



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~  
& WATER UTILITY BILL  
December 1, 2016

Athol, A New Direction

Athol City Hall  
will be closed



Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
for the  
Christmas Holiday



“Civilian Response to Active Shooter” Training

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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. 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 rsvp by 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, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Red Cross. Seating is reservation only and limited to the first 50 residents. If interested, please call Janet at 208-683-0707 to rsvp by January 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
@ 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL – 30355 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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:

- 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**

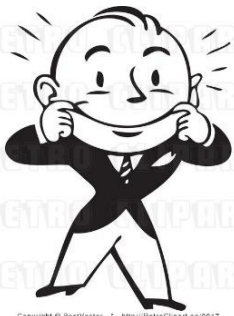
Public Works/Water Operator:

**Stephen Williams**

**Did you know . . . . .** that the city is updating the current planning and zoning ordinances, to better guide and identify procedures for things such as sub-divisions, annexations and site disturbances. A public hearing will be held sometime this winter, before the changes are adopted. The date and time of the hearing will be announced soon.



***Update from Mayor Wachter:***



- **Community Review Potlucks** - Thank you to those who attended our 1<sup>st</sup> Potluck last month, I believe it was a success as we had lots of food and watched a slide show of some before and after pictures of ideas for visual possibilities of space and place. This month, we are looking forward to having some conversations and begin putting together groups of people with similar interests and ideas. **If you're interested in helping with creating more town events, possibilities of creating a downtown**

**area, starting a chamber, or anything else you are interested in, come to the potluck and let's talk about it!** Next potluck is Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. It is Italian themed, lasagna provided, and bring a side to share.



- **Protecting Our Water** - Thank you to those citizens who have responded and provided their last septic tank pumping information. We appreciate you helping us to protect our city's drinking water. If you have not yet responded, please do so. This is a combined request between Panhandle Health District and the city. Ground water supplies 95 percent of our



drinking water in Idaho, so it's essential that septic systems are properly cared for and maintained to treat the septic wastewater and prevent contamination of our ground water.

- **Water Facilities Plan** - The city applied (2015) and was awarded an Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality Grant (50% match) to create a Water Facilities Plan, an Environmental Information Docket, as well as conduct testing to help calibrate the system. The city has contracted with Keller & Associates and the city expects this to be completed and approved by Idaho DEQ in June of 2017. Project cost: \$55,000 (50% reimbursed through the grant). This plan will help your elected officials in future decision making regarding the city's water.

Local Events and Activities:

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Watch for Santa. He is coming to YOUR neighborhood on the BIG RED SLIEGH!

The Timberlake Fire Protection District presents the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

**CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

The evenings of December 2<sup>nd</sup> (ATHOL) beginning at 6pm. Timberlake firefighters and Santa Clause will be out collecting donations and handing out candy canes. (Donations may also be dropped off at Station 1 in Athol). Please show your support and

donate canned goods or toys for local families in need. All donations will stay local and be taken to the Athol Food Bank.

Thank you for your support!

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Christmas Sharing Tree Tags at the Food Bank are

ready for your contributions. Children's sharing tree tags are now available at the Food Bank, City Hall and Little Town Market. Please return tags and gifts back to Charlotte at the Food Bank no later than Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for giving!



Special thanks go out to: Timberlake Fire District for their annual "Turkey" donation of 65 turkeys this year. Athol Baptist's "Operation Give Thanks" delivered approximately 53 food baskets for local families. The ABC food bank was able to help serve over 176 families this Thanksgiving. This would not have been possible without the generous support from Littletown Market, Super One, the Bayview

Community Council, American Legion, the Bayview Chamber of Commerce, Silverwood and countless other people.

More Local Events and Activities:

*For questions and sign up for Energy Assistance, please call 208-664-8757. There will no longer be any local outreach, you must call.*



Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary  
"Cocoa and Cookies w/ Santa"  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
1-3pm, Athol Community Center

**Darla Dryer Dance Class Performance Night**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** Come watch the show at the Athol community center. New classes will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in January 12<sup>th</sup>



**FREE TAX HELP**

Will be available again this year every Monday beginning Feb 6, 2017 through April 10, 2017; at the Athol Community Center. **You must call first and schedule an appointment. NO WALKS-IN's. Please contact Janet at 208-683-2407.**

Tax-Aide services low to moderate income taxpayers of any age. You don't have to be a member of AARP to use this service.

.....Now open and under new management.... **the White Pine Grill!**

**Tuesday-Saturday 9am-8pm,** Karaoke Friday and Saturday night 9pm-1am,

**Sunday 9am- 2pm, closed Monday** (Dinner starts at 4pm)

A smoke free establishment.



*Please enjoy this beautifully decorated Christmas scene in the lower level of the Athol Community Center, constructed by Mayor Wachter's wife, Susy. Feel free to take pictures with your children and give them a candy cane or cookie; but please **DO NOT TAKE DISPLAY ITEMS.***

*Merry Christmas Everyone 2016!!!*



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup>

## “COMMUNITY MINDED POTLUCK”

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

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

Let's continue discussing your ideas for city events, groups, and design ideas for the city. What do you want the future of Athol to look like or what does it include?



Where can you help?      What are your skills?

Let's get some follow-up activities and committees going!

Bring a side dish to share:

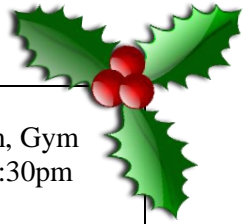
Italian themed. - Lasagna provided



“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.”

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:



<p><b>Sunday -</b></p> <p><b>Monday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6-8pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday –</b> Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 7pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Thursday –</b> Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am D. Dryer Dance &amp; Drama (every Thurs) 2:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p><b>Friday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every other) 8am-1:30pm</p> <p><b>Saturday –</b> Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thurs) 5pm-6pm Farragut Flyers (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat) 12- 2pm</p>
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**Upcoming:** Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> the Community Minded Potluck at 5:30pm and at 7:00pm the City Council Meeting.



## WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - December 1, 2016

