



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

Athol, A New Direction

School is back in session!

Classes begin **Tuesday, September 6th**. Buses will operate on regular routes. Kindergarten mid-day bus routes will begin on Monday, September 12. Please watch for children walking to school.

Dance & Drama in Athol



Under the direction of Darla Dreyer, a former Disneyland Choreographer/Show Director. Darla has been teaching for 30 yrs. -9th year in Athol. Classes held Sept. thru May. All music, costumes, and themes are family friendly. Thinking about Fall..... :) We have a "Wild West" Comedy for Drama Students this Fall!!

Every Thursday at the Athol Community Center (Gym)

- 2:30pm-3:00pm Pre Dance 2-3 yrs.
- 3:00-3:45 Tap/Ballet Class 3 ½ - 5 yrs.
- 3:45-4:30pm Tap/Ballet Class 6-8 yrs.
- 4:30-5:30 Drama Class (all ages 6 & over)
- 5:30-6:30pm Broadway Tap & Jazz 9 & up

For more information, call: 208-623-2081 or darla@imaxmail.net

Fit and Fall Exercise Classes beginning again, every **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 10:00am**, it's a free class offer by the Panhandle Health District at the Athol Community Center.



F.I.T. Functional Interval Training

Helps to increase your endurance, strength and flexibility for performing every day activities. **Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-5:00pm at Athol Elementary.** (Starting October 4th, 2016)

For more info, please call Jorja Auten 208-683-2531

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101

(New/Temporary Hours are)
Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:30-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

- September 6, 2016***
- *Public Hearing on the FY17 Budget 7pm*
- September 20, 2016
- (New Fiscal Year)*
- October 18, 2016
- November 15, 2016
- December 20, 2016
- January 17, 2017
- February 21, 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

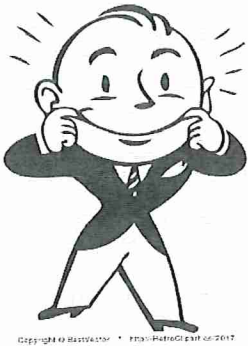
Public Works/Water Operator:

Stephen Williams

Did you know that the City Code has extensive regulations for signs? Commercial signs can only be located on the same premises as the business they are advertising. The Code has restrictions for size and placement. Most signs require approval of the City Council prior to installation. Certain types of signs, such as real estate “for sale” signs, do not require city approval. If you are considering putting up a new sign, please contact the City to find out if it requires City approval prior to installation.



Update from Mayor Wachter:



- Water Rates will go up approx. 4% amounting to either \$0.50, \$1.00, or \$1.50 a month increases based upon your rate level; this will be effective October 1st 2016. Your City Council and Mayor feel it's important to plan responsibly, and the city's water system is 25 plus years old and has not had any increases. A Capital Facilities - Water Plan is being created, it will identify where improvements and upgrades are needed and what types of things will be most effective. **Our water system and the quality of our water is in the forefront of your elected official's minds.** Smaller

increases now, can help to lessen the burden of huge costs when it's time to replace or repair.

- The Athol Community Review dates will be Tuesday October 4th, Wednesday October 5, and Thursday October 6th, 2016. Ideally, the review will help our city to be better prepared, to build on shared strengths and work together to achieve common goals. **There are several opportunities for your input and participation beginning with: Listening Sessions (Sept. 7th & 8th), a survey which is mailed out or will be available on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/irpatholsurvey> and is due back by September 16th, and finally the review dates itself (Oct 4th & Oct 6th).** Please try to be a part in these opportunities, receiving input from as many of you as possible will help ensure the most success for the future planning of Athol.
- On an Enforcement Activity Note: Please understand that enforcement that is occurring is not the result of any new laws, but rather existing laws. At the direction of your current council, the city planner has been working to notify property owners of city code violations. **Your current council is trying to apply and enforce what is already written in the city code, something that has not always been done in times past.** It may take some time, but the city wants to work with everyone to try and find the best possible resolution while upholding the law as it is written.
- **There's a new business in town! "My Country Boutique" is next to Little Town Market, open Tues - Sat, 10am - 6pm.** Stacey Zimmerman and her family-operated store invite you to explore women's, men's and children's apparel, hats, shoes, accessories, homemade jewelry, arts and crafts, quilts, décor, and more. Also, consignment, souvenirs, and gift wrapping available. Stop by and check it out soon or call 208-561-5193!

The City of Athol, appreciates all the help from our Partners, in making this year's event successful!



Thank you...

...Athol Baptist Church, Real Life Ministries, Cub Scout Troop#218, Athol Community Library, Victory Auto Parts, Clover Kids 4-H, Athol/Spirit Lake Grandmothers Club, Hayden Super One Bakery, Phil and the Prescriptions and numerous other volunteers!



Thank you to all the 2016 Athol Daze Vendors!



**The Wurst Man in Town
American Legion #149
Advocare
Jehovah's Witnesses
Darlene's Magnetic Jewelry
Western Art & Crafts
Usborne Books & More
Gideon's International
Auggie Dogs
Apple Annie's Market
Thrive Life
Sonrise Christian Daycare
Cub Scouts of America
Timberlake HS
David Moreland &
Panhandle Waste Services**

**Bobbie Williams
Marie Masterson
Vicki Glazebrook
Ebba's Essentials
Toko Bali
Style Dots
Chords & Chords by Nolan
Lynnae's Lil Boutique
Neal Barnum
Scentsy
Saddle Up Grill
Pastime/Tom Sheppard
Twisted Sisterz
Pauli's Tattoo
Flossie's Jewelry Box
Kootenai County Sheriff's Office (ID a Kid)
R & T Communications**



**Athol Citizens of the Year 2016
Al & Jacqui Morgan**



Athol Daze, A New Direction Highlights August 13, 2016

Two photos above: Money in the Straw- An Athol tradition- kids sifting through the straw for coins, giving them money to play games with. It doesn't take them long to fill their pockets.



Right below: County Deputy Larsen giving first aid to a 7 yr. old who had a cut on her knee at this year's Athol Athol Daze. Great service, and Thank You Solar for all you do.

Below photo: Parade pictures of the American Legion Auxiliary, George Booten and the Timberlake Fire Protections District.



Please support these local businesses who have been very generous to donate items for this year's raffles and live auction.

Country Clinical Massage
Crossroads Express
Ziggy's
Saddle-Up Grill
New Leaf Nursery
Log Spirit Bed & Breakfast
Mr. Tire
CDA Casino
The Bayview Mercantile
BC's Haircare
The Painted Pony
Cabela's Outfitters
Darla Dreyer's Dance Class
Eagle Peak Containers
C & L Auto Repair
KKJ's Pizza, Dan & Lori
Old West Hardware
The Buttonhook Restaurant
Victory Auto, Rudy
Lake Pend Oreille Cruises
Spokane Teachers CU
Triple Play
Ragan Equipment
Bayview Marina
Busy Bee Farm
Cenex Co-Op Supply
Jiffy-Stop (Exxon)
Outback Steakhouse

Black Sheep in CDA
Merritt Brothers
Robin's Salon
Northwood's Vet Clinic
Janet Kinzer
Moe's Roadhouse BBQ
Ralph's Coffee
Ebba's Essential Oils
Les Schwab Tire Center
Runge Furniture
Appleway Carwash & Lube
The American Legion
Texas Roadhouse, Jen
North 40 Outfitters
Koerner's Furniture, Tim
The Floating Patio Restaurant
Silverwood Theme Park
CDA Boat Cruises
McDaniel Excavating
Target
Super One-Hayden
CDA Tractor
Home Depot
Lakeland RV Park
Silverwood Theme Park
North Idaho Concepts
Captain's Wheel Restaurant
Tom Addis Ford

An Invitation to participate in a Athol Community Listening Session

What is a Community Listening Session?

Community Listening Sessions are an important part of the Athol Community Review. These sessions are happening September 7th-8, 2016. They allow a team of visiting professionals to learn what's on the minds of Athol citizens and community members.

We ask four simple questions, listen to the responses, and take good notes. A typical listening session takes 60-75 minutes and involves 12-15 participants.

You are being invited to participate in a listening session as a representative of one of the following stakeholder groups:

- Home Team
- Seniors
- High School students
- Other youth (e.g. 4-H, Scouts, home-schooled kids)
- Teachers and school administration
- Social Service providers, law enforcement, first responders
- Clergy and other representatives from local churches
- Business owners
- Homeowner Assoc. and others who live outside Athol city limits

Why do we do this?

The visiting team's goals are simple: we want to create an environment where participants feel comfortable speaking openly and honestly about priorities and concerns, and we strive to capture 'high-frequency' comments faithfully and reflect them back to the entire community. We don't take sides; we're there to listen. Ultimately, we want to provide your community with the best information about community perceptions and priorities.

Wednesday 7th 11-12:30pm; 1:30-3:00pm; 3:00-4:00pm; & 6:00-7:30pm
H.S. students; Other Youth; Teachers/Admin.; Business Owners

Thursday 8th 9:00-10:30am; 10:30-12:00; 1:00-2:30pm
Seniors; Clergy; Home Assoc & Others in Co.

Most will be held at Athol City Hall, call at 683-2101 for specific locations and times.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

Sunday -

Monday -

Fit n Fall Class (every Mon & Wed) 10am-11am, Gym
Grandmothers (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm
Real Life Ministries Youth Group -Done till Fall

Tuesday -

Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm,
Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244
City Council Meeting (3rd Tuesday each month) 7pm
Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday -

Fit n Fall Class (every Mon & Wed) 10am-11am, Gym
Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm

Thursday -

Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am
D. Dryer Dance & Drama Classes - Done till September
Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Thursday 8am-12pm)

Friday -

Fit n Fall Class (no Fridays till fall)

Saturday -

Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm

Upcoming: Next Athol Community Review "Listening Sessions" 7th and the 8th!

Athol Library Activities: ...Wednesday, September 7th: Arty Party- 10:00a.m.

Spend the morning creating colorful "mess-terpieces" at art stations around the library!

An inspired snack will be included for our mini Monets too! **Geared to ages 2-6.**

PLEASE NOTE: In order to accommodate staffing needs, Athol City Hall hours will temporarily be changing for the months of August and September (effective Monday August 1st till September 30th). Please congratulate our City Clerk/Treasurer, Lori Yarbrough, with the birth of her new son, Emmett. Hours will be as follows: Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:30pm and Fridays 8:30-12:30.

↓ WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - September 1, 2016