



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ March 1, 2019



Athol, A New Direction

Athol Senior Meeting/Lunch

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.

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 Josh at 928-246-2564

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:

- March 5, 2019
- March 19, 2019
- April 2, 2019
- April 16, 2019
- May 7, 2019
- May 18th Beautification/City Wide Yard Sales
- May 21, 2019
- June 4, 2019
- June 18, 2019
- July 2, 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

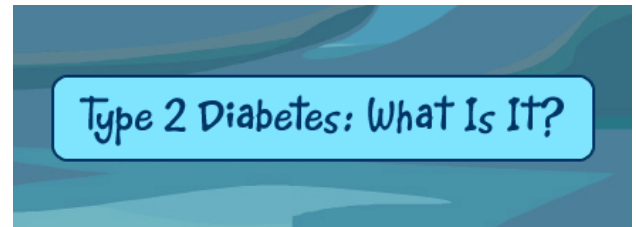
Mayor Office hours this month are: March 5th 10am-11:30am; 7th 1pm-2pm; 8th 9:30am-10:30pm; 11th 2pm-3pm; 13th 10am-12noon; 15th 10am-12pm; 19th 9:30am-11am; 22nd 10pm-12noon; 25th 11am-1pm; 27th 1:30pm-3:00pm and 10am-12noon.... for anyone who would like to speak with the Mayor.



- ✓ **Public Hearing on Fee Resolution 2019-01 - March 5th, 2019 at 7:00pm**
- ✓ **Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan - March 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Reversing Diabetes Seminar

Physician approved program to reverse Type II Diabetes and improve health. Classes begin Sunday, March 24, 2019. 4-6pm at Athol Community Center. For more information call Bill at 208-818-5140.



Spirit Lake Parks and Recreation Presents

2019 Youth Spring Soccer

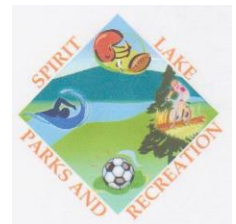
For ages 3 – 14 years old

Registration: Now thru Wednesday March 6th, 2019

Cost: \$18 per child Late Fee: \$5.00 after Friday March 6th, 2019

Registration can be found online at www.spiritlakeid.gov/parkandrec/ and at

City Hall in Spirit Lake. For more info or any questions please contact Tonya Reed at 208-623-4868 or by email parkandrec@spiritlakeid.gov



Athol Elementary School Events:

3/7-Student Led Conferences-students will only attend school for scheduled conference time this day

3/12-Voting Day-Replacement Instructional Levy

3/25-PTU (Parents & Teachers United) Meeting-6pm (Library)



New Proposed Water Rates are coming:

Look on-line at www.cityofathol.us under Documents and Resources to see a full schedule of the proposed fees; Fee Resolution 2019-01.

---Public Hearing is Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00pm---

Base Rate by Category	Gallons	Rate
Residential 1 unit	12k	\$34.00
Residential 2 unit	24k	\$68.00
Commercial Low	20k	\$40.00
Commercial High	40k	\$52.00
Bulk Rate	1k	\$6.00
Haulers	50 gal	\$0.25
Late Fee		\$10.00
Additional Water Usage (over base rate)	1k	\$2.00

*The residential rate is going up, with a small reduction in gallons.
The commercial rates are being restructured, changing the 5 classes into 2 classes.
The Off rates for both Residential & Commercial are being eliminated.*

Athol Daze & Beautification Planning Meeting

Beautification-City Clean Up is Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Athol Daze- August 10th, 2019

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

City Hall at 208-683-2101



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Athol Library Happenings for March:

Little Renaissance Kids - Kids 2-6 Years Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 Shake off winter and welcome spring!

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

Saturday March 9th 4:30-6:30 PM Teen Tech Week for 6th to 12th Grade

Celebrate Teen Tech Week! Join a team to make your own Vines! Create hysterical video clips to show friends! Equipment and props will be provided. You are welcome to bring ideas and your own props as well!
Pizza will be served.



Wednesday, March 6th at 10:30 AM – Homeschool Science Cub for Kindergarten to 6th Grades Snap to it! Join your friends, or make new ones, as we safely play with snap circuits. Snack provided.

Thursday March 14th 3:30 PM Crafternoon Crew for 6th to 12th Grade

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Thursday March 21st 4:00-5:00 PM Family Jeopardy ALL AGES



Come with your family as a team or "join" a family for a spirited game of Jeopardy. Fun for the whole family with categories for the littles and adults. Refreshments provided and toys available for the wee ones.



Wednesday March 27th 5:00-6:00 PM Pajama Storytime

Put on your pajamas and grab your lovies for a lively, fun filled evening. Milk and cookies served. When it's time to go home, leave your stuffed animals so they can have a sleepover. Pictures will be taken of your friends' overnight adventures. The next day you can come get your stuffed animals and hear about all the fun they had at the library.

FUN FACTS on St. Patrick's Day

- ❖ *The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).*
- ❖ *Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.*
- ❖ *1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St Patrick's Day.*
- ❖ *Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.*
- ❖ *There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.*



ICE AND SNOW TAKE IT SLOW

As winter has begun in full force all across North Idaho this past week, it is important to remember to practice safe driving habits. All travelers are encouraged to follow these simple rules and tips throughout the rest of the winter season:

- Always wear a seat belt.
- Slow down. Slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking all are required in winter driving conditions.
- Drop it and drive. Put down the handheld devices.
- Don't crowd the plow. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
- Avoid using cruise control in snow and ice.
- Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous.
- Be especially careful approaching intersections, ramps, bridges & shady areas. All are prone to icing.
- Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route. Consider taking public transportation if it is an option.

Prepare an emergency kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first-aid kit.

Carry a cell phone and a car charger in case of emergency. Winter weather causes extremely dangerous driving conditions. By planning ahead and being prepared you are working to ensure your safety and the safety of others out on the roadways. As the snow continues to fall make sure to also keep an eye on snow loads on homes, outbuildings, and businesses to determine if snow or icicle removal is necessary.

To check the upcoming weather report, visit www.weather.gov/spokane. If you need to travel, use caution. Call 511 to get information on the most recent road conditions.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY: [KOOTENAI COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT](#)



Comprehensive Plan - Public Hearing Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00pm

A full copy can be viewed on-line at www.cityofathol.us or you can get a copy at City Hall during regular business hours.

A comprehensive plan is a community document. It is a broad outline for guiding the growth and development of a community. The function of a plan is to organize and display, in maps and policy statements, the hopes and dreams of the community's future and to provide guidance for how to achieve the future. The Comprehensive Plan is an official policy guide used to establish zoning districts and guide land use decisions. Idaho code, in 67-6511, requires that "zoning districts shall be in accordance with the policies set forth in the adopted comprehensive plan".



The Athol/Spirit Lake Grandmothers' Club was established in Spirit Lake in 1972 with Edna Guild as their first President. It now encompasses Athol and a bit of Bayview. We celebrate twice a year with Kellogg Grandmothers.

Our Objective is to honor and dignify "grandmotherhood" and work to promote charitable projects. To further the social and educational interest of the members and to contribute to worthy community projects, with monies or supplies, whichever is needed.



A Grandmother through motherhood or a woman who has acquired a grandchild or grandchildren through marriage or adoption shall be eligible for membership in this club. Or by a motion to accept any woman who wants to join and be a member, whether or not she is a grandmother.

We participate in many activities throughout the year such as: Easter Egg Coloring for the American Legion, Athol Beautification Day with a garage sale, Host the Athol Daze Cake Walk, have a float in the Athol Daze Parade, decorating City Hall for the Holidays, help with food service at the Athol Tree Lighting Festival and choose a child from the Tree of Caring and donate to the Spirit Lake Food Bank. Other activities include: Visiting the Yak Farm, picnics, bike rides, movies and many more.

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at the Athol Community Center at 10:00 am. If you would like to be a part of our Grandmothers Club, please email at: grannysonfire@gmail.com . Or check out our facebook page: Athol Grandmothers.



<p>Sunday - Compulsive Eaters Anonymous – Openness, honesty, and willingness (Every Sun) 3pm</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 (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</p>	<p>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</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</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA's (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: This month's City Council Meeting for March 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.

WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - March 1, 2019

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

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**