



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~

February 2020

Athol, A New Direction

SIGN-UP AT CITY HALL

FOR THE "CIRCUIT BREAKER" PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2019 AT 9AM - 12 NOON
FOR ATHOL/BAYVIEW RESIDENTS

City Hall will be closed
Monday, February 17th

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



Senior Lunch Gathering - Monday February 10th at Noon

Please plan to come and chat about what you would like to see

in this group, events, times, activities.

If you are interested in taking the lead in
this group, please contact City Hall
at 208-683-2101.



Thank You.

AARP TAX HELP LOCATIONS 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.).



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 4th, 2020
- February 18th, 2020
- March 3rd, 2020
- March 17th, 2020
- April 7th, 2020
- April 21st, 2020
- May 5th, 2020
- May 19th, 2020
- June 2nd, 2020
- June 16th, 2020
- July 7th, 2020
- July 21st, 2020
- August 4th, 2020

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

William "Bill" Hill

City Council:

- Pam Baldwin
- 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

Hello Athol, from your new Mayor, Bill Hill



- **FY2019 Audit** is nearing completion and should be presented to the council for approval this month or next.
- **FY2021 Budget Planning** will begin in March; the council will review potential projects as we begin to plan into the 2021 budget year, which starts October 1, 2020.
- **On a side-note: Please don't take the city newspaper** that is delivered daily and on the weekends. The city pays for the subscription and keeps various sections such as the Legals for various record keeping purposes.
- **Beautification (City Clean-Up) tentatively set for May 16, 2020 - We will be planning for the organization meeting in early March.**
- **Athol Daze is August 8, 2020. Planning for that will be starting very soon as well; watch for meeting dates to come help shape this great city event.**



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.



Timberlake Fire Protection District would like to Welcome two newly appointed Commissioners, Jeff Wilkins and Jeff Priest, to serve their districts.

At the January 21st Board Meeting, Jeff Wilkins was sworn in as the commissioner for Zone 1.

Commissioner Wilkins brings great experience in the fire service. He has served with Timberlake as a volunteer and knows the members and community well.

Jeff Priest was sworn in as the commissioner for Zone 3.

Commissioner Priest is a local businessman within the community who will assist in leading the District in a positive direction.



Welcome, new commissioners!
Commissioner Rudebaugh swearing in Commissioner Wilkins and Commissioner Priest



ATHOL ELEMENTARY IN FEBRUARY

- February 17th - Closed for President's Day- **NO SCHOOL**
- February 20th - 3rd Grade Recorders Concert - 6:30pm
- February 24th - PTU Meeting - 6pm
- February 26th - Parents & Pastries - 8am Grades Kdg- 3rd grade



Visit the Chamber on our website and like us on Facebook. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at Athol City Hall, 7 PM.



Athol Library in January 208-683-2979

NOTE: The Athol Library closed: Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS: Regular programs are back at the Athol Library!

Little Renaissance Kids Tuesdays 10:30 AM – stories, songs, and activities for ages 2-6.

It Club! Tuesdays 4 PM – The afterschool program for grades K-5th that does it all. Each week is a different theme – build, art, make, or science.

Imagination Explorers Wednesday Feb 12th 10:30 AM – Join other home school and online students as we explore space. Geared for K – 5th.

Imagination Explorers TEENS Wednesday Feb 12th 11:30 AM – Just for teens (6th-12th) Valentine's Day theme. There will be trivia, games, cards & more.

Free to Be: Teen Hangout Thursday Feb 13th 4 PM – Join other teens (6th-12th) for snacks, music and fun. Theme is Valentine's Day- trivia, games, cards and more.

Lego Club Wednesday Feb 20th 4 PM – All ages welcome but geared for K-6th. Theme this month is ziplines!

ADULT & FAMILY PROGRAMS:

3D Printer Program! –Wednesday, February 5, 4:00-5:30pm. Come learn to set up your account to place your 3D print order, AND this is your opportunity to ask questions and learn about the potential of 3D printing!

ABC Garden Group –Thursday, February 6, 6:30-8:30pm. Join this group of committed gardeners as we talk about everything garden related. This month's topic is about grafting!

Family BINGO! - Wednesday, February 12 @ 5:00-6:00pm. Bring everyone to the free Bingo challenge! Snacks and prizes and FUN, of course.

Memory Box- Creating a Memory Legacy - Thursday, February 13 4:00-6:00pm. Explore the power of memory with Virginia Taft. Virginia will share her Memory Box journey and lead attendees through writing exercises designed to inspire the power of their own memories.

Bayview Book Group - Wednesday, February 19 @ 4:00-6:00pm. We will be discussing *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

What the Craft! - Wednesday, February 26 @ 4:00-5:30pm We'll be painting terra cotta herb pots! Soil and herb seeds provided. Call to sign up. Adults.



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. Please be patient with Anthony as he’s moving as fast as he can for one man, while trying to find 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. The gates are less effective in deep snow.

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 due to higher traffic and the school. Then Northern Meadows, the North side of Highway 54, and the East-West Streets on the South side of Highway 54. Lastly, Miller Rd and Hill St. Sometimes he will have to go back to the 1st priority roads before he completes the others when it is snowing heavily.

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 Obstruction of Highways

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.

Clay's Mardi Gras Fundraiser

You are invited to a night of dinner, drinks and fun to raise money for new playground equipment for Athol Elementary. There is still time to purchase tickets.

Phone: 208-683-2231 Email: atholelementaryptu@gmail.com

March 14, 2020 at 6pm
Athol Community Center
30355 3rd St.



Platinum

Gold

Silver



Music Provided By:

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Catering By:
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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

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
Athol Radio Group (2nd Thurs) 7pm **NEW!**
Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm

Friday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym
Al-Anon (every Friday) 1pm-2pm **NEW!**

Saturday –

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



Upcoming: This month's City Council Meetings for February 2020 are: The 4th and the 18th at 7:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 14th.



WATER BILL ↓

ATTN: Water payments due this month by Friday the 14th to avoid a late fee.