



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ & Water Utility Bill August 1, 2015

Athol Beautification June 2015:

There were at least 31 volunteers from Real Life Ministries, Athol Church of God and the Careywood Eager Beavers 4-H and the Mayor who played a huge role in making this event possible. Thank you to all your time with the clean-up efforts.

Multiple old bbq's and scrap metal was taken to Cole's Automotive. As well as other large items taken to the dump. For those residents who asked for help with their yards, they were each given a wooden flower bed, which was put together by the Athol Church of God volunteers. BBQ in the park was provided by Real Life Ministry and the City-wide Yard Sales were successful.

We hope that this is an event that will continue to grow, and can be even more successful next year. Next year we might consider doing it a little sooner in the spring.

A New City Policy- Communications Policy

At the July council meeting, the Council voted to pass Resolution 2015-02 that adopts a Communications Policy. This policy officially identifies the parameters in which City of Athol internet websites, Social Media and City Newsletters are established and maintained.

The biggest change this policy brings for the monthly newsletter is that it now requires the articles and information to be gathered by the City Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and City Council and reviewed at a regular council meeting, prior to being mailed out. This newsletter was previously being handled by the Mayor.

Council agrees this has been a great way to increase community awareness of city events and news. It is the intent of the council to continue these monthly newsletters, and ensure the content is accurate. This policy is not trying to infringe upon any individuals rights or freedom of speech.

Citizens are encouraged to make suggestions for topics they are interested in hearing about.

Athol Citizen of the Year:

Linnie Neely, was chosen for the 2015 Athol Citizen of the year. Linnie has helped with a number of events and projects in the city over this past year. Thank you Linnie, for giving your time to help the greater community.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2015
@ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The City Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Future Council Meeting Dates:

September 18, 2015
October 18, 2015
November 11, 2015
December 16, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING: 8/18/15

Mayor:

Darla Kuhman

City Council:

**Mary Zichko
Lewis Miller
Shane McDaniel
Josh Spencer**

City Attorney:

Randy Adams

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Assistant/Deputy Clerk:

Tamie Cunningham

Public Works Director:

Stephen Williams

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

<p>Sunday - Mountain View Baptist (every Sun) 10am – 1pm, Downstairs Main Room</p> <p>Monday –</p> <p>Grandmothers (3rd Monday every month) 10am-1pm (1-4pm) Downstairs Main Room</p> <p>Tuesday –</p> <p>Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tuesday each month) 7pm Conference Room Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 9am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tuesday of each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday –</p> <p>Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 7pm</p> <p>Thursday –</p> <p>Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, Conference Room Farragut Flyers (every 3rd Thursday) 7pm, Conference Rm</p> <p>Friday –</p> <p>Saturday –</p> <p>Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm, Conference Room</p>
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If you have a special topic of interest, please let us know by contacting the City Office – 208-683-2101

Athol Daze- Saturday August 8, 2015- Classic Car Show 9am-2pm @ Victory Auto Parts. Parade line-up is at 9am, and the Parade begins at 10am. (**Please note there is a new parade route, it will no longer run down Davis Lane, and it will begin and go up N. Old Hwy 95 then across Hwy 54**), Money in the Straw at 11am sharp, Live Music, auction and raffles, and games in the park all day! We need cakes and baked goods for the Cake Walk, please take donated items to the community center.

↓ WATER BILL ↓

An Amendment to the Personnel Policy

At the July council meeting a motion was made and passed, to amend the City's Personnel Policy. The purpose of this amendment was to clearly identify all the employee positions and titles in which the City of Athol employs; this will follow suit with the cities budgeted line items.

This policy amendment, is effective as of the new fiscal year, 10/1/2015. It changed 2 things:

- 1) The Public Works Director, or Maintenance Man as it was formerly called for years, will now be titled, Public Works/Water Operator.
- 2) There will no longer be any employee with the title, Deputy City Clerk; but rather Part-Time Office staff. These positions are primarily used to cover the city office in the absence of the City Clerk/Treasurer or as needed for various projects.

There are no changes in the duties to any of these employees, no-one is being let go and there has not been any line-item budget cuts for any of the positions in the city. Pursuant to the City's Personnel policy council may make any necessary salary adjustments. Council wishes only to promote consistency in aligning current staffing titles and duties, as well as setting equal pay for equal duties.

Attention "New" PARADE Route

Parade Line-Up: 9am (Be sure to pre-register).

Parade Begins at 10am. Line up at Athol Elementary & N Old Hwy 95. The parade will head up N. Old Hwy 95; and will proceed left onto Hwy 54 and continuing to the library and ending at the City Park.

It will not run on

Davis Lane this year. Applications for the parade are at City Hall, or on the cities website:

www.cityofathol.us

Come on all you kids get dressed up and join in the parade!!



Those pesky tree roots are gone! The Library and the City together had the parking lot repaved, after chopping down and digging up all the roots to those trees.



Athol Library Programs



The Athol Library had over 200 + kids attend the Birds of Prey program on June 23rd at the community center. Kids got to see and learn about falcons and eagles up

close. This past week they had the Martial Arts Academy program and had over 90 + kids attend. Thank you to the Library folks for bringing some great programs to Athol. Stop by the Library for more fun things to do!

Did you know... that as part of the Athol City Code, ORD#263, no structures, shrubs, trees, etc. are to be planted or placed in the city's right-of-way? Please be sure you're aware of the city's residential and commercial zoning ordinances'.

