

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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WINTER PLOWING

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. City code allows for the towing of such items without notification if they are not removed. 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 in 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 in 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.

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!



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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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	Light Green
City Building Closed	Orange

There are still MANY items on the City street property! Items on the property include used appliances, old cars, boats, trailers and more! The City street property is 80 feet wide on most streets. It is 60 feet wide on Spruce, Walnut, 10th Street and Maple Leaf Drive. It is 100 feet wide on Main Street. ***Please move the items before they are towed and/or confiscated.***

Thank you!

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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.

City Dog License

Every dog in Ashton is required to be licensed. 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)

Additionally, even if the dog is licensed, dogs are required to be in a fenced yard 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 a dog is impounded, licensed owners are contacted and a minimum fine of \$40 is charged for release of the dog. Licensed dog owners have 5 days to claim their dog. Unlicensed dogs are kept for 48 hours unless claimed. Fee for the release of unlicensed dogs are signifi-

cantly higher than those that have their dogs licensed.



The City is having a DOG LICENSE SALE! City Residents may purchase their 2015 dog licenses at the City Building for

\$ 7.50.

Buy now and get the next MONTH FREE.

Please

The City w updating t billing soft soon. Cus account n may chang result of th date.

City Holidays

The City Building will be closed several times during the upcoming holiday season.

Those wishing to make a payment may do so by dropping it in the drop box on the

Main Street side of the building; paying by credit/debit card using the City website at www.cityofashton.com or mailing it to P.O. Box 689, Ashton, ID 83420.

Here is a list of the days the

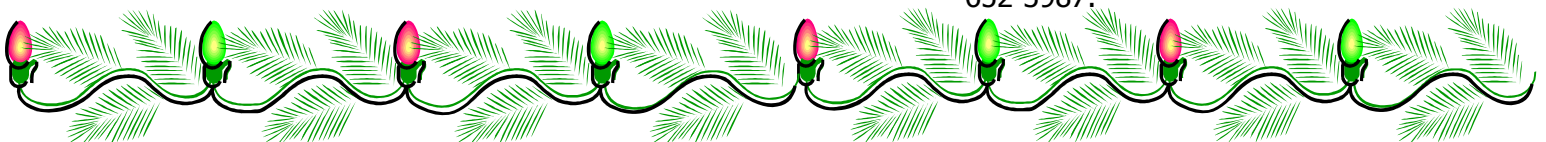
City Building will be closed:

November 27th & 28th

December 24th & 25th

January 1st, 2015

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



MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

I have been thinking a lot about service. I think it is very important to a community's future.

We have many unsung heroes in Ashton. I want to say thank you to them from myself and the City Council!

There is more to do!. The City needs volunteers to

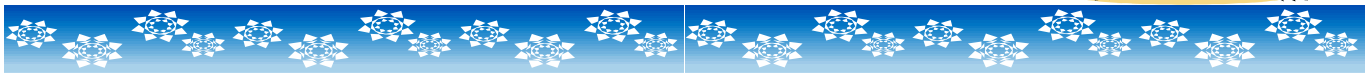
serve in the city on planning and zoning commission. The American Dog Derby is looking for help

to make the dog race a success. Time is a valuable thing in all of our lives. Spend a little if you haven't and give some.

Someone else did almost 2000 years ago, showing

and teaching us to give of ourselves. It will make a difference in the lives we touch every day.

Merry Christmas,
Mayor Teddy Stronks



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 froze last year in Ashton. The City helped those residents to thaw the lines if 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

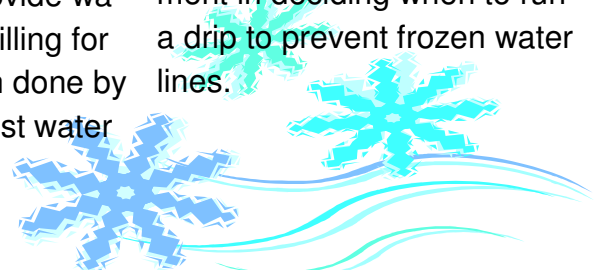
use of the neighboring home then after the meter is read, taking that average from the current water use. The average use is then charged to the neighbor and the remaining is charged to the user borrowing water.

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.

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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



Community Christmas Program

The Ashton Community Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the NFHS Auditorium.

If you are interested in performing

please contact Mamie Jorgensen at (208) 709-4092 or Anne Marie Emery at (208) 520-6290.

Please let them know by December 5 if you would like to perform.

