

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

Spring is Here!

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: Parade starting at 10:00am, 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!



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)

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.



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:

May 17, 2016
 June 21, 2016
 July 19, 2016
 August 16, 2016*
**Public Hearing on the Budget*
 September 20, 2016
 (New Fiscal Year)
 October 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

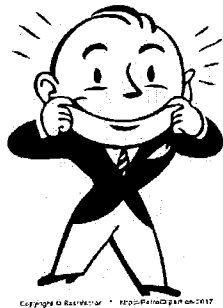
Public Works/Water Operator:
Stephen Williams

Athol Library Activities: ...happening in May:

- Tuesday, May 3rd: Preschool Storytime- 10:30 a.m. (Theme: Crabs)
 - Homeschool Hour (2:00) & Afterschool Hour (3:30) (Star Wars Crafts)
- Tuesday, May 10th: Last Preschool Storytime- 10:30 a.m. (Theme: Camping)
 - Last Homeschool Hour (2:00) & Afterschool Hour (3:30) (Camping Crafts & Activities/Party)
- Monday, May 16th: Dig, Plant, Grow event- 10:30 a.m. (Geared for ages 2 - 6, but all are welcome)



Join us to meet author, Judy Waring! She will share her book "Jack the Cat Burglar and his Purrrty True Tale". Then, prepare to get dirty! We will dig in the dirt, plant seeds, and then watch them grow!



Update from Mayor Wachter:

- We will begin reading water meters this month, which means some of you might see a little larger bill if you have a leak. Depending on the weather and temperatures, water meters are generally last read in Sept./Oct and we begin reading them again in April. Please call City Hall, 208-683-2101, if you have any questions or need some pointers on what to look for in the event of a water leak.



- We are still reviewing how to better identify and handle City code enforcement. This is likely to bring about some changes that affect our citizens, but, I hope that you will all see the importance of being consistent and that we care about how the city looks and you should too.
- We also want to share that the City does stay in compliance with the water testing requirements and tests for Lead in the City water every 3 years. In light of what the City of

Flint, Michigan has gone through, I wanted to assure you we are staying up to date with all our testing. We also stay up-to-date with the training/certifications and education that is necessary to ensure our public drinking water is safe.



- Your City Staff and Elected Officials have attended several meetings and trainings this past month covering areas from water safety to the Association of Idaho Cities who give a tremendous amount of information, support and trainings on the numerous laws and procedures required of cities.

- Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Planning will be continuing for anyone interested in coming. The next council workshop will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30pm. They will continue to discuss and identify various projects and budget accordingly. The Public Hearing for the FY 2017



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Budget Appropriation is currently set for 8/16/16 at 7:00pm.

Cross-Connection Control Program: Backflow Prevention

72 of the 305 surveys (approx. 23%) have been turned in so far, please remember to get those turned in as soon as you can. Thanks ☺

Also, a reminder to all businesses in the city, as well as, those residential homes who are required to have your backflow connections inspected every year, be sure you or the company doing the backflow inspection, provides a copy to the city.

New on your Water Bills: You will now see two line items on your water bills. The first line is for the Base Rate, for example, a single residential unit will read the \$13.50 (up to 15,000 gallons) and the second line will read the dollar amount of the overage. (This second line is calculated at \$1.10 for every additional 1,000 gallons used beyond your base rate.) Please don't hesitate to call City Hall, 208-683-2101, if you have any questions or need any further assistance in reading your bill.



Water bills are mailed out in the last week of each month and are always due by the 15th of the month. We are not allowing water bills to go past 60 days due. If it gets shut-off, there is an additional \$25.00 fee to turn your water back on. We do accept payments by credit card and you can pay ahead.



Did you know ...that City Code (Ordinance 263) only allows for one residence per parcel? To have a second residence, the property first needs to be divided through the City's subdivision process. In order to subdivide, you'll need to have approval for a second septic system (often called a sewer ER). The process is somewhat involved, but the City now has a planner that can help you understand it, if you are considering subdividing.

Reminder: Site Disturbance Permits now cost \$40.00, and there will be a fee charged (double the fee for the permit) when there is failure to first obtain a permit. Applications can be picked up at City Hall or found online at www.cityofathol.us, under documents and forms.

Council is looking for some input of what you would like to see done with the old City Hall building. It's the little building located next to the stage in the city park. We want your thoughts...???

Do we tear it down...

Do we restore it...

What do we do with the building?



Let us know: _____

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</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</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 planning meeting this month: Wednesday, May 4th @ 4:00pm. Please come and be a part of it.

Public Hearing for Comprehensive Map Amendments: June 2nd at 7:00pm

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