

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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DOG LICENSE RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!

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 2015 Ashton dog license is red and is the shape of a fire hydrant.**

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.



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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March 2015

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April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

To Drip or Not to Drip?

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.

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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Write to Ashton's Legislators

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State Representative

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Write A Letter to Legislators

Citizens could assist the City Council and Mayor in trying to make a change in the process that is forcing the City to complete a third public facility in less than 10 years by writing to the Legislators themselves. The more letters they get, the more likely it will be that they will investigate the situation. If they really look into this, the Council and Mayor are confident that they will work to get the agencies involved to look at Ashton's actual facility instead of trying to make it fit some scenario out of a textbook.

Here is a sample of what citizens could write in the letter:

Dear _____,

As a citizen of the City of Ashton, Idaho, I am writing you to ask for your assistance in an important matter.

As a citizen, I am paying large fees in order to have water and sewer service. These fees have raised because of projects done in order to comply with DEQ and EPA guidelines. Now a new guideline may

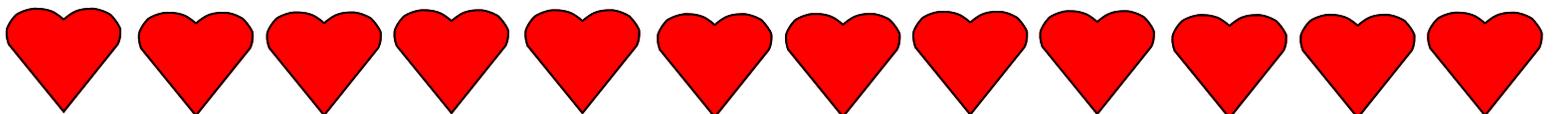
force us to raise fees again.

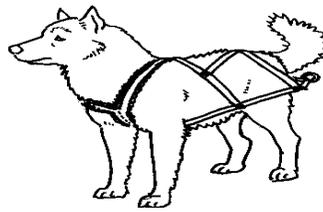
In addition, the new guideline is being placed on the sewer system using false information. Please investigate to find out more.

I am requesting that you look at the City of Ashton's unique situation and help my family.

Sincerely,

Ashton Citizen





MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

State of the City Address



As I think of this past year and what has transpired, I think of all the people who have helped make all of this happen. I want to thank them for their hard work and diligence. 2014 was a year to get back into the City's regular schedule after the completion of the Water System Improvement Project. There were just a few items that I would like to highlight:

- The City is committed to quality water and sewer service. The City crew had many challenges with freezing pipes through the winter months and an extra rainy summer. The nitrate facility is working well and our operators are confident in their ability to operate it properly.
- A Wastewater Facility Study will be completed this year. Although there are some items that need updating at the wastewater facility, the Council and I are committed to working towards small repairs

instead of a large project. The citizens are counting on us.

- This summer was again busy at the Park and Swimming Pool. We are still working on grants in order to heat the pool with solar power. The Park was vandalized this summer but there has been a positive response from citizens and we anticipate that there will be many citizens who will help us keep vandalism in the past.
- The Ashton Archive has been busy with inquiries all year. I value those who have given their time and talents in its continued success.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission is working on an update to the City's comprehensive plan following the completion of the city code update which they completed in 2013.
- The City Police have been serving and pro-

tecting many years. They are of great service to our community.

Last year at this time I was looking forward to working with new Councilmembers. The Council has been great this year with the challenges we have faced.

In the State of the City Address last January I quoted Walt Disney who said, "Around here, we don't look backwards for very long...we keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things." There will be new doors and things with the wastewater study, the solar heating at the pool, the 2015 City election and many items we won't know of yet.

We will continue our best for the citizens of Ashton by following what General Colin Powell said, "There are no secrets to success. It comes from preparation, hard work and learning from failure."

**State of the City Address
Mayor Theodore R Stronks
January 14th, 2015**





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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



Snow Plow News

Ashton City Code reads “It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to place snow on any street of the city”. The fine for the misdemeanor is \$300.

Please make sure that if you are using a snow blower, you position the

chute so that the snow is not blown into the street pavement. If you use a plow, please plow the snow to an area off the street pavement as well.

If you have your snow removal done by a contractor, please make sure they are aware of this law.



Watch Out!

Citizens should be careful to watch out for the City water meter when plowing their driveways. There have been several water meters damaged this winter. The City will be charging those who damage the meter for the time and materials required to repair the damage.

Please be cautious with the new meter boxes in order to avoid repair costs.

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