

NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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FIREWORK SAFETY

The last several years the City Police Department has been noticing an increase in complaints concerning fireworks.

As per Ashton City Code section 8.12.010., the City has adopted the Idaho State Code on fireworks (title 39, chapter 26).

This code allows citizens to use "Non-aerial common fireworks" which are fireworks that do not fly or emit sparks outside a 20 foot diameter circle or higher than 20 feet. Firecrackers are also prohibited.

The City police are asking citizens to be mindful of

their neighbors and to be cautious around any fire hazards. They are also encouraging parents to be watching their kids closely while handling fireworks.

Let's celebrate the Fourth of July safely!

Thank you!



May 2015

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July 2015

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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

CITY CLEANUP

The City of Ashton will be having the annual City Cleanup starting June 1 through June 5.

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 1st. 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 1st. They will not pick up items again until 2016 so please be prepared.

Any items deemed not burnable will be left for the property owner to dispose of themselves. **Items such as Appliances, concrete or furniture will not be picked up.**

Some items that are unburnable such as old vehicles may be able to be recycled. This can be a great opportunity for citizens to make some extra money. Pacific Recycling will pick up certain recyclables in Ashton. They

pay \$125 for cars, \$75 per ton for prepared metal and \$55 per ton for unprepared metal. The current rate for aluminum cans is 40 cents per pound. For more information please contact Pacific Recycling at (208) 529-4180.

Vacant lots and other areas in the City are in need of mowing and weed control. There are several area youth who mow lawns as well as landscaping businesses to be of assistance.

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



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WASTE WATER UPDATE



Warm weather and dry conditions made it possible for the City to begin its assessment of the hydrologic conditions of the area surrounding the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The information gathered during the assessment is intended to show whether flowing water is always present in the area where effluent from the WWTP discharges from January through April, and whether fish are present and spawn in the area.

Members of the WWTP Advisory Committee, a member of the City Council, and the City’s consulting engineer joined operator Del Jensen on a walking tour of the area “upstream” and “downstream” of the treatment lagoons and effluent discharge location. The primary year-round sources of water “upstream” of the discharge include natural springs and the City’s storm water drain system, all of which are south of the WWTP. During the irrigation season, water from the Farmer’s Own Canal and its ditches, which is used to irrigate land surrounding the WWTP, will probably become the primary source of “upstream” water. “Downstream” of the discharge, and north of the WWTP, the water table is already high, espe-

cially during spring runoff, due to upland springs located west of the area. Another source of “downstream” water is a natural spring located east of the WWTP that supplies water to a small channel. About 200 yards downstream of the effluent discharge point, water from this channel discharges into the swale that receives the effluent from the WWTP, and at some times of the year, increases the amount of water in the swale that flows northward.

After viewing the most likely sources of water at various times of the year, the committee chose three locations to collect long-term water flow data using pressure transducers. Installation of the transducers at the “upstream” and “downstream” locations by Rob Van Kirk and Thacia Schmidt, of the Henry’s Fork Foundation, are shown in these photos.

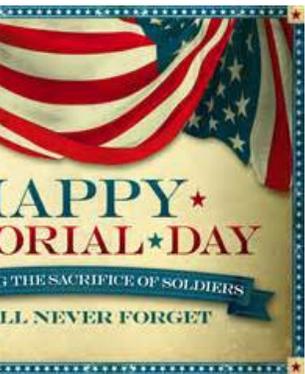
Although the transducers measure pressure, that information, combined with direct flow measurements made at regular time intervals, can produce an almost continuous record of water flow. The three locations are “downstream” of the City storm water drain and Farmer’s Own Canal, but “upstream” of the WWTP. The second location is at the weir at the north end of the storm water detention area and immediately “upstream” of the effluent discharge point. The third location is “downstream” of the effluent discharge point and “upstream” of Spring Creek, on the north side of County Road 1425N. Each of these locations will enable the City determine the relative amounts of water each area contributes to the swale, and how the amount of effluent compares to the amount of water naturally present.



MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks



Spring is always such a busy time in the Ashton area. Everyone is getting their yards clean, farmers are planting and the students are getting ready for summer.

The City is also getting ready for summer with the Spring Cleanup coming up on June 1st through 5th. In the front page story here in the newsletter, the City has provided citizens with some great information on the Cleanup

along with some contacts for getting rid of some of the items that the City cannot pick up.

The City's parks department is getting all the lawns in order and the tree department will be planting some more trees in June as a part of the City's Arbor Day (date to be announced). The Ashton City Pool will be getting cleaned up and ready to go with lesson sign-ups on May 16th!

May is also a time to remember our servicemen and women who have kept this country free. Please thank them when you see them this month.

Saving the best for last—Mother's Day is May 10th. I wish everyone peace and happiness as they enjoy this special day with their families.

Sincerely,

Mayor Stronks



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, pro-

grammable 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.





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UPCOMING MEETINGS

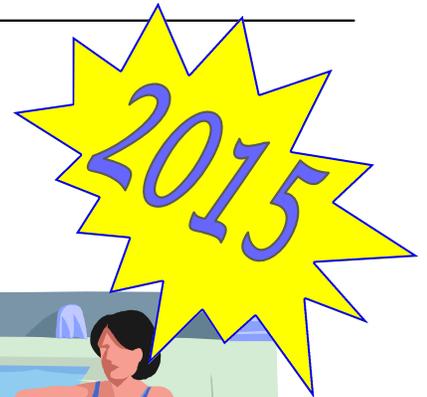
Regular City Council meetings are held each month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For specific dates & other meeting information please

refer to our website:

www.cityofashton.com



Ashton Swimming Pool



**SWIMMING LESSON
SIGN-UP**



**10 AM
Saturday, May 16th
at the Ashton Community Center**