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Pool Closes

Calendar Key

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

Sewer Line Cleaning

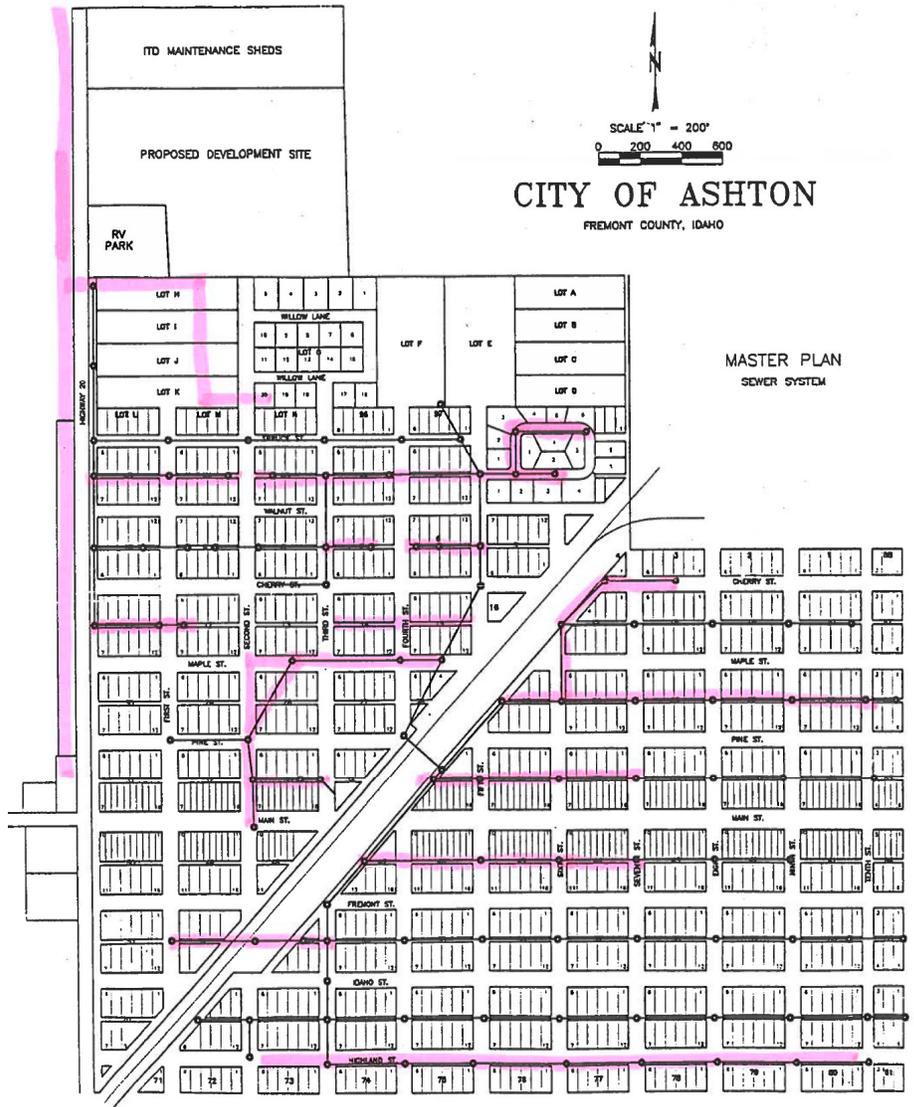
Each year a portion of the City sewer lines are cleaned. The cleaning is done by Rota Rooter using large vacuum and power cleaning equipment.

This year this cleaning is scheduled for **July 30th through August 3th**. This map shows the areas which will be cleaned this year.

Residents should make sure that their toilet lids are closed. There may be

some noise and bad odors noticed by residents as the cleaning is completed in their neighborhood.

Please contact the City Building at 652-3987 if you have any questions or concerns.



Lines to clean in 2018

Saving Water

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

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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 Dog Rules

Every dog in Ashton is required to be li-

censed. Licenses are sold at the City Building and cost \$7.50. Any dog owner



who is known to have failed to license their dog is subject to a minimum fine of \$25.00. (Ashton Code 6.08.20)

Additionally, even if the dog is licensed, dogs are required to be in a fenced yard or on a leash of less than 10 feet. If not, the dog is considered running at large. Any dog caught running at large is subject to impoundment by the City dog catcher.

If a dog is impounded, licensed owners are contacted and a minimum fine of \$40 is charged for release of the dog. Licensed

dog owners have 5 days to claim their dog.

Unlicensed dogs are kept for 48 hours unless claimed. Fee for the release of unlicensed dogs are significantly higher than those that have their dogs licensed.

If you have any questions, call the City Building at (208)652-3987



New Payment Kiosks



The City is updating its payment system at its Ashton Visitor Center RV Dump. Payment kiosks were installed making it possible for RV enthusiasts able to use credit/debit cards OR cash to pay to use the dump.

First, the RV enthusiast will pull up and park as they have in the past and get out the hose they will use to empty their tank. Second, they will either use their card or insert cash at the kiosk. Third, they will use their foot to open the locking cap on the dump receptacle, insert the free end of the hose and open the dump valve on their trailer. When they have finished dumping,

they will take out their hose and go have more fun!

RV enthusiasts have asked for an easier way to pay for this service. The City appreciates all their support over the years and hope that this will make using the RV Dump more convenient.



Have a Safe Summer by Chief Griffel

Once again Independence Day has come and gone with much celebration and quality family time. I would like to give a big shout out to Rachel Hatton and her crew for doing an excellent job of orchestrating a hugely successful 4th of July parade. Every year attendance is increasing, and I repeatedly have people compliment on the quality of our parade.

Because of the number of attendees and for safety reasons, in 2019 our department will be closing Main Street and rerouting traffic earlier than in the past. We will also be keeping Main Street closed longer after the parade has ended giving attendees time to disperse safely. When leaving the parade by vehicle next year, please use the back streets instead of Main Street.

If a fireworks flies in the air—it is illegal.

We continue to receive complaints and respond to illegal fireworks being used in the city limits. Basically, if it flies, it is illegal and cannot be purchased in Idaho unless you acquire a permit through the state of Idaho. According to Idaho State law, signing a waiver does not allow you to use illegal fireworks in Idaho which includes firecrackers. In the event you acquire a permit, you may still be in violation of the city noise ordinance and the disturbing the peace statute. Because of the number of complaints and the fact that sound easily carries throughout the town, we will respond to complaints and your illegal fireworks may be confiscated and you may be cited. Please remember we have an assisted living center in Ashton where occupants are aged and in bed early. Please don't spend your money on expensive fireworks just to have our department confiscate and destroy them. The North Fremont Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce have a great firework display free to the public so please support



them and their fundraiser.

Our department and the Ashton City Office receive many calls about the number of stray or feral cats in town. I understand it is difficult to witness these cats appearing to be hungry or lacking in care. Please do not set food out for the feral cats as you are creating other issues, especially if you are leaving food out at night. In neighborhoods where food is left out, the skunk population increases along with raccoons, coyotes and yes, an occasional mountain lion. Allow the feral cats to be controlled naturally by letting them fend for themselves. This, in turn, controls the population and the spread of disease to your pets.

Thank you and have a safe summer season.

UST \$2 per PERSON—EACH THURSDAY IN JULY! THURSDAY 7-9 pm.

NIGHT SWIM

Back by Popular Demand

**Pool
Closes
August 18th**

For Pool Parties

Call 652-7800

Ashton Swimming Pool

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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