



# NEWS FROM THE CITY



## Jumping into June!

Wow, this year just seems to be flying by! Summer is here! June 21st is the Summer Solstice and marks the official first day of Summer. It is the day of the year with the most hours of sunlight. It sounds like the perfect day to be outdoors!

School is out and this means that we have a lot of kids out and about. Please be aware when you are driving through the side streets, that many of our young ones may also be using the roads.

The Ashton City Pool is open! See below for times and prices. Come by and meet the new lifeguards and have some fun cooling off in the water.

The 4th of July is right around the corner. Don't forget to come out and join

the celebration throughout the town. The city pool will be open on the 4th from noon to 4.

If you are planning on having fireworks at your celebration, please take the time to make sure that the fireworks are legal to use in Idaho.

The City of Ashton Water Department would like to thank everyone who has returned their LCRR survey. This survey is essential in compiling the data inventory that is required. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the city offices. We would be happy to assist in any way.

If you have not returned your survey, there is still time to get it to the city offices before June 30th for a 20 dollar discount on your water bill.

### June 2023

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### August 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

## Ashton City Pool is OPEN!!



Open Monday thru Saturday:  
Lap Swim—9-11 AM

Open Swim—Noon to 5 PM

Night Swim—Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday—6-8 PM  
*Starting July 5th*

Private Parties Available

Monday, Friday & Saturday

Closed Sunday



Open Swim - \$ 3.50 per person

Lap Swim - \$ 2.00 per person

Swim Diapers - \$ 2.00 each

Pool Passes

5 swims for \$15.00

10 swims for \$ 30.00

15 swims for \$ 45.00

20 swims for \$ 60.00

25 swims for \$75.00

Questions? Contact the Ashton Pool at 652-7800.





## What's up in the City Park?

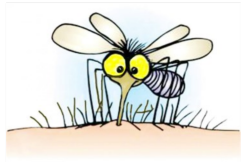
The City Park has been busy getting ready for some new occupants! A new playground is being built along with a new merry go round. Come visit the park and watch the progress for these projects!!



Home for the new merry go round



Our Mayor Tom Mattingly leading the charge for FUN!



## Summer Mosquito Abatement

Throughout this summer, the City of Ashton will be conducting a mosquito abatement program. The City is using a machine that provides Ultra-Low-Volume (ULV) spraying. ULV spraying is the process of distributing very small amounts of liquid into the air as a fine mist droplet. Less than a "shot glass" of mosquito spray is dispersed over an area the size of a football field (approx. 1 acre). The droplets float over the air currents and quickly reduce the number of mosquitoes that come in contact with them. The spray the City is using is Pursuit 4-4 and information on it is available at the City Building.

Community members can assist the City with the mosquito abatement program by accomplishing two maintenance chores at their homes. The first is to keep the grass trimmed. Long grass can be a nice area for mosquitoes to live and breed. The second is to check your yard for any item with standing water sitting in it. This could be an old tire or even a low spot that gets too much water. Water is essential for mosquitoes so removing items that collect it or watering less will assist in keeping the mosquito population down.

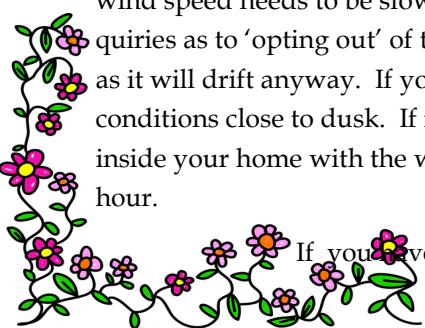
The City will be fogging in the evening when the mosquitoes are actively flying, typically around dusk. The wind speed needs to be slow and so there will be evenings when no fogging will occur. The City Office has had inquiries as to 'opting out' of the mosquito fogging. As the fog is carried by air currents it is not realistic to stop the fog as it will drift anyway. If you are concerned or want to 'opt out' - simply watch the weather conditions close to dusk. If it is a calm evening - the City will be fogging and you should stay inside your home with the windows closed. You can reopen the windows, etc. within the hour.

If you have any questions, please call the City Building at (208)652-3987

## Water Saving Tips

Some water saving tips for lawn care:

- \* Automatic timers save water. With or without a home irrigation system, make sure you're getting the most out of your timer. Automatic, programmable timers save more water than mechanical models. If you use a hose and portable sprinkler, you can purchase a hose end timer to regulate your watering time.
- \* Water in the evening or early morning to avoid evaporation. With a timer, you can set watering times even in the middle of the night!
- \* Raise the blade on your lawn mower. Closely cropped grass requires more water.
- \* Recycle your grass clippings back into your lawn by using a mulching mower. You'll not only conserve water, you'll save time while mowing.





# Ashton Police Department

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 it 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.

Thank you and have a safe summer.

- Chief Griffel



## Yard of the Month

Summer is here and that means that the City of Ashton's Yard of the Month is back!!

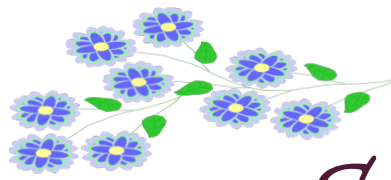
The Yard of the Month for June is the stunningly beautiful

and always well kept yard of Gerry and Vicki Birdwell.

No matter what time of year or what season is dropping snow, this yard always looks beautiful and very inviting.

Thank you to Gerry and Vicki for taking the time to bring beauty to our community!!





# Summer Safety



Summer is here and with it comes the need to be outside and having fun!! Remember that even on a cool cloudy day the summer sun can have an effect on your skin.

Whether you are outside working in the yard, playing or swimming, take the time to apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15. All sunscreen will eventually wear or wash off, so please pay attention to the manufactures recommendation for reapplying. There may be different times for reapplying sunscreen when in the water.



If you are wearing sandals or going barefoot, don't forget to apply sunscreen to the tops of your feet and toes. Sun-

burned feet are no ones idea of a good time. It is recommend by the CDC to wear a hat with a brim while spending time out in the sun. Sunglasses with UV protection are also recommended.

Please don't forget you little ones, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are all a must for summer play in the sun!



Don't forget to take breaks and find some shade throughout your day and most importantly please don't forget to stay hydrated!

## Campfire Safety

Campfires are an awesome part of spending time in the outdoors, whether you are camping or just spending time in your backyard. They can also be very dangerous and can be the cause of immense devastation.

Please take the time to know when and where you can have a campfire . Make sure that the area around the fire is free of debris and that the fire size can easily be contained.

Be aware of children around the campfire, limit any play or running around next to the firepits.

Make sure that the campfire is completely extinguished before leaving it unattended.



## City of 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)

## Water Fun!!

There are numerous waterways surrounding our community. Spending time on them can be a great part of any summer activity. Swimming, fishing, boating, kayaking, and tubing are just a small sample of the fun that can happen on the water.

Please remember that at this time of year rivers and streams are still running fast. It is easy to get swept up with the fast moving currents. Be aware of your surroundings and wear a life vest!



*Be aware of wildlife that also may want to enjoy a cool summer swim!*

### Fire Safety Websites

Smokey the Bear: <https://smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/campfire-safety>

Fire Safe Kids: <https://www.firesafekid.org/family-fire-safety/outdoor-fire-safety/>