



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ November 1, 2022



Athol, A New Direction

**Winter will be arriving soon!**



**Please take a few minutes to remove any personal items left in the city right-of-way. Items left in the right-of-way are there at your own risk. Cars, trucks, boats, trailers, misc. items, all need to be removed for plowing.**

**We want to ensure streets are cleared for residents' daily commutes and school operations, so when possible, he will start in the midnight to 4am time frame, pending the next anticipated snowfall.**

**Our Snow Removal Ordinances** say that any vehicle or object left in the street after twenty-four (24) hours is subject to citation and/or removal, at the owner's expense. Please don't block, stop, or otherwise impede any snow plowing vehicle or snow plowing operation conducted by or on behalf of the City.

### **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:**

November 1, 2022  
*(Closed Thurs. Nov 11<sup>th</sup>)*  
November 15, 2022  
*(Closed 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)*  
December 6, 2022  
December 20, 2022  
*(Closed Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> -Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>)*  
January 17, 2023

City website:  
**[www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)**

Mayor:  
**William "Bill" Hill**

City Clerk/Treasurer:

**Lori Yarbrough**

Deputy City Clerk:

**Tanya Ziegler**

Public Works/Water Operator:

**Kevin Foster**



## **Election Day Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Polling at the Athol Community Center  
8:00am-8:00pm

### **Athol Elementary -----**

<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Quarter - NO School Day
<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	AE PTU Meeting 6pm
<b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7pm)
<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Veterans Day Ceremony 9am (gym)
<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Student Picture Retakes
<b>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Thanksgiving Holiday Break – NO School



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**We have helped our community, now**

**we need our community's Help**

**We need: Officers, Workers, Members, & Volunteers NOW!**

Think "IKEA" or "Build-a-Bear" Workshop

**What is your vision for the future of Athol Chamber of Commerce?**

All the "stuff" is there; just come to the table. The **Athol Chamber of Commerce** is in need of revamping. The 501C is in place, corporation papers are done, there is a membership base – but without leadership....it may not continue to exist!



**If you would like to put your hand to the task, contact us.**



**Call or text 208.660.2714 or EMAIL: [president@atholchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:president@atholchamberofcommerce.org)**



## **Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in November!**

**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.



**The Library will be closed Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day.  
Also closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**

### **KIDS & TEENS**

**Music & Movement – Mondays 10:00 am** – This 6-week series is designed to help your child get the wiggles out through movement, dancing and music. All ages welcome but aimed for 3-6.

**Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays 10:00 am** – Playtime, stories, and music aimed for kids 3-5.

**Imagination Explorers for Kids 5-10 – Tuesdays 3:30 pm** – Kids can explore themes at their own pace by visiting different stations that feature STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) components.

**Cooking with Small Appliances – Wednesday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm** - Teens (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

**All Ages Wild Readers Book Club – Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am** – Kids are invited for crafts, snacks, and activities centered around this month's genre – historical fiction. While at the library, select the **BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE** matching the genre!

**Homeschool Libratory – Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm,**

**Homeschool Libratory Art, Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am**

**Idaho Family Reading Week - November 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.** Special events all week! Stop by for a list of days, times.

### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT** Tue Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30-6 pm

Bring the whole family for a fun time playing board games! There will be several different games set up, also snacks and music!

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## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Candy Making with Cheryl - Thursday, November 3rd, 4:00pm**

Join us as our local patron, Cheryl Lugar, teaches us how she makes her delicious homemade toffee.

### **Adult Paint and Sip! - Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Athol Community Center.**

Please join us as we paint a "Golden Oak Tree" using Step By Step Painting by Tracie Keirnan. Supplies are limited so please reserve your spot by calling or come to the Library Front Desk.

**Sean Gaskell and his West African Kora Harp - Thursday, November 10th - 5:00 to 6:00pm** The West African Kora Harp is a 21-string harp that is native to the peoples of western Africa. Between songs, Sean will talk about the Kora, how it is built, who typically plays it and its cultural significance.

**Peter Fletcher - Classical Guitarist 🎸 Thursday, November 17, 4:00pm** Peter Fletcher is an American classical guitarist based in Detroit and New York City. Peter offers an audience friendly, solo recital including repertoire that runs the gamut from the Baroque Period through the 20th Century. The concert will culminate with Isaac Albeniz's *Rumores de la Caleta*, one of the most exciting Spanish works in the classical guitar repertoire.

### **Chef Kyle Cooks Winter Soups! – November 19, 1:00pm**

Please join us as Chef Kyle cooks his second soup in his winter cooking series. November is **French Onion Soup with Swiss Croutons!** Please RSVP by calling the Athol Library at 208-683-2979 or sign up at the front desk.

**Visit Our Website – [www.communitylibrary.net](http://www.communitylibrary.net)**

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Save the Date **Cocoa & Cookies with Santa**  
**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**at the Athol Community Center**

**Hosted by the**

**LADIES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

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Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Box Sign-ups have begun at the Food Bank. This includes signing up your children for the sharing tree. **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Food Box pick-up!** Please call Charlotte at 208-771-3117 with questions.

**FOOD BANK hours: every Tuesday from 9am- 12 noon and 1pm- 3pm;**

*Donations of food always welcomed.*

Please remember, do not leave or drop off your donations outside the building doors. All food donations should be brought into the hallway in the back of the building and left on the shelves. Clothing should be brought into the clothing donation room, as this is an unmanned room and its only volunteers who come in to sort and hang the items.



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## Come and join us for the annual Athol Christmas Market presented by the Athol Farmers Market.

Your favorite Farms and Artisans from the regular season bringing you beautiful handmade one-of-a-kind items and baked goods. There will be so many local artists filling the hall with holiday cheer.



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## Athol TREE Lighting Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm

Come sing carols, warm up by a fire and chat with your neighbors.

A neighborly way to celebrate our Community as we Light Up the Tree and Kick-Off this Holiday Season!

Gathering and Singing to begin about 5:00pm with the lightening happening at 6:00pm.





# From City Hall

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The Athol City Code is on the city website. Give us a call at City Hall if you need any help. 208-683-2101



**Water Improvements** – The work on the project is complete! 6.5 years from start to finish, just some paperwork left to finish the project out and get the loan payment set-up to begin making payments. While none of us like to see the increase in rates, it was appropriate and necessary to get this work done. The city is very appreciative of your community support in our efforts to make these much-needed improvements. Athol should be proud to have non-treated water, and a great running operational system bringing increased water pressures and volume. Not to mention that nearly 51% of the project was funded through grants! Saving you, the residents of the city, a couple million dollars!

A reminder that the new water rates will be in effect as of the November 2022 billing.

**City Hall Closed** - Will be closed for Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>; Thanksgiving Day November 24<sup>th</sup> and the Friday after Thanksgiving 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Businesses Underway** – You may have already heard, but yes there is about to be a Northwest Specialty Urgent Care, a Dollar Tree, as well as Tractor Supply Company, here in Athol. All 3 are located in the Crossings near Sweet Lou’s and Super 1. Also, a couple local companies building roots right here in town, Rocky’s Body Shop, who has purchased the former Mr. Tire lot. Patterson Plumbing, who will be located next to the Country Boy Café on Hwy 54 & Davis Lane. They have cleared the lot and are just getting started on a brand-new shop/office space. Rapid Diesel Performance off Hwy 54 & Pastime Street and Perfection Landscape on Hwy 54 and Meadow Street.

**Be sure your business is listed on the city registry. Call City Hall for more information.**

## Community



First Lutheran Church  
in Spirit Lake

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9am to 4pm**

32529 N 6<sup>th</sup> St. Spirit Lake, ID

### **Water Rates / Fees** *(Residential 2 unit rate had a typo. Revision will be held at the 11/15/22 meeting)*

Base Rate by Category	Gallons	Rate
Residential 1 unit	12k	\$54.00
Residential 2 unit	24K	<del>\$104.00</del> / <b>\$108.00</b>
Commercial Low	20k	\$90.00
Commercial High	40k	\$180.00
Late Fee		\$15.00
Additional Water Usage (over base rate)	1k	\$2.00
On/Off Water Fee (non-emergency) This may be for seasonal shutoffs, regular billing still applies.		\$25.00



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**Sunday-**

Good Hope Baptist (Every Sun) 10am  
Church of Christ (Every Sun) 2pm

**Monday –**

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

**\*\*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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month) 6:30pm

**Thursday –**

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am  
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am  
Athol Radio Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month) 6pm  
Athol Chamber of Commerce (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs each quarter) 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 November 2022 are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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WATER BILL ↓

