

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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CITY CLEANUP

**June
5-9**

The City of Ashton will be having the annual City Cleanup starting June 5 through June 9.

City residents are encouraged to start cleaning yards and

trimming trees. All burnable items should be taken to the **side** of the alleys by June 5th. Please **do not** place burnable items in the **middle** of the alleys.

City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and other burnable items from the alleys starting June 5th. They will not pick up items

again until **2018** so please be prepared.

Any items deemed not burnable will be left for the property owner to dispose of themselves.

Call the City Building at 652-3987 for more information.

**Thank you for
keeping Ashton
clean!**



MAY 2017

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Calendar Key

City Council Meeting	Yellow
City P & Z Meeting	Cyan
Utility Bill Payment Due Date	Red
Utility Bill Mailing Date	Green
City Building Closed	Orange



House Numbers

There are many residences here in Ashton that do not have their house number clearly posted. **Po-lice, firefighters and paramedics cannot help you if they cannot find you.**

Please post your house number on your home near your front door. Make sure it is large

enough to be seen easily from the street. It would also help if the numbers could be lit up by your nighttime outdoor lighting or glow in the dark.

Help those who can help you—post your house numbers.

Please feel free to contact the City Building (208-652-3987) with any questions or comments.





NEWS FROM THE CITY

CONSTRUCTION PLANNED

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) plans improvements to the intersection of U.S. 20 and Idaho Highway 47 here in Ashton. Improvements will include some reconfiguration of the intersection; a traffic signal/

turn light; and curb, gutter and sidewalk along U.S. 20.

The City Council and Police Department provided input on the proposed project. Enhancements are designed to improve traffic safety and flow

for motorists and pedestrians alike. ITD anticipates construction of the project in 2020.



WATER SAVING TIPS



Experts estimate that Americans use more than 400 billion gallons of water per day. On average homeowners use 50 to 70% of their water outdoors, sprinkling lawns and gardens. Here are some tips to help conserve water right in your own backyard.

1. Put a layer of mulch around your plants. Mulching helps to retain moisture and prevents evaporation. A generous amount of 3- to 5-inches is best.

2. 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.

3. 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!

4. Don't fertilize during hot, dry weather. Applying fertilizer can actually enhance drought problems. When you do feed your lawn and garden use a slow release fertilizer.

5. Raise the blade on your lawn mower. Closely cropped grass requires more water.

6. 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.

7. Cut back on routine pruning. Pruning stimulates new growth, and new growth requires more water. Only prune your plants when it wilts or leaves die out.

8. Sweep your sidewalks and driveway rather than hosing them down.

Conservation will protect our water resource and save Ashton citizen's money.

ASHTON ARCHIVES



The Ashton Archives is going digital! The City of Ashton has been able to arrange, through Encore.org and IBM, for a volunteer who will be assisting the City in digitizing the Ashton Ar-

chives.

Ashton area resident, Sara Bowersox, asked the City Council at their April meeting if the City would be willing to take advantage of a 'volunteer program' through her work at IBM. The pro-

gram consists of using the knowledge and expertise supplied by Sara without any cost to the City. The Council said "YES!" and now the real work begins.

Look for updates here in the newsletter soon!





MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

Service is always needed in our busy world. Now that winter is over there are lots of projects.

If you see a need to help I would hope we find the time to help.

Our public works are preparing for the first week in June to do spring clean up.

Let's get our City ready for summer!

Mayor Teddy Stronks



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

By Chief Greg Griffel



Spring has sprung so get out and enjoy the warmer temperatures and sunshine.

Detective Owens and I have observed an increased number of children in vehicles with their seatbelts unlatched or not in their car seats. As you know, regardless of the speed or distance you are driving, children

are required to be strapped in a seat belt or in a car seat. It shocks us to witness adults driving with a child sitting on their lap. It takes an impact of less than three mph to crush a child into a steering wheel which can cause severe injuries to a child. An airbag deploying could cause fatal injuries to a small child seated on a driver's lap.

Please take the time to secure your children in safety belts or

child car seats. If you can't afford a child car seat please contact Detective Owens or myself and we will assist you in helping you acquire one. Our department will enforce this crucial seat belt law. Thank you and be safe.



Public Hearings

A public hearing is a legally-required opportunity for the public to hear and respond to a request by a petitioner.

Such hearings are conducted in accordance with Idaho and Municipal Codes in a pre-set format. Dependent upon the request at hand, hearings may occur before the Planning & Zoning or the City Council. The body may act in a quasi-judicial capacity; judging requests against

duly enacted laws and standards **OR** may be simply processing legislative requests, such as in processing a code amendment.

Hearings are recorded and later transcribed into official minutes which can be obtained at the City of Ashton City Business Office. Past minutes are available on the City's website at www.cityofashton.com. Written submissions are also included in the official records.

There is a brochure available at the City Building that explains the procedure more and gives direction for those wishing to comment at the meeting. Please contact the City Building at 652-3987 to get a copy or ask questions.





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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



SWIMMING LESSON SIGN-UPS

It is time for swimming lesson sign-ups again! This year the City has been working to get the lessons sign-ups online so that patrons can sign up from home or by mobile device. The final product is not ready yet so we have a contingency plan. The plan is that if the

online sign-up is not ready to go—regular sign-ups will be Saturday, May 13th.

Letters will be sent out the first week in May giving all the information needed for either online sign-ups or regular sign-ups. Either way—let's all get ready for summer at the Ashton City Pool!

SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The City of Ashton will be accepting applications for the positions of **Visitor Center Director and City Pool Supervisor** until the positions are filled.

These are seasonal, part-time positions. Please submit applications and/or resume to the **Ashton City Office at 714 Main Street, P.O. Box 689 Ashton,**

Idaho 83420. Applications are available at the City Building.

