



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ October 1, 2021



Athol, A New Direction

A Year in Review

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Broadband Grant (\$124,000) that put WIFI in the community center and outside in various park areas.
2. City Park – We worked with Panhandle Health District and received a grant to purchase 6 new benches for the park; we also worked with Idaho Forest Group to replace pea gravel with wood chips around the playground area. This provides for a softer, more commonly used surface.
3. Athol Daze- A Buzzing good time it was! New this year were the 1st Annual Bed Races and the Car Show and Shine. Always looking for new features for this community event.
4. City was awarded an LHRIP Grant for \$100,000.00 for Street Improvements. This upcoming year, our plan is for a full reconstruct of Bennett Avenue and a resurface of Menser Avenue.
5. The Water Improvement Project is a little over halfway completed for construction. This began over 5 years ago with the city getting a grant to have a water facility plan done in 2016, then it took a year or so to secure various grants, loan forgiveness and other funding in 2018. The Water Bond was approved in November 2018 with 64% voter approval rate. The hard work of over those 5 years is now just about complete, bringing an up-to-date in compliance water system, and better water pressure for most of the city residents.
6. Your Community Center building received new exterior and interior doors with windows. Also, we updated to the heating and air conditioning unit; added an additional big screen TV in the council room, to accommodate on-line/virtual meetings for the council and the numerous other groups who rent and use the facility. This next year we hope to create an official paved parking lot in the back of the building off Bennett Avenue.
7. Baseball Park – Volunteers have begun helping to make the necessary upgrades to the baseball field; adding new bases, a backstop reshaping and reforming the infield and fresh dirt. Thank you LaRiviere Inc., John Brown Transport and ACI Northwest Inc.

We hope that you enjoy the hard work your current City Council, Mayor & City Staff are doing and we look forward to serving you another year!



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:

October 5, 2021
October 19, 2021
November 2, 2021
November 16, 2021
December 7, 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

Oct. 1st Closed - NO School Day

Oct. 28th Picture Day

Oct. 29th Walk-a-thon!! (Friday)

(Athol Elementary school hours are 8:55am to 3:00pm)



ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride



GET READY FOR ANOTHER ATHOL TRUNK OR TREAT!!

**SUPER 1 FOODS WOULD LIKE TO HOST ANOTHER EVENT
THIS YEAR, ON HALLOWEEN SUNDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2021**



**FOR AN ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT. PLAN
FOR YOUR TRUNK DECORATING IDEAS NOW, GET
CREATIVE! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE
TRUNKS TO PASS OUT CANDY.**

5:00PM - 6:30PM



Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in August!

Open during our regular business hours. 208-683-2979

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday 1pm- 6pm; Thursdays 10am-6pm;

Fridays: 1pm-5pm; Saturday 12 Noon – 4pm; Closed on Sundays.



Programs for Kids, Teens and Adults are being planned; we are not certain if we will be able to hold them here, outdoors or at the Athol Community Center. Please call to find out what is planned. We will have a calendar for October programs for Kids & Teens soon. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

Visit Our Website – www.communitylibrary.net

One thing for certain is we'll be at Super One for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31, 5-6:30pm. And, we have a brown bag book sale happening in our lobby – Fill a Bag with Books - pay \$1.00! Become a member of Athol Library - Your go-to place for enrichment, engagement, and enjoyment. Your first library card is free, replacements are \$1.00.

Library Services

- Check out books, magazines, music, movies, audio books, Steam Kits for kids, and more!
- 3D Printing – we'll have the printer here in October
- Printing/ copying - Black & white \$.10 - color \$.25
- Free Wi-Fi
- Mobile Printing – send print from home, pick up here
- Programs for Adults
- Programs for Children & Teens
- Public computer use



Take a look on our Facebook page, too.

Septic Tank Pumping: Thank you to everyone who has gotten their septic tanks pumped out already this year 😊

There are still about 69 people left who said they would get their tanks pumped in the 2021 year who need to still do it. If you are one of those 69 and you have gotten it done, please be sure to provide a copy to the city or get it scheduled to do before winter hits. It often can cost more when there is snow on the ground. Most of the companies who do this type of work charge around \$450 for a 1,000-gallon tank pumping. So, if you are on the 2021 list for pumping, please get it done as soon as possible. Also, if you are on the list to do so this spring for 2022...you might want to start planning/saving for it now. Thank you again for doing your part in helping us fulfill our agreement with Panhandle Health and protecting our aquifer, the community's drinking water source.

Did you know

.... The City Council meets twice a month. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm The council always welcomes the public to come attend the meetings and see what it takes to run this great little city. Public comment is always offered at the end of each meeting, giving citizens the ability to ask questions, share their concerns or appreciation of current city matters.



Feel free to contact City Hall at 208-683-2101 or the Mayor at 208-683-1133 if you have questions.



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 and minutes, our fee resolution, and a few miscellaneous forms you might find helpful.

The **Athol City Code** is on the city website, give us a call at City Hall if you need any help.

Water Improvements – check it out! Raising the Water Tower on 6th and Menser will happen this month. Tentatively the date is set for **Monday October 18th**. Surrounding neighbors/homes please use caution and be aware that you will see lots of activity and large cranes and various construction equipment during the week leading up to and the week of.



FROM the Mayor- I am encouraging everyone to come out and vote this year. As many of you know there are 4 council positions open, two of which are a 2-year term and two of which are a 4-year term. These positions are very important, they are the ones who make the policies, and then the job of enforcement falls on the Mayor and staff. So please come out when we post **meet the candidates** to see if they align with the Athol you would like to see. When I ran for Mayor in 2019, I said one of my goals was to clean up this town so you would not be ashamed of our little city. Just drive down Hwy 54 and a few other places and see that with the help of this council that is slowly happening. **I encourage you to retain this existing council, they truly desire to do the will of the majority. See you at the polls.**



Meet the Candidate Night on:
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 5:00pm.



Stop by to meet each candidate and ask some questions.

All 4 City Council positions are up for election this year. Council positions #3 & #4 are both a 4 year term. Council positions #1 & #2 are each a 2 year term.

Running in this election by Position are:

Council #1: Incumbent, Steve Cutaiar; Mark Dane; and Mary Zichko.

Council #2 Incumbent, Jeanette Kramer; Darla Kuhman

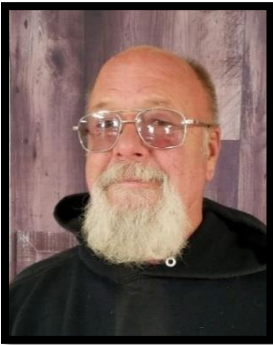
Council #3 Incumbent, Cindi Denis; running unopposed.

Council #4 Incumbent, Shane McDaniel; Tammy Porter.



**MEET THE
CANDIDATES**

Stephen Cutaiar (Council Position # 1, Incumbent)



My name is Stephen Cutaiar. I have lived in Athol for 29 years. I was asked by the Mayor to temporarily fill seat 1, when it was vacated. I realized I wanted to continue being a part of the future of Athol. So, I am running for seat 1 of the city council. I would like to see more of our citizens involved and have a say in what happens in the future of our town. I would like to see the Main St. (Hwy 54) cleaned up some. Thank you.

Mary Zichko (Council Position # 1)

I am an active member in this community for 40 plus years and have served on the Athol City Council as well as stepped up to be the Interim Mayor for a year. I consider myself a citizen's advocate and listen to what the citizens want for our community.

I truly feel that we need to have planned growth and incorporate citizens' input into our decision making. As well as continue looking for 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 this November 2nd, Seat #1.



Mark Dane (Council Position # 1) (Nothing Submitted)



Election day is November 2nd 2021 (8am to 8pm)

Jeanette Kramer (Council Position # 2, Incumbent)

"Hi, my name is Jeanette Kramer - I chose Athol as my home because of the small-town attributes and characteristics and it is close to my family. I am a hard-working conservative who tries to live with integrity and honesty with the help of Christ Jesus.



I have a bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in Computers. I worked for 10 years in software development and am currently a data analyst and have worked for the same company for over 10 years. Over the past year or 2 I have watched as Northern Idaho has exploded with growth, ruining much of what makes it a beautiful place to live. The fear of this happening to Athol is why I became involved in city council. This country is changing, and we may not be able to prevent the growth of our town, but I do know, we can't if we don't try. Help me be your voice."

Darla Kuhman (Council Position #2)

My name is Darla Knickerbocker Kuhman, I was born and raised in North Idaho, and I am the owner and manager of 360 Fitness North Idaho, a gym and club in downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

I was on Athol City Council in 2014, and then became Mayor of Athol when the previous Mayor passed away. During that time as Mayor, I uncovered embezzlement and wire fraud by the Athol City Clerk of approximately half a million dollars. It was a very difficult time, but with the support of former council members, Lewis Miller and Mark Dane, I managed to save tax-payers from additional loss, and have her exposed and sentenced.

The purpose of government is to provide surety and protection of freedoms for citizens so that they can lead safe and secure lives. It is not to become so dispassionate of citizens that their needs are discounted and control exerted of them. I believe that government should be limited in the money that they spend and the power that they wield. I ask that you Vote for me on November 2nd, and be assured, I do represent you. Thank you.



Cindi Denis (Council Position #3, Incumbent) (Running Unopposed)

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers for all their hard work putting together Athol Daze. I continue to encourage the citizens to come to some council meetings and let us know what things you want or like; help us continue to make this small city what you want it to be.

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



Shane McDaniel (Council Position #4, Incumbent)

I have lived in Athol my whole life. I am a resident and an active part of the community and the city council. I believe the city is on the right track and I am willing to serve another term to help continue down that path. If you believe in the same, give me your vote.

Tammy Porter (Council Position #4)

I have lived in Idaho for over 30 years and Athol the last 5 years. My priorities are God, Family and Country. The main goal in running for city council is to keep Athol small and to be a voice for the people. I believe in upholding and supporting the Constitution. I believe that the government is given its power by the people for the people. We are a small community. A vote for Porter for City Council will help keep it that way. Contact me-
Porter4Athol@protonmail.com



Sunday- Overeaters Anonymous – (Every Sun) 4pm

Monday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, 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)

Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am
City Council Meeting (1st & 3rd Tues each month) 6pm
Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm
GEM State Gleaners (4th 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) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym
Remington Water District (3rd Wed each month) 6:30pm

Thursday –

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am
Athol Radio Group (2nd Thurs each month) 6pm
Athol Chamber of Commerce (3rd Thurs each mo.) 7pm

Friday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym

Saturday –

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



Upcoming: City Council Meetings in October 2021 are on the 5th and the 19th at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 15th.

WATER BILL ↓

