

# NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

VOLUME 7, ISSUE 8

## AUGUST SAFETY

All of us are very much aware the solar eclipse is just around the corner and preparation is under way for this once in a lifetime event. The Ashton Police Dept., Fremont County Sheriff's Office, St. Anthony Police Dept. and I.S.P. are prepared for any issues that may arise.

We believe most issues will be traffic related with a heavy influx of vehicles on our roads. If you must drive please be patient and plan ahead for heavy slow traffic. If you don't have to travel please stay at home.

Be sure to have your necessities such as gas, food, milk, medi-

cation's etc. stocked several days before the eclipse. Do not depend on cell phone service as it may not exist. If you photograph or video the eclipse please wait a few days to send or post your pictures and videos to friends or relatives. This act may have a positive impact on our wireless service loads.

Just after the solar eclipse, school will be back in session. Please be prepared to obey the crosswalk laws by stopping to let kids and pedestrians safely cross our streets. Parents please advise your children to always use

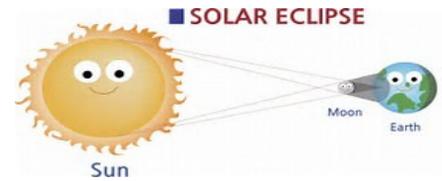
the crosswalks to cross Main Street.

Be observant of children walking or riding bicycle's on our streets to and from school.

Drivers - remember the speed limit on all Ashton side streets is 20 mph.

Parents please teach your children the rules of the road for bicycles.

Thank you and have a safe summer.



SOLAR ECLIPSE

### AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### 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

## Newsletter Useful?



In 2010, the Mayor and City Council of Ashton discussed communication with the citizens. It was decided that they would start a newsletter. In the beginning it was just seasonal, then

quarterly and now monthly.

Recently, there has been two questions discussed: 1) do the citizens utilize the newsletter? And 2) Should we still print and mail copies OR just offer the newsletter online?

The Mayor and Council would like to have the citizen's input on these questions. As you are completing the park survey insert to this newsletter, please also answer the enclosed newsletter questions.

THANK YOU!

## NEWS FROM THE CITY

## 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](http://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 blizzard-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/prescriptions** 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. There may be fuel shortages so **be sure to fuel your vehicle up early just in case.**

Another concern may be **power and cell phone outages** because of demand. Please be aware that this may happen so you are not surprised.

The eclipse crowds may last long enough to equal a two week blizzard—so be prepared!



## Be Careful!

School begins on Thursday, August 24th. Many children in Ashton ride their bikes or walk to school. **Please be mindful of them while driving.**



# City Budget Hearing

A public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2017, and ends September 30, 2018, will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 714 Main, Ashton, Idaho, on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Written or oral comments about

the proposed budget are welcome. Copies of the proposed FY2018 City of Ashton Budget (in detail) are available at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays.

The budget includes information about the services and facilities proposed for FY 2016 and 2017 and the associated revenues projected within the budget. City

Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with disabilities desiring accommodations for the public hearing, please contact the City office 652-3987 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

For any other questions, etc. please contact the City Building at 652-3987.



## Door to Door Sales

As per Ashton City Code, door to door sales are not allowed.

The Code reads: 5.16.010: *The practice of going in and upon private residences in the city by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors of merchandise, not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or*

*owners, occupant or occupants, of said private residence, for the purpose of soliciting orders for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise is declared to be a nuisance, and punishable as such nuisance as a misdemeanor.*

If a salesman does stop by

your door, please call the City Building at 652-3987. We will notify the City Police and they will inform the salesman that they are not allowed to sell door to door.

Thank you!



## Watch Out!

The City Park has an underground sprinkler system. During the evening through the early morning the sprinklers turn on to water the park.

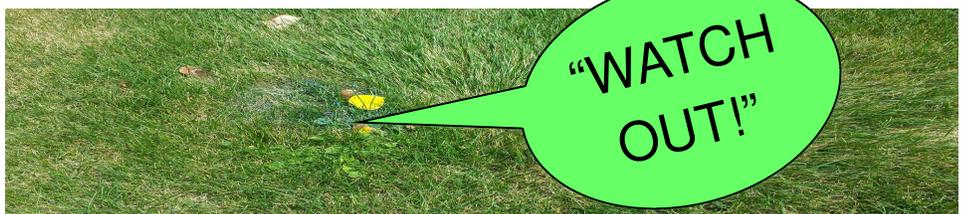
In the last few weeks, there have been several of the sprinklers damaged by vehicles driving onto the grass to park off the street at the edge of the

park and crushing the sprinklers.

Please be cautious—have someone in your party look for any sprinklers in the area near the side of the street where you

would like to park—then do not drive over them as you park.

The City wants everyone to enjoy the City Park. Please **WATCH OUT** for the sprinklers!





## CITY OF ASHTON

P.O. Box 689  
Ashton, ID 83420

Phone: 208-652-3987  
Fax: 208-652-3401

### 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](http://www.cityofashton.com)



# Enjoy the ECLIPSE!



# Ashton Swimming Pool

**\$2 Tuesdays  
ALL SUMMER!**



**Closing  
August 19th**