



# NEWS FROM THE CITY



## April Showers & Spring Activities



Holy Snow Batman! How does the old saying go? In like a lamb, out like a lion. In like a lion, out like a lamb. Well, apparently the month of March decided to roar like a lion for its duration. Snow, wind, and decidedly un-Spring like weather was the forecast for most of the month. April hasn't been without its surprises either. However, there is a distinct feel of Spring in the air! The snow is

melting and the temperatures are mostly staying above zero. Over the last several months, the Streets Department has done a phenomenal job in trying to tame the snow on the city streets. Even with the rising temperatures, there is still quite a bit of snow. Please continue to be aware of any parking issues and potential blind spots that this may create.

Mark your calendars, the City's Spring Clean-up is scheduled for the 2nd week in June, the 12th thru the 16th. Please remember this is for green waste only. Tree limb, yard clippings, etc. Please do not put any household objects, metal, boards, nails, etc, in the waste piles.

## Summer Jobs!

Even though the snow is still on the ground, Spring is here and Summer will not be far behind. The City of Ashton is currently taking applications for the position of life guard at the City pool.

The City of Ashton is also looking to fill the Pool Supervisor position.

Qualifications and applications can be found on the City of Ashton website or at the city office building.



### April 2023

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### May 2023

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### June 2023

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#### Calendar Key

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

# Thoughts from the Preparedness Corner



Thoughts of preparing for times of emergency or hardship often focus on the subject of food and water supplies. There is so much more to consider when planning supplies for emergencies than just these items. Emergency storage and supplies need to reflect the uniqueness of your situation and family. In your supplies are there items to help keep kids entertained and occupied? Do you have a supply of toothpaste or deodorant?

Do you have a supply of needed medicines such as Tylenol Advil, Motrin, cough medications, allergy meds, and others? Are you able to obtain a supply of prescription medications that are taken daily? Are any of the important daily items included in your 72-hour bags?

Another good question to ask yourself is: do you know how to use your long term supply food items? Are you aware of expiration dates and what items that can be safely used after expiration?

During the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a lot of panic buying of food items, cleaning supplies, and yes, interestingly enough, toilet paper. People were buying anything and everything they could get their hands on. It made me wonder if some of those buying the multiple packets of yeast and flour understood how to store it properly and just how short of a shelf life some of our modern reiterations of staple items have.

How can you be better prepared if another pandemic arises?

## Notes from Public Works

### Do you know where your water meter is located?

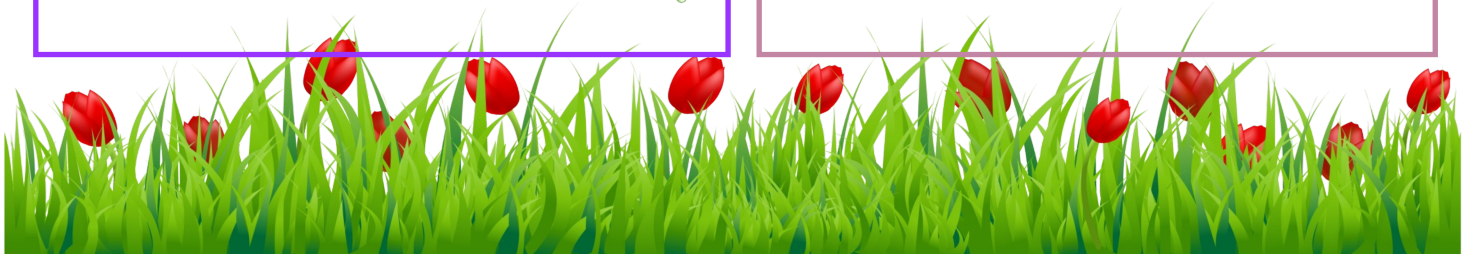
The Ashton City Water Department is asking for home and business owners to take a moment to find where their water meter is located. Please make sure that there are no heavy items, vehicles, or large piles of trash, placed or parked on top of the water meters.

Please also make sure that the water meter is accessible.

### Please DO NOT Flush wipes!!

Please do not flush wipes, sanitary items, napkins or other materials other than toilet paper.

Our sewer system is designed for toilet paper and the many other items that are being flushed down toilets are creating costly issues with the system.





# Ashton Police Department

It is once again that time of the year the kids drag their bicycle's out of storage and go mobile. If your children are riding in the dark be sure they are wearing some type of reflective clothing and their bicycles have reflectors on them. Bicycle lights are reasonably priced and look cool to the kids and also make them very visible to vehicle traffic. Please let your children know to be cautious and vigilant of vehicle traffic and to obey traffic laws such as stop signs and yield signs. If your children are riding on sidewalks please explain to your children the importance of being careful and courteous to people walking.

Now that the warm temperatures are here children will be outdoors playing. While driving our streets be cautious and observant of their location. The speed limit on all Ashton back streets is 20 mph.

Please be observant of the crosswalks and stop for pedestrians crossing Main Street. It is a state law

Thank you and have a great spring.



## Kudos on Facebook for Ashton Police Officer

The following post from Facebook was shared with the City of Ashton:

"The fun, adventure, and unpredictability about driving in the wide open spaces of our country – proving that it is all about the journey... Driving from Big Sky, Montana to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In the Idaho plains of Ashton, Idaho, we run into closed roads due to snow and winds and resulting drifts. Uh oh...We turn around with confusion about how to get to Jackson. Not paying attention, we get pulled over for a potentially minor infraction. We explained our predicament to the officer who was incredibly helpful, courteous and professional. He provide potential options, as many of the roads are closed. He then left

as we began to figure out or next steps. A few minutes late he came back and said he made a call and confirmed one of the routes was open—a long detour, but open! How awesome was that! He went above and beyond to help us out? Thank you Ashton Police?

Thank you Detective Owens!

City of Ashton, Idaho."







# Tastes of Spring

## Springtime Beignets & Berries

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 25 min. + chilling Cook: 25 min. **YIELD:** 4 dozen.

### Ingredients

1/4 cup butter, room temperature  
 3/4 cup sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons warm water (120° to 130°), divided  
 1/2 cup evaporated milk  
 1 package (1/4 ounce) quick-rise yeast  
 1 large egg  
 3-1/4 to 3-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
 Oil for deep-fat frying  
 Confectioners' sugar



### Directions

- 1. Beat butter, sugar, salt and cinnamon until crumbly. Beat in 1/2 cup water and evaporated milk. In another bowl, dissolve yeast in remaining 2 tablespoons water; add to milk mixture. Beat in egg until blended.
  - 2. Add 2 cups flour; mix until well blended. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky). Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
3. Bring dough to room temperature. On a floured surface, roll dough into a 16x12-in. rectangle. Cut into 2-in. squares. In a deep cast-iron skillet or deep-fat fryer, heat oil to 375°. Drop beignets, a few at a time, into hot oil. Fry until golden brown, about 1 minute per side. Drain on paper towels. Dust with confectioners' sugar. If desired, serve with assorted berries and whipped topping.



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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)

