



~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
& Water Utility Bill
October 1, 2015

Dance and Drama
Classes at the
Community Center

Now in its ninth year in Athol, classes are under the direction of instructor Darla Dreyer. Children as young as three may participate! Tuition for classes is just \$30.00 a month and two performances are held during the school year. One in December and one in May. Schedule is as follows:

- 2:45 - 3:30 Tap & Ballet (3 - 5 yrs.)**
- 3:30 - 4:15 Tap & Ballet (6 - 8 yrs.)**
- 4:15 - 5:00 Drama (all ages over 5)**
- 5:15 - 6:00 Tap & Ballet (9 & up)**

For more information or to register contact Darla Dreyer 623-2081 or darla@imaxmail.net

A Year in Review:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AND

ACHIEVEMENTS

for the CITY OF ATHOL

1. Completed 5 years of audits.
Set up our 2015 audit with Anderson Bros. for the close of 2015 ending September of this year. A forensic audit was completed for the city by Anastasi/Moore/Martin. The city was able to recoup \$102,908 from ICRMP, our City Insurance agent; the other years were denied.
2. Held several budget workshops and approved the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.
3. Set up an Employee Policy Manual and approved it covering employee classification, compensation and benefits.
4. Set up and approved a City Communications policy regarding: the city newsletters, city website, and social media to promote and support effective and constructive use of social media.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 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:

November 17, 2015
December 15, 2015
January 19, 2016

The new fiscal year begins
October 1, 2016.

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 – Real Life Ministries 6:00pm (every Monday)</p> <p>Grandmothers (3rd Monday every month) 10am-1pm (1-4pm) Downstairs Main Room</p> <p>Tuesday – Boy Scout 6th –Parent Info Meeting 6pm (once) Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tues each month) 7pm Conf.Rm Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 9am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tuesday of each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday – Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 7pm</p> <p>Thursday – Dance and Drama 3pm (every Thurs.)</p> <p>Lady A’s (every Thursday) 9am-10am, Conference Room Farragut Flyers (every 3rd Thursday) 7pm, Conference Rm</p> <p>Friday – SHIBA on the 16th 10- Noon (once)</p> <p>Saturday –</p> <p>Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Saturday) 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

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will have an open meeting for citizens at the Athol community center on Friday October 16, 2015 from 10am to noon. They provide free, unbiased, and confidential assistance with Medicare and health care choices, especially good information for seniors with questions.

↓ WATER BILL ↓

From Athol City Hall - October 1, 2015

A Year in Review, continued...

5. The Council also prepared and approved a new purchasing policy.
6. In September, Lori Yarborough was appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council as the new City Clerk/Treasurer. And in December the new City Attorney, Randall Adams of Adams and Gaffney in Post Falls was appointed and confirmed.
7. The city purchased a PA system for Athol Daze and for rental usage.
8. The joint city parking lot was repaved and the community center/city hall building had some repairs: the inside front steps and restructuring of the outside flower beds were completed. JUB did a structural evaluation of the building and it was found to be sound. The kitchen was remodeled from recently purchased kitchen equipment, entailing painting and replacement of sinks and counters. The Grandmothers' Club donated new tables and chairs for the main area downstairs, which helps to create a warm environment. Window repairs, patching the roof and painting of the building were completed also.
9. The Council changed the name, Blair Castle Road to N Old Hwy 95, as asked by the citizens.
10. Athol's 2nd Beautification and the city's first City-Wide Yard Sale was conducted in June. Numerous volunteers worked with the Mayor on this project.
11. The City Council changed its regular monthly meeting date from the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. to the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; thus allowing for more time in preparing a complete list of the city's bills accurately.
12. The Council passed a compression brakes ordinance, as asked by citizens.
13. Athol Daze was a complete success due to the hard work of city employees, Council and numerous volunteers. The Sunday following Athol Daze was Worship in the Park which was attended by 250 or more citizens, this was coordinated by local churches and promoted by the Mayor.
14. The latest item was the changing of banks to gain better interest rates for the city and to decrease banking fees.



We feel that through all the issues the city had to deal with this year that a lot has been accomplished. With the hope of numerous opportunities to interact and engage the community and its citizens, we hope to help identify future needs of the city and create a new plan or direction in which to move forward to an even greater 2016. Thanks to all involved, signed Councilwoman Zichko.

Did you know... that as part of the Athol City Code, ORD#251, passed 12-3-2002

It is unlawful for any child under the age of 18 years to be upon, loiter or stroll upon public thoroughfares or any public place between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00am Monday through Sunday, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.



Kootenai Electric's Member Appreciation Event was held at the Athol Community Center on Tuesday, September 1. Attendees enjoyed a barbecue dinner and various attractions including, electric safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides, a bouncy house, an airbrush artist, KEC trivia and more. KEC would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate our members including participating vendors and especially to the City of Athol for their hospitality.

KEC will be conducting scheduled power line right-of-way trimming and clearance work for portions of the Athol substation beginning in October and running through years end. This maintenance work reflects a portion of KEC's ongoing vegetation management program to help ensure power reliability and safety across all our service areas. Trees will be trimmed and/or removed in order to maintain the required clearance distances from our high voltage lines. Limbs and small trees will be chipped and firewood will be left for residential use. Questions may be directed to Kurt Lyon, Right of Way Specialist, @ 292.3216 or klyon@kec.com.



Thank You Kootenai Electric



