

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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City Cleanup



The City of Ashton will be having the annual City Cleanup starting June 2 through June 6.

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 2nd. 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 2nd. They will not pick up items again until 2015 so please be prepared.

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

Last year, there were several property owners who cleaned up vacant lots or other nuisances. The City is hoping to keep this

trend going as well as complete the projects already underway. There are several local businesses who can help with mowing, spraying or even taking away junk vehicles. Call the City Building at 652-3987 for more information.

Thank you for keeping Ashton clean!



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 be-

fore the Planning & Zoning Commission 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.

The City will hold two

public hearings in April. The first will be April 9th at the City Council meeting and the second will be April 15th at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Both meetings start at 7PM. For more information contact the City building at 652-3987.



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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May 2014

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June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Calendar Key

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

Landowner Responsibility

The City is experiencing an increased volume of tenants in rental property who are leaving with balances owing for City services.

The Ashton City Code states:

13.04.220: PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITY CHARGES; EXCEPTIONS:

Any charges for use of municipal water, wastewater collection and treatment, street lighting services and solid waste collection and transportation shall be the legal responsibility of the property owner of record. From the effective date of this section, each municipal utility account shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served by the city. Each property owner shall execute such documentation as may be required by the city as a condition of receiving continuing utility services. The city may allow the party responsible for payment of such utility charges on the date of enactment of this section to remain responsi-

ble therefor until an unremedied delinquency occurs or until a new primary payer is proposed. For utility accounts which have been paid by a tenant, the owner of said property may have the tenant continue to pay as long as the owner agrees to serve as guarantor of such accounts in the event of nonpayment by the authorized tenant. If a tenant becomes delinquent in payment of a utility account such that service is discontinued by the city, no subsequent tenant shall be authorized to initiate service at such location or address until all delinquent charges and assessments have been paid in full. Further, the city's sole discretion the city may require an increased deposit or security guarantee upon evidence of any delinquency or failure of past performance.

The Mayor and City Council have recommended that landowners be reminded that the City Code holds them responsible for any bills owed on a property.

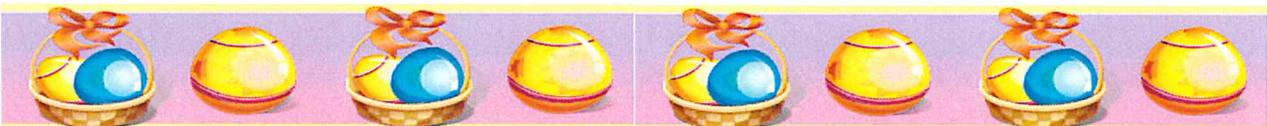
Keeping the utility bill in the landowners name is strongly

recommended so that that the landowner can manage the City charges themselves.

Landowners who wish to allow a tenant to put services in the tenants name must provide written documentation stating that wish. The documentation must include the landowner's current address and telephone information and include a statement stating that the landowner is aware that they are still ultimately responsible for these charges.

Landowners are cautioned further that if a current tenant moves out owing the City money for utility services, services will not be turned on until the balance has been paid in full.

Please contact the City Building at 652-3987 if you have any questions concerning landowner responsibility for City services.



MAYORS CORNER



Mayor Stronks

The City crew is gearing up for the City's Spring Cleanup. For the past several years, the residents of Ashton have worked to get their lawns cleaned up and put the natural materials in the alleys. The City then comes through the alleys with a loader and dump truck to take away the materials. It has been

a great way for residents to get together over the Memorial Day weekend and get their homes ready for our beautiful summers!

Last year, residents also took more care with the more difficult weeds and vacant areas to make their property more appealing to everyone. Many were able to sell some of the items

from their yards, such as old cars. This gave them some extra money for the holidays. The response from their neighbors has been wonderful and I know that everyone has felt more pride in their community.

Happy Spring!

Mayor Teddy Stronks



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.



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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



County Election Deadlines

Friday, April 25th, 2014	Last day to register to vote at the County Clerk's office. On election day you can register when you vote at the polls.
Wednesday, May 14th, 2014	Last day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot from the County Clerk's office (208-624-7332).
Friday, May 16th, 2014	Last day to absentee vote in person at the County Clerk's office (151 W 1st N, Room 12, St. Anthony).
Tuesday, May 20th, 2014	Primary Election Day

