

~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
& WATER UTILITY BILL
April 1, 2016



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ATHOL BEAUTIFICATION WEEK

Saturday, April 23rd and ending on **Saturday, April 30th**. A time and opportunity to clean up our yards and the community and lend a hand to your neighbor.

Type of Work Our Volunteers can help you with:

- Junk Metal & Wood Debris Collection
- Minor Yardwork (raking, weed pulling, weed eating, mowing)
- Minor Repair Work
- Pruning & Tree Trimming

Please call City Hall at 208-683-2101 soon to get on the list and have a group of volunteers help you with yardwork, remove junk/debris and do any necessary minor repairs.

We are always **looking for more volunteers** who want to get out and help their neighbors with the clean-up. Please contact Linnie Neely at 208-699-8825 to sign up as an individual or as a group to volunteer for the clean-up.

All volunteers will need to gather in the Athol City Park **Saturday, April 30th** at 9:00am. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be provided, as well as a BBQ lunch for all volunteers after the clean-up is finished around noon.

Consideration is still being given to the possibility of having a **City-Wide Yard Sale on that same Saturday, April 30th**. If this is something that interests you, contact Lori at City Hall at 208-683-2101 to discuss. We would like to have at least 10 homes/locations for yard sales to make it worthwhile.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS @ 7:00 PM

CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:00-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

April 19, 2016
May 17, 2016
June 21, 2016
July 18, 2016

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

Bob Wachter

City Council:

Mary Zichko

Bill Hill

Shane McDaniel

Josh Spencer

City Attorney:

John Cafferty

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Public Works/Water Operator:

Stephen Williams

Community Review Meeting- Tuesday, 3/29/16 @ 6:00pm

This first meeting will be to gather some initial thoughts and goals from citizens in order to complete the application for the Idaho Rural Partnership. Please join us.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

<p>Sunday - Mountain View Baptist (every Sun) 10am – 1pm, Basement</p> <p>Monday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed, & Fri) 10am-11am Gym Grandmothers (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (Mondays) 6pm-8pm, Gym, Conference & Main Downstairs AARP FREE Tax Help – (every Mon thru April 11th)- by apt only.</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 8am-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 Healthy Cooking (every 2nd & 4th Wednesday) 6:30pm-8pm</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, D. Dryer Dance & Drama Classes 2:30pm-6:00pm, Gym</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: Next Athol Daze & Athol Beautification planning meeting this month: Tuesday, April 5th @ 2:00pm; please come and be a part of it.

"SPRING BREAK" for the Athol Elementary, Monday March 28th through Friday April 1st

↓ WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - April 1, 2016

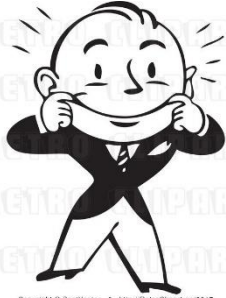
Athol Library Activities: ...happening in April:

Adults, Gardening for Birds and Butterflies -

Thursday 4/14/16 at 6:30pm.

Adults, Bayview Book Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4pm.

No regular programs (Preschool Story Time- Afterschool Fun) will be ran during Spring Break Monday 3/28- Friday 4/1/2016 Regular programs start again 4/4/16 and end 5/13/16.



Update from Mayor Wachter:

- The City has hired a new City Attorney, Mr. John Cafferty with Hawley

Troxell Law offices in Coeur d' Alene. With the addition of John and the City Planner, Rand Wichman, the City is better prepared to do business and get the City back on track.

- The City will be reviewing how to better identify and handle City code enforcement. Issues that arise or are brought to the city's attention and how to handle them have not exactly been as productive as some would hope. There are numerous code violations in the City, and your current elected officials and I hope to begin addressing them. The goal, is to make Athol a great place to live for all the citizens by taking action to promote the health and safety of its citizens.
- There is a Cross Connection Survey inside this month's City newsletter. Please be sure to take a minute to complete this form and return it to the City. It's important that we take the steps necessary to

ensure our public drinking water is safe.

- The City is applying to have a Community Review completed on Athol. This is a huge opportunity to help identify the City's assets and deficiencies. A time to identify priorities for the City and to gain a community perspective. So much has gone on, it's time to come together to create a vision and new direction for the City. We invite you to attend some Council meetings, to keep in the loop and offer direction to your elected officials. More to come as we find out if we are selected, the review will take place sometime in September 2016.

- Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Planning will begin at the end of March (29th at 5:00pm) for anyone interested in coming. The council will begin



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

a series of workshops to further discuss the upcoming budget year. They will identify various projects and budget accordingly. The Public Hearing for the FY 2017 Budget Appropriation is currently set for 8/16/16 at 7:00pm.

Cross-Connection Control Program: Backflow Prevention

The City of Athol is committed to providing quality and cost-efficient service in the production, treatment, testing and delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to all of its citizens. In order to protect the public water supply against contamination and pollution from cross-connections, the City had implemented a Cross-Connection Control Program as required by the "Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems." (IDAPA 58.01.08.552.06) (IDAPA 16.01.08 Idaho) and (Ord. 257, 3-2-2004)

What is a Cross-Connection? A cross-connection is any point in the public drinking water system that is actually, physically or potentially connected to a source of contamination or pollution that could enter the system through backflow. Common cross-connections include automatic sprinkler systems, soda fountains, fire suppression systems, and garden hoses, among many others. All cross-connections require backflow prevention.

What is Backflow? Backflow is water and/or other substances flowing in the opposite direction of the normal and intended course. It is the process by which a cross-connection can introduce contaminants into the public drinking water system. In order to prevent potential backflow, some customers are required to install and maintain backflow prevention devices on the main water service lines.

Why should you be concerned? Backflow may affect the quality of the drinking water at your home, business or facility, and has the potential to create health hazards if contaminated water enters your water supply plumbing system and is used for drinking, cooking or bathing.

Protecting your drinking water supply is everyone's responsibility! Community water system purveyors are required to implement and enforce a cross-connection system control program to prevent toxic or hazardous materials from entering the system. But the responsibility for preventing backflow is divided; Public water suppliers regulate protection of the distribution system at each service connection. Water customers have the ultimate responsibility for properly maintaining their plumbing systems. It is the water customer's responsibility to ensure that unprotected cross-connections are not created and that any required backflow prevention devices are tested in accordance with state requirements and maintained in operable condition.

Preventing backflow situations in your home and business

- Be aware of cross-connections, eliminate or isolate them.
- Maintain air gaps on sinks and when using hoses.
- Do not submerge hoses or place them where they could become submerged.
- Use hose bib vacuum breakers on fixtures (hose connections in the basement, laundry room, and on outside faucets/spigots).
- Install approved backflow prevention devices on lawn irrigation systems and on fire sprinkler system services. Types of preventative required devices will be determined based on the potential type of pollutants or contaminants high, low or moderate.

Failure to comply can result in water service disconnection. If you need further information or have questions, please contact the City's Public Works / Water Operator at 208-683-2101 or visit the Department of Environmental Quality's website at: www.deq.idaho.gov

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(complete and return)

Cross Connection Control Survey 2016

1. Is this residential or commercial property? Residential _____ Commercial _____
2. Do you have a backflow valve? Yes ____ No ____ Don't know ____
3. When was it last tested? Date _____ who did the testing? _____
 (Please include copy to the city of any written results)- This is required annually.
4. Are you renting or do you own this property? Rent _____ Own _____
5. Do you have any of the following?

a. Hot tub	Yes	No
b. Carbonated beverage machine	Yes	No
c. Underground sprinkler system	Yes	No
d. Drip irrigation	Yes	No
e. Green House	Yes	No
f. Commercial ice machine	Yes	No
g. Utility sink with threaded faucet	Yes	No
h. Ghost pipes (unidentified piping)	Yes	No
6. Do you use:

a. Antifreeze flush kits	Yes	No
b. Insecticide sprayers (that attach to a garden hose)	Yes	No
c. Chemicals (i.e. medical facilities or Beauty Salon)	Yes	No
7. Do you have a water softener or any other treatment system connected to your drinking water supply? Yes No
8. Do you have an auxiliary water supply on the premises? Yes No
9. Do you have any situation that you are aware of that could create a cross connection? Yes No
10. Do you have any other water using equipment on the property that has not been mentioned? Yes No
11. How many homes / buildings does your meter serve? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone # _____

Please mail back to City of Athol or put into the drop box near the front door entry of the Community Center/City Hall.

Did you know ...that Ordinance 257 (2004) was established to protect the public water supply against contamination and pollution from cross-connections?

Last Month, the City's Fees Schedule, was updated and we want to keep you informed. Some of the fees include the following: a full list is posted on the City website at: www.cityofathol.us or you can request a copy at City Hall.

Miscellaneous: Building / Office Fees: We can now make copies and faxes for a minimal fee. \$0.10 black and white, and color copies are \$0.15 each. Faxes can be done for \$1.00 for the 1st page and \$0.50 for each page thereafter. In addition, there will now be a \$20.00 return check fee for any check written to the city that is returned for non- sufficient funds.

Building Room Rental Rates: The big changes are, we now offer a Full-Day (6+ hours) and a Half Day (up to 4 hours) rate. In addition, we have a PA System that can be rented for your use at your event, while at the Community Center.

Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule: A number of these fees were increased, as they had not been in nearly 25 years. They now reflect a more accurate cost to actual costs incurred by the city to carry out the request. Most are related to new development and land use, however, one to note is the Site Disturbance permit. It now costs \$40.00 for all Site Disturbance permits, and there will be a fee charged (double the fee for the permit) when there is failure to first obtain a permit.

City Sponsored Special Event Fees: These are mainly related to events such as Athol Days.

Athol Daze	Rate
Parade entry (Commercial/Political)	\$10.00
Parade entry (all others)	No Fee
Vendor Booth Fees (10x15) Food	\$35.00
Vendor Booth Fees (10x15) Craft/Sales	\$20.00
Vendor Booth Fees (10x15) Non-profit selling, political	\$15.00
Vendor Booth Fees (10x15) Non-profit, no sales- info only	No Fee
Power for Vendors (Athol Daze etc.)	\$25.00 per plug (20amp)



Athol Daze 2016, A New Direction.....coming soon:

Saturday, August 13, 2016 Mark your calendars!

A fun-filled day full of many events such as: a Parade starting at 10am, numerous Games and Activity Booths in the park, a Car Show at Victory Auto, Food and Craft Vendors, a Pie Tasting Contest, Bounce Houses, Live Auction and Raffle, and a Live Band!