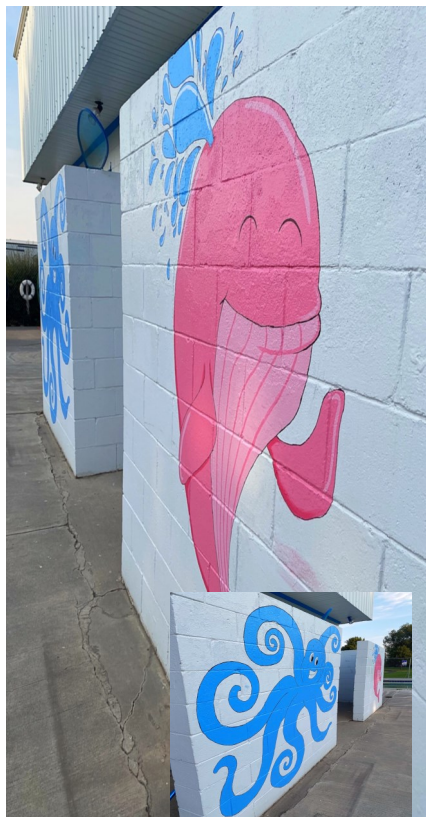
I will be sending out violation letters around the end of May to violators. The violator has 15 days to comply with the weed ordinance and refuse ordinance or they may be cited for the violation. I do my best to work with property owners to get them into compliance if there is progress and effort from the property owner.

Thank you and have a great spring.

—Chief Griffel



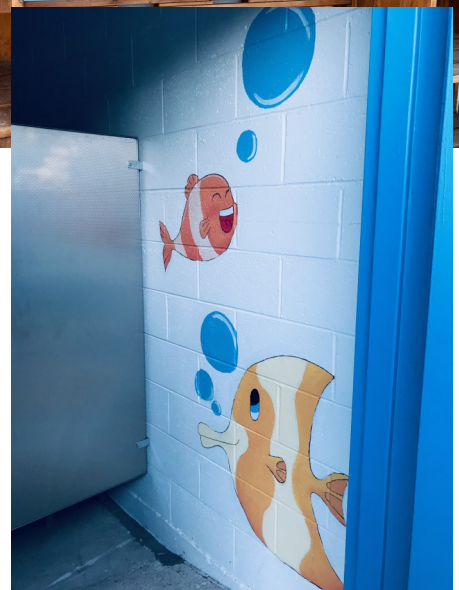
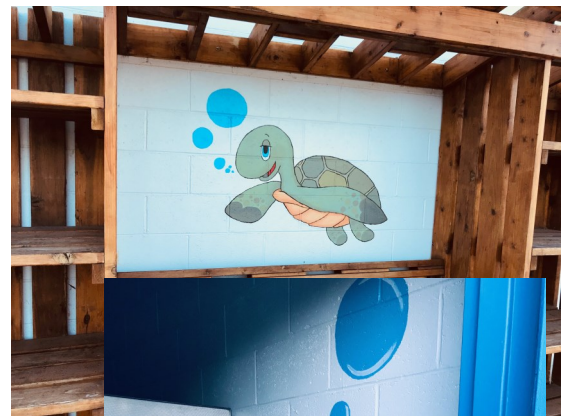
Thank you Rylee!!



Last fall Rylee Mecham spent several weeks creating some very fun creatures at our city pool.

The Mayor and Council were very impressed and will present Riley with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of her hard work.

We encourage everyone to come visit and see these great additions to our community pool



Lead & Copper Revision Rule (LCRR)

With the creation of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in 1991, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has continued its work towards eliminating lead contaminants from the Country’s drinking water.

In December of 1991, revisions were finalized to the LCR, with detailed inventory guidelines being released in December of 2022. These guidelines provide direction on the creation of a service line inventory that will become a dataset of information that will be continually updated as more information and changes are made to the city’s water system. This document will be used to identify

what aspects of our system may contain lead and the timeline for replacing those lines.

The deadline for the creation and publication of this document is October of 2024.

The City of Ashton routinely tests for several contaminants that may affect the drinking water quality. Testing for lead is done every three years. The City’s results have consistently been below the required levels. This information is published on the State of Idaho Environmental website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or come to the city offices.

Test Swab Instructions

The survey kits that were mailed last week included a 3M Lead-Check test swab. This swab can be used to test if the service water line coming into your home contains lead.



Next to the water line coming into your home, Take the test swab and squeeze the body of the swab between the A and B marks. You may have to squeeze harder than first thought.

Once the vial inside the cardboard body breaks. Turn the swab so that the cotton end is downwards so that the yellow test liquid can absorb into the cotton tip. You may have to squeeze the vial a couple of times.



Once the yellow liquid has saturated the cotton end. Place the cotton end on the water pipe . Hold the cotton end onto the pipe for at least 30 seconds.



If the cotton turns red, or pink, that is a positive reaction.

If there is no reaction, you can check the swab to verify that it is working by putting the cotton end onto the confirm test circle. This circle is located on the instruction paper towards the bottom. It is the small glued attachment.

If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to call or come by the City offices.



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Regular City Council meetings are held each month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For specific dates & other meeting information please refer to our website:

www.cityofashton.com