



NEWS FROM THE CITY



City of Ashton

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CITY ELECTION

Cities in Idaho have city elections on odd numbered years. This year, citizens of the City will be choosing a Mayor and two council members who will each serve a 4 year term. The election will be held November 3rd, 2015.

Those wishing to run for office in the City election have to be a 'qualified elector' in the City of Ashton. This means that they are at least eighteen (18) years old, are a citizen of the United States and live within the boundaries of the City for at least the 30

days prior to running for office.

If they qualify, a person wishing to run for office will then need to file a 'Declaration of Candidacy'. This is a form that states that they are a qualified elector and what office they hope to fill. The person will also need to either pay a \$40 non-refundable filing fee OR attach a 'Petition of Candidacy' signed by at least 5 other qualified electors of the City.

The person will then need to take the 'Petition

of Candidacy' to the Fremont County Courthouse for verification of the electors prior to bringing both the 'Declaration of Candidacy' and the 'Petition of Candidacy' back to the City Building to complete their filing for candidacy. These forms are available starting August 24th, 2015 at the City Building.

The deadline for filing for candidacy is September 4th at 5 PM.

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



September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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 Budget Hearing

A public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002 for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2015, and ends September 30, 2016, will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 714 Main, Ashton, Idaho, on Wednesday, August 26th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

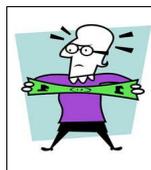
Written or oral comments about the pro-

posed budget are welcome. Copies of the proposed FY2015 City of Ashton Budget (in detail) are available at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays.

The budget includes information about the services and facilities proposed for FY 2015 and 2016 and the associated revenues projected within the budget. City Hall

is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with disabilities desiring accommodations for the public hearing, please contact the City office 652-3987 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

For any other questions, etc. please contact the City Building at 652-3987.





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WASTE WATER UPDATE



More than three months of stream depth, temperature, and flow data have now been collected as part of the two-year assessment project at the wastewater treatment plant. Christina Morrisett, an intern with the Henry's Fork Foundation, has done a preliminary analysis of the data, which is presented here in graphical form.

Don't reach for a magnifying glass; there's a lot we can learn just by looking at trends. Keep in mind that the black line represents data collected at the culverts, upstream of the treatment lagoons; the red line represents data collected at the weir; and the green line represents data collected downstream of the lagoons, at the county road.

The top graph shows stream water depth, which ranged from zero to 12 inches. Upstream of the lagoons, depth was typically less than two inches, indicating that the source of water is a high and relatively stable groundwater table. The greatest water depths were measured at the weir, which is located at the mouth of the deepest part of the wetland. The greatest fluctuations in depths were measured downstream of the lagoons, indicating that water is gained from and lost to the groundwater table as it moves

downstream.

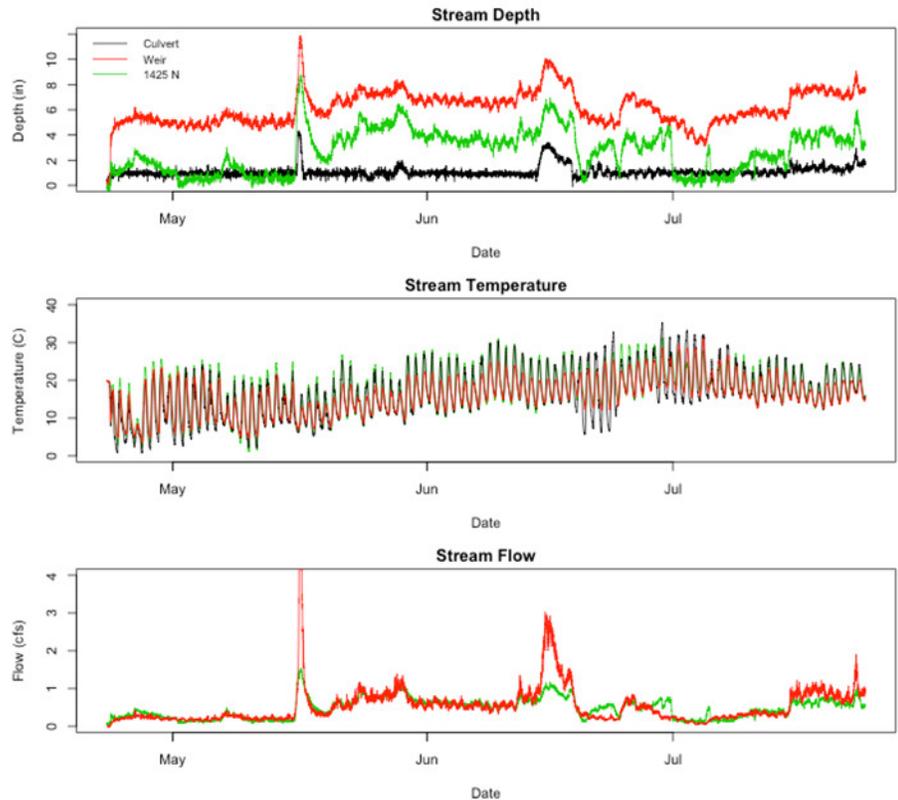
The second graph shows water temperatures, which ranged from a low of about 2°C (36°F) to a high of about 35°C (95°F).

The temperatures also fluctuated during each 24-hour period. These results are consistent with the shallow stream depths, and indicate that water temperature was primarily influenced by air temperature and the absorption of heat from sunlight during the day.

The bottom graph shows stream flow at the weir and the county road. There are no data for the location upstream of the lagoons at the culverts because water depths were so shallow that stream flow could not be measured. Stream flow, which is expressed in cubic feet per second (cfs), is a measure of the volume of water

(in cubic feet) that flows past a point in the stream in a specified period of time (second). Spikes in stream flow on the graph represent spikes in water delivery to the weir, which then flowed downstream where it was measured at the county road. But note that the spikes in flow at the county road were much lower than the spikes at the weir, probably due to the loss of water to the ground table as it flowed downstream.

These results demonstrate the importance of data collection. By recording this information, we can demonstrate that the swale is a swale, and not a stream that can support aquatic life.





MAYOR'S CORNER



Mayor Stronks

Fall is the air, school is starting, harvest is in full swing. Where has summer gone? We all have a light with in us let's let it shine

and help our friends and neighbors get ready for winter that might come sooner than later. We have a city to be proud of. Myself, Mayor Jewel from Island Park and Mayor Sutherland from Rexburg are hosting a

meeting with mayors from all over south east Idaho. Like myself, they all share common concerns to help our communities be as good as they can be with the help of our citizens. Thanks,
-Mayor Teddy Stronks

Sign Permits

Sign permits are required (Ashton Code 17.76.040) in the City of Ashton.

When contemplating putting up a sign or banner, contact the City Building before ordering it. This will ensure that the sign or banner will be in compliance with the code and you will not pay for something that cannot be utilized.

Before installing a sign or banner be sure your permit has been approved. This will make certain that you will not be in violation of the Code (Ashton Code 17.16D.060).

The City's Planning & Zoning Administrator Susan Baker or Deputy Clerk Jan Warnke can help you with your sign permit. Please feel free to contact



them at the City Building (208-652-3987) or by cell (208-569-5464). You can also stop by the City Building at 714 Main Street.

Watch Out!

School begins on Wednesday, August 26th. Many children in Ashton ride their bikes or walk to school. Please be mindful of them while driving!



CITY CODE ONLINE



The City Code has been updated and is now available on the City website..

In the past, the City Code online has not been very user friendly.

The newest edition of the code is easy to use and can be searched by keyword.

To access the City Code, go to your web browser and type in <http://cityofashton.com>. After the website loads, click on the CODE

tab. You can then look through the chapters by clicking on the left side of the page or use the search option.

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





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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



Rate Increase



On October 1st, 2015, City water & sewer rates will raise by 3%. For residential customers water rates will raise from \$40.17 to \$41.38 base rate with \$1.12 per 1000 gallons. Sewer rates will raise from \$37.99 to \$39.13.

ASHTON ARCHIVES

OPEN

Monday and
Thursday

1:00 to 4:00 PM



The City Building will be closed from Tuesday, September 15 through Friday, September 18, 2015.