

# NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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## Town Hall Meeting Report

The City of Ashton is being required by EPA to reduce the amount of ammonia in its treated wastewater before it can be discharged to the receiving stream. The City has undertaken a wastewater study to evaluate alternatives for meeting the new requirements from EPA. These alternatives were presented in a Town Hall meeting on February 9, 2016. The

posal.

Other wastewater treatment system improvements are needed such as removal of sludge in the existing lagoons, replacement of inefficient and aging equipment, and improvements to the lagoon control structures. The estimated cost of the wastewater treatment system improvements is \$4.4 Million.

treatment system.

During a second Town Hall meeting on March 16, 2016, Keller Associates presented cost estimates and funding options for the recommended improvements. Keller Associates presented funding options with low-interest loans and grants through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Idaho Community Development Block Grant, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The recommended improvements would increase the monthly user rate for sewer from \$39.13/month to approximately \$57.83/month. The actual rate increase could be lower depending on availability of grants and actual project cost.

The next steps are to complete the wastewater study and receive public input on the recommended alternatives. The City Council will then select an alternative. An environmental review of the selected alternative will be completed and a bond election will be held.

In addition to treatment system improvements, wastewater collection piping improvements are also needed. The highest priority collection piping improvements are estimated to cost \$1 Million. Most of the cost is to replace portions of the trunk line that connects the sewer piping network to the wastewater

recommended alternative is to construct a pond to store treated wastewater during the winter months, then use the stored wastewater for irrigation during the summer. This alternative would eliminate discharge to the stream with direct oversight from EPA for wastewater dis-

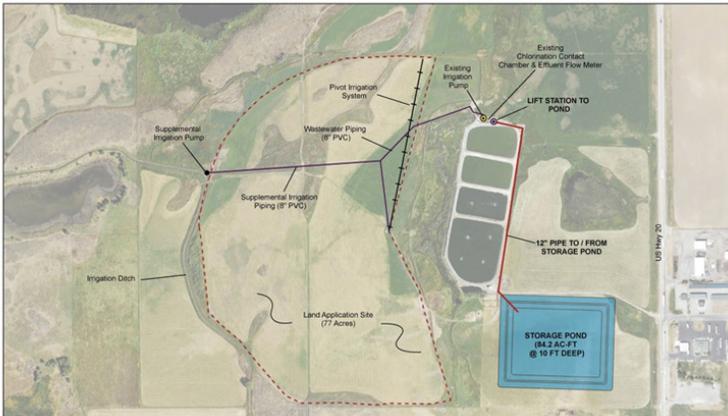


Figure 4-3 Title: Farmland Application, No Discharge Project: City of Ashton Waste Water Facilities Planning Study



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### JUNE 2016

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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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# CITY CLEANUP

The City of Ashton will be having the annual City Cleanup starting June 6 through June 10.

City residents are encouraged to start cleaning yards and trimming trees. All burnable items should be taken to the **side** of the alleys by June 6th.

Please **do not** place burnable items in the **middle** of the alleys.

City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and other burnable items from the alleys starting June 6th. They will not pick up items again until 2017 so please be prepared.

Any items deemed not burnable will be left for the property owner to dispose of themselves.

Call the City Building at 652-3987 for more information.

**Thank you for keeping Ashton clean!**



When planning for new signs, banners and flags please check with the City's Planning & Zoning office so we can help you find a sign that meets both your needs and the City Code.

It has come to our attention

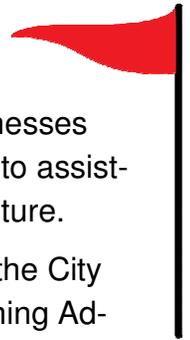
## Sign Placement

that there is some confusion over the placement of signs, banners and flags on Main Street. Ashton City Code 17.76.070H prohibits attaching anything to the City light poles, trees or utility poles.

We appreciate the cooperation that has been exhibited

by so many businesses and look forward to assisting them in the future.

You can contact the City Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Baker for assistance at 652-3987 (City Office) or 569-5464 (cell).



## WATER SAVING TIPS

Experts estimate that Americans use more than 400 billion gallons of water per day. On average homeowners use 50 to 70% of their water outdoors, sprinkling lawns and gardens. Here are some tips to help conserve water right in your own backyard.

- 1. Put a layer of mulch around your plants. Mulching helps to retain moisture and prevents evaporation. A generous amount of 3- to 5-inches is best.
- 2. Automatic timers save water. With or without a home irrigation system, make sure you're getting the most out of your timer. Automatic, programmable

timers save more water than mechanical models. If you use a hose and portable sprinkler, you can purchase a hose end timer to regulate your watering time.

- 3. Water in the evening or early morning to avoid evaporation. With a timer, you can set watering times even in the middle of the night!
- 4. Don't fertilize during hot, dry weather. Applying fertilizer can actually enhance drought problems. When you do feed your lawn and garden use a slow release fertilizer.
- 5. Raise the blade on your lawn mower. Closely cropped grass requires more water.

6. Recycle your grass clippings back into your lawn by using a mulching mower. You'll not only conserve water, you'll save time while mowing.

- 7. Cut back on routine pruning. Pruning stimulates new growth, and new growth requires more water. Only prune your plants when it wilts or leaves die out.
- 8. Sweep your sidewalks and driveway rather than hosing them down.

Conservation will protect our water resource and save Ashton citizen's money.





# MAYOR'S CORNER



I have sat through some meetings lately that has made me think about the story of the little red hen.

*Mayor Stronks*

The Fremont County Historical Society is asking

the City to provide a building and some funds for a museum in the old city building

and the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency is in a decision making process in spending tax dollars on a pocket park. The City has a lot of improvements that are needed in our current City Park and in utility infrastructure making decisions on the new projects harder.

If these two projects happen would we as citizens be willing to help and take care of

them? I would like to know your feelings if you would be willing to help with your time and maybe a little elbow grease.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Teddy Stronks*



## ASHTON ARCHIVES

The Ashton Archives has received some wonderful new donations from the Seeley Family this month.

The Archives is are still in need, however, of a **1949, 1950, 1959, 1962, 1964** or **1995** edition of the North Fremont Musher. If

you have one please donate it to share it with everyone!



## Ashton Police - Scam Alert

The Ashton Police Department has recently received reports of a scam targeting residents in our area involving resident's children or grandchildren.

An individual will make contact by telephone and state that a child or grandchild has been arrested and is in custody. They will tell you in order for your loved one to be released you must immediately wire them a determined amount of money for bond. The caller will tell you if you do not act now—the bond amount will

double and your loved one will not be released for a month or longer.

These callers are intimidating and resourceful as they do know the name of your loved one beforehand.

FACT:

1. Law Enforcement never contacts the family of incarcerated individuals for bond or release information. When someone is arrested or incarcerated they are allowed to contact

family by telephone.

If you receive one of these scam calls please tell the caller you are contacting the local police to report them. If you have caller ID please keep the number and contact the Ashton Police Department.





## 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)



# CITY SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The City will be hiring for several summer job openings. These positions are temporary jobs at the City's Swimming Pool and Visitor Center.

Job applications are available at the City Building or can be emailed to you by calling the City Building at 652-3987. Applications must be received at the City by 4pm on April 15, 2016.

Jobs available are: Visitor Center Director, Pool Supervisor, Lifeguard and Swim Instructor. Here are brief descriptions of the available jobs:



## Visitor Center Director

The Ashton Visitor Center Director duties include giving information to visitors, training & coordinating volunteers and stocking & ordering brochures.



## Pool Supervisor

The Pool Supervisor is responsible for the scheduling of lessons, lifeguards & instructors, receipting & reporting fees and general custodial work at the pool.

## Swim Instructor

Water Safety Instructor training will be taught at the Ashton City Pool. The City is hoping to find several local residents who would be willing to take the class and commit to teaching two weeks worth of classes. Additionally, for anyone who would like to teach more classes, that opportunities would also be available.

## Lifeguard

The City will be hiring several lifeguards for the summer. Lifeguards must be 15 years or older. Lifeguard classes will also be taught right here in Ashton. Lifeguards are responsible for the safety of the patrons at the Ashton City Pool.