



Chamber of Commerce 512 Main St. Rm.#5 P.O. Box 351 Ashton, Idaho 83420 (208)652-3355

Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



The next Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting will be **Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ noon @ in the conference room @ The Main Office on Main Street.**

We are looking for someone or a group who might be interested in being the 4th of July chairman. Please contact the Chamber @ 208-652-3355 for more information.



Dave would like to send a BIG 'Thank You' to the many volunteers this year who helped in making the 24th annual Mesa Falls Marathon a great success! Even with the pandemic and smoke in the air, we were still able to have a great and safe race.

Trunk or Treat

Natalie Pauly was the new Chair over Trunk or Treat this year. She and her "Scream Team" had a great time organizing and putting together a new twist this year on Ashton's annual Trunk or Treat. It was a great success!

Here are our trunk winners:

1st Place: Kylie Morris and her dog Chief;

2nd Place: Lisa Harston; 3rd Place: Brooke

Hunter/Disaster Restoration.



Ashton Community Foundation's "Spirit of Christmas"

Saturday, December 5th, 2020

Visit Santa 3:30-4:30pm in his workshop pavilion on Main St followed by

Christmas Tree Lighting 5:00pm (Main St. Pocket Park)

Christmas Caroling with cookies & hot chocolate provided

Parade of lights following caroling 5:30pm (Main St.)

Contact Hannah McCausey for parade information (208) 390-3371

Ashton Community Spirit of Christmas Local sponsors: 511 Main Pizzeria and Old-fashioned Soda Fountain, Black-foot Communications, and Frostop Drive In



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Spotlight:



John Grube joined the Ashton Fire Department on August 4, 1986. As one can imagine, John has been an incredible firefighter over his 34 years of service. We as the North Fremont Fire District were sad to see his retirement on September 30, 2020. But, we have been blessed by John's example and service and we wish him all the best!

After joining as a volunteer firefighter in 1986, John was given the opportunity to be the training officer for the Ashton Fire Department from 1988-1991. During this time, he also acquired the job of secretary from 1989-1992. At this time the Ashton Fire department started to outgrow their current building on Main Street, so was then merged into the North Fremont Fire Department that we know today. John continued being secretary for the North Fremont Fire Department from 1991-1995. In 1996, John was selected to serve as the Fire Commissioner until 2004. In 2004 until his retirement at the end of September, John served as Chief of the North Fremont Fire Department.

One of the changes that John has been a part of is the merge from the Ashton Fire Department to the North Fremont Fire District. He was also instrumental in adding the EMT's under the same roof as the fire department. In 1992 when John's pager went off his worst nightmare was coming to life. A newlywed, John answered his pager and ran to Main Street where the Ashton Hotel was on fire. This was so scary! His new bride Gina, feared for his life and John was fighting to save the other buildings on the block, for fear the entire block would be engulfed in the flames. Luckily, the North Fremont Fire District



was on scene and they were able to get the flames under control and save that block of Ashton. John has seen many firemen and trucks come and go over his years of service in the fire department. One proud moment that John is proud of happened in 2013. As fate would have it, Dubois was in dire need of a new fire truck. The one they currently

had needed a new transmission. It was enough to pump the water, but not drive to the destination. So, consequently, their fire department would have to pull the truck to the fire to put it out. Well, we were in the process of upgrading one of our trucks, and ended up leaving one there for Dubois' fire department to use. In 2018 during the Grassy Ridge fire over near Dubois our firefighters went to help fight the fire. John smiled to see that their fire department was still using the truck that our fire department had donated to them, with the label still on the truck that said North Fremont Fire Department. John's proudest moment was when the new high school was being built. He was on site throughout the project, making sure that the school's fire code was completed correctly and safely. John has always been so kind, patient, brave and dedicated. He is very community minded. When there wasn't a fire to put out, one could always see John driving the fire truck to carry Santa for the Spirit of Christmas, helping with the Homecoming parade, handing out candy at the annual Trunk or Treat, helping the Easter Bunny with his debut, or his favorite...helping with Ashton's annual 4th of July festivities. That usually included driving the truck in the parade, spraying the kids down at the park with the fire hose, passing the boot around for the fireworks fundraiser dinner, and making sure the entire city enjoyed the greatest fireworks show possible! Yes, John is an incredible person. Those who have worked closely with John know of his passion. When John would get a new idea, he would run it through you and get your okay. Then, once you and him would carry it out he would say, "Well, we ham and egged that one"! Yes, to say that John will be missed on the North Fremont Fire Department is an understatement. But, we thank you John for your many years of service and sacrifice for our community.

Thank you and Happy Retirement John Grube!

Information deadline for the Newsletter is due by 8 AM on the Saturday prior to the first and third Tuesday of the month. Please email anything you would like posted to info@ashtonidaho.com or leave a message at 652-3355.

City of Ashton News



- * City Council Meeting @ 7pm on December 9th.
- * City Building will be **CLOSED** Dec. 24-25 & Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for the holidays.
- * City Council Meeting @ 7pm on Jan. 13
- * Remember to renew your dog's licenses for the new year!



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Contact Sara Bowersox at 208-652-3350 for more information.

Community Calendar

- Dec. 5—Spirit of Christmas on Main Street
- Dec. 7—Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 9—City Council @ 7pm
- Dec. 16—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Dec. 17—Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ noon
- Dec. 17—School Board Mtg. @ District office@7
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day
- Dec. 31—New Year's Eve
- Every Wednesday—Ashton Rotary @ noon @ 511

**The next newsletter will come out possibly on January 19, 2021. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!



GO HUSKIES!!



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The North Fremont Food Pantry will only be distributing once this month, on December 16th. Food can be picked up at the Ashton Community Center on the east side. A picture I.D. is required for pick-up.



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Your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have come to the conclusion that the scope of our Chamber of Commerce is in need of some revamping for the future. We are in the midst of making some changes to accommodate the future. With this being said, we are looking to rethinking the Ashton Chamber Newsletter and it's value. We are also looking to use more technology to help communicate events and happenings. Please be aware that times are changing and we are striving to provide the best we can so that we can promote the businesses in our area. We also want to be able to serve our members the best we can. If you are a member or want to become a member please join us at our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at noon at The Main Office. We would really appreciate anyone's input as we shift what our Chamber has been the past few decades to what it needs to become for the next few decades.

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