

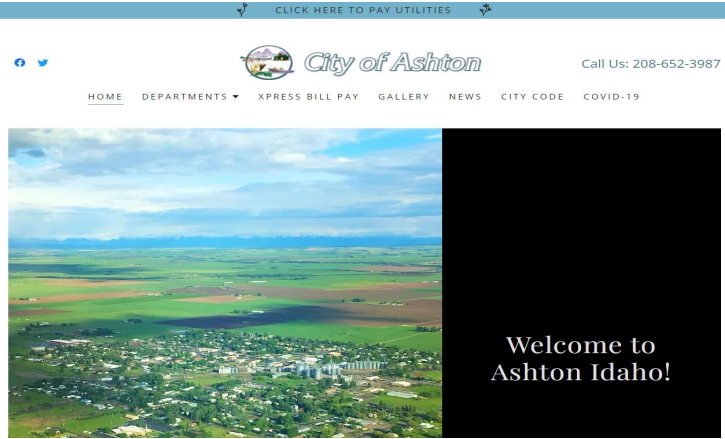
# NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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## City Website Update



There is a new look at the City's website. You can check it out at [www.cityofashton.com](http://www.cityofashton.com).

At the top of the homepage there is a link to click to pay your city utilities. The city's phone number is listed close to the top also for a quick link to call the City Building for information.

Next there are 6 tabs to click for more information. The Departments link has 4 choices for those wishing for more information on the City Council, Planning & Zoning, Police Department or Urban Renewal.

The Xpress Bill Pay link takes you to the website to set up auto

pay, scheduled payments or make a one time payment on city utilities, permits, swimming lessons, etc.

The City Council page offers information on city government as well as pdf versions of City Council minutes.

The Planning and Zoning page has several application links as well as minutes of the P&Z Commission meetings.

The Police Department page gives information on the department and the Urban Renewal page has minutes from the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency.

The Gallery tab has several photos taken

around the city.

The News tab has copies of the City's newsletters.

The City Code tab takes you to Ashton's City code or laws. The code is where you see the laws that are specific to the City of Ashton.

The Covid -19 tab lists covid information for citizens.

There are links at the bottom of each page to the websites for the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce, Fremont County, iCourts and Xpress Bill Pay.

The website is still under construction with more items to be added. Right now the Mayor and Council are hoping to add more photos of Ashton in the gallery.

If you have a photo you would like to have in the gallery, please send it to [cityclerk@ashtonid.gov](mailto:cityclerk@ashtonid.gov)

Thank you!



### APRIL 2022

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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



NEWS FROM THE CITY

# ASHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Greg Griffel

I would like to thank the residents of Ashton for doing a great job of keeping your vehicles clear of the city right of way for snow removal. It makes the snow removal process for the equipment operators much easier and effective.

Our department has received several complaints of dog walkers allowing their dogs to defecate on other resident's proper-

ty and in front of resident's homes. Please be respectful of others property by carrying dog bags to clean up your pet's deposit.

The rising cost of gas and fuel prices generally cause an increase in gas and fuel thefts. Take precautions to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of this crime. Report any all thefts to our department to ena-

ble us to take action.

For those that have not purchased required dog tags please do so. Being able to identify dogs that have run off or are lost is much easier for our officers if the dog has a tag.

Thank you and have a great spring.



## Yard of the Month



Mayor Mattingly is happy to announce a new program for

the City of Ashton. Throughout the summer, starting in May and going through October, one yard in Ashton will be chosen as the Yard of the Month.

The city will provide a sign proclaiming it as the Yard of

the Month and the yard & its owners will then be included in an article in the News From The City.

Happy summer everyone!



## DONATIONS

The City of Ashton has been blessed by some donations made by local individuals and churches.

Last year, the Seeley family donated the money to renovate the restrooms/dressing rooms at the Ashton City Pool. This year they are going to donate money for some new playground updates.



The Ashton Police Department has been working on getting some pedestrian activated crossing lights to help the kids walk to school safely. The police wanted one at Main and Second Streets and another at Main and 9th Street.

The signs have now been purchased with generous donations from the Joan Staub and Zion Lutheran Church with the City and Fremont County School Dis-

trict paying the balance.

One set of signs have been installed at 2nd Street and the other will be installed soon.

The City is very grateful for these donations.





# PLANNING & ZONING POCESSSES

BY P&Z ADMINISTRATOR BOWERSOX

The State of Idaho tells all local governments that they shall perform Land Use Planning(1) and defines that purpose (2). Each local government determines the level of complexity of planning and zoning for their jurisdiction.

Some Planning & Zoning things are fairly simple and can be handled administratively. In Ashton, these are called Class I Permits. The city code says “The Administrator shall determine whether the proposed development is in compliance with the comprehensive plan and this title. If the proposed development complies, the application for a permit shall be approved.” (3) One single-family home, a single commercial building (even a grain bin), a fence, a garage, a storage shed are all examples of this type of development.

More complex development is handled through a Class II permit, which has to be approved by the governing body, not just by the Administrator. The Class II process starts with a sketch plan review which is simply an opportunity for the commission to be made aware of the proposal and for the developer to be made aware of possible questions and the applicable requirements. Then, the Class II permit has to go through a public hearing. The application is for the high-level concept of the complex development. Neither the city nor the developer will have all of the details ironed out at this point in the process. Complex developments need a more robust process to

manage. The developer will not commit his time, effort, and dollars to the details of the development until he knows the city has approved his zoning permit.

Any construction over 200 sq-ft must have a Building Permit which is separate from a Class I or Class II Zoning permit. The city’s Building Inspector reviews the detailed plans to determine compliance with the International Building Code, which has been adopted by the city and the state, and approves this permit application. The Inspector will not begin his review until the P&Z Administrator, or the governing body, has approved the Class I or II zoning permit.

In both cases, the city staff may have many discussions with the property owner and developer to ensure that the requirements are understood and that the plans comply. These interactions may include visiting the property and measuring setbacks and determining the location of infrastructure among other things. The discussions will include the determination of fees and the collection of those moneys before actual development can begin.

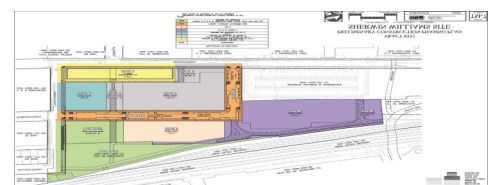
For a Class I permit, the P&Z Administrator and the Building Inspector review the necessary documents and grant the permits where appropriate. The property owner is then able to move forward with construction. For a Class II permit, the P&Z Administrator reviews all of the develop-

er’s plans and makes a recommendation to the governing body on whether the plans comply with the requirements. In some cases, the city and the developer will have to sign a development agreement.(4)The governing body must approve this agreement, then the city staff manages it through the development process. One of the last steps in the Class II process is the approval of the final plat by the governing body. This does not require another public hearing, but the developer must demonstrate that the final plat complies with the code, the concept that was approved for the Class II permit, and the development agreement.

None of these permits - Class I, Class II, or Building – are ever a rubber stamp telling the property owner he or she can do whatever they want once the permit is approved. Whether the process is simple or complex, the city staff always follows up on compliance and stays in touch throughout the development cycle. The Administrator is also tasked with enforcing the code, often with the help of the Police. Ashton Municipal Code provides for fines to be levied if anyone is in violation of the city’s development code.

Footnotes:

- (1) ID Statute 67-6503
- (2) iD Statute 67-6502
- (3) Ashton Municipal Code 17.16A.070
- (4) Ashton Municipal Code 17.68.050



# Job Openings



The City of Ashton will be accepting applications for the position of **Administrative Assistant** until the position is filled. Successful applicants should have experience in accounts receivable, accounts payable and basic Microsoft computer skills.

Duties also include customer service and data entry. This is a part-time position, hours to be determined. Applications are available via email or at the Ashton City Building located at 714 Main Street, Ashton. Please submit applications at that same location.

The city is also accepting applications for **LIFEGUARDS** at the Ashton City Pool. You must be 15 to apply for the job. **Lifeguard training will be provided.**

An application for all city positions is available at the City-Building or online at [www.cityofashton.com](http://www.cityofashton.com). Resumes are welcome in addition to the application if provided.

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



## Traffic Update



signal light at the corner of US-20 and SH-47 will be installed this year. The bids

Representatives from the Idaho Transportation Department met with city officials to explain that the

were opened last month with the low bid coming in higher than anticipated. The bid cannot be accepted without board approval. If approved and awarded construction should start in either June or July and finish in the fall.

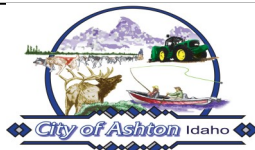
The ITD also explained that there will be paving on SH-47 from the Ashton City limits to Bear Gulch that should start in mid-June. Construction is nev-

er fun to navigate but the outcome should help with safety. The city hopes that everyone will be careful and patient throughout these construction projects.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular City Council meetings are held each month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The City Council's P&Z Meeting is each 1st Wednesday of the month. For specific dates & other meeting information please refer to our website: [www.cityofashton.com](http://www.cityofashton.com)



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