



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

Thanks you to all our wonderful cooks this year for the Soup Challenge. It was really tough to judge as they were all very delicious! Congratulations to our winners: 3rd place-\$25-Cassandra Torres—Bean Soup; 2nd place-\$50- Hannah McCausey-Loaded Potato Soup; 1st place-\$75-Karl & Cherise Dahle-Zuppa Tuscano Soup

Thank you to the Zion Lutheran Church for their yummy desserts they provided. We're looking forward to next year...start figuring out which soup you might want to enter!

Ashton to Benefit from Community Review

Phase I Report Ready... To view: Visit website:

ashtoncommunity.review

Phase II - Preparation

Selection of Focus Areas (7 areas to choose from – we will pick 3)

- ◆ Community Infrastructure & Services
- ◆ Community Involvement & Communication
- ◆ Downtown revitalization
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Job Creation via Business Creation, Retention, & Expansion
- ◆ Opportunities for Youth: Education, Employment, & Recreation
- ◆ Transportation (especially with respect to the Hwy 20 corridor)

Ashton area community is encouraged to read more details and to vote for their choices on the Focus Areas at the website:

ashtoncommunity.review

Watch for Phase II meetings coming soon!

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:

Each year, on the third weekend in February, Ashton is transformed into a world of howling dogs, curious spectators, and anxious



AMERICAN DOG DERBY

racers. Dating back to 1917, the **American Dog Derby** is the oldest sled dog race in America still being run. **We had an excellent 102nd race last weekend, February 15-16.**

What makes it unique is the "carnival-like" atmosphere that prevails during the race. This year the children's events, vendors, and awards ceremony took place **Saturday beginning at 10am in the middle of Main Street in downtown Ashton.** The great tradition is made possible by the generous donations we receive from our supporters and businesses. During the two days of the **American Dog Derby** booths are invited to line our streets. It was awesome to have the much needed moisture and snow this year so we could bring the races back to Main Street and downtown. Also, those collectible **American Dog Derby** buttons along with other "necessary" souvenirs were sold just inside The Main Office. The **American Dog Derby** committee is committed to bringing the excitement to our community. The Soup Challenge was on Friday night 5-6:30pm at the Community Center. This year the N.F. High School sponsored a dance at the Ashton Elementary school from 8-10pm following the soup challenge. The high school also organized "Arctic Golf" in the pocket park this year, and the choir sang our national anthem on Friday before the races began. It was great to have the participation of our schools this year be apart of this historic event in our community! It is always fun to have the elementary students come and watch and cheer as the mushers take off in the morning. We even manage to have some of the classes participate in the Celebrity Race by pulling their teachers on the sleds.

The dog derby committee and the mushers appreciate the community's support through participation and donations both in-kind and monetary to help the tradition continue on through the next 100 years!

A sincere "Thank You" to the many volunteers and businesses who have donated to make this community event a success! Every donation and volunteer matters!

If you have any questions, please call John Scafe @ 208-360-0988 or Kathy Scafe @ 208-681-0266.

"Let the Dogs Run!"

City of Ashton News



- * March 13—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- * Remember to license your dogs.....\$7.50/dog.



Come and enjoy some yummy Mexican food!
 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

- Feb. 13—City Council @ 7pm @ City Building
- Feb. 13—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.
- Feb. 14—School Board Mtg. @ 7pm @ NFHS
- Feb. 15-16—American Dog Derby
- Feb. 18—President’s Day
- Feb. 20—Ashton Community Foundation Mtg. @ 7pm @ Community Center
- Feb. 21—Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ noon
- Feb. 22—Ashton Blood Drive@ 10-3:30@ Community Center. Register at redcrossblood.org
- Feb. 27—N.F. Food Pantry 5-7pm @Ashton Community Center. Picture ID required.

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



GO HUSKIES!!



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!



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

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



The Cut Above

The Cut Above would like to welcome Alex Black to our team! Alex offers hair color, haircuts, deep conditioning, scalp treatments, manicure and pedicures! Come in and meet Alex and have your hair and nails done! Amy is offering haircuts, hair color, perms, and we’re now offering tanning! *Come in and schedule your appointment today! Monday-Friday 10am-5pm*

What's Happening in Ashton?

- ◆ North Fremont Wrestlers are going to State! North Fremont Boys Basketball will play Wed.@ 7 against Ririe. Our Boys Basketball team is going to State! The North Fremont cast for the musical “Emma” have started rehearsals & DYW will be right around the corner at the end of March.
- ◆ Ashton Elementary 1st & 2nd graders are preparing for their Operetta March 7 & 8.
- ◆ The Ashton Community Review is still going on. Please visit the website: ashtoncommunity.review so that you can vote on what you think our 3 Focus Areas should be for Phase II.
- ◆ We are very thankful to the State, County, City, and many local businesses and friends who have been so diligent helping with keeping our roads plowed so well. And, with the continued snow removal this winter. Because of these people, the rest of us are able to go about our day a little easier and much safer!



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