



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

Athol, A New Direction

**Happy Fall,
Turkey Day is
almost here!**



City Hall will be closed this month for the following:

- Friday, Nov. 10th for Veteran's Day
- Thursday, Nov. 23rd for Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov. 24th for Thanksgiving



Election's Day

Tuesday, November 7th, 2017.
Polling at the Athol Community Center
8:00am-8:00pm.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 5 PM.



Join us as we light our new Community Christmas Tree and enjoy an evening at the North Pole. Santa will be out of town and Mrs. Claus and the Elves are throwing a party.

There will be FREE chili and hotdogs for everyone, cookies and cocoa, pie and coffee too. You can build an ornament, write a letter to Santa, enter the Ugly Sweater Contest or throw snowballs at the Elves. We will be featuring our first ever Festival of Trees with fully decorated trees being raffled by our local Denim and Diamonds 4-H Club.

Tree lighting and caroling at 5pm, Saturday December 9th, in the ball field at City Hall.



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:

- November 7, 2017
- November 21, 2017
- December 5, 2017
- December 19, 2017
- January 2, 2018
- January 16, 2018
- February 6, 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

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Council Seat #3: Mary Zichko (Incumbent) has been an active citizen in the community for 40 years and is honored serve on the Athol City Council for the last 4 years. She is a citizen’s advocate and listens to what the citizens want for our community. As a member of the City Council, she has actively worked with the other council members on the Super 1 project, city



water issues, and codes, Community Review and Athol Daze. She brought back to the city, the city-wide Beautification Week program that once was a part of the city program.

Mary has pursued opportunities in reaching out to area agencies to provide valuable informational materials and programs to the city such as the Active Shooter, Block Watch & Scams, Medicare & You and Elder help. to the city. She would very much appreciate your vote November 7th, Seat 3.

Council Seat #3: Andrew Bruse is a lifelong resident of Athol; having been raised in the area since birth by his parents Will and Marie Bruse. Seventeen years ago, he purchased his own property in Athol, and has since built his own home for his family, which includes his wife and four sons. Andy began his professional career in HVAC over twenty years ago. He is currently lead journeyman for Border Sheet Metal in Hayden, where he has been employed for the last eighteen years. He is also going into his eleventh season of employment at Schweitzer Mountain Resort as part of the Mountain Safety team. Andy has many ties to friends and family within the community and his sons have been active in local sports for many years. As an avid outdoorsman, he also enjoys all the recreational activities that north Idaho has to offer. Andy made the decision to run for City Council, to take on a more active role within the community that he is raising his family in.

Council Seat #4: Shane McDaniel (Incumbent, Unopposed) lifelong resident has been an active part of the community and the city council. He believes the city is on the right track and is willing to serve another term to help continue down that path. If you believe in the same give him your vote.



Don't Miss



The first “Senior Meeting”
November 6th 12:00 to 3:00pm
1st Monday of every month at the Athol Community Center



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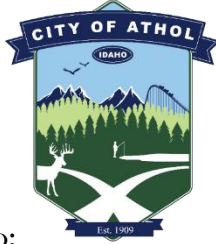
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Phone – (208) 446-1850

E-mail – ENSsupport@kcgov.us

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encouraging

Athol citizens to:

Please join the ALERT! KOOTENAI emergency notification system

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Box Sign-up begins Tuesday, October 31st at the Food Bank, this includes signing up for the children’s sharing tree. **For questions and sign up for Energy Assistance**, please call 208-664-8757 will all be handled by phone.



---Don't forget.... New Water Rates are now in effect, and all payments are due on or before the 15th of each month! ---

NEW WATER RATES effective Fiscal Year 2018 (10/1/2018)

Water Rates / Fees

Base Rate by Category	Base Gallons	Rate
Residential 1 unit	15k	\$20.00
Residential Off		\$5.00
Commercial 1-3 unit	45k	\$52.00
Commercial Off		\$10.00
Additional Water Usage (over base rate)	1k	\$1.10
Late Fee (due on or before the 15th)		\$10.00
Re-Connect Fee (when shut-off for no pmt)		\$25.00



Did you know . . . that Winter will be arriving soon, please take a few minutes to remove any personal items left in the city right-of-way. Items left in the right-of-way are there at your own risk. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers, misc. items, all need to be removed for the plowing.



City Roads and Snow Plowing

Winter is fast approaching and along with that comes snow plowing. Just a few reminders to help make/keep winter a happier time for all of us.

- ✓ Any personal items left in the city right-of-way need to be removed.
- ✓ Mail boxes and paper boxes left out in the right-of-way, in the way of plows, are your responsibility. Items left in the right-of-way are left there at your own risk and could be struck by a snow plow during plowing. If there is damage to a snow plow or other city equipment caused by items that you have left in the right-of-way you could be subject to reimbursing the City the cost of that damage.
- ✓ Cars, trucks, boats, trailers, misc. items all need to be removed for the plowing.
- ✓ When removing snow from your driveway do not snow blow or plow snow into the street.
- ✓ The city is not liable for damage of any sort to your personal property when left in the city right-of-way.



If you have any questions, please call city hall 208-683-2101.

Update from Mayor Wachter:



- **Super One Foods** – the walls are up, and the roof is on; still scheduled for opening in early Spring, 2018.
- **Another Reminder-** This is the first month you will see the water rate increase. Also, bills are now being estimated for the winter months. Meters will be read again in the spring.
- **There's a new business in town:** Check out “**Carewood Coffee Company**” now located beside the Little Town Market Open Monday – Friday 6:30am – 4:30pm, Saturdays 9:00am – 3:00pm, Closed on Sundays, and Free WiFi! Stop in relax on the comfy sofa by the fireplace.
- I'd like to share and recognize that our City Clerk, Lori Yarbrough, was recently nominated and elected to service as a District 1 (North Idaho) Director for the Idaho City Clerks, Treasures and Finance Officers Association (ICCTFOA); this is a 2-year term. The ICCTFOA was formed to increase the professionalism of its members; improve city administration; advance the fullest measure of responsibility in local government; and to cooperate with federal, state and local agencies, the Assoc. of Idaho Cities, Idaho Universities, and other organizations to upgrade the efficiency of city government.
- **The Auditors are coming the beginning of the month** to conduct the FY2017 Audit. We look forward to the review and as always, the report will be on the city website once it has been completed. The city has been working very diligently to repay the debt the street fund owes to the water fund as well as plan and to start building reserves for future capital improvements.



Athol Elementary School Events:

No school for students, Friday, November 3rd

Veteran's Day Assembly Friday, November 10th at 2:00pm.

This event is open to families and any veterans are also welcome to attend.

Thanksgiving Break Monday, 20th – Friday, 24th





Notice of the Regular City Council Meetings of The City of Athol, Idaho Kootenai County

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 415, 9-25-2017 (Municipal Code 1.6.3), the City of Athol City Council regularly held meetings will be the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00pm. The meetings are held in the downstairs conference room of the Athol Community Center located at 30355 N Third St. Athol, Idaho.

- From time to time a regular meeting may be continued to another date or location due to capacity or unforeseen circumstances. If a regular meeting day of the month is a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day at the regular hour.
- The agenda for each meeting shall be posted at City Hall and the Athol Post Office on the Friday's preceding the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

2017-18 Fiscal Year

Month	1 st Tuesday	3 rd Tuesday
October	cancelled	17 th
November	7 th	21 st
December	5 th	19 th
January	2 nd	16 th
February	6 th	20 th
March	6 th	20 th
April	3 rd	17 th
May	1 st	15 th
June	5 th	19 th
July	3 rd	17 th
August	7 th	21 st
September	4 th	18 th

Lori Yarbrough,
Athol City Clerk/Treasurer

Posted October 24, 2017



YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Thursday, November

2nd at 7:00pm

Athol Community Center



<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 (every Mon) 6pm Senior Meeting (1st Monday of each month) 12 noon-3pm</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 Darla Dryer Dance Classes (every Wed) 3pm-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 Farragut Flyers (ever 1st & 3rd Sat) 10am-noon</p>
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Upcoming: The next City Council Meetings for November 2017 are: Tuesday, November 7th and again on Tuesday November 21st both at 7:00pm. City Hall will be closed for the following days this month: for Veterans Day on Friday, November 10th and Thursday and Friday November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - November 1, 2017



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