



~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
& WATER UTILITY BILL
November 1, 2015

CITY ELECTIONS- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

The candidates who have filed to run in the upcoming elections are:

City of Athol Mayor

Darla Kuhman (Incumbent)

Robert "Bob" Wachter

Council-Seat 1

William "Bill" Hill

Daniel Ratcliff

Deborah Warner

Council-Seat 2

Joshua Spencer (Incumbent)

Lynn Gronlund-Cole

Timberlake Fire Protection

District (Zone 1) Byron Burrow and Neil Peck, **(Zone 3)** Shane Stavros

Fall Clean-Up & Dump Day!

There are some local volunteers willing to help out any city resident who needs assistance with some minor yard clean-up. They will be available **Saturday, November 7 from 8:30am till approximately 2:00 pm.** They will make a dump run into Coeur d'Alene- this will be for items such

as old TV's, tires, mattresses, and miscellaneous items that cannot normally be collected at the local dump site just north of Hwy 54.

If you have something that you need assistance getting to the dump, please contact Linnie Neely at 208-699-8825 or by email at: Linnie.neely@gmail.com to coordinate a pick-up on Saturday November 7, 2015.

Watch your city newsletter in the spring for information on the **3rd Annual Athol Beautification week**, when volunteers will once again be available for yard clean-up, another city dump run, and a city wide yard sale!

ABC FOOD BANK

The Athol Bayview Carewood Food Bank is open every **Tuesday from 9-12 & 1-3pm** Sign-up for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will begin Oct 27th. The tree of sharing ornaments will be available in November. Please call Charlotte at 208-683-3244 with any questions.

If you need Energy Assistance please call 208.664.8757 to sign up.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2015

@ 7:00 PM

CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

December 15, 2015

January 19, 2016

February 16, 2016

March 15, 2015

The new fiscal year began
October 1, 2015.

Mayor:

Darla Kuhman

City Council:

Mary Zichko

Lewis Miller

Shane McDaniel

Josh Spencer

City Attorney:

Randy Adams

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

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 – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed, & Fri) 10am-11am Gym Grandmothers (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries (every Monday) 6:00pm-8pm, Gym, Conference & Main Downstairs</p> <p>Tuesday – Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tuesday each month) 7pm Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 9am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed, & Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm Hip Hop Classes (every Wednesday) 4-7pm, Gym</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, D. Dryer Dance & Drama Classes 2:30pm-6:00pm, Gym Farragut Flyers (every 3rd Thursday) 6:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed & Fri) 10am-11am, Gym</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: Athol City Hall will be closed for the following holidays this season: Wednesday November 11, 2015 for Veterans Day; Thursday & Friday November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving; Friday December 25th for Christmas and Friday January 1, 2016 for New Year's Day!

↓ WATER BILL ↓

Do you have a Family Disaster plan?

Did you know that the Athol community is located in a very unique area?



Here are a couple of things to consider:

- We have two major railroads, Burlington Northern/Santa Fe RR and Union Pacific RR. Both of these railroad companies transport numerous hazardous chemicals, flammable solids and liquids.
- Highway 95 and Highway 54 also have vehicles transporting numerous Hazardous materials
- Trans-Canada Natural Gas Pipe Line has (2) high pressure lines that pass through the Athol area. These distribution lines are 42 and 36 inches in diameter and are located just west of the Union Pacific RR line.

If a disaster was to occur, and the area needed to be evacuated, these are some items you might consider having on hand to take with you:

1. A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil.
2. One Change of clothing and footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag.
3. A prearranged place to stay, or extra means to pay for a motel.
4. Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
5. Important family documents.

Bill Wright Captain
Timberlake Fire Protection District



Athol Elementary School Events:



A special "Thank you" to the American Legion Post #149 for the generous donation of a new US flag for the Mountain View Cemetery.

Veteran's Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 11th at 9am, this event is open to families and any veterans are also welcome to attend.

Lakeland School District "Town Hall" meeting this month is at Athol Elementary Thursday, November 19th at 6:30pm

- Learn about Lakeland School District
- Find out what's happening in public education at the state level
- Ask questions, be informed.

We look forward to meeting you.

Did you know.... Council passed Ordinance #405 regarding the usage and rules in City Parks and Playfields. It can be viewed at www.cityofathol.us or you can come into the clerk's office and request a copy.

MEET THE ★ CANDIDATES

William “Bill” Hill (Council Position # 1)

I originally moved to Athol in 1963, where I started sixth grade at Athol Elementary. After high school I joined the US Coast Guard where I served my country for 4 years. While in the service I attended Class A electrical school. I eventually returned to Athol in May 2009. In 2011 I bought my mother, Ruth Hunters home and have settled in to call this town my home.

About 1 year ago I began taking interest in local government and have been attending monthly council meetings, when not in conflict with other obligations. I attend Athol Baptist Church where I have enjoyed getting to know more of the community and the wonderful people in it.

My desire to be on city council comes with no specific agenda but, in the best interest of our community members. I highly encourage others to become engaged in our city as well. Making a difference at the local level really does matter.

With your support I will be honored to serve the city of Athol as your council member.



Daniel Ratcliff (Council Position #1)

Most people know me as “Skinny Dan” I am running for seat one of the city council. The reason I am running is that I want to know more about what is going on in my own town. I want to try and help people and our town to grow. We need to keep things from the past from ever happening again and to make sure everyone will be held accountable for what was taken from our town.

I have lived in town with my wife and 4 kids for 11 years. We offer help when we can for those in need. Before that, I lived outside of town with my mom and family.

I only want what is best for everyone.

Deborah K Warner (Council Position #1)

Walking My Talk

Hello. My name is Deborah Katrina Warner and I am running for City of Athol Council Seat #1. I feel that I can bring my passion and experiences to help shape the future for the city of Athol. I have lived in Athol for over 20 years. I chose to live in Athol because of its affordability, its location to recreation and nature, and its small town charm.

I have been fortunate to be able to participate in many community activities that have given me the desire to see this community prosper. I have taught classes on sustainability and was involved with the upgrades to the city park. I have attended city council meetings to keep informed.

My vision for Athol is to make sure we serve and strengthen the anchored institutions near us, including Silverwood. I want to help preserve the green space around the city so that our small town lifestyle is maintained. I hope to work towards creating vibrant areas with businesses and shops to serve the community. We need diverse economic and social backgrounds that can work together for a common purpose. One thing that I am most proud of is being able to install a grid-intertie system onto my house. I feel that investing in renewables such as solar power can increase our ability as a community to be self-sufficient. *Vote for me on November 3, 2015 for Council Position #1!*

Meet the Candidates continued:

Joshua Spencer (Council Position #2, Incumbent)

Goals:

- ✓ Ensure that we as a council continue to gather maximum knowledge and citizen insight on all issues.
- ✓ Maintaining a responsible budget so Athol continues building a strong financial foundation.
- ✓ Every issue, along with every citizen, deserves respect, research and a reasonable outcome.
- ✓ Making sure that everyone in Athol is properly informed about all upcoming issues and past monthly accomplishments.



As many of you already know, I have no personal agendas or public allegiances. I see each individual and each issue as its own respectable entity. The Citizen's voice will remain the heaviest in any vote I am allowed to take part in.

Personal History: I was born into a family of farmers and home builders in the booming town of



Phoenix Arizona. I obtained my B.S. in Business Communications at Texas Christian University. Following a lifelong dream, I moved to North Idaho in 2011 and started a small business which specializes in agricultural carpentry, honoring and combining both sides of the family trades.

In early March of 2013, I was honored by nomination to serve on seat #2 of the City Council. It has been an absolute pleasure to continue to meet and serve my neighbors. I believe that all elected officials in Athol should serve as stewards of this city. As Council and Mayor we should never look for ways to benefit ourselves, but continue to search out and strive for ways to make Athol a great place to live.

Lynn Cole (Council Position #2)

I am running for city council after recent events, I feel the people who live here are not heard. Their best interests are not taken into account. I never have cared for politics but it's definitely here. With the previous city clerk in prison, is just one of the many things wrong here. No accountability. Trusting people on others words of merit. There is so much going on that is not shared with the people it affects.

I was born in CDA and grew up and went to school here. My family lives here. My dad, Steve Cole, was an Athol city police officer when they had one and owned what is "the Country Boy" café now. My mom also grew up on the Bunco and still lives here. My grandpa was an engineer at the Navy Base in Bayview and the boss at Lakes Highway Dist. until his death.

Meet the Candidates continued:



Darla Knickerbocker Kuhman (Mayor, Incumbent)

I have been the Mayor of the City of Athol since February 2014. During that time, I investigated the previous City Clerk, Sally Hansen, and turned her in for theft of funds, embezzlement, and forgery, in which she stole over \$400,000 from our city.

Corrupt government comes in all forms and it is hard for good people to see through the corruption. I would like to continue to fight against keeping us in the dark and change the information process so that any information a citizen wants, they should have that information.

I was born and raised in Sandpoint, and Priest Lake, Idaho and love the community we have here in North Idaho. I raised four boys that I am very proud of, and I have five grandchildren.

Being Mayor has been such a learning experience. I now know why good people give up and allow corruption to continue in government. It is difficult to constantly fight for what is right all alone. During my time as Mayor, I have not had the opportunity to meet everyone in town. I have, however, conducted wonderful "Sit Down with the Mayor" meetings and have met with so many wonderful citizens. I would like continue to work hard to provide you with

information and promote full disclosure of city issues.

Robert "Bob" Wachter (Mayor Position)

Vote "Bob Wachter" for Mayor, bring back a working balance to the offices of Mayor and Council.

Vote for a Team Player who is willing to hear your ideas, work with you and in your best interest together as a community. I want every citizen to feel comfortable attending city council meetings, to feel comfortable approaching city staff, council members or the mayor.

It's important that we unify our city, take the steps to develop new goals, open up

communication, and follow through and be accountable for our actions. We must do this together in order to move forward.

I have no personal agenda only the care for my community. I have been a resident of this city since 1986. My previous experience working for the city means I bring insight to what the current infrastructure and environment of the city looks like.

I have the time to commit to give the city the attention it needs. I hope you will consider me for the position as your new Mayor.



Happy Thanksgiving

