



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~

## September 2020

Athol, A New Direction



*Dixie Kubart*

**Athol Daze 2020- The Athol Citizen of the Year!**  
**OUR 1<sup>st</sup> FACEBOOK EVENT IS IN THE BOOKS!**

### Athol "Crazy" Daze Drawing -2020



**Adult Winner:**  
Janet Pegg for a Laptop, & 2<sup>nd</sup> name drawn for the graciously donated Dinner for 2, from Candle in the Woods, went to Tesha Swensen.



**Teen/Youth Winners:**  
Ashlynn M. & John Pegg for the 2 Chromebooks.

**Child Winners:** Helena and Neely for the Tablets.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
**@ 6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.**  
CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
208-683-2101

**Clerk/Treasurer Office**  
**Regular Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm  
Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm

**Future Council Meeting Dates:**

- September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- New Fiscal Year 2021--
- October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

City website:  
**[www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)**

Mayor:  
**William "Bill" Hill**

City Council:  
**Pam Baldwin**  
**Shane McDaniel**  
Vacant Seat #2  
**Cindi Denis**

City Attorney:  
**Caitlin Kling**  
City Clerk/Treasurer:

**Lori Yarbrough**  
Deputy City Clerk:

**Tanya Ziegler**  
Public Works/Water Operator:  
**Anthony Brandt**

## News from Your Mayor, Bill Hill



- **Mayor's Fall Clean-Up Sunday Sept. 20, 2020** We had to cancel the annual spring Beautification Week this past Spring, so we have decided to do this Fall event. Call City Hall to let us know what kind of help you need, or complete the half sheet on the back of your bill in this newsletter. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with this event, Call Mayor Hill at 208-683-1133 if you want to donate your time!
- **City Wide Yard Sales now planned to happen on Saturday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Call City Hall to get your address on the maps. Sign up by Tuesday, 9am, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget Public Hearing** is set for Tuesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm; please come to find out more or make comments. This is your time to ask questions before the Council passes the Ordinance. This budget is planned to include an increase in your water rates as part of the Water Bond that was voted on back in 2018.



- **Public Hearing for the proposed City Fee Resolution- TBA** for new or increased fees greater than 5%. Some of the proposed fee increases are for Water Rates, Public Assembly permits, and other Misc. Planning and Zoning fees. A full copy will be available on the city website or from City Hall.
- **The Council is also planning for a City Code Amendment Update.** They will likely have one more workshop, then a Public Hearing will be set (**tentatively Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**). These proposed changes will also be available on the city website: www.cityofathol.us or from City Hall. Most of the proposed changes are general clean-up, but it is always good to take a look.
- **We had a Resignation of Councilman Spencer last month.** We are sad to see him leave. We appreciate all his contributions during his 6 years of service to our great community. I will be making an appointment to fill his position, that will need to be confirmed by the Council. This position will only be until the November 2021 elections, and then it will be for a 2-year term. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Did you know . . .** that the Athol City Code has requirements for **Business Licenses.** It is a one-time registry, unless or until your business changes. We are not charging the fee to existing businesses (as of 9/2019) but may contact you to document your business. There are also requirements for all Temporary Business Operations. Feel free to contact City Hall if you have questions on the specific requirements, or review the Athol City Code at: www.cityofathol.us (Title 2, Chapter 4). The fine is double the fee if you do not get the permit before you begin operating your business.





**ATHOL ELEMENTARY**  
Eagle Pride



**Back to School ....**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020!**



**LAKELAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Committed to Academic Excellence ... Dedicated to Student Success



## REOPEN PLAN AND OPERATION LEVEL

On August 25, 2020, the LJSD Board of Trustees approved a Reopen Plan and Operation Level for the start of the school year on September 8, 2020. To view this plan go to: <https://www.sd272.org/parents-students/covid-19> The school year will begin in the Orange level, which will be revisited on a weekly basis.

### Levels of Operation

Lakeland Jt. School District will operate under one of the following designations as long as COVID-19 is a concern in our community. The designation will be determined by the level of community spread in coordination with the Panhandle Health District (PHD) and Governor Little's guidance. Any change in level will be announced with as much preparation time for parents, students, and staff as is possible with safety being the highest priority.

**GREEN - Traditional Schedule (No Community Spread):** LJSD students will attend school full time (5 days/week normal schedule) with the implementation of reasonable procedures in accordance with health guidance. A full time online option will be available for students.

**YELLOW - Modified Traditional Schedule (Minimal Community/School Spread):** LJSD students will attend school 5 days/week in-person (Monday through Friday) with a 1-hour early release daily to allow for staff preparation time at the end of the day. Precautions will include social distancing to the greatest extent possible and face coverings (masks/shields) will be recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained. A full time online option will be available for students.

**ORANGE - Blended Learning (Moderate Community/School Spread):** LJSD schools will shift to a blended learning model where students will be alternating between learning in-person and via online (livestream or recorded options available). Precautions will include social distancing to the greatest extent possible and face coverings (masks/shields) will be recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained. A full time online option will be available for students.

**RED - Remote Online Learning (Substantial Community/School Spread):**  
LJSD will shift to remote online learning for all students based on extreme conditions as a result of a local or state stay home order.







**The Athol Library Hours**  
Monday– Wednesday: 1-6pm.  
Thursday: 10am–6pm.  
Friday: 1-5pm; & Saturday: 12-4pm  
Closed on Sundays.

All in-person programs are cancelled until January 2021. On-line programs only. Check out our website at: [www.communitylibrary.net](http://www.communitylibrary.net)

Did you know you can access the Library's Wi-Fi from our parking lot! Please call for details 208-683-2979

OUR 1<sup>st</sup> EVER FACEBOOK EVENT ...asked you: What's your favorite part about Athol Daze? Here are the top/most beloved results:

**Parade, Money in the Straw & The People/Community Coming Together.**  
Followed by Food - Bounce House - Dunk Tank - Kids Games - Vendors - Water Slides



**Here is a little information on our 2020 Athol Citizen of the Year: Dixie Kubart**

She was born and raised in the greater Chicago area. She has two wonderful children and two beautiful granddaughters. She spent 25 years helping infants and children grow strong and smart as a teacher in childcare. In 2000, she moved to North

Idaho to care for her mother. She began working for Kootenai Health and then retired in 2017. She is now extremely focused on staying healthy, enjoying her family and friends, and interacting with the community.

In 2013, she started exercising with the Fit and Fall Proof class at the community center and by 2015, she was leading the class. By 2019 she started the Sit-ercise class on the lower level of the community

center for those who are unable to take the stairs, providing exercise opportunities for different levels of ability. She has also helped organize an annual cleaning day for the gym and the Free Clothing Donation Room. She also led a massive drive that made newspaper hats for the kids and community at Athol Daze. She really believes in the importance of exercise as a regular part of your life as you age. You become strong, improve your balance, meet new people, and have FUN!



# ATHOL 2020



**SUNDAY SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**9AM-12 NOON**

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

**To Receive Assistance, Complete & Return the Form Below.  
8 Fall Chores we'll do for you!!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Fence/Home Repairs

Haul off Metal/Junk Car

Small Scale Flower Planting

One-time Pick up of Household Waste

Weed Pulling/Cutting

Lawn Mowing

Outdoor Window Washing

Misc. Other \_\_\_\_\_



No on-site burning

No tires

No paint or household chemicals

**Return requests to: Athol City Hall by Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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| <p><b>Sunday</b> – <b>NEW</b> Invest Christian Fellowship 11am- 12 noon<br/>Overeaters Anonymous – (Every Sun) 4pm</p> <p><b>Monday</b> –<br/>Fit &amp; Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9am-10am, Gym<br/>Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm<br/>Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> –<br/>Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm<br/>Sit-ercise (Tues &amp; Thurs) 10am-11am<br/>City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 7pm<br/>Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p><b>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</b></p> | <p><b>Wednesday</b> –<br/>Fit &amp; Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9am-10am, Gym<br/>Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> –<br/>Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am<br/>Sit-ercise (Tues &amp; Thurs) 10am-11am<br/>Athol Radio Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs) 7pm<br/>Athol Chamber of Commerce (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) 7pm</p> <p><b>Friday</b> –<br/>Fit &amp; Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9am-10am, Gym<br/><b>Al-Anon</b> (every Friday) <b>Via ZOOM</b> 11am<br/>(Meeting ID: 886 2279 6878 Password: 115802)</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> –<br/>Big Book Recovery AA's (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p> |
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**Upcoming:** This month's City Council Meetings for September 2020 are: The 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>, now at 6pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.



## WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall – September 1, 2020

**ATTN: Water payments due this month by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee.**

