

NEWS FROM THE CITY

Marching In Like a LION

February ended in a swirl of snow and wind that seemed to leave us all breathless! The first days of March gave us a chance to breathe and then Mother Nature gifted us with more snow, wind, and even rain! This has certainly kept our Public Works department quite busy.

March 20th is the Spring Equinox, the first day of Spring. This is the day of the year when we will have equal hours of daylight and darkness. This is also when our daylight will be progressive begin to become longer. It also means that regardless of the snow, spring is among us!

With the temperatures starting to rise the snow melt is going to be producing quite a lot of water throughout the community. Please take the

time to remove snow and ice from window wells and other areas around your home that may be an entry point for the snow runoff.

If you are able please take the time to see if a neighbor or elderly family needs help with moving snow and ice from around their homes.



Excess Snow and Ice on Roofs

The amount of snow and ice that we have had the past few weeks has been impressive and can cause several issues both to the exterior and interior of buildings. With the amount of snow and the fluctuating temperatures, the added weight may be problematic and can cause issues and damage to the roof. This can also increase the danger of roof collapse. There has been a couple of buildings that have experienced roof collapse this year.

Please take a look at your roof to see

if the snow and ice need to be removed.

There are several businesses in town that offer this service.



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May 2023

| Calendar Key | | | | |
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| City Council Meeting | | | | |
| Public Hearing | | | | |
| Planning Zoning Meeting | | | | |
| Utility Bill Payment Due Date | | | | |
| Utility Bill Mailing Date | | | | |
| City Building Closed | | | | |
| Holiday Garbage Pickup | | | | |



Community Happenings to Check Out



The City of Ashton is growing and like Spring there is a sense of change in the air! Ashton City Council meetings occur every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Our Mayor and City Council members would enjoy seeing members of the community at the council meetings. It is a great opportunity to find out what is going on around town and what may be going on in the future.

Any special meetings will be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting, on the website, in the newspaper and at the City building.

The City of Ashton also has a new Planning and Zoning Commission. This commission is comprised from members from the community. Their main focus is to facilitate the growth and development of Ashton.

Currently, the new Commission is looking at updating zoning regulations along with the Ashton City's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning and Zoning meetings occur every third Thursday at the city building.



Schedule of Upcoming Events at the Ashton Library

Story Hour **EVERY Tuesday at 11 a.m.**Every **Thursday at 1:30 pm** is **BUSY HANDS.**Everyone is welcome. Bring a craft and join us.

Mother Daughter Book Club is **Feb.23rd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Wheat Room.

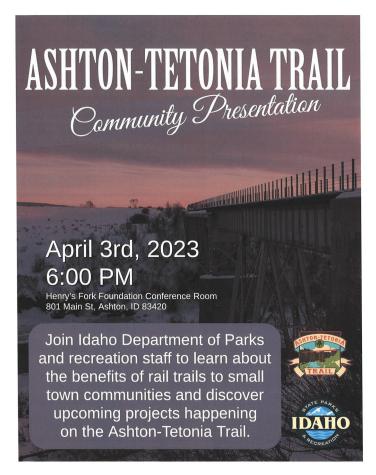
Ashton Book Club on **March 1**st at **2 p.m.** We will be discussing "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

Pruning class taught by Tom Jacobsen on Thurs. March 9th at 6:30 pm in the Wheat Room.

<u>Seed Starting</u> taught by Cicely Kuehl on Wed. <u>March</u> 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Pickle ball courts available during library hours. \$2/per person for 2 hours. We have nets, paddles and ball to borrow.

Kids Gym every Friday from 9-11 a.m. through April. \$2/per kid. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Ashton Police Department

March may have arrived but Spring is unfortunately a long time coming. The streets are narrow and the snowbanks are tall causing reduced visibility at intersections. Please be extra cautious when entering intersections.

Because the streets are narrow park your vehicles as far off the street as possible. We continue to have issues with vehicles being parked too close to the street which causes a bottleneck and makes the street narrower than it already is. This is a city ordinance violation for

obstructing snow removal and you may be cited for the violation.

Thank you.





Having the knowledge of how to respond and help during time of emergency or disasters can be helpful to you, your family, and even your neighbors. There are several classes that can be taken such as first aid, CPR, stop the bleed, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

Many of these classes can be taken by school age kids and can be an excellent opportunity for teens to become involved within their community.

While this CERT class has already started, this is an excellent educational opportunity. Please reach out to the contact information above to inquire about further classes or training opportunities.

What will you do in a disaster?

...Prepare now!

Gain skills to help your neighborhood in a time of crisis! www.EasternIdahoCERT.org





Classes include...

- **Learn Preparedness Skills**
- Fire Safety & Suppression
- **Earthquake and Hazard Awareness**
- **Conduct Damage Assessment**
- Disaster Medical Triage & Tre
- **Light Search and Rescu** Team Organization & Con
- Disaster Psychology
- Crime, Terrorism / Active Shooter Threats
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 - Organizing a response
 Extinguishing small fires
 Triaging and treating victims
 Search and Rescue
 Building searches
 Removing trapped victims



Free Academy starts

Thursday, March 9th

in Ashton, 6:30pm-9:30pm at Ashton Emergency Services Building 283 N. 7th, Ashton

(Course runs 10 weeks)

To Register email:

FCCERT@mail.com

or call 208-390-0721



Ashton Community Library 1st Annual Quilt Show



People's Choice Winner Quilt block Kim Goehhart





People's Choice Winner Quilt Susan Dway



City of Ashton

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Phone: 208-652-3987 Email: cityclerk@ashtoid.gov 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