



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ October 1, 2019

Athol, A New Direction



Athol Senior Lunch
Tuesday,
October 15th at noon.
Bring something to share.



A representative from SHIBA will be there to discuss Medicare and Medicaid. The Fire Department will also be there for blood pressure checks.

Elections are November 5th

Meet the Candidate Night on:



Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Stop by to meet each candidate and ask some questions.

The Mayor's position and 3 of the 4 Council positions are up for election. The Mayor's position is a 4 year term, 2 of the Council positions are for 4 year terms, and 1 Council position is for only 2 years. -----

Athol Elementary in October

Oct. 3 & 4 - NO SCHOOL for students
Oct. 17 - Student Picture Day
Oct. 31 - End of 1st Quarter



New Bell Schedule

Monday
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
(Late Start Monday)
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 am to 3:30 pm



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:

(New Fiscal Year Begins)
October 1, 2019
October 15, 2019
November 5, 2019
(Elections Nov 5th 8am-8pm)
November 19, 2019
December 3, 2019
December 17, 2019
City Hall Closed 25th & January 1st, 2020
January 7th, 2020
January 21st, 2020
February 4th, 2019
February 18th, 2019

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

Mary J Zichko

City Council:

Bill Hill
Shane McDaniel
Josh Spencer
Cindi Denis

City Attorney:

Caitlin Kling

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:

Tanya Ziegler

Public Works/Water Operator:

Anthony Brandt



Update from your Mayor, Mary Zichko



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

- ✓ **I have begun to gather information on how to get a Quiet Zone** for the railroad in the city. I will share as I learn more.
- ✓ **We have been attending the Bonner County Area Transportation Team (BCATT) monthly meetings.** This allows for us to work closely with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC), who offers lots of types of grants and networking.
- ✓ **The City Clerk and Deputy Clerk** both just attended the annual Idaho City Clerks, Treasurers, and Finance Officers Association (ICCTFOA) last week in Nampa, ID. This is a great way for small cities like us to ensure our staff gets the most up-to-date education and information regarding Idaho laws that govern us. *Congratulations Lori for achieving her 5-year Service Award & Tanya on her 1-year Service Award with the ICCTFOA.*
- ✓ **Go check out the new paved Trail** that runs along Highway 54 from N. Old Hwy 95 to the new Super 1. This was a combined effort done with money from the developers, HJ Grathol, and from the Idaho Transportation Department, and a very small portion of city funds. Enjoy! This will help to complete some great access as the trail from CDA is getting extended along Highway 95 into Athol.
- ✓ **The Athol Transportation Plan** has been approved and adopted by the council. The council felt it was very important to address in the plan, their concerns related to the increasing traffic congestion and pedestrian safety along highway 54 that runs through our city. Our next steps will be looking into what types of grants we can apply for to help get our streets and signage up to date.
- ✓ **Walktober – I have signed up to Join the Mayors Walking Challenge!** The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, through its High Five initiative that promotes physical activity and access to healthy foods for kids, is creating a **#100MayorMovement**. That's right, they are setting a goal of having at least half of Idaho's mayors participate in the Mayor's Walking Challenge.
 - Mayors wear a Fitbit activity tracker and set out with a goal of walking an average of 10,000 steps per day in October.
 - Mayors who reach that goal earn \$1,000 for their community. If I reach that goal, I plan for the money to go to our city park.
 - Mayors earn 10,000 bonus steps each time they walk with children from schools in their district.



Give me a call, I would be happy to start walking today!

208-683-1133

THE FIRE DISTRICT WILL BE DOING A TRAINING BURN AT:



30040 4th Street in Athol on Saturday October 5th. They will have 4th street shut down from McTavish to Menser. They have notified the immediate neighbors of the plans and possible access issues.

Please stay clear of the area.

Thank you,
Brandon Hermenet, Fire Chief



Mary Zichko (Council Position # 1)



As Council President for the past 5 years, I stepped up to the Mayor position last October. Now it is time for me to return to the Council in seat #1. I would like to see projects and programs I started, continued such as: The Community Block Watch, the monthly Senior lunches, Beautification Week and now working towards a Quiet Zone.

I truly feel that we need to have planned growth and incorporate citizens' input into our decision making. As well as, continue looking for as many grants that can help to ease the financial burden to our small city for the necessary street and infrastructure improvements.

Your vote would very much be appreciated, Mary for Council seat #1.



Pam Baldwin (Council Position #1)

It is my honor to run for seat #1 on the City of Athol Council. Having been involved with city issues in prior jobs or instances, I feel that my experience would be suited for this endeavor.

I am from a small town in Northern California and truly value the small-town experience. With a total of 1800 people and one stop sign, I watched the town grow to a city as I too grew up. Based on the increasing population, I moved to Sandpoint, Idaho in 2003 with my daughter to provide the small-town experiences I had as a child. I moved to Athol in 2018 to live with my now husband, Troy, who has lived in Athol since 1988. I value the small town that we call home. I work for Kaiser Aluminum as a Purchasing Agent, although my long-term dream has been to work as an advocate for children coming out of trafficking, thus leading me to get a Masters in Criminal Justice Law, and being a public servant falls into my desire to serve and assist.



It was during my last visit to my hometown, and seeing the growth there, that has me concerned for our area. The vision I hold for Athol is smart growth. Growth and change are inevitable, but with continuous communication with the residents, having their input and opinions is critical to the approach of a well-formed city entity. Knowing when to take a step forward for the right decision is critical.

I would like to be part of carving that path for the future by officially becoming part of the Athol City Council and working with the citizens of the city. I would appreciate your vote. Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach me at pamieinidaho@yahoo.com.





"COFFEE ON US" Honoring our Veterans
Saturday, November 9th. from 8am – NOON
FREE coffee for all Veterans and Active Service
Join us at Carewood Coffee



Christmas Tree Lighting Festival
5 pm – 8 pm
Saturday, December 14, 2019
Family Fun Night Dinner Served



Joshua Spencer (Council Position #2, Incumbent)



My name is Josh Spencer and I am honored again to run for seat #2 as City Councilman. For the last six years I've proudly been a part of the decision making process resulting in such things as: the growing local Farmer's Market, the renovation of both levels of the community center, the paving of the Athol/Crossings trail, the extension of electrical power in the Athol Park, new playground equipment in the park, and the hiring of our Clerk, Deputy Clerk, City Planner, City Attorney and Public Works Director.

I have been fortunate enough to work alongside Mayors and Council members who have continued to put the well-being of Athol FIRST in ALL of their decisions. I have watched and listened to my fellow towns people as they voiced their concerns through their votes as they passed the water bond. I have enjoyed the journey of attending town hall meetings regarding the annexation of our now new neighbors, the Crossings (Super 1 Foods.)

If re-elected, I will continue the journey of being a part of this productive and discerning group of people at City Hall. It has been an honor to serve all of you in Athol and I thank you for your consideration once again.



Cindi Denis (Council Position #3, Incumbent)

I was appointed to the City Council a year ago and had been actively attending the council meetings for about 5 years. I served on the Land Use Planning team during the Athol Community Review in 2016 and I have been living in the Athol area since 2005. I volunteer regularly at the ABC Food Bank and have done so for the past 7 years.

My aim is to clean up our city and take pride in our hometown. I want to ensure fairness to all the citizens, and I have the expectations that the law (city code) applies equally to all residents. I encourage the citizens of Athol to help identify community needs and be a part of the on-going discussion process; that leads us to what city codes are implemented and what needs to be updated. I believe planning for the expected growth is important; this way we can help shape it as we want it, and not be subject to a free for all.

Please vote Cindi Denis, Athol City Council Seat #3



Mark Dane (Council Position #3)

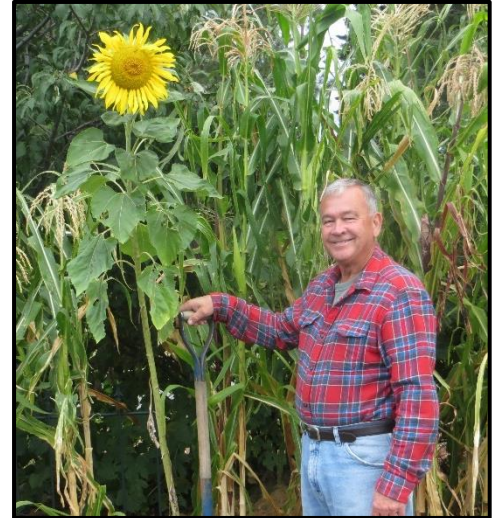
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William “Bill” Hill (Mayor Position)

I previously had no personal interest in running for Mayor, until I served for 4 years on Council. I was so encouraged by serving with men and women who truly had the city’s best interest in mind, and not their own interests.

I desire to preserve that same continuity between them and the office of Mayor, while promoting what’s in the best interest of the City. This includes making sure that no outside specialty groups try and come in and reconfigure our little town with their big city ideas.

Thank you, get out and vote!



Ryan Swensen (Mayor Position)



Hi, I’m Ryan Swensen, and I’ve lived in Athol for over 20 years. I have been married to my wife Tesha, for 21 years, and we have four children. I have worked for Albertsons for 17 years, the Post Office, and even some law enforcement.

I’m running for Mayor because I think Athol is a unique place. Athol is a gateway to all things recreational. I also want to see Athol into the future, so we don’t have problems with our funding like we have now with our water system.

I look forward to meeting you.

The 2020 Census survey will be in our mailboxes before we know it. There is an article by Sharon Fisher, in the Idaho Statesman on September 11, 2019 explains some of the many reasons being counted is so important. Check it out! “Here’s how much federal money Idaho could lose if you’re not counted in 2020 Census”

....” An uncounted Idahoan in the 2020 Census could cost the state between \$1,200 and \$1,500 per year in foregone federal funding, or \$12,000 to \$15,000 during the 10-year period until the next census, according to Chad Houck, deputy secretary of state.”.....

....”In the 2010 Census, Kootenai County might have had a shortfall of as many as 31,500 people, adding up to around \$46 million, said David Callahan, director of Kootenai County community development in Coeur d’Alene.”.....



Read more here: <https://www.idahostatesman.com/news/business/article234951177.html#storylink=cpy>

Athol Library in October 208-683-2979

NOTE: The Athol Library will be closed Thursday, October 10th for All Staff Training. Day.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS:

Little Renaissance Kids, Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 10:30am – Weekly topics of fine art, math and science, world cultures and play will help foster kids' minds. Geared to ages 2-5.

IT Club! Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 4:00pm – An afterschool program that does "IT" all – from science and technology to art and exploration. Geared to ages 5-10.

Imagination Explorers, Wednesday, October 9 @ 10:30am. Homeschool and online students are invited to join us for STEM activities and hands-on fun. Geared to ages 5-10.

Free to Be (Teen), Wednesday, October 9 @ 4-5:00pm. Come hang out with your friends, have a snack and indulge your creative side!

I Can Be..., Wednesday, October 9 @ 5:15-5:45pm. Come hear about careers and ideas to help determine what you might want to be when you grow up!

Pop-up Storytime, Friday, October 11 @ 10:30am. Join Ms. Bethany out in the community for stories, games, hands-on activities and more. Call us to find out where we'll be this month!

Lego Club, Friday, October 18 @ 4-4:45pm. Come enjoy hands-on fun with Legos. Each month is a new challenge. Geared to ages 5-12.



ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Gary Eller presents Strong Women of Early Idaho, Wednesday, October 2 @ 5:00-6:00pm. Musician and story-teller Gary Eller will share songs and stories of historical women of Idaho.

Bayview Book Group, Wednesday, October 16 @ 4:00-6:00pm. The discussion this month is about the book *The Deep Dark*, by Gregg Olsen.

Needle Felting 101 Class, Saturday, October 19 @ 12:30-3:30. Diane Balbi explains and demonstrates.

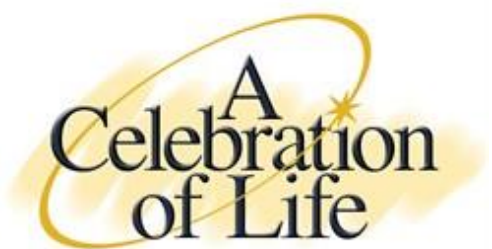
What the Craft!, Wednesday, October 23 @ 4:00-5:30pm. Join us and create an autumn-themed masterpiece! Call to sign up.

Calligraphy! Thursday, October 24 @ 4:00-5:00pm. Join Bernadette Ambrozic and learn "the art of forming and arranging beautiful symbols by hand".

Halloween Activities – Kids Coloring Contest, 3 age groups. Come pick up a coloring page between Oct. 1 and 28th; winners will be chosen on October 29th.

Pumpkin Carving Contest - bring in your carved Halloween/Fall-themed pumpkin before October 29th for us to display. The winning pumpkin will be announced October 29th!

Spooktacular Fun! Wednesday, October 30 @ 4:00-6:00pm. Come dressed up for a special story, crafts and goodies. Fun for the whole family. Drop in between 4:00-6:00pm.



For Bobby Miller
Saturday, October 12th, 2019
Athol Community Center 1:00pm



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. It will also be posted on the city's website: www.cityofathol.us

2019-20 Fiscal Year

2019-20 Fiscal Year Month	1st Tuesday	3rd Tuesday
October	1st	15th
November	5th	19th
December	3rd	17th
January	7th	21st
February	4th	18th
March	3rd	17th
April	7th	21st
May	5th	19th
June	2nd	16th
July	7th	21st
August	4th	18th
September	1st	15th

**Lori Yarbrough,
Athol City Clerk/Treasurer**

Posted September 4, 2019

NOTE: The city will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending as meeting who requires special assistance for hearing, physical, or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at 208-683-2101 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.

Sunday - Compulsive Eaters Anonymous – Openness, honesty, and willingness (Every Sun) 4pm

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-2:30pm

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

Wednesday –

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

Thursday –

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am **NEW!**
Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm

Friday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym
Athol Farmer's Market (every Friday) 2pm-6pm

Saturday –

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

Upcoming: This month's City Council Meetings for October 2019 are: The 1st and the 15th at 7:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Tuesday, the 15th.



WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - October 1, 2019



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