



NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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FROZEN



In Ashton, the frost line or the depth that the groundwater in soil is expected to freeze is usually four feet. Snow cover can insulate the ground so that the frost depth is lessened but there is not much snow yet this year. Also, many residents move the snow in order to make parking easier which makes freezing easier. When the ground freezes, water lines can freeze also.

Moving water does not freeze as easily as standing water. The City water mains are running much of the time but many homes may not have water moving through their service lines at all times. This is where running a dripping faucet may help. Letting the cold water

in a faucet drip can prevent frozen service lines. The drip can be very slight and can be adjusted depending on the weather forecast. If the weather forecast calls for colder weather, the faucet should be adjusted to a larger drip.

Since the frost depth is deeper with each below freezing day, it may be necessary to continue to let a faucet drip until spring arrives.

Some lines have frozen in the past here in Ashton. The City helped those residents to thaw the lines when possible or provided hoses and coordination with their neighbors to provide water to their homes. Billing for the water cost is then done by

first averaging the past water use of the neighboring home then after the meter is read, taking that average from the current water use. The average use is then charged to the neighbor and the remaining is charged to the user borrowing water.

It may take until spring for frozen lines to thaw. The cost of digging up the lines, the risk of freezing during & after the trenching and the mess caused by the digging are serious considerations. In most cases, waiting for the spring thaw is preferable.

The City encourages residents to use their own judgment in deciding when to run a drip to prevent frozen water lines.

JANUARY 2016

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MARCH 2016

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Calendar Key

City Council Meeting	
City P & Z Meeting	
Utility Bill Payment Due Date	
Utility Bill Mailing Date	
City Building Closed	





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Garbage Holidays

If a residence's garbage is scheduled to be picked up on the following holidays, it will instead be picked up on the



day after the holiday.

THANKSGIVING

CHRISTMAS

NEW YEARS DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

4TH OF JULY

LABOR DAY



Cut on lines to place on fridge as a reminder.

Careful of the Water Meters!

Each home or business on the City water system has a water meter. The water meters have a module on the top of the lid to help with electronic reading.

Customers will need to be cautious about parking, plowing or mowing around the meter lid in order to avoid damage to the meter.

Do not park or drive over the meters. While mowing, please

make sure that neither blade nor wheel damage to the meter or lid will occur. During the winter, plowing can also ruin the module if the lid is plowed over. Please mark your meter to avoid plowing over it, driving over it or any other winter activity that could damage the meter.

Please be cautious with the meter boxes and lids in order to avoid any extra charges.

If you have any questions concerning the new meters, please call the City Building at 652-3987.



House Numbers

There are many residences here in Ashton that do not have their house number clearly posted. **Police, firefighters and paramedics cannot help you if they cannot find you.**

Please post your house number on your home near your front door. Make sure it is large enough to be seen easily from the street. It would also help if the numbers could be lit up by your nighttime outdoor lighting or glow in the dark.

Help those who can help you—post your house numbers.

Please feel free to contact the City Building (208-652-3987) with any questions or comments.



MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

I have enjoyed working with our past council.

Councilman Pincock has been a great example of leadership as president of the council. He

will be missed and pray for his health and well being as he goes on in life.

I am looking forward working with Teresa and Jerry since the election. I feel they have the city at heart and will be there to help make good decisions for the betterment of the city.

I am excited to serve you as Mayor. I want to make these next four years be productive and make this city one of the best in Idaho. With your support it will happen.

Happy New Year,

Mayor Teddy Stronks



Winter is Here



Winter is here! The City has ordinances in place to help both the citizens and city snow removal team to keep the streets open.

Here is a list of reminders to make/keep winter plowing better for everyone.

1. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers and other misc. items need to be removed from the city street property. The City street property extends from the center of the road 40 feet to each side on most streets. On Spruce, Walnut, 10th Street & Maple Leaf Drive the right-of-

way is 30 feet from the center and on Main Street it is 50 feet. City code allows for the towing of such items without notification if they are not removed.

There will be towing of vehicles in the right of way. Please make sure and move your vehicles!

2. Any personal items (including mail-boxes) in the City street property need to be removed. Also, any items left on the street property are left there at your own risk and could be struck by a snow plow during plowing. In the event that damage to a snow plow or other City equipment is caused by items that you have left on the street property, you could

be subject to reimbursing the City for the cost of that damage.

3. Garbage cans need to be removed from the street as soon as possible after being dumped.
4. When removing snow from your driveway, do not blow or plow snow onto the City Street. **Citations will be given.**
5. **The City of Ashton is not liable for damage of any sort to your personal property when left on the City property.**

Thank you in advance for making winter plowing easier and better!





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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



Account Update

The City of Ashton has been making an effort to improve communication between the City and its utility customers.

Utility customers can help by updating their phone number on their City account. Many citizens have changed to using a cell number and have not contacted the City to update their account. The City uses the numbers to contact customers during water and sewer outages.

Call the City office at 652-3987 to update your account information.

