

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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City Website Update



There is a new look at the City's website. You can check it out at www.cityofashton.com.

At the top of the homepage there is a link to click to pay your city utilities. The city's phone number is listed close to the top also for a quick link to call the City Building for information.

Next there are 6 tabs to click for more information. The Departments link has 4 choices for those wishing for more information on the City Council, Planning & Zoning, Police Department or Urban Renewal.

The Xpress Bill Pay link takes you to the website to set up auto

pay, scheduled payments or make a one time payment on city utilities, permits, swimming lessons, etc.

The City Council page offers information on city government as well as pdf versions of City Council minutes.

The Planning and Zoning page has several application links as well as minutes of the P&Z Commission meetings.

The Police Department page gives information on the department and the Urban Renewal page has minutes from the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency.

The Gallery tab has several photos taken

around the city.

The News tab has copies of the City's newsletters.

The City Code tab takes you to Ashton's City code or laws. The code is where you see the laws that are specific to the City of Ashton.

The Covid -19 tab lists covid information for citizens.

There are links at the bottom of each page to the websites for the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce, Fremont County, iCourts and Xpress Bill Pay.

The website is still under construction with more items to be added. Right now the Mayor and Council are hoping to add more photos of Ashton in the gallery.

If you have a photo you would like to have in the gallery, please send it to cityclerk@ashtonid.gov

Thank you!



JUNE 2022

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AUGUST 2022

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Calendar Key

City Council Meeting	Yellow
Public Hearing	Cyan
Utility Bill Payment Due Date	Red
Utility Bill Mailing Date	Green
City Building Closed	Orange
Holiday Garbage Pickup	Purple

City Cleanup



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ASHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Greg Griffel

The Independence Day celebration will again include a parade and activities in the city park. We will be closing Main Street for the parade and detouring traffic to Idaho Street. Detour signs will be posted with traffic direction. When leaving the parade by vehicle please use the back streets. If you attend the city park activities, please park off of the street as to not block a lane of traffic.

We continue to receive complaints and respond to illegal fireworks being used in the city limits. Basically, if the firework flies, it is illegal and cannot be purchased in Idaho unless you acquire a permit through the state of Idaho. Even with a permit those types of fireworks cannot legally be used in the city limits of Ashton and will not be allowed. There will be no fireworks permits allowed in the city limits of Ashton. Firecrackers are

illegal in the state of Idaho as well as within the city limits. Because of the number of complaints and the fact that sound easily carries throughout the town, we will respond to complaints and your illegal fireworks may be confiscated. You may receive one verbal warning to stop the use of those fireworks. If you continue to launch illegal fireworks after the verbal warning you will be cited for disturbing the peace, a misdemeanor crime. Please remember we have an assisted living center in Ashton where occupants are aged and in bed early. Please don't spend your money on expensive fireworks just to have our department confiscate and destroy them. The North Fremont Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce have a great firework display free to the public so please support them and their fundraiser.

Our department and the Ashton

City Office receive many calls about the number of stray or feral cats in town. I understand it is difficult to witness these cats appearing to be hungry or lacking in care. Please do not set food out for the feral cats as you are creating other issues, especially if you are leaving food out at night. In neighborhoods where food is left out, the skunk population increases along with racoons, coyotes and yes, an occasional mountain lion. Allow the feral cats to be controlled naturally by letting them fend for themselves which in turn controls the population and the spread of disease to your pets. If financially possible you are welcome to have cats spade or neutered. Often the veterinary clinics will give a price break for feral animals.

Thank you and have a safe summer season.



Yard of the Month



Mayor Mattingly is happy to

announce that the first Yard of the Month certificate has been awarded to Donna Griffel.

Donna is now 94 years young and is a long time Ashton area resident. She reported that her peonies will be

blooming soon so please take a drive down 9th Street and check them out!

Please keep watching for the next City of Ashton Yard of the Month.

Happy summer everyone!





Wipes and Wastewater

Remember this photo

from late last year? There are still wipes ending up at the wastewater facility. These wipes are causing serious problems.

There are now products that are sold to replace toilet paper. These products usually have the term 'flushable' on the packaging. Many customers also think Sanitizing wipes and baby wipes are flushable. Of course, these products will flush down your toilet **BUT they are not biodegradable.**

As the wipes arrive at the City's wastewater treatment facility they often get caught in the large fans (or aerators) which are used to help process the sewage. This can stop the aerators and sometimes burn up (ruin) the motors.

Stopping the aeration also affects the ability of the facility to process (or digest) the sewage in order to clean it for use on the city's land application site.

These pictures were taken at the city's wastewater treatment facility on November 4th, 2021. The operators take a boat to get out to the aerators to try to pry the wipes out

of the motors. The top photo shows the wipes wrapped on the blades of an aerator.

It is difficult to work on the aerators. The city's public works department employees spend many hours trying to keep the facility working.

Please only flush toilet paper and human waste. Anything else can cause problems with the sewer system.



Summer Street Work



There are a couple of Idaho Transportation Department concerning projects that will be happening in the area surrounding Ashton this summer.

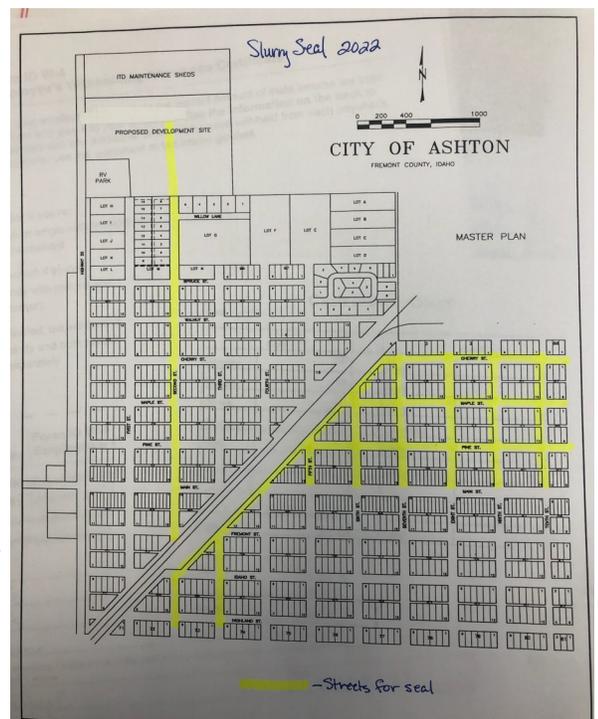
The signal light at the corner of US-20 and SH- 47 will be installed this year. H-K Contractors were awarded the bid on the project. They have started moving items for the project into town at their staging area at the old high school lot. There have been some supply chain issues with stop light poles but most construction should be completed in the fall. Public meetings during the discussion will be held at the City

Building starting Wednesday, June 15th. Please enter through the Main Street entrance.

The paving on SH-47 from the Ashton City limits to Bear Gulch is now slated to begin on July 6th. The contractor is hoping to complete the construction by mid-August.

The City will also be joining in by doing a slurry seal on another portion of the city streets. **The streets that will be sealed are shown in the map to the right in yellow.** The contractor will begin the week following the 4th of July and should complete the project at the end of that week.

Construction is never fun to navigate but the outcome should help with safety. The city hopes that everyone will be careful and patient throughout these construction projects.



Ashton Swimming Pool



The Ashton Swimming Pool will open for the 2022 summer season on June 14th.

The Pool is feeling the national lifeguard shortage and will open with no lifeguards on duty. This will mean that there will be a **capacity limit of 35 swimmers** at the pool.

Swimmers 13 and younger are required to have an adult with them in the water. Adults can not just watch from the side, they must be in the water with the child.

The City will have a 'live' count on the City's website at www.cityofashton.com that parents can check before they head over to the pool.

Also, the pool hours are going to be a little different with more chances for families to swim together.

LAP SWIM will start at 8 am and end at 11 am. The cost for lap swim will be \$2.00 per person.

OPEN SWIM will be at 1 pm to 5 pm and costs \$3.50 per person.

NIGHT SWIM will be from 6 to 8pm and will cost \$2.00 per person.

Please come and enjoy some sun at the Ashton City Pool!



**Pool
Opens
June 14th!**

**Ashton
Swimming
Pool**
Call 652-7800
For Pool Parties

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular City Council meetings are held each month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The City Council's P&Z Meeting is each 1st Wednesday of the month. For specific dates & other meeting information please refer to our website: www.cityofashton.com



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