



~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
May 1, 2019



Athol, A New Direction

SEASON OPENS
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH 2-6PM

The Athol Farmer's Market, formerly the ABC Farmer's Market is growing! Come out and see some of your favorite return farms and artisans as well as many new members! Farm crafted products, textiles, woodcrafts, garden starts, young trees and berries suited for our local growing zone, fresh seasonal fruits and veggies and so much more! Philly Express will be cooking up fresh Phillies and burgers every Friday. Join us on opening day to shop the market, grab some early dinner and enjoy entertainment from local legend Bill Bozley! **Runs every Friday 2-6pm**



Please contact Josh at 928-246-2564

Backflow Prevention

A friendly reminder - all residential with Backflow Prevention Assemblies and all commercial

businesses must be tested annually. A successful test of the assembly must be completed by an Idaho certified tester and the results sent to City Hall/Water Department. For more information, call 208-683-2101.

Athol Senior Lunch is Canceled for May.



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:

- May 7, 2019
- May 18th Beautification and City Wide Yard Sales
- May 21, 2019
- June 4, 2019
- The Circus June 11th !!**
- June 18, 2019
- July 2, 2019
- July 16, 2019
- August 6, 2019
- Athol Daze 10th !!**
- August 20, 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



Kootenai County has scheduled community input meetings for its proposed comprehensive plan update called **Keeping Kootenai**. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Community Development will be on hand to answer questions and accept public input after a short presentation. **They will be at the Athol Community Center on Thursday, June 13th 5pm.**

City-Wide Yard Sales May 18, 2019

Sign up for yard sales. 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 10th with Lori at City Hall!*****

SIGN-UP NOW!

Call 208-683-2101 Or

Email: cityclerk@cityofathol.us



Also check out the Athol Elementary PTU

They will be having a multi-family garage sale the same day at the Athol Elementary school. They have 50+ parking spots available to sell from for a \$5/parking spot donation. Those donations will go 100% towards a new playground at Athol Elementary. Spot(s) can be arranged by contacting atholelementaryptu@gmail.com or on fb at Athol Elementary PTU. They will also be accepting donations at the school May 13-16, 8:30am-3pm. All the proceeds go to the school playground fund.

Update from your Mayor, Mary Zichko

Mayor is available for meetings, just give her a call at 208-683-1133 or Contact by email at: mayor@cityofathol.us



- ✓ **Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan was rescheduled from April 16th, 7pm to May 21st, 7pm**
- ✓ **Athol Beautification week will begin-(May 13th - 18th)**
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. 18th! It must be set out by 9am for free pick-up that day.
Courtesy of Panhandle Waste Services – Thank you Dave!
- ✓ **The first FY2020 Budget Workshops is set for Tuesday May 7th at 6:00pm; citizens are always welcome to attend.**
- ✓ **Next Athol Daze Planning Meeting June 6th at 1:00pm, Community Center. Athol Daze will be Saturday, August 10th. Join us for *"A Splashing Good Time!!"* (Parade start time is 9:00am; Live Auction 1:00pm)**
- ✓ **The Athol Motel is now open under new management, give them a call for special rates for Athol Residents 208-561-5300.**



Hello Athol citizens, *some basic information about the Levy Override Election on May 21, 2019*

Levy Objective: To position the Timberlake Fire Protection District (TLFD), through community involvement, adequate funding and proactive planning, to move efficiently and safely meet the rapidly increasing demands for emergency services and our community's current and future safety needs. *First Levy request in 20 years.*



Brief History: TLFD was established in 1999 as a merger of Bayview and Athol Fire Departments. *This is our 20 years anniversary.*

- This Levy effort will be the first time TLFD has asked the public for a Levy override since being formed 20 years ago.
- Three of the current seven career Firefighters/EMT's are funded via the Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services (KCEMSS) contract.
- The District maintains and has maintained for 20 years a very active Volunteer Firefighter EMT program to help with staffing & response needs & to help keep operations costs low.

-----Please call Chief Steele at 208-683-3333, contact one of your elected Fire Commissioners, or attend a public meeting on **Saturday, May 4th** at noon at the Athol Community Center for more information.-----

Athol Library Happenings for May:

Kids reading contest will begin May 1st, Winners receive a ticket to the Circus!

KID PROGRAMS: Easter Coloring Contest begins April 1st

Little Renaissance Kids - Kids 2-6 Years Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am,

It Club! Kids Kindergarten to 5th Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm,

Thursday, May 8th at 10:30am – Imagination Explorers for Kindergarten to 6th Grade

Thursday, May 16th at 3:30pm – “Edible Aquifer”, Ages 3-7, Community Center Please join us for a delightful program for kids to learn about our local aquifer. Educational, fun...and tasty!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Thursday May 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm - **ABC Garden Group**

Saturday May 11th, 1:00-2:00 pm – **Farragut Presentation**

Saturday May 15th, 4:00-6:00 pm - **Bayview Book Club**

Wednesday May 22nd, 4:30-6:00 – **What the Craft!**



May Events: Athol Elementary

- ❖ **5/15- Kindergarten Pre-Registration for 2019/2020-new kinders must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1st. Please bring current immunization record, a birth certificate, & proof of residence. Please call school for additional info.**

❖ **5/17- NO SCHOOL**

❖ **5/22- Class Picture Day**

❖ **5/23- 6th Grade Band Concert at 6:30pm**

❖ **5/27 NO SCHOOL**

❖ **5/29- CD'A Opera presentation “The Toy Shop” at 1:45pm**

❖ **6/7- Last Day of School- early release at 1:30pm Watch for kids!!**





**New Water Rates effective
April Billing (due by May 15th):
Look on-line at:**

www.cityofathol.us

under Documents and Resources to see

a full schedule of the fees (Res 2019-01); This is the first step towards preparing to make loan payments for the Water Improvements Bond that was passed last Nov. 2018.

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.

**The Circus is Coming to Athol!
In the Baseball field! A Higher percentage of the proceeds goes to the ABC Food Bank when you buy your adult tickets in advance. So, get your tickets early and help support the ABC Food Bank!**



Tuesday, June 11th

2 shows 5:00pm

& 7:30pm



Advanced Tickets are \$10 for Adults / \$7 for kids ages 2-12/seniors 65+. Available Soon! **Bring 1 can of food to the circus & get 1 small popcorn free*

Prices are higher if you wait until the day of the circus; & the food bank receives a smaller percentage.

ATHOL BEAUTIFICATION 2019

THIRD WEEK IN MAY

**CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY
MAY 18th, 9AM-12 NOON**

**To Be a Volunteer, Contact
Mary at: 208-683-1133**

This year's Beautification Week brings with it a number of little improvements: A few more park and tree benches will be added to the city park, along with hanging flower baskets; clean-up along side city roads and clean-up at the city cemetery.

We have received donations from several local businesses:

Super 1 Foods; Idaho Forest Group; Silverwood; Panhandle Waste Services; and Little Town Market.

And we cannot forget the fantastic members of this community and surrounding areas who come and volunteer their time and energy to help with the clean-up, spending their time raking, hauling away of trash and junk. Mowing lawns, pulling weeds, outdoor window washing and other minor home repairs. Thank you to everyone who's helping make this year's clean-up great!

<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 (2nd 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) Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am NEW! 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 Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am NEW! Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Athol 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: This month's City Council Meeting for May 2019 are: The 7th and the 21st at 7:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Wednesday, the 15th.
****Reminder**New Rate in effect!**

WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - May 1, 2019

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