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Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce



Your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to a busy and great 2013! Some things to watch for:

- * **We are in the middle of our Membership Drive!** Please support your Chamber and become a member! \$25/individual; \$50/non-profit; \$75/business; \$250/premium member.
- * **We will be having elections for a new board in March. You are needed to serve!** Please contact Karie Rigby @ Bank of Idaho or Rachel Hatton if you are interested in being a board member for the next two years by February 12th.
- * **Attention all businesses:** The American Dog Derby would like to advertise for you! If you wish to have a special that weekend or simply advertise your business, please get fliers to Kathy Scafe to add to the musher's welcome bag. This is a great opportunity to attract the crowds as we get closer to the Dog Derby's 100th anniversary and attract the public as they come to our wonderful town this weekend (Feb.15-16). Call Kathy @ 681-0266
- * **Want to advertise in your Chamber Newsletter?** It costs \$20 to advertise your event or business. If you are a member of the Ashton Chamber of Commerce then it will cost \$10 to advertise your event or business! So, join Chamber now and advertise!



Come and enjoy a great Idahoan meal:
Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner
Open: Daily 6am-10pm

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.

Business Spotlight:



Lions Clubs International

Beginning back in 1917, Melvin Jones a 38 year old Chicago business leader asked a simple and world-wide changing question, "What if we as business men reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of our communities and the world?" Almost 100 years later, **Lions Clubs International** is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities. In 1920 **Lions Clubs** went International, first with Canada, seven years later with Mexico, and later in the 50's and 60's spreading membership to Europe, Asia and Africa. In 1925 Helen Keller approached the **Lions Clubs International** and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, the **Lions Clubs International** have worked tirelessly in this crusade. The **Ashton Lions Club** received its charter on February 5, 1941 with 25 members. Civic projects conducted by the **Lions Club** back then included providing the Ashton Herald to all area servicemen in the Pacific during WWII, buying new uniforms for N.F. football team, helping buy band uniforms, a \$1000 lighting project for Ashton's soft-ball diamond, work on the city park, installation of refuse cans on Main Street, selling of brooms to help the blind, and many others.

The **Ashton Lady Lions Club** began in December 2, 1952 with 17 chartered members. In March 1954, five new members were added to the club. The **Lady Lions** sponsored several community projects—including a Christmas decoration contest for the town, helping to send delegates to Girls' State, donations to polio, cancer, and other worthy drives, assisting at annual Fall Festival, a campaign to spray the town against mosquitoes, sponsoring Clean-Up Week, donations to the elementary school library and many others. Among the very successful projects has been that of sponsoring a story hour for pre-school youngsters; with work also being carried on in the hope of having a kindergarten established in our community.

So, as one can see, much was started in our community through the efforts of the two **Lions Clubs** Ashton had. But even though some things have changed since the beginning of the **Ashton Lions Clubs**; such as both men and women are included in the same club now, one still needs to be invited to a meeting, but is encouraged to join. **Ashton Lions Club** still exists and is a branch of the **St. Anthony Lions Club**. Through the **Lions Club** they still test our children's eyes at school which happened last Thursday, carrying on the Free Thanksgiving Dinner in St. Anthony that was started by the late Mary Chriswell at Chriswell's Trails Inn many years ago, helping families at Christmastime with presents and other needs, and helping elderly and families with utilities in the winter. They have fundraisers throughout the year to help fund their services, so please watch for these so you can support them. The **Lions Club** also provides the insurance for our upcoming American Dog Derby, 4th of July parade, and Mesa Falls Marathon.

So although time goes by, the **Lions Club** is still around and "working tirelessly for the betterment of our communities!" But like many other organizations, the **Lions Club** is always looking for more/new volunteers! For more information on how to become a member or volunteer please call, Jake Jacobson @ 652-7771 or 652-7338, Sam Davis @ 390-0320, or Lyndon Rinehart @ 390-6537.



State of the City Address: January 9, 2013
Mayor Teddy Stronks

We have had a challenging year which has been filled with a number of changes for the City of Ashton.

- The Water Improvement Project started this summer. The water treatment plant is complete and most of the pipe included in the project is laid. The citizens are sacrificing a lot for this project. So our hopes are high that the technology will do what was planned.
- Two sections of pool decking were replaced this spring and the City has budgeted to replace the east deck this summer. This summer is looking HOT at the pool!
- Arbor Day was celebrated on May 19th at Ashton Elementary. The Tree Committee had a great time judging the entries and giving out awards. The City also received an award for its 10th year as a Tree City USA. The Tree Committee also planned the purchase of 8 trees for the City. Two trees were used to replace street trees on Main Street and 6 were planted at the ball park.
- The Fremont County Library district accepted the gift of the Ashton Community Center from the City. The Council and I know that the Library District will keep the community spirit alive at the Center.
- The Visitor Center saw many visitors again this year. The Forest Service did not fund its portion of the Center so it was only open Thurs.—Mon. Volunteers are the best source for the great information given to visitors but are still in short supply. So volunteer at the Visitor Center!
- The face of Main Street changed with the new location of the school crossing lights and the several new crosswalk signs.
- The City of Ashton hosted Governor Otter and many other state officials as Idaho's Capital for a Day on June 14, 2012. It was an exciting day with many opportunities for citizens to meet face to face with Idaho's highest public servants.
- The City Public Works Department, Police Department, Administration, and Council faced many challenges with the water project, Capital for a Day, Etc. I appreciate their hard work and dedication.
- The City Council and I look forward to continuing to do our best for the citizens of Ashton.

As Mayor I couldn't be prouder of all that our employees, volunteers, citizens and City Council have done to work together in making the City of Ashton a city to be proud of...the City we call home.

I have heard it said that we should not spend all of our time looking in the rearview mirror of life. Things can happen in our past and we spend time focusing on them, *successes and failures; moments of great joy and moments of great pain; our victories and our embarrassments*. If we're not careful, we can end up spending more time attending to the past than looking at the future. In doing so, we can easily lose sight of our goals and slow down our progress. We don't move forward by focusing on a rear-view mirror; we move forward by focusing on the windshield. I would like to use this message for the City of Ashton. My goal is to spend more time in the present and keep looking to the future.

I feel as Mayor and City Council we are looking through the windshield. I am expecting great things on the upcoming projects I have mentioned and although we will not forget the lessons of the past, we will move forward to a wonderful future.



Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food!
Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
8am-9pm Mon.-Thurs. & 8am-10pm Fri.-Sat.
Located at 514 Main St. Ashton, ID
Call for your orders to go at 652-7225.

Community Calendar

- **Jan. 23**—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- **FRIDAYS**—Kids Gym 9-11AM; Ashton Community Center; \$1/child.

The next newsletter will come out on **Feb. 5th. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!

The Ashton Elementary school's auction item is an awesome Super Bowl basket until Jan. 31st! The next items will be Florence's Chocolates, a candy wreath, and other great ideas for Valentine's Day. Go to the school and bid in the office during school hours! ...stay tuned to Newsletter for more details!

We encourage all to continually support our Ashton Businesses!!

Email info@ashtonidaho.com with your events time and description to get your event posted FREE! For more event details visit our on-line Community Calendar at www.ashtonidaho.com
We place events on our community calendars for free!

Soup Challenge



When: Friday, February 15th
Time: 5-7 pm

Place: Ashton Community Center
Cost: \$2/person & vote



Stakes: Who's homemade soup reigns supreme in Ashton?
1st Place-\$75
2nd Place-\$50
3rd Place-\$25

Registration: \$5/soup entry and every entry needs to have an **Ashton** business sponsor; sign up at Stronks & Sons by Feb.12th!

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For questions about event please call Rachel Hatton @ 652-0144 or Sara Bowersox @ 652-0134.



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