



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~



August 2020

Athol, A New Direction



News from Your Mayor, Bill Hill

Governor Little Guidelines REBOUND.IDAHO.GOV

➤ **Athol Daze 2020-** The Athol City Council decided to cancel this year's annual Athol Daze event (8/8/2020) due to the concerns about the coronavirus. This much-anticipated event attracts hundreds of visitors and participants and it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our citizens, as well as our wonderful vendors and volunteers, to cancel it. Per Panhandle Health this precaution helps to lessen the risk of spreading the virus.

**We hope to see you all at Athol Daze next year!
The 2nd Saturday in August (8/14/2021)**

As the coronavirus continues, it is important for the community to remember that we may not all "agree" how to handle the situation. As your elected leaders we are doing what we feel is in the best interest of our communities' health and it is always our foremost concern. We are incredibly sad to cancel this beloved event and did not make the decision lightly; it was a very difficult decision to make.

Any Parade or City Park BBQ activity you see or hear about on Aug. 8th - is "NOT" a City sponsored event.

JOIN US FOR OUR 1st EVER FACEBOOK EVENT!

Athol "Crazy" Daze Drawing -2020

Entries can be submitted via FB or by completing your entry from this newsletter and tell us:

What is your favorite part about Athol Daze?

One - Adult winner will be drawn for a Laptop

Two – Teen/Youth winners will be drawn for a Chromebook

Two - Child winners will be drawn for a Tablet

This event is open to both City and County residents of Athol-the 83801 zip code. One entry per Adult and one per child.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Tues.
CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3rd
208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office

Regular Hours:

**Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm**

Future Council Meeting Dates:

- August 4th, 2020
- August 18th, 2020
- September 1st, 2020
- September 15th, 2020
- New Fiscal Year 2021--
- October 6th, 2020
- October 20th, 2020
- November 3rd, 2020
- November 17th, 2020
- December 1st, 2020
- December 15th, 2020
- January 5th, 2021

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

➤ **City Wide Yard Sales Day on Saturday Sept. 19th, 2020-**

(Tentative) Call City Hall to let them know if you are interested or if you have questions.

➤ **Interested in a Fall Clean-Up Day**, maybe late September/Early October? Let us know. If there is enough interest and volunteers, we'll plan for it.

➤ **Open BID for the Water Improvement Projects were**

submitted and it appears the lowest bid was NNAC. Work should be beginning mid-September. We will try and keep you posted of a schedule for which areas the work will be being done.

➤ We will have a **Public Hearing for the FY2021 Annual Appropriation Budget at 6:00pm on Tuesday September 1st, 2020.** Citizens are always welcome to come and ask questions or make comments.

➤ **Possible Property Tax Relief that has come out of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).** The CRF was Governor Little's public safety payroll proposal. Upon further review of the finer details, Athol is not eligible for this opt-in savings option, as we do not pay for, nor have EMS, Fire or Police services. So, the City of Athol electing to not take the 3% increase in property taxes would still not bring any savings or reduction to its citizens who pay property taxes. It is important to understand why the city did not participate, unfortunately it is just part of the conditions that were written into the policy. It is in the fine print of the grant application, and staff called both the Association of Idaho Cities and Idaho Department of Commerce, who confirmed that Athol would not be eligible. The property owners in Athol will not see these savings regardless of the percentage the city council chooses to take this year for property taxes.

➤ **The City of Athol Annual Water Report 2020 is at: <https://www.cityofathol.us>**

➤ **Don't forget to get your City Permit before you begin working on those projects.**



Building Location/Land Use Permit Application
Site Disturbance Permit Application

Did you know . . . that the City Code has requirements for Building/Land Use and Site Disturbance Permits. While we do not have building code requirements on what you build, **we do require a permit to identify when and where you are placing it on your property.** Feel free to contact the City Hall or the City Planner, Rand Wichman, if you have questions on the various permit requirements.

The fine is doubled if you do not get the permit before you begin.



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

Check out the STORYWALK in the ATHOL CITY PARK!



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

We won't be having in-person programs this month. We do have videos for kids, read by our favorite Ms. Bethany! Kids can also drop by and get Grab 'n Go Kits and make some fun stuff and learn, too. Judy, Lindsey and Jill have filmed some Adult Program ideas such as Mandala Rock Painting, Making a Memory Book, and new in August, "Now You're Cooking"!!

Find these entertaining videos at our Community Library Network at Athol Facebook page, and on the Community Library Network YouTube channel.

We miss you all, so please come in and say hi.



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Circle - What is your favorite part about Athol Daze?



- Parade Food Music Bounce House Dunk Tank Kids Games Vendors
- Cake Walk Lawnmower Races Water Slides Car Show Book Walk
- Beer Gardens 50/50 Raffle Bucket Truck Rides Live Auction Farmer's Market
- Money in the Straw Little Miss Athol Other_____

One – Adult (17 yrs. and older) Winner will be drawn for a Laptop

Two – Teen (8 yrs. – 16 yrs.) Winners will be drawn for a Chromebook

Two - Child (2 yrs. – 7 yrs.) Winners will be drawn for a Tablet

Adult Name: _____ Teen Name: _____ Child Name: _____

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This event is open to both City and County residents of Athol-the 83801 zip code. One entry per person for Adults and one per Child in the other categories. Entries must be received via paper in City Hall, or Facebook post on event page by Friday, August 7th at 9:00am.

The 2020 Athol Citizen of the Year will be announced by the Mayor & she will draw the lucky winners. This will be videoed & shown on the Facebook Event site by 11:00am 8/7/2020.

<p>Sunday – Overeaters Anonymous – (Every Sun) 4pm</p> <p>Monday – Fit & Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6pm</p> <p>Tuesday – Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am-11am City Council Meeting (1st & 3rd Tues each month) 7pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit & Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A’s (every Thurs) 9am-10am Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am-11am Athol Radio Group (2nd Thurs) 7pm Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs) 7pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit & Fall Proof (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Al-Anon (every Friday) 11:30am-12:30pm NEW!</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: This month’s City Council Meetings for August 2020 are: The 4th and the 18th, time is 7pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 14th.



WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall – August 1, 2020

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

