



# NEWS FROM THE CITY

## New Year and Interesting Visitors

2023 is officially here and with it has come some pretty interesting weather. Snow, rain, slush and fog all seem to have graced the first weeks of this new year. With all of this added snow our snow plow drivers would like to remind everyone that their visibility is limited.

Please be aware of this when your children are playing on the snow piles that the plows are creating.

Most importantly, please do not let your children create tunnels or snow forts in the snow berms that the city plows are creating.

Did you hear? The Ashton City Park had some interesting visitors. The new year brought a mother moose and her calf to town. While this can be an



awesome sight, moose can be very dangerous, especially a mother with her calf.

Efforts by the Ashton police department to calmly guide these two moose to a more safe area were hampered by curious onlookers who blocked the path looking for a picture or a better view. This created some

difficulties and could have been problematic. Please do not interfere when law enforcement are trying to safely move wildlife from populated areas.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game were called in to assist with the safe relocation of this mother and her calf.



### January 2023

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### February 2023

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### March 2023

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

# Happy Retirement to a good friend!



The close of 2022 brought the retirement of Brett Griffel.

He is a local resident, growing up in Squirrel and graduating from North Fremont High School. Brett has worked for the City before, starting as a Ashton City Police Officer before moving on to other opportunities. Brett came back to the City, experienced, highly qualified and with numerous licenses that were a tremendous benefit to our community. Brett has been with the City for the last 5 years as the Waste Water Supervisor and his presence and fun humor will be greatly missed.



**SAVE THE DATES!!**

## 2023 Garbage Pick-up Schedule

**New Year's Day – No delay due to the holiday being on Sunday**

**Memorial Day – Monday through Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**

**4th of July – Tuesday through Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**

**Labor Day – Monday through Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**

**Thanksgiving – Thursday and Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**

**Christmas Day – Monday through Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**

**New Years Day 2024 – Monday through Friday pick ups will be delayed one day.**





# Ashton Police Department

Old man winter will undoubtedly appear this year so let's be prepared for winter road conditions and low temperatures. It's important to have blankets, warm coats, flares, a shovel, snacks that won't spoil (granola bars), a first aid kit, a cell phone charger, and water in your vehicle just in case you are stranded. Remember to check weather conditions between destinations. With our winter conditions you could be stranded close to your home with no help so please be prepared. Do not drive around "road closed" gates and signs. If you get stranded

and require help you may be risking the first responder's safety as well as your own. Disobeying road closure signs is a criminal act. Drive safe and slow down when conditions are slick or snowy. Give yourself ample time for braking, stopping, turning, and entering intersections. Please watch for pedestrians at the crosswalks. Please be cautious driving the back streets and watch for children playing in the snow. The speed limit on all of our back streets is 20 MPH but drive for current conditions. If you are leaving town this

winter for warmer weather, please be sure the doors on your home and outbuildings are locked. If you are leaving for an extended period of time, you may contact our office and ask for our department to keep an eye on your property.

Chief Greg Griffel



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2023  
**American Dog Derby**  
 Ashton, Idaho February 17-18

THE OLDEST DOG SLED RACE IN THE LOWER 48

**RACE TO BE HELD IN ASHTON, SNOW CONDITIONS PERMITTING OR BEAR GULCH IF NOT**

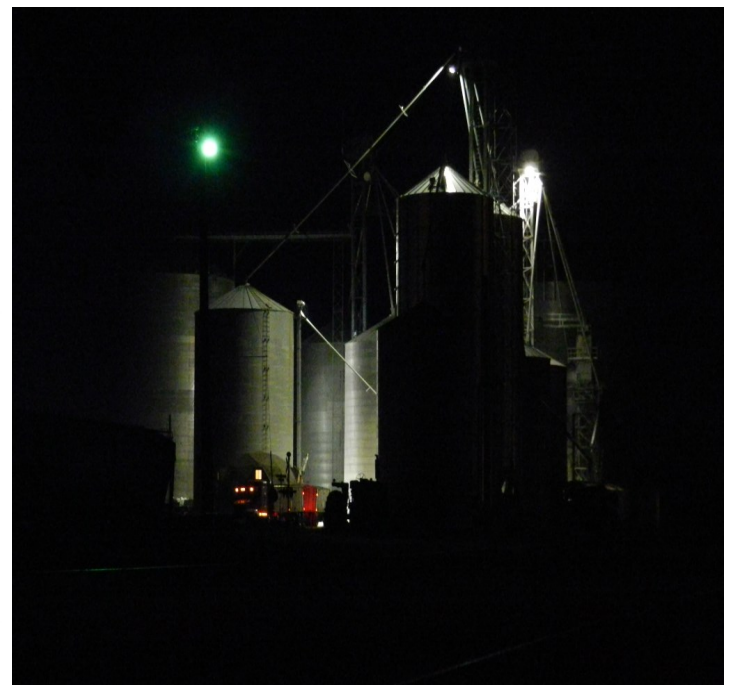
**HISTORIC RACES**  
 MUSHER RACES, NOVICE YOUTH RACE, JUNIOR RACE, & SKIJORING

**MUSHER'S EVENTS**  
 RACES START FRI SAT 8:30 A.M.  
 -AWARDS CEREMONY AT STARTING AREA AFTER RACES

**SPECTATOR EVENTS**  
 - MEET THE MUSHERS THUR 2-7 PM  
 - SOUP CHALLENGE FRI @ 5PM  
 - CHILDREN'S SNOWSHOE RACE  
 - MUTT RUN - WEIGHT PULL

Souvenirs available at meet the mushers and soup challenge events.

Events subject to changes due to snow conditions. Check our website or Facebook page for updates.  
 ADVERTISING AND VENDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE - FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
 John Scafe - Race Director Phone: 208-360-0988 Email: racedirector@americandogderby.com



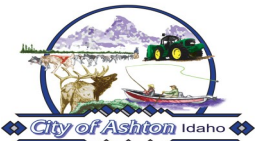
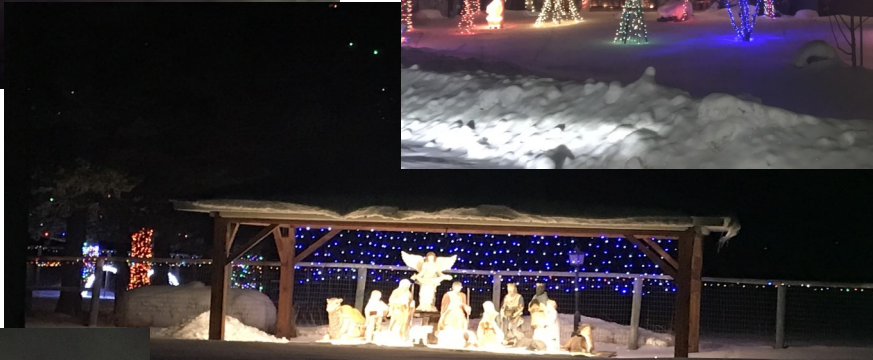
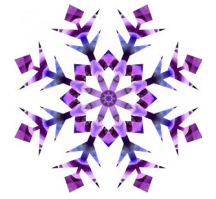
Moonlight Harvest

Photo: Greg Griffel





# Lights Around Ashton



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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](http://www.cityofashton.com)