

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 2017

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FEBRUARY 2017

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MARCH 2017

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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





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SAFE IN WINTER

By Chief Greg Griffel

Old man winter will undoubtedly appear this year

so let's be prepared for winter road conditions and low temperatures.

Please drive safely and slow down when conditions are slick or snowy. Give yourself ample time for braking, stopping, turning and entering intersections. Please watch for pedestrians at the

crosswalks. Please be cautious driving the back streets, and watch for children playing in the snow. The speed limit on all of our back streets is 20 MPH but drive for conditions.

If you are leaving town this winter for warmer weather please be sure the doors on your home and outbuildings are locked. If you are leaving for an extended period of time you may contact our of-

fice and ask for our department to keep an eye on your property.

Be aware of the date your packages are being delivered to your residence to avoid the possibility of someone else collecting and enjoying your items.

Thank you and happy holidays.



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.



ASHTON ARCHIVES

The Ashton Archives is open each Monday and Thursday from 1 am to 4 pm.

There are still several copies of the book Ashton Family History 1906-2006 that may

be purchased for \$20 for the 2 volume set. It would be a great gift for that Ashton scholar this year.





MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

I think of everything that happened last year. Its great to see progress. Their were some set backs but the

council is working through them. I so appreciate our city council they are great people to work with. I am looking at the opportunities this year. Sewer project, New Development and other projects.

Hope you will educate yourselves to all that will involve our decisions as we venture into 2017.

Sincerely,

Mayor Teddy Stronks

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!

2017

It is time to renew all City of Ashton dog licenses. Every dog in Ashton is required to be licensed. 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) **The 2017 Ashton dog license is blue and is the shape of a bell.**

Additionally, even if the dog is licensed, dogs are required to be on your property 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 you have any questions, call the City Office at 652-3987.



CHECK SNOWLOAD ON ROOF!

The City would like to remind residents to check the snow load on their roofs. The

snow is heavy and can cause roof failure.

Please check your roofs.

CITY CODE ONLINE

The City Code has been updated and is now available on the City website..

In the past, the City Code online has not been very user friendly. The newest edition of the code is easy to use and can be searched by keyword.

To access the City Code, go to your web browser and type in <http://cityofashton.com>. After the website loads, click on the CODE tab. You can then look through the chapters by clicking on the left side of the page or

use the search option.

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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.

The Mayor, City Council and Employees of the City of Ashton wish everyone a

