



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, Feb. 21, 2019 @ noon @ our new location...The Main Office on Main**

## Soup Challenge

Ashton Chamber of Commerce's **Soup Challenge** will be during the American Dog Derby once again. So all you wonderful cooks get those recipes out and be ready to compete Friday, February 15, 2019 with your best soup recipe! **Registration is \$5/soup and you must have an Ashton Business sponsor. Please register at Stronks & Sons by February 14th. Winners will receive a cash prize of 1st-\$75; 2nd-\$50; 3rd-\$25. Admission is \$2/voter age 12 and up. Questions call Sara@ (208)652-0134 or Rachel@ (208)652-0144.**

## What's Happening in Ashton?

- ◆ **GO HUSKIES!** Boys & Girls Basketball & Wrestling
- ◆ **The Ashton Community Review Phase 1 report is complete. Watch the Newsletter for upcoming dates and time to review the report and learn about steps for upcoming Phase 2. Time to be informed and involved!**
- ◆ **Please be sure to move your cars and other personal items out of the City's right of way to avoid damage when plowing. Any damage in the City's right of way while plowing will NOT be the responsibility of the City.**
- ◆ **A big "THANK YOU" to the State, County, City, and personal individuals who have been busy plowing snow the past couple of weeks. Many of us don't know how many hours you are putting in helping the rest of us be able to get to and from our destinations safely. We appreciate your great work.**

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](mailto:info@ashtonidaho.com) or leave a message at 652-3355.

January 14, 2019

### State of the City Address



Charles F. Kettering said, "you never stub your toe standing still. The faster you go, the more chance there is of stubbing your toe, but the more chance you have of getting somewhere."

We started 2018 with a new Councilman and old friend taking office. Tom Mattingly took office for his first term as a City Councilmember. Tom, as you all know, served as Police Chief for the City for many years. It is good to have him as well as Councilman Atchley, who was re-elected, on the Council.

2018 was a year of projects. The City had already started the Wastewater Project but added a Park Project and assisting with a Side-walk Project into the mix.

We, as a City, are moving along on the sewer project. Phase I is in the final phase with just a few items left until completion. The plan was to start Phase II in the summer of 2018 but it has been moved back to this coming spring. Phase II will be replacing sewer lines in the City that need repair.

The Park Project bid out late in the summer and will be paid for by a \$150,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant. It will include the re-plastering of the swimming pool, the addition of parking with curb and gutter on the south side of the pool as well as on the east side of the park, a pad for portable restrooms and a walking path. Work has begun and the project should wrap up early in the summer so that everyone can get a lot of use out of the City Park.

The Ashton Urban Renewal Agency came to the City in 2017 to ask if the City would participate in a grant application to add sidewalks on Main Street to help keep the school children safe as they walk to school. The City agreed to administer the grant if/when it was received. A \$250,000 LTHAC School Safety Program Grant was received. After bidding, costs had gone up and it was looking kind of bleak, but the Ashton Urban Renewal Agency was able to put in some more funds to complete all but the new street lights and crossing lights. Next year we hope to be able to complete those items.

A new chlorinator was installed at the City's water treatment facility and the generator has been working really well through the power outages that we have had. The garbage fee was raised in November 2018 to offset costs from the new fees at the Fremont County Landfill. The chip sealing on the streets was delayed until the end of the Wastewater Phase II so that the streets will look great. The police have been helping out our citizens in more ways than we all know. The City staff has had a busy but satisfying year.

This past October, I as Mayor, took a challenge with the other mayors of the State of Idaho. I walked an average of 15 miles a week by myself and with the grade school kids. By so doing, I was given a \$1,000 check to put towards repair of the City tennis courts as well as an additional \$10,000 grant to help out. The CHC Foundation has also given the City a \$13,000 grant for the project. The City will be applying for an Idaho Parks & Recreation Department grant to help complete the \$150,000 project. I am looking forward to 2019 with bright hopes. As Mayor and City Council, we will continue to do our best. It has been said that "there are no limitations to what you can do, except the limitations of your own mind as to what you cannot do. Don't think you cannot, think you can."

—Mayor Teddy Stronks

# City of Ashton News



\* Remember to renew/or license your dogs if you live in the City limits. It's a New Year! \$7.50/dog.



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 Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner  
 Mon.-Thurs. 11am-8pm Fri.-Sat. 9am-9pm  
 Located at 580 Main St. Ashton, ID  
 Call for your orders to go at 208-652-7225.

## Community Calendar

- Jan. 9—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Jan. 14—City Council @ 7pm
- Jan. 17—Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ noon
- Jan. 17—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ District Office
- Jan. 21—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 23—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.

\*\*The next newsletter will come out on Feb. 5, 2019. Please have information to the Chamber by the Saturday before. Thank you!



**GO HUSKIES!!**



Email [info@ashtonidaho.com](mailto: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](http://www.ashtonidaho.com)  
 We place events on our community calendars for free!



Does your business need an office on Main Street?

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

Office Space for rent in Ashton  
 Desks, Utilities & Internet Included



## AMERICAN DOG DERBY

The American Dog Derby is gearing up for another season. This year the races will be **February 15th & 16th. We**

**need more volunteers, we meet Tuesdays @ 7pm @ The Main Office.** There will be vendors at the event. To register your booth, please call Rachel Hatton @ 208-652-0144. Also, **we need sponsorships!** Anyone, business or otherwise that would like to donate to the Dog Derby it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John Scafe @ 208-360-0988 or Kathy Scafe @ 208-681-0266 **The Mutts races will be Saturday, Feb. 16th. You will need to bring your own dog on a leash to participate. Sleds will be provided. Dog Derby Buttons are 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.**

Swiss Precision is pleased to offer Home Repair/Remodel; Snow Removal (plowing & shoveling); and have rabbit and chicken feed for sale.

Nursery Winter Hours are:  
 9am-4pm.  
 208-652-7840  
[www.swissprecision.net](http://www.swissprecision.net)



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**208-652-7771**

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**Bouquets starting @ \$15.99**

5% discount Orders received by Feb 7th

Chocolate Bouquets Available

Orders & Payments processed through Shoppe on Main Stop by & see our catalog of arrangements

~ Floral Arrangements ~  
 ~ Centerpieces ~  
 ~ Specialty Orders ~

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