

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



Athol, A New Direction

“Civilian Response to Active Shooter” Training

Wednesday, January 25th, 1:30-3:30pm

The City of Athol will be hosting a training, conducted by Gary Shults, Kootenai County Sheriff Dept.’s, Community Resources Officer. A rash of 136 mass shootings across the United States this summer has sparked intense interest in Kootenai County to train more than 1,000 residents to prepare for such violence.

While the likelihood of being the victim of a mass shooting is low, people want to be able to do the right thing to survive if they find themselves in that or any terrifying situation. The County decided to make classes available to the public. The training delves into the psychology during shootings and other life-threatening events, to learn quick reactions, and escape or fight back aggressively. Other facets are, listening to actual 911 recordings, viewing videos and re-enactments, analyzing and rehearsing scenarios, and considering the use of guns. **Everyone is encouraged to attend, free of charge.**

Seating is reservation only and limited to the first 50 residents. If interested, please call Mary at 208-964-4182 to reserve your space before December 31, 2016.

Following the active shooter training, there will be a

“Disaster Relief” Preparedness Training, from 3:30-5:30pm. This event will be conducted by Darin Foster, a Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Red Cross. **Again, everyone is encouraged to attend, free of charge. Seating is reservation only and limited to the first 50 residents.** If interested, please call Janet at 208-683-0707 to rsvp by January 20th.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7:00 PM

CITY HALL – 30355 3rd
 208-683-2101

WINTER Hours

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

November 15, 2016
 December 20, 2016
 January 17, 2017
 February 21, 2017
 March 21, 2017
 April 18, 2017
 May 16, 2017

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

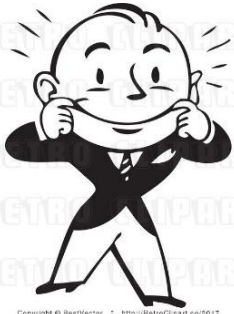
Public Works/Water Operator:

Stephen Williams

Did you know that Winter will be arriving soon, please take a few minutes to remove any personal items left in the city right-of-way. Items left in the right-of-way are there at your own risk. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers, misc. items, all need to be removed for the plowing.



Update from Mayor Wachter:



- **City Hall Winter Office Hours are:** Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm and Fridays 8:30-12:30pm. For any after hours WATER emergency, you may call Stephen at 683-1130 or the Mayor at 683-1133.

- **Protecting Our Water** - Help us protect our city's drinking water by submitting your information on the pumping of your septic tank. Letters will be going out this month asking everyone to submit your record to the city or last evidence of pumping your septic tank. We will help you track when it's next due again; this is a combined request between Panhandle Health District and the city. Together, let's keep the aquifer clean.

- **Another Reminder-** This is the first month you will see the new rate increase. Also, bills are now being estimated for the winter months. Meters will be read again in the spring.

- **Athol Community Review is over, but the work it just beginning** -Just under 100 people attended the first town hall meeting on Tuesday night and a little less on the Thursday town hall meeting **"Thank you"** to everyone who participated in some form with this Community Review. I want to note that far more rural (non-city residents) attended these two town hall meetings, than those from within the city. I hope that as the city begins to take shape, so too will the interest of the citizens from within the city. **Events like this gives you, the citizens, an opportunity to help identify what the future of Athol might be.** The written report from the IRP will not be available until December, but I would like to continue to build on shared strengths and begin working together to achieve some common goals. **We will be hosting a Community Minded Potluck for the months of November and December.** Each potluck will be held on the same day as the city



council meeting starting at 5:30pm and finishing just before the 7:00pm council meeting. Please bring a dish to share, and your thoughts as to where we can go from here. Having this community review in Athol has spurred our thinking, been inspiring, eye-opening, and could be invaluable to us if we use it.



Athol Community Library

Pre-school Story Time Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, snacks, and playtime!

Geared for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome!



It Club

Afterschool fun!

Looking for an after-school program that does “**It**” all from science and technology to art and adventures from some of your favorite books? The new “It Club” features something different to explore. Join us, “**It**” is going to be awesome! Programs are geared to grades K-6. Free! Check any of our libraries to see what’s happening.

Homeschool IT Club: Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00pm

After School IT Club: 3:30-4:30 pm



Celebrate It- A celebration of holidays familiar or new; **Explore It-** Travel the world to learn about other cultures and countries from the library; **Paint It-** Use a variety of materials to paint your next masterpiece; **Play It-** Games life-size, board and video; **Rock ‘ Roll It-** Make music in the library



Chillaxin Time Mondays, 3:00 – 5:00pm



The meeting room will be open for teens (7th- 12th grade) to use the Wi-Fi, hang out with friends, listen to music, do homework...

Hello Athol citizens,

This is a short note from your Timberlake Fire Protection District. Our team still makes house calls when you have an emergency. The purpose of this article is, “We can’t help you, if we can’t find you”. Please post your address in large numbers (at least 4 inches high) in a location where we can see them in very bad weather, from the road in front of your house or driveway. When precious minutes’ pass due to us looking for your address, could have meant life or death for some.

Yes, when you have a fire, we may or may not be able to see the smoke and flames, but when you’re having a stroke or heart attack, the address numbers will help make a difference.

Please feel free to stop by your fire station and have a visit about fire prevention, house numbering and safety.

Thank you and have a fire safe day.

Bill Steele- Fire Chief



“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

Jane Jacobs

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Box Sign-up begins Tuesday, November 1st at the Food Bank, this includes signing up for the children's sharing tree. For questions and sign up for Energy Assistance, please call 208-664-8757. There will no longer be any local outreach, you must call.



-----Athol Elementary School Events:-----

No school for students, Friday, November 4th

Parent Teacher Conferences, November 8th, 9th & 10th



Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11th at 1:15pm. This event is open to families and any veterans are also welcome to attend.



and...

Thanksgiving Break Tuesday, 22nd – Friday, 25th



“It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to...warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility...and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future.”
Robert Kennedy

Septic Tank Compliance Form - Complete the form below and return to City Hall by December 1, 2016

NAME: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

I last had my septic tank pumped on _____ date by _____

I have not had my septic tank pumped within the last 5 years (January 2011 to current date)

If I have not had my septic tank pumped but plan to do so this upcoming:

Spring 2017

Spring 2018

Spring 2019

Spring 2020

Or please just assign me a year in which I must have it completed by

Join us for a 1st ever

“COMMUNITY MINDED POTLUCK”

Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30pm

The Mayor and his staff invite you to come, eat, and chat about our city, Athol!

With our minds spinning full of ideas and thoughts as to what Athol needs ...let's put our heads together and begin the discussion to set the stage of what the future of Athol might include.



Bring a side dish to share:

- November 15th - Taco Meat provided
- December 20th - Lasagna provided

The Community Review is only a beginning...where can you and your skills help? Let's get some follow-up activities and committees going.



“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Unknown

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

<p>Sunday -</p> <p>Monday - Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6-8pm</p> <p>Tuesday - Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tues each month) 7pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday - Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p>Thursday - Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am D. Dryer Dance & Drama (every Thurs) 2:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Friday - Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every other) 8am-1:30pm</p> <p>Saturday - Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thurs) 5pm-6pm Farragut Flyers (2nd Sat) 12- 2pm</p>
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Upcoming: Election's Day: Tuesday, November 8th, 2016.
Polling at the Athol Community Center 7am-8pm.

↓ WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - November 1, 2016

