



# ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ April 1, 2021



Athol, A New Direction

### **2021 Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00pm sharp!

Athol City Park

Sponsored by the American Legion

Auxiliary and local Community Businesses.

This may not be a traditional Easter Egg Hunt, it might be a COVID, Drive-By Style Egg Hunt.



### NO AARP TAX HELP THIS YEAR-

AARP is not doing any walk-in help at the Silver Lake Mall nor any appointments at the Athol Community Center or any other surrounding locations.

People are encouraged to go to H & R Block or do it on-line.



### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS @ 6:00 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:**

April 6, 2021 April 20, 2021 May 4, 2021 May 18, 2021 June 1, 2021 June 15, 2021

City website:

#### www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

William "Bill" Hill

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

**Deputy City Clerk:** 

Tanya Ziegler

Public Works/Water Operator:

**Anthony Brandt** 



March 27-April 4th is Spring Break School starts again April 5<sup>th</sup>! Parents Teachers United (PTU) Meeting 4/28/21 Athol City Hall at 6:30pm



Athol Library is open during our regular business hours. Curb-side service is available if you are not quite ready to come in.

Masks are required inside. 208-683-2979

#### FRIENDS BOOK SALE IN OUR LOBBY! \$1.00/BAG.

KEEP CHECKING, WE HAVE LOTS MORE IN OUR SHED THAT WE'LL BE BRINGING OUT. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FRIENDS, IN TURN BENEFITTING US.

#### ----KIDS!!

<u>Creepers & Crawlers at Farragut</u> -Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - This ranger led program is designed for "littles" to explore nature in a safe environment. Arrive early to get your day pass before heading to Tower Shelter. Be sure to dress for the weather, sturdy shoes are recommended. Geared for ages 2-6.

<u>Earth Day at Farragut</u> – Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 PM - Bring the whole family to celebrate Earth Day! We will meet our friendly ranger guides before embarking on an adventure in nature. Please arrive early to get your day pass (unless you have a Park Pass from DMV) before making your way to **Tower Shelter**.

If a day pass to Farragut is a hardship, please contact the library to make arrangements.

<u>Imagination Explorers</u> – Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 AM –Join Ms. Meghan & Ms. Bethany for a VIRTUAL grab and go based program. Register for your grab and go kit for pick up at the library.

#### USDA Snacks available on THURSDAYS for kids 0-18.

#### -----FAMILIES!

**Starting Seeds!** - Watch this video demonstration on how to start garden seeds at home. Jill demonstrates how to plant tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, basil, and a few flowers, too. For all ages. It's time to get your garden going! Video is found on our Facebook page and on the Community Library Network YouTube channel.

**ADULTS!!** Now You're Cooking! - Last month's Now You're Cooking! show featured Tuna Pasta - delicious, nutritious, auspicious pasta dishious! Jill shows how to put together this meal that will soon be a family favorite. Take a look at our Facebook page and on YouTube for the next Now You're Cooking! show.

**Clothespin Magnets!** Come in and pick up a kit to make these neat clothespin magnets; perfect to clip inspirational messages on your fridge! Makes a lovely Mother's Day gift, and comes with a make-yourself box to put them in.



## New this year.... our market is moving over to the BIG Athol City Park!!

May 7<sup>th</sup> to Sept 25<sup>th</sup> live music every Friday, fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan crafted items from our very local area!

Links for the Application and Rules can be found on our Facebook page: Athol Farmers Market

### **From City Hall**

Athol City Website: www.cityofathol.us

We post important updates and notifications to our city website, there you can also find copies of the city council meeting agendas, minutes, fee resolution and a few miscellaneous forms you might find helpful.

There is also a link to the City Code. Give us a call at City Hall if you are looking for something.

- <u>Water Improvements</u> The waterline project is back on track. NNAC is continuing to work on the installation of the new cemetery tank and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and continuing work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Davis Lane for the watermain upsizing.
- We have a "<u>tentative date</u>" for a <u>Public Hearing at the April 20<sup>th</sup></u> council meeting at 6:00pm. This is for the Colton Acres Subdivision. Forestbrook LLC is proposing a 26-lot subdivision (Colton Acres) on approximately 132 acres within the City of Athol. The property was annexed into the City in 2019 and is located just north of Northern Meadows neighborhood. The proposal includes 25-lots that are approximately 1/3 acre in size, and a single large parcel that may be redeveloped in the future, if a cost-effective sewer solution can be identified.
- The first <u>FY2022 Budget Workshops</u> is set for Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm; citizens are always welcome to attend.
- The City is being Awarded a Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) **Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00, to help with City Street Improvements.** Construction bids will be next spring, work will be a full reconstruction of Bennett Avenue and Chip Seal Menser Avenue.
- We are planning to skip the Annual Spring Clean-Up or Beautification this year. We might look at a Fall Clean-Up event in September.
- We are still hoping to have the Annual City-Wide Yard Sales, just a little later into the Summer. More information to come once a date has been selected.

Cross-Connection Control Program: Backflow Prevention - It is that time of year again that



the City is committed to providing quality and cost-efficient service in the production, treatment, testing and delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to all its citizens. All back-flow assemblies must be tested, and results sent to the city by June 15<sup>th</sup>. This includes all businesses and those with inground sprinklers.

Protecting your drinking water supply is everyone's responsibility!

Which Application Do I Need? – As the weather gets nicer, don't forget to get your City Permit before you begin working on those home projects. (i.e., buildings or structures that exceed 200 sq feet do require a permit. Fences 6 ft or under does not require permit.)

Building Location/Land Use Permit Application
Site Disturbance Permit Application
Right of Way Encroachment Permit Application

**Sunday-** Overeaters Anonymous – (Every Sun) 3pm

#### Monday -

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am

City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 6pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm GEM State Gleaners (4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month) 6pm

\*\*NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month\*\*

#### Wednesday -

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm Good News Club (every Wed) 2:30pm

#### Thursday -

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am
Athol Radio Group (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs) 6pm
Athol Chamber of Commerce (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) 7pm

#### Friday -

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym

#### Saturday -

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

**Upcoming**: The City Council Meetings in April 2021, are on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.



### WATER BILL \

