



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, Jan. 17, 2019 @ noon @ our new location...The Main Office on Main Street.**

In March we will be having elections for a new board. We would love to have some more of our businesses represented in the decisions and activities that we are involved with. Please consider being on our board. The Chamber of Commerce board is a two year term. We meet every third Thursday and have a board meeting when necessary the week before. If you are interested please start coming to our meetings and/or let one of the current board members know.

Ashton Chamber Newsletter

Our Ashton Chamber of Commerce Newsletter is a great way to advertise in our area and beyond. We deliver 300-500 copies twice a month in town. Different quantities are left at every business in town. We also email it to many who have subscribed and it is posted on our website. To advertise contact Rachel. It costs \$20 or \$10 if you are a Chamber member.

What's Happening in Ashton?

- ◆ GO HUSKIES! Boys & Girls Basketball & Wrestling
- ◆ **Happy Retirement Shirley Butler! Thank you for 57 years of service at Reinke Grain!**
- ◆ 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.

Spotlight:

- ◆ Last year your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce responded to over 300 phone calls, mailed over 15 relocation/vacation packets, and we had over 12,000 visits to our website! Visitors from all over looked at over 45,000 pages on our website. Of those who are inquiring about Ashton on the Ashton Chamber of Commerce website, 86% of those visitors were new inquirers of our area! A 2% increase from last year. Our TOP page was our Home page, followed by our Member Directory page, Attractions, the American Dog Derby, and the Mesa Falls Byway. This is excellent as those that visit and enjoy our events in Ashton also see what other businesses our town has to offer. **It definitely pays to be a member of your Ashton Area Chamber with more and more inquiries to our website as to what Ashton has to offer. This is just an example of what your Ashton Chamber does for you!**



- ◆ **We are gearing up for our Membership drive!** Come and be involved with your Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce! Come and learn the benefits of membership and involvement! As we continue to keep our website updated, we encourage our members to check your spot on our website for any changes. We want to represent you the best that we can with your help and input! Please let us know of any changes that may need to be made.

Membership dues are:

\$75/business; \$50/non-profit; \$250/premium membership.

- ◆ In 2015, the Ashton area saw signs of a growing economy: new businesses opening their doors and new people moving into our community. We have seen more growth over the past few years. We expect more of the same in 2019, and the Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is here to help keep it going. Our newsletter is sharing more local information than ever. Our website continues to evolve and improve all the time. Our Facebook page spreads the word on social media about what our business members are doing. We look forward to the new year and exploring more avenues to grow our economy and better those events we sponsor like the 4th of July Celebration, Trunk or Treat, and supporting the upcoming American Dog Derby.

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 will be MONDAY, Jan. 14, 2019 @ 7pm @ City Building. Mayor Stronks will give his State of the City Address.
- * Remember to renew/or license your dogs if you live in the City limits. It's a New Year! \$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

- 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 Jan. 22, 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!



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

Does your business need an office on Main Street?

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

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



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. **If anyone feels like doing a snow dace, the Dog Derby Committee would really appreciate it...we always need more SNOW!**



Attention Ashton Residents!

Thursday, December 13, 2018, Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls Area held a Community Conversation at North Fremont High School. This meeting, designed to give an update on what Habitat has been doing in Ashton and Habitat's plans for the future. If you or someone you know would like to hear from Habitat about our programs and plans for the future please contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 208-528-0298 or

email Habitat @ habitat@datawav.net.

We would be happy to set a time and date to visit with you one-on-one or at a group meeting.

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