

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

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

**Another Athol Beautification is in the books!**

The week of April 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> was this year's Beautification Week, a time to get out and do some yard work and help your neighbors. There was about 45-50 volunteers who gathered in the city park Saturday morning and accomplished miscellaneous tasks/clean-up that was requested by approximately 20-24 homes located inside the city limits. Yards were cleaned-up, brush from fallen trees was burned and truckloads of items taken into the Waste station on Ramsey.

We hope next year to be just as successful and encourage our citizens to take part and volunteer to help your neighbor.



**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Thursday, 6/2/16 @ 7:00pm**



There will be a public hearing to take any comment on the proposals to amend the Comprehensive Plan Map. For more information on these applications, please contact City Hall or visit the city website at: [www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)

**Athol Daze, A New Direction: Saturday,**  
**August 13, 2016** Mark your calendars!

A new start time for the Parade, now starting at 9:00am, A day of 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!

Parade and Vendor applications now available at City Hall or on-line at: [www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**@ 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL - 30355 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**208-683-2101**

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

**Future Council Meeting Dates:**

June 21, 2016  
July 19, 2016  
August 16, 2016\*  
*\*Public Hearing on the Budget*  
September 20, 2016  
*(New Fiscal Year)*  
October 18, 2016  
November 15, 2016

City website:  
**[www.cityofathol.us](http://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:

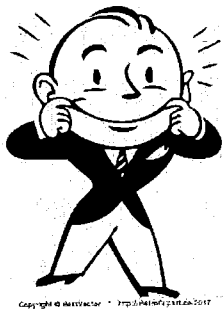
**Stephen Williams**

Did you know ..... that "site disturbance" permits are required for more than just disturbing the site? Section 8-2-4 of the City Code requires site disturbance and construction approval for any type of site disturbance, construction, and/or any other type of site modification. That includes setting portable storage buildings on your property and even putting up signs. Permits are required for these types of installations even if no ground is being disturbed in the process.

The City will be re-evaluating these requirements in the near future, but in the mean-time, we all need to follow the law as it is written. If you have any doubt whether a permit is required, please give us a call at City Hall. The permit fee will be double if you don't get the permit before doing the work.

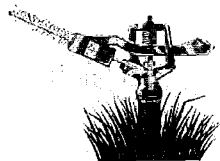


### Update from Mayor Wachter:



- We have begun to review the Requests for Qualifications for Engineering Services. The City is working

towards obtaining a Capital Facilities Plan for Water services. This plan will help to ensure the city's compliant with local and state regulations as well as, improve the integrity of the city's water system. It will give direction to the city to better identify where we are at with our Water Facilities and what might be the best course of action to best prepare and meet the city's needs for the future.



- You will soon notice activity at the city baseball fields and basketball court areas, as a new sprinkler system is being installed. This is in the hopes to increase the overall usage of the fields, as well as the appearance of our city. City staff is working with the Athol Baptist Church who has graciously volunteered to do all of the sprinkler installation. We hope to have the project completed sometime in June or July. Please be considerate of the

volunteers' time and appreciation for their efforts.

- I want to take a minute to explain the overall process that is coming up regarding the Public Hearing on June



2nd and the potential annexation applications the city may be reviewing. The current city comprehensive plan was established back in 1981, with the last revision being done to the map in 2003. A Comprehensive Plan, is a long-range 20-30-year plan that sets the framework for the physical development of the city. This plan should then guide future growth and development of the city. It provides a sense of direction, a broad overview of where a community is (existing conditions), and where it is going (trends and vision). It is a way of ensuring that a community's health, safety, and general welfare are protected by striving for and creating a better, healthier, more efficient, aesthetically-pleasing environment in which to live.



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We are at a time in which our comprehensive plan does need to be updated and we will begin working on that in the next year. In the meantime there has been a lot of recent development happening all around our city. One of the biggest impacts to our city has been the rerouting of Highway 95. Many of these changes are now the reason for the interest in becoming annexed into the city. While the city cannot zone property outside of its city limits, the comp plan map does address the land just outside of the city in the areas of city impact for the sake of future growth and development. It is the goal of your elected officials to help guide and direct what they feel will best meet the needs of the city while keeping that long-range vision.

The current comp plan map designates all areas just outside of the city limits as residential. There have been several requests to change some areas to commercial. Between now and the June 2nd public hearing, everyone is invited to submit comments in writing or attend the hearing to give public comment on whether or not they wish to see the current designations for said properties be changed from residential to commercial.



This hearing is not to consider whether or not the city should annex in any specific properties into the city. That may come at a later time. The question before council now is whether it is in the public interest for the city to encourage commercial use on certain properties or keep them designated as residential.

After the city council makes a decision on the comprehensive plan amendments, the property owners will decide whether to proceed with requests for annexation. If they choose to proceed, the public will have the same opportunity for public comment on those proposals. The annexation applications are expected to include more detail about proposed uses, and the City's review will be more extensive.



Your elected officials feel it's very important to listen and consider all requests made to the city. Their job is to decipher which requests are in line with the city's overall goals and vision and determine what is in the best interest of its citizens.

### Council is looking for some input for who to select as the Athol Citizen of the Year.

Please call City Hall at 208-683-2101, or talk with one of your Elected Officials/Mayor and give them your input. Suggestions needs to be received before 7/11/16

- His/her contributions to this community's welfare and betterment.
- His/her participation in all around community activities and civic enterprise.
- His/her unselfish devotion and contribution without thought to personal gain.
- His/her cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

**As Citizen of the Year, this person will also have the privilege of serving as the Grand Marshall of the 2016 Athol Daze Parade.**



### A True Boy Scout . . .

"I would like to take time to publicly say thank you to Lloyd Moe for all he has done for my 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and Athol School. He not only teaches us academics, but provides us with many life lessons. One, being the rewards of hard work. He pushes us to try and exceed the standards. He cares about us very much. My name is Jake Jones and I'm a Boy Scout in Troop 218, ranked as a Star Scout, part of how I got to that rank was from work ethics Mr. Moe taught me. I'm writing a letter to share why I am thankful to Mr. Moe."

## **ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:**

<p><b>Sunday -</b> Mountain View Baptist (every Sun) 10am – 1pm, Basement</p> <p><b>Monday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (every Mon &amp; Wed) 10am-11am Gym Grandmothers (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group -Done till Fall</p> <p><b>Tuesday –</b> Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month) 7pm Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 8am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (every Mon &amp; Wed) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Thursday –</b> Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, D. Dryer Dance &amp; Drama Classes – Done till September</p> <p><b>Friday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (no Fridays till fall)</p> <p><b>Saturday –</b> Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm</p>
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**Upcoming:** Next Athol Daze planning meeting this month: Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm.

### **Athol Library Activities: ...happening this June:**

- Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: Cecil the Magician- 11:00 a.m. (Community Center-Gym)
- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Animal Program- 11:00a.m. (Community Center -Gym)
- Tuesday, Thursday June 23<sup>th</sup>: Track & Field Day- 11:00 a.m. (Baseball Field)
- Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: Zumba- 11:00 a.m. (Tentative) (Community Center-Gym)



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## **↓ WATER BILL ↓**