

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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MAIN STREET ZONING

BY P&Z ADMINISTRATOR BOWERSOX



Veterans Day - November 11

NOVEMBER 2021

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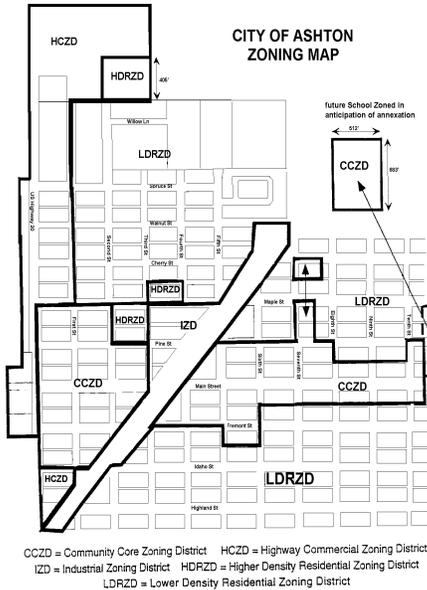
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Calendar Key

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



street” development pattern that serves the day-to-day needs of the community as well as the surrounding neighborhoods and residential areas. The Community Core Commercial areas typically allow but are not limited to a variety of banking, office, government use, apparel stores, and personal service establishments such as beauty shops, automobile parts and service, and restaurants. Residential uses are allowed but above the first floor.

Idaho Statute Chapter 67-6502 defines the purpose of local land use planning: to protect property rights while making accommodations for other necessary types of development; to ensure that adequate public facilities and services are provided at reasonable cost; and to ensure the protection of the economy, prime agricultural land, and important physical features, among other things.

Chapter 67-6503 states that every city and county shall exercise the powers of local land use planning, including maintaining a comprehensive plan to outline the local land use planning, as defined in Chapter 67-6508.

Chapter 67-6511 states that each governing board shall, by ordinance, establish within its jurisdiction one (1) or more zones or zoning districts where appropriate. The zoning districts shall be in accordance with the policies set forth in the adopted comprehensive plan.

Over the next couple of months, we will be asking for your input on these changes. This is your city, and what you want for it is important.

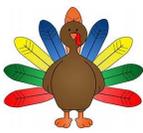
WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

In general terms, the Comprehensive Plan is the written “hopes, dreams and aspirations that a community holds for itself.”¹

You may be aware that the City Council held a couple of Planning & Zoning Public Hearings in October to consider Conditional Use Permits on Main Street. The City Council would like to make some changes in allowing residential usage in the Community Core Zoning District (CCZD).

Our current Comprehensive Plan, supported by Ashton Municipal Code Chapter 17.36, defines the CCZD: *The Community Core Commercial classification recognizes the “main*

1. Planning Commissioners Journal, Summer 2000



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ASHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Greg Griffel

The holiday season is prime time for telephone and internet scammers.

The most popular scammers claim to be from the IRS and Social Security administration. Neither of these government agencies will ever contact you by telephone or email, they will only contact you by postal mail. These government agencies will never ask you to purchase anything such as gift cards or direct payments.

Another scam that has been circulating for the past few years is a blackmail scam where the caller claims to have a picture or video of you in a sexual situation. They demand

payment in Bit Coin or they claim they will post these pictures or videos on your social media platforms. The scammer will have some of your correct information which they can easily obtain by googling your name.

Recently one of this type of scam was reported to me but in a different format. The reporting party was contacted via text message stating he had been using a pornographic service and owed the scammer money. The scammer included explicit drug cartel photos of human executions. He went on to state that if the reporting party did not pay a disclosed amount of money someone would harm him.

Please protect your personal information and never respond to scammers. Either hang up on them and delete their emails or texts without responding.

These types of scams should be reported to law enforcement. Please do not respond to the scammer.

If you have any doubt whether you are being scammed please contact our office at (208) 652-8035.

Thank you and happy holidays.



Getting Ready

Not ready to start thinking about snow? Well, if we start now, we will be prepared! The City has ordinances in place to help both the citizens and city snow removal team to keep the streets open.

Here is a list of reminders to make/keep winter plowing better for everyone.

1. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers and other misc. items need to be removed from the city right-of-way.
2. Any personal items (including mail-boxes) in the City right-of-way need to be removed.
3. Garbage cans need to be removed from the street as soon as possible after being dumped.
4. When removing snow from your driveway, do not blow or plow snow onto the City Street. **Citations will be given.**
5. The City of Ashton is not liable for damage of any sort to your personal property when left in the City right-of-way.

Thank you in advance for making winter plowing easier and better!

LITTLE OAK TREE

BY PARKS SUPERVISOR MICHELE SMITH

Some of you may have noticed our little oak tree at our City building court yard. He has

been one of my favorite trees since I started working here.

was going to need lots of space to grow to his full potential without compromising infrastructure.



Oak leaves have such a unique shape, and they are great hiding places for many fun crawly things! Also, the shade of a mature oak tree on a hot summer day is hard to beat.

With the amazing help of Swiss Precision, the little oak tree has been moved to the north east corner of the Visitor Center park where he will have all the room he could possibly need to grow!!

Thinking about this little oak tree maturing where it was planted got me thinking and last year I started to inquire about getting him moved. He was planted very close to the building and he

I'm looking forward to watching him grow into a magnificent shade tree at our dog park by the Visitor Center!!

Wipes and Wastewater

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

(or aerators) which are used to help process the sewage. This can stop the aerators and sometimes burn up (ruin) the motors.

shows the wipes wrapped on the blades of an aerator. Picture 3 shows the boat that Brett uses to get to the



Sanitizing wipes and baby wipes are flushable. Of course, these products will flush down your toilet BUT they are not biodegradable.

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.

aerators. Picture 4 shows an accumulation of wipes at the edge of the lagoon. Picture 5 shows some wipes floating near an aerator in the lagoon.

As the wipes arrive at the City's wastewater treatment facility they often get caught in the large fans

These pictures were taken at the city's wastewater treatment facility on November 4th, 2021. Picture 1 shows the city's wastewater operator, Brett Griffel, balancing on an aerator in order to try to get some wipes off the blades. Picture 2

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.



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Garbage Cans

The City contracts with PSI Environmental Services, Inc. for the City garbage service. Residential customers as well as some commercial customers have 95 gallon garbage bins.

On Friday morning, the bins are

emptied by PSI garbage trucks. Bins (garbage cans) should be placed with the opening side of the lid facing the street where the truck stops to pick it up. The wheels should be in the back – away from where the garbage truck would run.

Thank you for having your cans

out and ready when the truck is at your location. If you have any questions, please call the City Building at 652-3987.



The City Building will be closed November 25th & 26th, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Happy Thanksgiving



The City is having a **DOG LICENSE SALE!** City Residents may purchase their 2022 dog licenses at the City Building for

\$ 7.50.

Buy now and get the next **2 MONTHS FREE**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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



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