



NEWS FROM THE CITY



November Notions

November is here and boy has it brought with it snow, snow, and more snow! The members of our street department are working hard to move as much snow as possible off our roads. Please be aware that the snow plows will be on our streets. On page 2 there is a list of things that you can do to help them keep



our roads safe. As our crews are moving snow this winter it does create large mounds of snow that can be quite irresistible to kids of all ages. Please be aware that playing on the snow berms can be dangerous, especially

when the crews are still out working. The snow plows are large and often have a limited visibility, making it hard to see young kids that may be playing close to the roadways. Take a moment to go over some safety tips with your kids and be vigilant in watching them while they play on the snow hills.

Please do not let your children make tunnels or snow forts in these snow piles and if possible have them wear bright and visible colors. November is also the beginning of the holiday season with anticipated gatherings with family and friends. This time of year also provides an excellent opportunity for reflection of the many blessings that may have graced

your life; whether they were anticipated, or a surprise, advantageous or a trial.

In one way or another these blessings have guided you to who you are at this moment in time.



Please do not forget to remember the many service men and women who have through their service and ultimate sacrifice have gifted our country with the blessing of freedom that cannot be measured..

The 11th of November is the day set apart to honor these individuals. Please take a moment to remember them and their sacrifice.

November 2022

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December 2022

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January 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



Preparing for SNOW!!



Snow plow season has begun! While it can not complete with the most wonderful time of the year, this essential job that our street department does is necessary to facilitate a safer path to the many destinations on our to do list.

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 property. The City property extends further than the pavement or gravel. It extends from the center of the road 40 feet to each side on most streets. On Spruce, Walnut & Maple Leaf Drive the right-of-way is 30 feet from the center and on Main Street it is 50 feet. City code allows for the towing of such items without notification if

they are not removed.

There will be towing of vehicles in the right of way. Please make sure and move your vehicles!

2. Any personal items in the City right-of-way need to be removed. Also, any items left in the right-of-way are left there at your own risk and could be struck by a snow plow during plowing. In the event that damage to a snow plow or other City equipment caused by items that you have left in the right-of-way, you could be subject to reimbursing the City for the cost of that damage.



3. Mailboxes have many times been placed on City property and are in danger of being broken by plowing. Mailboxes must be placed on your property. **Please move your mailboxes onto your property and out of the street property.**
4. Please remove any items from the alley . The alley is used for emergency vehicle access.
5. Garbage cans need to be removed from the street as soon as possible after being dumped.
6. When removing snow from your driveway, do not blow or plow snow onto the City Street. **Citations will be given.**
7. The City of Ashton is not liable for damage of any sort to your personal property when left in the City right-of-way.

Ashton Police Department

Recently scammers have been working our area and have been successfully taking advantage of our resident's good nature. The scam involves telling a sob story stating they lost their wallet or credit cards and need funds for transportation costs and air travel back from whence they came.

They offer to sell the victim some quality jewelry that is in actuality cheap junk. Because the victim buys the jewelry and has received something in return for their money the scammer has not committed a criminal offense.

As dishonest as it is, no criminal charges can be filed against the scammer. If someone approaches you, please contact our agency and report it immediately so we can escort them from our community.

Now that freezing temperatures are present, please scrape your windshields before driving your vehicle. Not only is it a traffic offense, is also very dangerous to be peering through a small area of your windshield without being able to see in all directions. Our officers will pull you over for that offense.

Please remind your school

age children we now have crossing signals at the intersections of Second Street and Main Street as well as 9th Street and Main Street. There is an activation button on the pole that activates lights on both sides of the street facing both directions making it safer for children crossing Main Street.

Thank you.



Flushing Wipes are still a problem!

There are still a lot of wipes being flushed down toilets. This is causing significant issues with the City's wastewater treatment facility.

Please remember to only flush toilet paper and human waste. Anything else can cause problems with the sewer system.



Did you know??

Within the city of Ashton all dogs must be licensed, even puppies?

Stop into the city offices today and purchase your dog his license for only \$7.50!





Notes from the Preparedness Corner

As anyone who has lived in our community during the winter months, our weather can be fierce and unpredictable.

Freezing temperatures combined with snow and wind can often be problematic and can lead to precarious situations for you or your family.

Please take the time to prepare you home for winter weather. Inspect windows, and doors; check if the caulking needs to

be replaced or if the weather-stripping is still doing its job. Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If they do not take batteries, test them to make sure they are still working properly.

If possible have enough of your daily supplies to last for several days without power. It is particularly important to make sure that if you take medications, you are able to have at

least a two-week supply at all times.

Be aware of weather alerts and possible road closures that may affect your ability to travel.

Have an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes; jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, water, and non-perishable snacks.

Please be safe this winter!

Be Ready! Winter Weather

- Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.**
 - Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
 - Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
 - Make sure the batteries are working!
 - Insulate walls and attic.
 - Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.**
- Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.**
- Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!**
- Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.**
 - Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
 - Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.
- If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services.**
- If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.**
- Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.**
 - Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
 - Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
 - Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
 - Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm



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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

