

# NEWS FROM THE CITY

City of Ashton



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## VETERAN'S DAY

*WHEREAS*, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who, in defense of our freedom, have bravely worn the uniform of the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service; and

*WHEREAS*, we remember and honor those who have laid down their lives in freedom's defense; and

*WHEREAS*, we remember these brave men and women for their valor, their loyalty and their dedication; and

***WITH RESPECT FOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OUR SERVICE MEMBERS HAVE MADE TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD;***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theo R Stronks, Mayor, City of Ashton, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2016 to be***

### VETERAN'S DAY

*In the City of Ashton, Fremont County, State of Idaho.*

***AND encourage all citizens to do as President Dwight D Eisenhower wrote: "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set***

***My hand at the City of Ashton, Fremont County in***

***Idaho on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of***

***Our Lord 2016.***

***Theo R Stronks, Mayor***



### NOVEMBER 2016

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### DECEMBER 2016

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### JANUARY 2017

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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	Green
City Building Closed	Orange



## NEWS FROM THE CITY

# ASHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Chief Greg Griffel



Greetings to the autumn colors, temperatures and the holiday season. There have been some exciting changes to your Police department this month.

The first being the hiring of Detective Wes Owens on October 12th. Wes has 11 years experience in law enforcement with three years experience as a Detective. He served those 11 years with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office so he is familiar with our county and it's citizens. Welcome Wes.

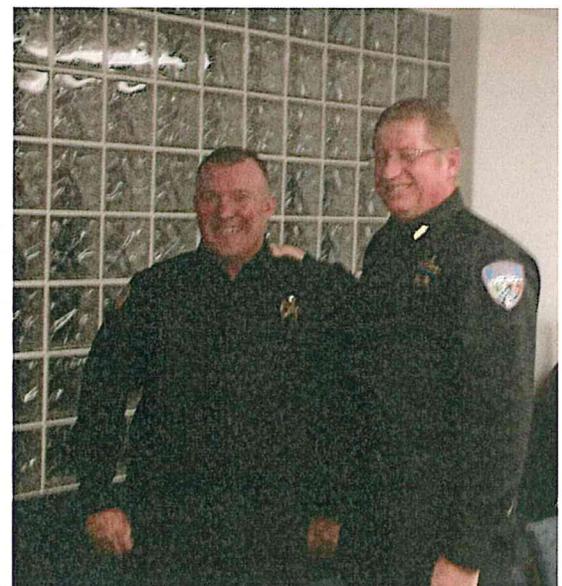
The second being the retirement of Chief Tom Mat-

tingly. Tom has decided to hang up his badge after serving for the Fremont County Sheriff's Office and the

Ashton Police Department for nearly 30 years. Tom is looking forward to his well earned retirement and will be missed. Thank you for your service Tom. The city will be hosting a retirement party for Tom on November 19th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Ashton City building's Council chamber at 714 Main Street. The party is open to the public so please stop by to congratulate Tom for his many years of service to our community.

On October 12th I was sworn in as Ashton's new police Chief. I look forward to

continuing to serve the City of Ashton and will continue to keep your Police department's commitment to protect and serve. I would like to thank Chief Mattingly for being my mentor and friend for the last 16 years.



Halloween is on Monday October 31st. Trunk or Treat will again be at the high school starting at 5:30 pm.

Please stay with your small children while trick or treating our neighborhoods. If possible, please have your children

carry some type of illumination (flashlight, glow stick, reflective clothing).

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

## RETIREMENT PARTY

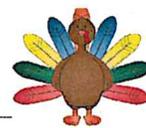
### Open House

Where: Ashton City Building

When: Saturday, November 19th

Time: 6-8 Pm





# City Bond Election



In April 2014, the City's new NPDES Permit became effective. This permit regulates discharge of treated wastewater during the winter. The permit was issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, carries the weight of law and is enforceable by fines of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation. The new permit included lower ammonia limits which the City cannot meet with its current wastewater lagoons. The NPDES Permit also sets an aggressive schedule for implementing improvements that will enable the City to comply with the new permit limits.

The City has been taking the appropriate steps to meet the required schedule, including a study to evaluate alternatives and determine the best path forward. The study is nearing completion with recommendations to construct a storage facility to store treated wastewater through the winter and then use it for irri-

gation during the summer. Other wastewater system improvements are also being recommended such as repair or replacement of collection lines within the City's system that have been determined to be well past their useful lifespan.

The estimated cost of the recommended improvements is \$5.4-million. The City is evaluating funding options which include low interest loans and grants. The loans will need to be repaid through increases in monthly user rates. It is anticipated that monthly sewer rates will need to increase by as much as \$19 per month per connection in order to pay for the improvements. Average monthly sewer rates would be approximately \$58 per month with the increase. This could be reduced if the City is successful in receiving grant funds to help pay for the project.

These improvements are necessary for the City to comply with its new permit requirements. Authorization to borrow the money for the improvements must be by either judicial confirmation—where a

judge determines the project costs are ordinary and necessary to protect public health and authorizes the City to borrow the money - or by bond election—with more than 50 percent of the citizens voting to authorize the indebtedness.

Although the City must move forward with the improvements or face fines from EPA, the City Council has decided to put the issue to the voters in a bond election which will be November 8, 2016. A public information meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on November 2, 2016 to explain the alternatives that were evaluated, the recommendations that were made, and the user rate impacts of the proposed improvements.





# City Bond Election



En abril de 2014, permiso de NPDES nueva de la ciudad se convirtió en eficaz. Este permiso regula la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas durante el invierno. El permiso fue emitido por la Agencia de protección ambiental de Estados Unidos, lleva el peso de la ley y es exigible con multas de hasta \$37.500 por día para cada instalación de vio. El nuevo permiso había incluido límites más bajos de amoníaco que la ciudad no puede quedar con sus lagunas de aguas residuales actuales. El permiso de NPDES también establece un programa agresivo de aplicación im-mejora que permitirá a la ciudad cumplir con los nuevos límites permeitados.

La ciudad ha tomado los pasos ap-apropiada para cumplir con la re programación requeridas, incluyendo un estudio para evaluar alternativas y determinar la mejor ruta para Salida. El estudio está a punto de com-terminar con las recomendaciones para complitar una instalación de almacena-miento para las aguas residuales mantenerlo durante todo el invierno y luego usarlo para riego

durante el verano. También se recomiendan otras mejoras del sistema de aguas residuales tales como reparación o reemplazo de líneas de recolección-ción dentro de la ciudad que han sido determinadas para ser bien más allá de su vida útil.

El costo estimado de las mejoras de recomendado es \$ 5,4 millones. La ciudad está evaluando opciones de financiación que incluyen becas y préstamos de bajo interés. Los préstamos tendrán que ser reembolsados a través de aumentos en las tasas mensuales de usuario. Se prevé que alcantarilla mes ly precios voluntad necesita en pliegue por tanto como \$19 por mes por conexión, para poder pagar las mejoras. Tarifas de alcantarillado mensuales edad aver sería aproximadamente \$58 al mes con el aumento. Esto podría ser volver a presenta si la ciudad tiene éxito en recibir fondos para ayudar a pagar el proyecto.

Estas mejoras son necesario necesario para la ciudad cumplir con su nuevo permiso requerido. Au-autorizaci a bor-fila el dinero para las mejoras debe ser por cualquiera de los dos confirma-ción judicial, donde un juez

determina los costos del proyecto son normales y necesarias para proteger la salud pública y autorizes la ciudad a pedir prestado el dinero - o por elección de bonos, con más de 50 por ciento de la de la ciudadanía votación para autorizar el end-eudamiento.

Aunque la ciudad debe mover para adelante con las mejoras o enfrentar multas de EPA, la ciudad Coun - cil ha decidido poner el tema a los votantes en una elección de bonos que será 08 de noviembre de 2016.

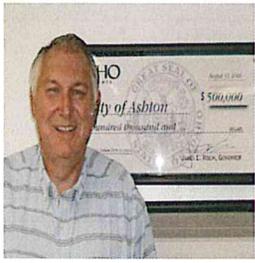
Reuniones de información pública se celebrará a las 18:00 02 de noviembre de 2016

para explicar las alternativas que fueron evaluadas y las recomendaciones-ciones que se hicieron los Estados Unidos - er tasa de impactos de las mejoras propuestas.





# MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

Political scene has been going on for some time. I feel the freedoms we enjoy in our lit-

tle community are very much effected by our empathy. I feel real strong about my privilege to vote. Please - if you don't vote we let those who have die

for that right down. I love this nation and pray you do to and go Vote!

Sincerely,

*Mayor Teddy Stronks*



The City contracts with PSI Environmental Services, Inc. for the City garbage service. Residential customers as well as some commercial customers have 95 gallon garbage bins.

On Friday morning, the bins are

## Garbage Cans

emptied by PSI garbage trucks. Bins (garbage cans) should be placed with the opening side of the lid facing the street where the truck stops to pick it up. The wheels should be in the back—away from where the garbage truck would run.

Thank you for having your cans

out and ready when the truck is at your location. If you have any questions, please call the City Building at 652-3987.



Not ready to start thinking about snow? Well, if we start now, we will be prepared! 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.

## Getting Ready

1. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers and other misc. items need to be removed from the city right-of-way.
2. Any personal items (including mail-boxes) in the City right-of-way need to be removed.
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 in the City right-of-way.

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



## CITY OF ASHTON

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



The City is having a **DOG LICENSE SALE!** City Residents may purchase their 2017 dog licenses at the City Building for

**\$ 7.50.**

# 2017

Buy now and get the next **2 MONTHS FREE**

*The City Building will be closed November 24th & 25th, 2016 for the Thanksgiving holiday.*



# Happy Thanksgiving

# Bond Election Information Meeting

Date : November 2nd

Time: 6 pm

Place: City Building

714 Main Street

