

NEWS FROM THE CITY

City of Ashton



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August Heat

The end of Summer is quickly approaching with the first day of Autumn just around the corner. While the long summer days are fast becoming shorter, the heat continues to linger.

Please continue to be water conscious in watering lawns. The recent rains have been both helpful and destructive. There continues to be a necessity to be mindful of our use of this resource.

Stay healthy and remember to drink plen-

ty of water before going outside to work or play in the sun. Try and take breaks throughout to drink more water.

With summer sports coming to a close and fall sports getting ramped up. Don't forget to stay hydrated.

It is that time again!



With school back in session, kids will walking or riding their bikes.

Please be vigilant when driving on our roads.



Be Aware! Be Careful!

School is back in session! August 23 was the official first day of school for all of the schools in Ashton. Many of our kids walk or ride their bikes to school.

Please be very mindful of this and watch for them while driving.



AUGUST 2022						
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SEPTEMBER 2022						
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OCTOBER 2022						
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Calendar Key						
City Council Meeting						
Public Hearing						
Utility Bill Payment Due Date						
Utility Bill Mailing Date						
City Building Closed						
Holiday Garbage Pickup						



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ASHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Greg Griffel

Recently we have had two severe traffic accidents where the drivers were under the influence of alcohol. One of those accidents resulted in a fatality. PLEASE, if you have consumed alcohol have a sober driver give you a ride home.

Buzz driving is also dangerous and not worth you or someone else losing their life.

There continues to be an issue of barking dogs and dogs running loose. Barking dogs are a nuisance as well as

dogs running at large whether during the day or night. Be considerate of your neighbors. Many of our residents work night shifts and find it hard to sleep during daylight hours due to barking dogs.

We have had an issue with children tagging (vandalizing) our city park playground equipment. The tagging is very inappropriate for young children to be reading. If you have any information on this crime, please contact my office at (208) 652-8035. If no one is in the office, please leave a message and a return phone

number. Your information will be kept anonymous.

I have noticed our resident have been patient with the construction that is underway in town, that is greatly appreciated.

Thank you and have a great upcoming autumn.



Yard of the Month



The Yard of the Month for August was awarded to Lynda and Duane Kerbs.

The Kerbs have lived in Ashton for close to 27 years and when they moved into their home, the yard could be best described as more dirt than yard.

Duane Kerbs credits his wife, Lynda with all of the hard work that went into cultivating this beautiful yard. He states that due to his employment as a Trucker, he was gone a lot of the time and that left Lynda to do most of the work.

Lynda is no stranger to hard work. Through her efforts programs such as the giving tree at Christmas time has blessed many families here in Ashton.





Remember this photo from late last year? There are still wipes ending up at the wastewater facility. These wipes are causing serious problems.

There are now products that are sold to replace toilet paper. These products usually have the term 'flushable' on the packaging. Many customers also think Sanitizing wipes and baby wipes are flushable. Of course, these products will flush down your toilet

Wipes and Wastewater

BUT they are not biodegradable.

As the wipes arrive at the City's wastewater treatment facility they often get caught in the large fans (or aerators) which are used to help process the sewage. This can stop the aerators and sometimes burn up (ruin) the motors.

Stopping the aeration also affects the ability of the facility to process (or digest) the sewage in order to clean it for use on the city's land application site.

These pictures were taken at the city's wastewater treatment facility on November 4th, 2021. The oper-

ators take a boat to get out to the aerators to try to pry the wipes out of the motors. The top photo shows the wipes wrapped on the blades of an aerator.

It is difficult to work on the aerators. The city's public works department employees spend many hours trying to keep the facility working.

Please remember to only flush toilet paper and human waste. Anything else can cause problems with the sewer system.

City Budget Hearing

It is that time again!!

A public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2023, will be heard in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 714 Main, Ashton, Idaho, on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Written or oral comments about the proposed budget are welcome. Copies of the proposed FY2023 City of Ashton Budget (in detail) are available at City Hall from

8:00.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. City building is closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The budget includes information about the services and facilities proposed for FY2023 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 at (208) 652-3987 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

For any other question, etc. please contact the City Building at (208) 652-3987.



Do You Need A Permit??



Did you know that all fences and buildings require at least a Class I Zoning Permit? **Ashton Municipal Code 17.16A.010** give the details of what requires a permit. A single-family home, a single commercial building (even a grain bin), a fence, a garage, a storage shed are all things that require a permit. You can get the application on our website or at the city office.

A Class I Zoning permit is easy.

The fee is a flat \$25 and you just need to provide some basic details and a sketch of where you are putting your structure with respect to the property lines

and other structures. In the Low-Density Residential Zoning District, fences can be placed right on the property line. Structures must be 15 feet away from the property line near city property and 6 feet away from the property line at the alley or adjacent lots. All structures on the property must be 5 feet apart.

Any construction over 200 sq-ft must have a Building Permit which is separate from a Class I 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 Planning & Zoning Administrator has approved the Class I zoning permit. The fees for a

Building Permit depend upon the structure.

Ashton Municipal Code provides for fines to be levied if anyone is in violation of the city's development code. This means if you start building anything, even a fence, without a permit, you can expect a visit from a Police Officer with a stop work order until you get the proper permit.

The City's Planning & Zoning Administrator Sara Bowersox or Deputy Clerk Jan Warnke can help you with your project.

Please call the City Building at (208) 652-3987 or stop by at 714 Main Street.

Building projects in Ashton will need a permit

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



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