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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!



JUNE 2017

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AUGUST 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

BIKES & KIDS

By Chief Greg Griffel



It is once again that time of the year the kids drag their bicycles out of storage and go mobile. If your children are riding in the dark be sure they are wearing some type of reflective clothing and their bicycles have reflectors on them. Bicycle lights

are reasonably priced and look cool to the kids but also make them very visible to vehicle traffic.

Please let your children know to be cautious and vigilant of vehicle traffic and to obey traffic laws such as stop signs and yield signs. If your children are riding on sidewalks please explain to your children the importance of being careful and courteous to people walking.

Now that the warm temperatures are here chil-

dren will be outdoors playing. While driving our streets be cautious and observant of their location. Remember the speed limit on all Ashton back streets is 20 mph.

Please be observant of the crosswalks and stop for pedestrians crossing Main Street. Have a great spring and be safe.





NEWS FROM THE CITY

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



GARBAGE PICKUP CHANGE

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, garbage will be picked up on Saturday, June 3rd instead of Friday, June 2nd.



ASHTON ARCHIVES

As we move into May, Sara Bowersox has begun the investigation into how to best take the Ashton Archives digital. We have many resources on which to draw for this project. The Idaho State Historical Society already has some of their collection online.



See their website: <http://idahohistory.cdmhost.com/cdm> Sara has been in touch

with their librarian about the data standards that have been set for these programs. She will also be meeting with someone at the BYU-Idaho library to discuss projects they have run. She's talked with the Archive Board to get their direction on priorities, and with the city's computer contractor.

This is a major project with many considerations beyond

simply scanning pictures into a file to store on a hard drive. We want to work in conjunction with the state and other agencies so that we are standardized and have the broadest exposure for our archives.

Ashton will likely be at the forefront of this type of project for cities in Idaho, which is where we like to be!

MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

Freedom means a lot of things to me.

As I walk around the Cemetery and see veterans I use to rub shoulders as boy and the influence they were in my life to appreciate the sacrifices they made

so I could enjoy the opportunities living in Ashton.

I am so grateful that my Dad and Mom taught me respect for My Flag and our leaders. Lets not forget the principles that this country was founded.

To all who have loved ones in the armed service and those who have lost a love one to preserve our freedom. Thank you and may God bless you,

Mayor Teddy Stronks

ECLIPSE!



“On August 21, 2017, millions of people across the United States will

see nature's most wondrous spectacle — a total eclipse of the Sun. It is a scene of unimaginable beauty; the Moon completely blocks the Sun, daytime becomes a deep twilight, and the Sun's corona shimmers in the darkened sky.” This information is from the website www.greateclipse.com.

The reasons why this eclipse will be the most viewed ever are:

1. The attention it will get from the media;
2. The superb coverage of the highway system in our country;
3. The typical weather on that date; and
4. The vast number of people who will access to it from nearby large cities.-astronomy.com

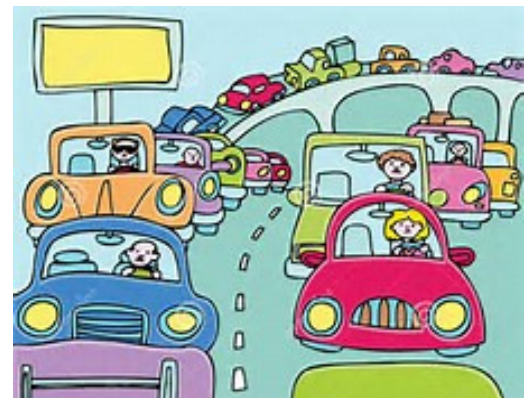
In East Idaho—local governments like the City of Ashton have been meeting to make sure that we can be prepared for the large amount of people who are expected to travel to our area to view the eclipse. It is hard to estimate how many visitors will show up to view the eclipse. Because East Idaho is listed as the second best viewing location in the USA and then add to that the proximity to Yellowstone Park it is likely that many visitors will try to come for the eclipse—then visit Yellowstone.

The Mayor, City Council, City Police and staff are encouraging Ashton citizens to be prepared. Here in Ashton we are used to being prepared for a large blizzard in the winter. The forecasted eclipse crowd is just a blizzard of people so we can use the same skills we already use. There may be enough traffic that you will need to leave earlier for work just as you would if the road conditions were bliz

zard-like. It may be hard to get to the stores because of traffic or the stores may not have enough of the items you want/need. Please stock up on items such as diapers, milk or medications just as you would if a blizzard was in the forecast.

Although the eclipse is on Monday, August 21st, many eclipse watchers will be starting to get to their location as early as August 15th and may be here until August 23rd.

The eclipse crowd may be up to a two week blizzard so be prepared!





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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

Happy Father's Day



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