



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ & WATER UTILITY BILL August 1, 2017

Athol, A New Direction

Please welcome Mark Mitchell as our new Public Works / Water Operator.

Mark began working for the city just last week and started right off with reading the water meters. He's excited to join our little city and our Mayor plans on teaching him everything he knows!

He lives north of us in Sagle and has a wife, a 5-yr. old little girl and an 8-yr. old boy. Say hello to him as you see him familiarizing himself around town.



August 15th City Council meeting at 7:00pm.

There will be two **PUBLIC HEARINGS** that night. One for the annual review of the city fee resolution and the other for the review of the FY 2018 city budget. You may find a copy of the proposed budget and fees on the city website at: www.cityofathol.us or inside at City Hall.

Your City Council present at the Ground breaking for the new Super 1 Foods. Pictured left to right: Councilman Bill Hill; Mayor Bob Wachter;



Councilman Josh Spencer;
Councilwoman Mary Zichko;
Rand Wichman City Planner; and Randy and Ron McIntire of Super 1 Foods.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
@ 7:00 PM 3rd Tues.
CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

August 15, 2017 & PUBLIC HEARINGS
September 19, 2017
October 17, 2017
November 21, 2017
December 19, 2017
January 16, 2018
February 20, 2018

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:

Mark Mitchell



ABC FARMERS MARKET

— Athol Bayview Careywood —

**New hours for the
Farmers Market!**

Every Friday 2pm – 6pm

Stop by and check them out, and get some fresh fruits and vegetables!

Did you know . . . that the Athol City Code can now be found and accessed electronically from the city's website? please go to www.cityofathol.us at the top of the home page click "Athol City Code" on the banner.

Thank you for being patient and we hope you will find this helpful in understanding and accessing the laws of the city.



The past few months the Athol Library has held many events such as Jugglemania and the Mobius Science show in June. The Taiko Drummers, the Reptile Man, the Picnic/ Storytime, and then finished the summer out with a Talent show all in July. We would like to give a special appreciation for everything the Community Library and their employees' do for our community.



**And a very special recognition to the
2017 Athol Citizen of the Year: Denise Neujahr
(pronounced new year) she works for the library and facilitates many of these great events.**



Also, last month the Edmonton Sabers Marching Band (ages 6-14) honored the city with a small performance in the city park. It's fantastic to see such a young group of kids so dedicated to performing. They were from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



Update from Mayor Wachter:



- **The Athol Water System** We are waiting for the finalization of a Master Water Facilities plan to see what our current water system needs to take us safely into the next 20+years. In the meantime, the council and I have decided that it's best and financially responsible of us to get the current budget of the water fund into a more balanced order. After some careful review of historical income and expense revenues of the city's water system, it's alarming that our income has not covered the expenses for the last 5 years, and probably longer. **The increase you will be seeing as of the new fiscal year (10/1/2017) will get us closer to doing just that.** We understand the significant impact this might bring to many of you, but this is for the good of the whole city. It is an overdue decision that needs to happen. I appreciate your understanding as we consider our options for the necessary future improvements of the water system. We hope to find the best possible way to handle and possibly restructure the water rates in the future, and avoid having extreme rate increases. We encourage your thoughts and participation please watch for upcoming public hearings on this matter.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped to plan and prepare for our upcoming Athol Daze. I hope to see many of you there at this year's annual city event: **Saturday, August 12th! (Parade at 9am)**
- Don't forget to get your City Permit before you begin working on those projects.

Building Location / Land Use Permit Application
Site Disturbance Permit Application

Athol Chamber of Commerce



**Next meeting
August 17th at 7pm**

www.atholchamberofcommerce.org
Meets the 3rd Thurs. every month at the Athol Community Center.

Chamber Presents Check to ABC Food

Bank for \$1,016.00 to the ABC Food Bank, proceeds from the community yard sale held during Athol Beautification Days. The Chamber will be participating in the parade during Athol Daze; come by our booth at the park after the parade to meet some of our Chamber Officers. We will be drawing the WINNING TICKET for the Chamber 50/50 Raffle about 1:00 and announcing the winner over the PA system. Come on out to Athol Daze and enjoy some good old fashion family fun.



The clothing room inside the community center needs some TLC. If you have any time to donate an hour or so, it could really use some cleaning up and re-organizing. Thank you.



<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 (will resume in Sept)</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 Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Farmer’s Market (every Friday) 2pm-6pm</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: The next City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00pm and Public Hearings on the city fees and the new fiscal year 2017-18 budget.

WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - August 1, 2017

Water payments due on or before the 15th to avoid a late fee.

