

ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ February 1, 2019

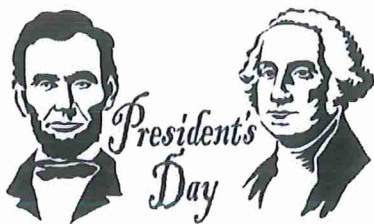
Athol. A New Direction

SIGN-UP AT CITY HALL

FOR THE "CIRCUIT BREAKER"
PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019 AT 10AM

FOR ATHOL/BAYVIEW RESIDENTS



City Hall will be closed

Monday, February 18th

-----President's Day-----

NO AARP TAX HELP in ATHOL THIS YEAR

Walk-Ins are welcome at the **Silver Lake Mall** six days a week. Or appointments can be made at:

Rathdrum Senior Center: 208-687-2028

CDA Lake City Center: 208-667-4628

Post Falls Senior Center: 208-773-9582

Tax-Aide serves low to moderate income taxpayers of any age. You don't have to be a member of AARP to use this service. Bring your social security card, picture ID, last year's return, and all of your income documents (W2's, 1099s, etc.).



ABC FARMERS MARKET
Athol Bayview Careywood

Gearing up for a new season, looking
for new vendors and a treasurer.

Please contact Julie at 208-304-4041

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Tues.

CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3rd

208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

February 5, 2019

(City Hall Closed Feb. 18th)

February 19, 2019

March 5, 2019

March 19, 2019

April 2, 2019

April 16, 2019

May 7, 2019

May 21, 2019

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

Mary J Zichko

City Council:

Bill Hill

Shane McDaniel

Josh Spencer

Cindi Denis

City Attorney:

John Cafferty

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:

Tanya Ziegler

Public Works/Water Operator:

Anthony Brandt

Update from your Mayor, Mary Zichko



Mayor Office hours this month are: February 1st 9am-10am; 6th 2pm-4pm; 8th 10am-12pm; 11th 10am-12pm; 13th 2pm-4pm; 15th 9am-10pm; 19th 1pm-2pm; 21st 1pm-2pm; and 25th 11am-12pm.... for anyone who would like to speak with the Mayor.

✓ **There are numerous activities and events going on throughout the year.**

Anyone who would like to volunteer during the upcoming events would be appreciated. Call me at 208-683-1133 or City Hall at 208-683-2101.

✓ **Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan set for March 19, 2019 at 7:00pm**

✓ **1st Planning meeting for Beautification and Athol Daze is 2/28/19 at 1:00pm**

✓ **Please be patient with Anthony, our Public Works Operator on snow**

plowing. We are trying to keep ahead of it but sometimes the snow has gotten really wet and takes longer to plow. I feel he has been doing a great job for the first winter that he has plowed. If you have issues let him know and he will work with you on them.



Look What We Can Do Together



2019 Membership Drive is underway: The Chamber of Commerce is looking for individuals and businesses to become new members of the Chamber. It is a great opportunity to get your business name out there, to get involved with our community and meet our neighbors. Beginning 2019 membership dues will run from April to April, with all paid members for 2018 being credited with three months free membership. Chamber meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month in the council room at Athol City Hall.

2019 Election of Chamber Director Results: Three 2- year term positions were filled in January. Vice-President will be Josh Baugh, Treasurer will be Ramona Grissom and Director will be Rudy Rudebaugh.

The Chamber hosted an informational meeting on Thursday, January 10th, with Rocky Watson. He was asking the interest in this area for an Abused Women and Children Outreach that would have a satellite with the Boise outreach program. Mr. Watson had some specific ideas in mind; it was agreed that a multi-community effort would be needed to achieve the fund raising required, as well as the base operations. If enough people are interested in this type of program, a second informational meeting can be held at a date to be announced in March or April.



City of Athol Snow Removal Operations

Heavy snowfall is an inconvenient reality for all of us here in the "snow belt" as part of North Idaho Life, but one that our city anticipates and carefully prepares for each winter. A few things we would like you all to remember as major snowfall and accumulations continue to affect our city's streets:

MANPOWER

Our City's Public Works Department consists of 1 full time employee, Anthony. He is the snow plow operator, and he works tirelessly around town to ensure consistent and timely snow removal. It is his first year here in the city, so please be patient with him as he's learning the best placement for the snow.

EQUIPMENT

Athol is equipped with a grader, front end loader, and a small tractor/snow blower to mitigate hazardous conditions on our city streets. We have a snowplow gate that is used to help lessen berms.

ROUTES

For purposes of snow removal, the city has a specific order in which it will be plowed. Menser Avenue, followed by Davis Lane, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, and 4th Street, takes priority for clearance. Then Northern Meadows, the North side of Highway 54, and the East-West Streets on the South side of Highway 54. Lastly, Miller Road and Hill Street. Please be patient, as he's only one guy.

BERMS

Please understand that he will do his best to be considerate of the hassle of berms. However, the City's primary responsibility is to get all streets clear and navigable. He is often pushing a substantial amount of weight when plowing the snow. One pass is made on each side of the street, so the snow load is allocated equally, except for Northern Meadows, which requires more passes.

ORDINANCES

Snow Removal. PROHIBITED ACTS: 6-4-4 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave a parked vehicle or other object upon a street within the City during a snow accumulation. **C.** It shall be unlawful to block, stop, or otherwise impede any snow plowing vehicle or snow plowing operation conducted by or on behalf of the City.

6-4-5 Penalty A. A person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of an infraction. **B.** The owner of any vehicle or object removed from a street at the direction of the Superintendent during a snow emergency shall be liable for all costs incurred for that removal.

Idaho State Code 18-3907

SCHEDULE

Once accumulation exceeds approximately 4 inches, snow removal operations will commence. To ensure streets are cleared for residents' daily commutes, when possible he will start in the midnight to 4am time frame, pending the next anticipated snowfall.



Athol Senior Meeting/Lunch

February 11th, 2019 at noon.

Guest speaker Deputy Clauson speaking on Seniors and the Fraud issues going on. The Fire Dept. will do blood pressure checks also.

March 4th, 2019 at noon. There will be someone there from the county doing Circuit Breakers.

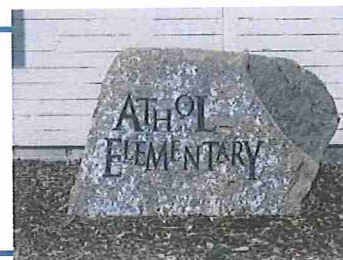
Anyone who is 50 or older is welcome to attend.

Please bring light brunch items to share for lunch.



Athol Elementary School Events:

- Recorder Concert - Feb. 21-6:30pm
- President's Day-NO SCHOOL-Feb. 18, 2019
- PTU (Parent Teachers United) Meeting- Feb 25.-6:00



Athol Daze & Beautification Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping us with the planning of these great events, please join us:

Thursday, February 28th at 1:00pm



The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring temporary census taker positions available in Kootenai County in advance of the 2020 Census.

Census takers work in the field. Some field positions require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings. Other field positions require interviewing the public, so employees must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Applicants for the positions, which start at \$13.50 per hour, will be placed in an applicant pool for 2020 Census positions for which they qualify, as jobs become available in their area.

Those interested can apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs.

Applicants can learn about available jobs at the Census Bureau's Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages. **They may also contact the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY/ASCII.**

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Athol Library Happenings for February:

ADULTS: ABC Garden Group Thursday, February 14, 6:30 - 8:30pm
This month's topic will be about Saving Seeds.

Bayview Book Club Wednesday, February 20, 4:00-6:00 pm
This month's book is Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys



Readopoly - Adult Winter Reading Program Play/Read now through April 8th.



Spelling Bee Tournament Championship! The Winners of Round 1 meet Saturday, February 2, 1:00-3:00pm, at the Athol Community Center.

Little Renaissance Kids - Kids 2-6 Years Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am, February 5, 12, 19, & 26

It Club! Kids Kindergarten to 6th Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, February 5, 12, 19, & 26.

NEW! Monthly Teen Time! Come in for the New Teen Time held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. February 13th at 3:30 PM 6th – 12th Grade: Shrinky Dinks & Custom-Made Buttons

Tech Help Did you receive a new smart phone, iPad, Kindle or other tech device for a gift this holiday? Is your child too busy to help you learn how to work it? Call for an appointment or stop by and ask us for assistance with your new device. We can help make it easier for you.

Thursday, 10:30 AM – Homeschool Group Meeting Parents – Are you interested in starting a homeschool group at the library? Please join us for a time to talk with our youth specialist to see what she can help facilitate for you and your children. Coffee provided for adults and STEM activities for the kids.



La Lah Dance!

Dance lessons are continuing now through spring!

Summer classes to be determined. Current classes:

Pre-K classes: Tues 5:00pm & Wed 4:00pm

6-9 yr. old class: Wed 5:00pm

10-17 yr. old class: Tues 6:00pm

Classes are \$40 a month.

To join a dance class please contact Ayla Scheel at (208)290-8501,
Or email: aylabama1@gmail.com or on Facebook at La Lah Dance.



FUN FACTS on Valentine's Day

- ❖ In the United States, 64 percent of men do not make plans in advance for a romantic Valentine's Day with their sweethearts.
- ❖ The first photograph of a U.S. President was taken on February 14, 1849 by Matthew Brady in New York City. Which President? President James Polk.
- ❖ The heart is the most common symbol of romantic love. Ancient cultures believed the human soul lived in the heart.



Sunday - Compulsive Eaters Anonymous – Openness, honesty, and willingness (Every Sun) 3pm

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

Tuesday –

Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm
(**Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244**)
City Council Meeting (1st & 3rd Tues each month) 7pm
Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm
La Lah Dance (Every Tue, Wed) 5pm-7pm

Wednesday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym
Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm
La Lah Dance (Every Tue, Wed) 4pm-6pm

Thursday –

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am
Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm

Friday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym

Saturday –

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

Upcoming: This month's City Council Meeting for February 2019 are: Tuesday the 5th and Tuesday the 19th at 7:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 15th. **City Hall will be closed this month: for President's Day on Monday, February 18th**



WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - February 1, 2019

ATTN: Water payments due this month by Friday the 15th to avoid a late fee.

