



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ May 1, 2022



Athol, A New Direction

Athol Farmers Market: Opening Day is: May 6th, 2022

Another Winter has come and gone and we at the Athol Farmers Market cannot wait to see you out for our big season opener, the Athol Farmers Market Spring Fling & Music Festival! Seedlings are planted, greenhouses are being filled, babies are being born, which means a whole new season of locally grown, locally raised goodness for our community-brought to you by farmers located right here!

We have more vendors this year than any season prior, including the veteran farmers and artisans you have all come to know and rely on. We have a new entertainment director who has filled our schedule with some of the best, most talented musicians in North Idaho!



Please join us as we kick off another year of Nurturing North Idaho! The market season runs from May 6th to September 30th, 2pm – 6pm weekly, with special markets throughout the season running 2pm - 7pm.

Here's to a fruitful new season!

Always looking for new businesses to join us. Next General Membership meeting is Thursday June 23rd at 7:00pm

Website: atholchamberofcommerce.org

Email: president@atholchamberofcommerce.org

Pick up: Athol City Hall Office

Like us on FB @ Athol Chamber of Commerce, Inc

Come be a part of supporting our community.



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:

May 3, 2022

May 17, 2022

(Closed Monday May 30th)

June 7, 2022

June 21, 2022

(Closed Monday July 4th)

July 19, 2022

August 2, 2022

(Athol Daze Saturday 13th)

August 16, 2022

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

William "Bill" Hill

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:

Tanya Ziegler

Public Works/Water Operator:

Kevin Foster





-----Athol Elementary -----

- May 2nd-6th Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6th Athol Elementary Night at the Spokane Indians Game
- May 10th Kindergarten Round Up 9am-4pm Save your K-Spot for Kindergarten 22/23 School Year
- May 12th CLASS Picture Day
- May 12th STEAM Night 5:30pm - 7pm
- May 16th PTU Meeting 6pm (It's on Monday)
- May 20th No School- Flex Day
- May 25th Elementary Track Meet @ Lakeland High School
- May 30th No School- Memorial Day



Athol Library in May! 208-683-2979 (Closed on Sundays)

THE ATHOL LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 13th - Staff will be participating in All Staff Day.

All events will be at the library unless noted. Open during our regular business hours.

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday 1pm- 6pm; Thursdays 10am-6pm; Fridays: 1pm-5pm; Saturday 12 Noon – 4pm;

KIDS & TEENS

Preschool Storytime – Tues 3rd & 10th at 10am. Songs, crafts, & books.

Music and Movement – Mon 2nd & 9th 10:45am (Athol Community Center) This program for children 3-6. The 9th will be outside on the basketball courts. Dress accordingly (weather permitting).

Kids Imagination Explorers – Tues 3rd & 10th at 3:30pm. (K -5th)

Teens – Teen volunteers needed for summer. Sign up on our website www.communitylibrary.net

Summer reading starts June 1st.

Summer Programs kick off June 14th

ADULT PROGRAMS

ENGELMANN SPRUCE SEEDLINGS ARE HERE!

The Idaho Forest Products Commission has delivered our trees. Quantities are limited so come by soon to pick yours up.

HERBS TO GROWN IN NORTHERN IDAHO

Did you know we are a commercial herb growing area? Our local plants are really skookum! Barbara St. Dennis will teach us what that means and how to grow useful plants for you and your family. **Thursday, May 5th 3:00-4:30**

NATIVE TREE, SHRUB AND GROWDCOVER IDENTIFICATION

Sue Bockelman, The Plant Pro will help you discover what types of plants are growing around your home or on nature walks. Sue will help you learn to identify plants using pictures and live samples. **Thursday, May 19th 3:00-5:30**



Visit Our Website – www.communitylibrary.net



**ABC FOOD BANK - FOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY MAY 7th
at Athol Super 1 from 10am – 4pm**





From City Hall 208-683-2101

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- **Water Improvement Project**- Unfortunately plans to raise the existing water tower on Menser are still unknown at this time. When we get a date, we will let you know.
- A quick Thank You to the American Legion for another great Easter Egg Hunt right here in the Athol City Park.



- Next Athol Daze planning meeting is Tuesday May 24th at 1:00pm.

“Hometown Pride Athol Wide”
Athol Daze 2022
Saturday August 13th 2022



- There will not be a **Beautification or City-Wide Clean Up** this year. We do not have a date set yet for the City-Wide Yard Sales; possibly in the Fall.

➤ **Bennett Street/Back Parking Lot Area for City Hall**
You may have noticed it has had some construction work happening in the last couple of weeks. The fire hydrant has been relocated from the middle of the parking lot, yahoo!



The hydrant is now located across the street, just outside of the park fence, on the southeast corner of Bennett and 2nd Street.

All commercial bulk water haulers will now need to use the hydrant located on the north side of Grove Street and the west side of N. Old Hwy 95 until further notice.

- **Windstorm Damage** - A few weeks ago, that windstorm did some damage to the city park and the cemetery water tank area. In the park, a nearly 85-foot-tall Spruce tree uprooted and fell over, taking out another tree with it. Clean up is nearly finished from that mess.



Another tree fell in the cemetery, just barely missing the brand-new water standpipe. We are working with the insurance company to get a new fence up as soon as possible.

- **Windstorm Damage Continued:** Because of the potential for additional trees to fall within the perimeter of the new water standpipe and cause serious damage to the water supply, we are going to do some tree removal at the cemetery. Many of the trees are old, have root rot and will be compromised with some tree removal. Since equipment will be onsite, we are also going to be logging the hillside of the cemetery down to Sheep Springs Road. In addition, a new area will also be cleared to prepare for a future expansion in the cemetery, as the total number of lots available are very limited.



We hate to see trees cut down, but it is part of the cycle and the best for the health of that area. The city will be planning to get new trees planted on the hillside and various areas as soon as possible to get the growth of new trees started.

- **A New Face Around Town:** As we say a sad goodbye to our Public Works/Water Operator of the past 3.5 years, Anthony Brandt, (He is not going far, just back to the City of Spirit Lake) please welcome Anthony's replacement, Kevin Foster.

Kevin comes to us from the City of Post Falls Street Department. He has 15 plus years in Public Works, Water Mains and Road Maintenance areas with various municipalities. Kevin is married to his high school sweetheart, and they have 2 children. He looks forward to meeting you around town.

If you see him, take a minute to say hi!



Athol City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 17th at 6:00pm

-----There will be 2 Public Hearings that night-----

- 1) Fremont St. Road Vacation (Quasi-Judicial)
- 2) Ordinance #436 - Fire Department Impact Fees
(Legislative) **This is your opportunity to tell your council if you want them to adopt this Ordinance and Collect Impact Fees for the Fire District and KCEMSS**

There are 2 types of Public Hearings, Legislative and Quasi-Judicial.

A Legislative Public Hearing is your opportunity to give testimony before the elected officials regarding matters of policy. They are less formal, and they do not involve the legal rights of specific, private parties related to an application before the city. They affect a wider range of citizens or the city as a whole.

A Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing, unlike a legislative one, involves the legal rights of specific parties, and the decisions made as a result of such hearings must be based upon and supported by the record developed at the hearing. They have stricter procedural requirements than legislative hearings. They involve land use matters, including site specific rezones, preliminary plats, variances, and special use permits.

PAYING FOR GROWTH

Over 2,300 new homes are anticipated to be built within the Timberlake Fire Protection District in the next 10 years. Without additional resources, response times are likely to increase for existing residents.

District Commissioners are evaluating ways to fund the stations, fire engines and ambulances necessary to meet this increase in demand without relying on existing taxpayers. One funding tool is the use of impact fees.

Impact fees are a one-time payment by new development to cover a proportionate share of the stations, vehicles and equipment necessary to keep levels of service (response times) consistent as growth occurs. Impact fees are paid at the point of building permit for new construction only. Fees are not assessed for garages, sheds or additions to existing residential structures. Impact fees cannot be used to repair or replace existing capital, or to fund District operations.

In accordance with Idaho law, the Timberlake Fire Protection District and Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services System (KCEMSS) have prepared a capital improvement plan that outlines the capital investment required to serve new growth. These items include an additional fire station, additional firefighter quarters at Fire Station #5, a ladder truck, engine, water tender and ambulance.

The total cost of the growth-related capital is \$8 million. To recover these costs the Districts are proposing collecting an impact fee of \$2,974 per residential unit and \$1.49 per non-residential square foot.

The impact fees would be collected by the City of Athol and Kootenai County for the Fire District and KCEMSS.



The Circus is Coming to Athol Again! --- Wednesday, June 8th

2 show times 5:00pm & 7:30pm

Support the ABC Food Bank and get your tickets early!

Advanced Tickets are \$12 for Adults / \$7 for kids ages 2-12/seniors 65+. Available Soon!



Sign Up Your Teen Now, at City Hall. This is a 90-minute program and a fun environment where your teen will learn to work in tandem to shine light on: Mental Health Awareness; Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention; Suicide Prevention; Youth Leadership; and more!

Gain New Skills with Music Therapist Audrey Draper. Learn Ways to Identify a Peer who may be Struggling. Receive a Take Home Toolkit.

Food and Beverage is provided.



Sunday-

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) 7pm
******Athol Chamber of Commerce**
NEW DAY (4th Thurs each qtr.) 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: Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 13th. City Council meetings in May will be on Tuesday the 3rd & Tuesday the 17th at 6:00pm.



WATER BILL ↓

