



~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
June 1, 2021



Athol, A New Direction



-- Senior Lunch is back! --
Monday June 14th at 12 noon

Athol Community Center, bring something yummy to share. Anyone 50 or older is welcome.



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:

- June 1, 2021
- June 15, 2021
- July 6, 2021
- July 20, 2021
- August 3, 2021
(Athol Daze 14th)
- August 17, 2021
- September 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

June 4th- Hat Day! Bring \$1 to wear a hat!
June 9th- Field Day
June 10th- Kindergarten Graduation 9:30am
Friday, June 11th is the Last Day of School!!
Early Release at 1:30pm



ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride

**CONRATULATIONS 5TH & 6TH
GRADERS FOR YOUR COMPLETION
AT ATHOL ELEMNETARY.
HAVE FUN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

ATHOL FARMERS MARKET
RUNS EVERY FRIDAY 2-6PM

Live music, food, fun and more!!
Come support local farmers, artisans, and craftsmen.



Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in June!

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.



-----KIDS!! Summer Reading is Happening!

Stop by the library to sign up and get the NEW summer badges books. Website has all programs and registration information. Track reading and prizes, Badge Books to the first 1,000 registered summer readers, Rack Cards with How It Works for staff and members!

Jam Packed June! Summer reading events start with the **Bike Rodeo, Friday June 11th at 2 PM**. Things heat up with programs for kids of all ages. Find special events like Family Bingo and the Reptile Man. Stop by the library or go to the website **Youth Services** to see what all we offer. It's going to be a fun month!!

USDA Snacks available on THURSDAYS for kids 0-18.

-----ADULTS!! Summer Reading Challenge for Adults!

June 1 - September 1 - Come in to sign up, pick up your Bingo Card and start Reading! Bingo is 5 in-a-row. Prizes awarded at the end of each month! It's a pretty good deal to be rewarded for reading!

Starting Seeds in the Northwest! Part 3 – Transplanting Seedlings

Jill tells how to transplant your seedlings, whether into a larger pot or out into the garden. This is the fun part, so don't miss it! Look for the video on the Community Library Network [YouTube](#) channel.

Now You're Cooking! This month's **Now You're Cooking!** show features Hmmm, we don't know yet, but there will be a delicious dish to make to impress your summer guests! Check out our [YouTube](#) channel for all the Now You're Cooking! shows. Come in the Library to get the recipes.

Take & Make Your Own Cards! We'll have "make your own" card kits! You can make one for that special Graduate and one for Dad, too! Come soon because they go fast.



Did you know

... that the City Code has restrictions for living in a Recreational Vehicle or travel trailer? Outside of an approved RV park, an RV can be occupied for no more than 30 total days during any calendar year, in a Residential zone. And not allowed in the Commercial zone at all.



Feel free to contact the City Hall or the City Planner, Rand Wichman, if you have questions on the requirements for RV's.

Please contact the City of Athol at 208-683-2101.



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 Athol City Code. Give us a call at City Hall if you need any help looking for something.

- **Water Improvements** – NNAC is finishing Davis Lane, 5th Street and Grove Avenue. Work will begin soon on the installation of the new standpipe at the Cemetery.
- **The City Council approved the Colton Acres Subdivision application after continuing deliberations** from April 20th to May 18th. The Public Hearing was held on April 20th and was re-opened at the May 18th council meeting. Much of the discussion this time was around the assurance that both the City and the Health District's needs were being met and in line with the Sewage Management agreement. This was a hard decision for the Council as the Colton Acres, a 26-lot subdivision on approximately 132 acres was the first residential subdivision this Council and the City have seen in over 25 years. The Council heard testimony from residents of the Northern Meadows subdivision and their concerns for the impact this subdivision will make on their neighborhood. Traffic was of the highest concern. But, the council also learned that legal reasons for a denial must be cited, and the application before them did meet all the requirements; therefore a denial was not realistic. The Council consists of public citizens who are willing to step up and serve in their community but that does not mean they know all the laws that surround running a city. City staff and the City attorney are there to guide the Council through those various legalities. This subdivision application was a real eye-opener and shed some light on why and how public hearings are done. Below is each type of hearing and a brief definition of each.

There are two types of Public Hearings: Legislative and Quasi-Judicial.

Legislative hearings are matters of general concern, rather than one specific applicant. For example, when the City adopts code amendments or conducts its budget hearing, it is sitting in a legislative capacity. During hearings on legislative matters, the format is much less stringent compared to quasi-judicial – the comments are open-ended, the subject of the hearing must be roughly prepared at the time notice is published, there is an open format for the hearing, meaning citizen comments can make more of an impact to the council's decision making. Council is not generally bound by restrictive laws and can be more influenced by public opinion.

Conversely, a **Quasi-judicial hearing** deals with specific rights of individuals (e.g., a subdivision request, zone amendment, conditional use permit). One of the most significant, yet least-understood requirements in land use decision making is the mandate for quasi-judicial hearings when dealing with site-specific land use applications. Local officials are required to understand the rules of quasi-judicial procedure and how to adequately protect the due process rights of applicants. Much of the framework and



procedure for quasi-judicial hearings in the land use application are governed by the Local Land Use Planning Act, title 67, chapter 65 of Idaho Code. Since site-specific land use applications concern the property rights of individuals, due process is required at every step of the hearing. "Due process of law" means that government must comply with certain procedural requirements in situations where individuals may be deprived of life, liberty, or property.

In quasi-judicial hearings, the Mayor and City Council essentially serve as judges, receiving testimony and evidence upon which they base their decision. While the City may feel duty-bound to listen to the concerns of their friends and neighbors, this presents a serious problem in quasi-judicial decision making, because decisions must be based on testimony and evidence reflected in the record. When decisionmakers discuss a site-specific land use issue outside a public hearing and it may result in a decision being overturned by a reviewing court. The role of the citizen is limited to testifying to the positive or negative impacts of the proposal, informing the Mayor and Council about the characteristics of the neighborhood and the site, and suggesting acceptable (ones that meet City standards) alternatives or ways to mitigate the negative impacts of the proposal.



Under the Local Land Use Planning Act, decisions are required to be based upon adopted standards of approval, which may not always align with the public sentiment about a project. It is important for the City to adhere to the standards of approval, the information provided by the applicant, staff, and testimony received, so as not to make an arbitrary decision. The subdivision will be located just north of Northern Meadows neighborhood.

Going forward the City will try to identify the type of public hearing on the agenda to help citizens better understand how their comments may be used by the Council when making decisions.



Vacation Bible School

The Creator Is My Friend

Bring your friends for an exciting journey
through the seven days of creation!

✓ Activities	✓ Health Adventure
✓ Creative Crafts	✓ Memory Fun
✓ Bible Stories	✓ Science Experiments

Date: Monday June 21 - Friday June 25

Time: 9:00 am to Noon *Reg. 8:45 am*

Place: Highway 54 and Third Street, Athol

Ages: 6 thru 12

Contact: Darlene Howard (208) 366-4312

What's all the "BUZZ" about?

Come help us plan for Athol Daze 2021!

Next Planning Meeting is set for:

Tuesday June 22nd at 2:00pm



“Help Us Plan for What This Year’s
Event Should/Will Look Like”

Athol Daze Saturday, August 14th, 2021
(always the 2nd Sat. in August)



.....**"BEE" there !!!**

Athol Church of God is sponsoring a Day Camp for youth aged 12-18

On June 23rd – June 26th

Daily activities include things like an Amazing Property Race, Mini Olympics, object lessons and more! There is also a Vacation Bible School for ages 5-11 and an outdoor service for all ages on the same dates. Please contact Linnie Neely at 208-699-8825 for more details!

Father's Day Trivia

1. Where was the first Father's Day celebrated?
2. What year was the first Father's Day celebrated?
3. When did Father's Day gain national attention?
4. What president proclaimed Father's Day a federal holiday?
5. How much do people spend on Father's Day?
6. T/F: About 20 percent of Father's Day cards are bought for husbands.
7. About how many men are stay at home dads?
8. When is Thailand's Father's Day celebrated?
9. T/F: Father's Day is the fourth-biggest day for sending greeting cards.
10. T/F: Around 72% of Americans celebrate and acknowledge Father's day.

ANSWERS: (1) Spokane, Washington (2) 1910 (3) 1924 (4) Richard Nixon
(5) About 12 billion dollars (6) True (7) 214,000 (8) December
(9) True (10) True.



<p>Sunday- Overeaters Anonymous – (Every Sun) 4pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (3rd Wed each month) 6:30pm Good News Club (every Wed) 2:30pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Athol Farmers Market in the BIG Park 2pm-6pm</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: The City Council Meetings in June 2021 are on the 1st and the 15th at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Tuesday, the 15th.

WATER BILL ↓

