



~ CITY NEWS ~  
**INFORMER & WATER BILL**  
**July 1, 2015**



**Local Celebrations:**

**Bayview** – All day (9:00 am – 10:00 pm) Bayview Daze Street Fair, Street Parade, Lighted Boat Parade, & Fireworks.

**Silverwood Theme Park** – Fire Work Extravaganza

**Please Make a Donation to The American Legion for our local Vets.**

**About Independence Day**

In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence.

On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was first published two days later on July 4, 1776.

The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776.

Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States.

However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

During this time of celebration, while we enjoy our family day, please remember the men and women who served. I cannot say this enough. Many are broken in body, mind, and soul over protecting our rights, and we should never forget them.

I ask that you reach out to those you know who have served and invite them to celebrate with you and yours. Give thanks to them and to the others past, who have laid down so much, just so that we can have this day of celebration.

Make a soldier a part of your family.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 21, 2015**  
**@ 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL - 30355 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**208-683-2101**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
**The City Meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.**

**On the Agenda:**

Athol Daze  
Audit Presentation  
Draft Budget Approval

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><b>Sunday -</b> Mountain View Baptist (every Sun) 10am – 1pm, Downstairs Main Room</p> <p><b>Monday –</b></p> <p>Grandmothers (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every month) 10am-1pm (1-4pm) Downstairs Main Room</p> <p><b>Tuesday –</b></p> <p>Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month) 7pm Conference Room Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 8am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday –</b></p> <p>Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)</p> <p><b>Thursday –</b></p> <p>Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, Conference Room Farragut Flyers (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 7pm, Conference Rm</p> <p><b>Friday –</b></p> <p><b>Saturday –</b></p> <p>Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm, Conference Room</p>
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**Upcoming:** Athol Daze 8/8/15; Athol Community Library 7/21/15- "Martial Arts Academy" 10:30am-12:15pm

If anyone would like a specific article to be written, please let me know by contacting the City Office – 208-683-2101.

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## FINAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

The city has been providing Budget Workshops for citizens to participate in the scheduling of the next fiscal year's budget.

I am sorry to report that the attendance to these budget workshops has been embarrassing and sad. I am so disheartened by the lack of interest in these meetings. I insisted on having a meeting once a month to give citizens the opportunity to have a say in how our tax payer's monies are spent. Only two citizens came to a couple of the meetings.

In a day and age where we all are dissatisfied with the majority of our politicians, an opportunity has been given for us to stand up and have control of where our taxes are to go. No one seems to care. Please, please, make the effort.

The decisions are being made for you. And, I truly do not think that you will be happy with those decisions.

For example:

The old City Hall, is on the chopping block. Councilmembers would like to tear it down. I feel that we should save it and put a cement floor under it and make it into a concession stand, or something. Anything, but tearing it down.



We do not have many historical buildings in town. We should keep it.

Another decision is, that our insurance carry, ICRMP is going to reimburse our city \$102,000 for 2014 insurance claim from what former city clerk, Sally Hansen, stole from us.

They, however, are denying the rest of our claim.

I feel that we should appeal. One city councilmember thinks we should just forget about it and voted against the appeals process. I feel that it is our duty as city officials to do everything in our power and time to get back as much as possible. An appeal request does not cost money, so why not try?

I also feel that we should file a civil complaint against Sally Hansen and her husband. Do you want to give up, or do you want to fight back? I say fight – let people know that we in Athol will not roll over and lick our wounds, but will stand for, and demand justice. Put it on the record!

Additionally, (before I run out of room, and there are many more topics you should know about), after our accountants have advised over and over again, that we need divisions of duties for our City Clerk, and we need additional office staff, to ensure a proper check and balance system, and I have hired a Deputy Clerk, Tami Cunningham, the council feels that her position is not necessary and thus have cut budgeted monies for her to be employed at her current position and rate.

I firmly agree with the auditors, that since we do not have a paid full time position for a Mayor/Supervisor to be available at least 6-8 hours a day in the Office of the Mayor, that we should then have additional staff to ensure protection of our city. There is enough funding to provide this.

I stress so deeply that you must pay attention, and take the opportunity that I hand you to attend the meetings, and give your input. I encourage and will allow, as I run the meetings, your voice to be heard.

I cannot do this alone. As Mayor, I have no vote on the decisions that the Council make for you. Please remember this. I can only fight for you if you present and demand to be listened to.

**To All Veterans**  
  
**Whether At Home Or Abroad**  
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired  
**All Americans Say:**  
**THANK YOU!**



**Thoughts & Information**  
**THE PURPLE HEART**  
**AWARD**

**Do You Know Of Anyone  
Who Was Awarded?  
Thank Them For Their  
Sacrifice!**

Every day, we need to stop, remember, and thank those men and women who have put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and allow us to live our lives free of oppression and death.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed.

It was first awarded February 22, 1932. And, there have been approximately 1,910,162 (as of 2010) awarded.

The Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria.

Whether or not they have a purple heart, stop and thank a soldier today – and give them a hug!



**THIS MONTH'S**  
**SPOT LIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS**



**106<sup>th</sup> Annual Athol Dazes - August 8, 2015**

If you would like to volunteer, participate, or have ideas, contact the city 208-683-2101 and let us know how you would like to assist.

The Next Citizen Athol Daze Input Meeting is: July 14th, at 4:30pm at the City Hall. Please come.

**Vintage Car Show** – Contact: Victory Auto Parts: 208-683-3375.

Next Newsletter, will have detailed information – spread the word – We Need Booth Vendors & Food Vendors!

**Athol Beautification Day – Was Amazing!**

I will provide more information in the next Newsletter. One important bit of news – if you need yard service, or help, call the City – we have volunteers who will help you mow your yard and haul off your garbage for free.

Community Assistance - helping each other.  
683-2101

