



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~  
May 1, 2018



Athol, A New Direction

**ABC Farmers Market**

**in Athol City Park Opens Friday, May 11!**

Support your local producers and watch your community eggs, garden plants, artisan foods, specialty coffees, and handcrafted items. New vendors wanted; apply online or in person. Open every Friday from 2-6pm from May to October. Find us on Facebook @ABCFarmersMarket.



**ABC FARMERS MARKET**  
Athol Bayview Careywood

**ATHOL BEAUTIFICATION**

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**A great opportunity to get rid of old furniture, appliances and yard waste such as wood products, leaves and branches!**

Also "FREE" curb side trash pick-up one day only, Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>!

It must be set out by 9am for free pick-up that day.

Courtesy of Panhandle Waste Services

**Type of Work Our Volunteers can help with:**

- Junk Metal & Wood Debris Collection
- Minor Repair Work / Window Washing
- Minor Yardwork (raking, weed pulling, weed eating, mowing)
- Pruning & Tree Trimming / Small scale Garden prep/planting

**Call City Hall at 208-683-2101 to get on the list!**



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**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
@ 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.  
CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
208-683-2101

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

**Future Council Meeting Dates:**

- May 1, 2018
- May 15, 2018
- City Hall Closed Mon May 31<sup>st</sup>*
- June 5, 2018
- June 19, 2018
- July 3, 2018
- City Hall Closed Wed July 4<sup>th</sup>*
- July 17, 2018
- August 7, 2018
- August 21, 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**

## “Senior Meeting and Lunch”

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at noon till 3pm.

Guest speaker will be Julie McKerracher of the ABC Farmers Market. Please bring sandwiches, salads, appetizers or a dessert for lunch to share.



## Athol Daze and Beautification Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping, please join us for the organizing and planning of this great event!

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at City Hall.



## City-Wide Yard Sales May 19, 2018

We have over 10 homes/locations for yard sales signed up so far. No cost. You can have it at your home, join in with a neighbor, or at the community center. The gym will be open to set up a table if you want to stay out of the rain.

**\*\*\*Register by May 11<sup>th</sup> with Lori at City Hall!\*\*\***

**SIGN-UP NOW!**

Call 208-683-2101 Or Email:  
[cityclerk@cityofathol.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofathol.us)



**Did you know . . .** that last year the city staff obtained 80% funding for new playground equipment in the park. This is geared for ages 2-5 years old. Funds were in the form of grants and donations. The Fire Department and individual volunteers will be donating their time to assemble it this month.

## Athol Library Activities: ...happening in May:

- ABC Garden Group** - Thursday, May 3, 6:30-8:30 pm
  - Gentle Yoga** - Wed's, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 11-12:00 am
  - Book Club** - Wednesday, May 16, 4:00 pm
  - What the Craft!** - Wed, May 23, 4:30 pm
  - Tech Help** - By Appointment
  - Storytime and IT Club** - Tuesdays, 10:30am and 3:30pm (May 1 & 8)
- Also, **Weeds Are Great Medicines!** by Barbara St. Dennis  
Thursday, May 17, 6:00pm-7:30pm



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## Update from Mayor Wachter

➤ **Athol Super 1 Foods** officially opened April 3, 2018. The Medicine Man pharmacy will be opening their doors near May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

➤ A **Water Rate study is being done by Idaho Rural Water Association**, and it should be complete soon. The Council wants to review all the usage history before deciding what exactly to do when setting future water rates. We are hoping for a presentation at the May 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting on the results of this rate study. **Making the best possible decision for the most users (residential and commercial) is important. We really want to be fair and methodical when setting our water rates. In addition, we need to pair this with making the best financial planning decisions for the future of the city water system.**



➤ **Merritt Bros has left Athol, and Idaho Forest Group has moved in.** You may have already heard, but it's official. They have sold to Idaho Forest Group. Greg with Merritt Bros said that about 90% of the employees he believes have been retained by IFG.



➤ **Another REMINDER, "BACKFLOW" Assembly Testing results are due by June 15<sup>th</sup> to City Hall.** This includes all businesses, anyone with sprinklers systems or other features that require back flow assembly.

### **Chamber Events Schedule for 2018**

- Athol Beautification & Yard Sale on 05-19-18
- Athol Daze on 08-11-18 (parade; booth; 50-50 raffle)
- Veteran Appreciation Day, COFFEE ON US, 11-10-18
- Christmas Tree Lighting Festival 12-08-18



Chamber meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Athol City Hall, 7PM.

**Come Join Us**

**Saturday May 19, 2018 at 11am Bayview Community Center**

### **Pen D' Oreille City Investigations**

A Meet and Greet to Learn the story of the earliest Euro-American settlements in North Idaho;  
View historic artifacts and Be part of preserving Kootenai County heritage!



Hello Athol citizens,

*For the May 2018 newsletter I would like to bring to your attention our outdoor burning regulations.*



*As most of the City of Athol water customers are within the City limits you are not required to obtain Idaho Department of Lands burn permits. If you live outside the City limits you are required to obtain an IDL burn permit between May 10<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> each year.*

*Below are the burn regulations for residential yard waste burning.*

Burning of yard waste is allowed during **daylight hours only**; (Sunup to Sundown).

- Yard waste fires must be completely out by dark. **THIS MEANS COLD TO THE TOUCH AND NO SMOKE!**
- Fires must be attended at all times. The Attendant must have a hose connected to a water supply, or a minimum of five gallons of water in a bucket, or one or more portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 4-A rating and a shovel on scene at all times.
- All yard waste fires shall be a minimum of 25' from any structure (includes trees, propane tanks and fences).
- Burning is allowed by property owners, legal occupants and/or authorized individuals.
- Yard waste is defined as clean, untreated wood, paper, vegetation, limbs and branches.
- Burning of any trash, manure, treated lumber, plastic, tires, garbage, cardboard, pallets and other hazardous material is strictly prohibited.
- Fire Officials or Law Enforcement are authorized to require that burning be discontinued if smoke emissions or odors are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties.

All burning is prohibited during Extreme Fire Danger and Air Quality burn bans. Please feel free to stop by your fire station and have a visit about fire prevention, house numbering, safety, and pick up a copy of our burning regulations.

**Thank you and have a fire safe day**

**Bill Steele- Fire Chief**

## **May Events: Athol Elementary**

- ❖ **5/9- Athol Elementary' s McTeacher Night at Rathdrum McDonalds-4:30-7:30- come and let our teachers serve you dinner and help support our school**
- ❖ **5/16 Kinder Pre-Registration for 2018/2019-new kinders must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1. Please bring current immunization record, a birth certificate, and proof of residence. Please call school for additional information.**
- ❖ **5/18 & 5/28 NO SCHOOL**
- ❖ **6/2-Life Awareness-Community Coalition 25k Run/Relay – A Community Event - Starts at Timberlake High School-7am**



<p><b>Sunday</b> - Compulsive Eaters Anonymous – Openness, honesty, and willingness (Every Sun) 4pm</p> <p><b>Monday</b> –                  Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym                  Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm                  Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6pm                  Senior Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month) 12 noon-3pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> –                  Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm                  (Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244)                  City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 7pm                  Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> –                  Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym                  Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> –                  Lady A’s (every Thurs) 9am-10am                  Athol Chamber of Commerce (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) 7pm</p> <p><b>Friday</b> –                  Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> –                  Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
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**Upcoming:** The next City Council Meetings for May 2018 are: Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> and again on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> both at 7:00pm. **Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

# WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - May 1, 2018



**ATTN: Water payments due this month by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee.**