



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~

October 1, 2022



Athol, A New Direction

A Year in Review

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **The Circus was back this year** – Always a great way to have some fun while providing our local ABC Food Bank with much needed funds and food. There were two shows and more than 300 tickets sold for each event, bringing over \$4,000 cash to the food bank. The support for this event and our local food bank is just awesome!

2. **Another Clean and Up to Date Audit for the City** – Staff always welcomes the annual review of the city’s financial records. We have now finished up the second year in our new Pelorus computer system; no longer in QuickBooks. Other yearly totals: We process over 300 water bills each month, which comes with this city newsletter. Your city staff of 3 processes 5 different types of permits which totaled more than 34 permits this fiscal year. The city has completed 5 different subdivision applications and has sold 11 cemetery plots, facilitated countless building rentals, and 9 new city business licenses. Everyday just keeps getting a little bit busier.

3. **Athol Daze- Hometown Pride, Athol Wide was abundant!** **Probably our largest Athol Daze ever**, we saw so many happy faces of our local community enjoying the 90 vendors, the parade, the car show, the lawn mower races, three stages with live music, three beer gardens, our 2nd annual bed races, many different food options, and countless other activities. Bringing fun for the whole family right here in Athol. **A sincere thank you to all our local businesses who helped sponsor this beloved event, and to the volunteer committee to help make all the little details come together. Lori and the staff really appreciate your time.**



4. **New City Truck** – After 6 years of saving and putting money away a little at a time, we were able to purchase a brand new 2023 GMC Pickup. Staff was able to secure the state rate and specs that other cities have set-up which meant about a 50% savings off the regular price. This might be the 1st brand new vehicle the city has ever purchased. The newest vehicle the city has, before this truck, is 30 years old. If you see Kevin around in the truck- wave!!



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 4, 2022
October 18, 2022
November 1, 2022
November 15, 2022
December 6, 2022
December 20, 2022
January 17, 2023

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

5. **The Water Improvement Project is in the final 30-day stretch.** Construction has been Completed; just tidy things up on the punch list. This endeavor began over 6 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 bring us into 2018. The Water Bond was approved in November 2018 with 64% voter approval rate. Construction on the ground began October 2020 removing the 2 old tanks at the cemetery, and then finished with the last big piece with the raising of the Water Tower on Menser, which was done this past June of 2022. **The hard work over those 6.5 years is now just about complete, a little past the timeline expected, but still on budget. Athol's water system is up to date and in compliance, and ready to take us into the next 20 plus years. Most residents have probably already experienced the better water pressure!**

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



Oct. 6th Picture Day

Oct. 3rd PTU Meeting Day (School Library)

Oct. 28th Walk-a-thon!! (Friday)

LITERACY FOR LITTLE ONES a free program for ages

3 - 5 years old; call the Lakeland School District to register (208) 687-0431

(Athol Elementary school hours are 8:55am to 3:15pm)



ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride



GET READY FOR ANOTHER ATHOL TRUNK OR TREAT!!

**SUPER 1 FOODS WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE EVENT AGAIN
THIS YEAR, ON HALLOWEEN MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2022.**

PLAN FOR YOUR TRUNK DECORATING IDEAS

**NOW. GET CREATIVE! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR
MORE TRUNKS TO PASS OUT CANDY.**

5:00PM - 7:00PM



The Athol Library in October!

Visit Our Website – www.communitylibrary.net

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

Music & Movement – Starts Monday, October 10th, 10 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.

Imagination Explorers – 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.





All Ages Wild Readers Book Club - October 8th, 10 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! Throughout the month visit the library for more book club fun at your leisure.

Teen Paint & Sip - Wednesday, October 12th – 4:30 pm – Teens (6th-12th grade) are welcome to join us for a guided seasonal painting. All supplies provided.

Homeschool Art – Monday, October 24th – 11:30 am – Homeschool & online students are invited to the library for art time. Prepare for a mess!

Trunk or Treat – Monday, October 31st Visit your favorite librarians at Super 1’s annual Trunk or Treat.

ADULTS Pruning by Sue Bockelman - October 5th @ 3:00pm - Learn from Sue Bockelman, aka The Plant Pro, what and how to prune for healthy plants.

Memory Box - October 6th @ 2:00pm - Explore the power of memory with Virginia Taft. Bring a special box to decorate or use one provided by the library. Supplies are limited. Please RSVP by calling the library.



Larry Almeida Classical Guitar - October 13th @ 4pm to 6pm - Larry Almeida has performed as a guitar soloist and singer throughout the U.S. and in Canada. He will introduce each musical selection with important historical information.

Chef Kyle Cooks Winter soups! - October 15th @ 1:00pm - Please join us as Chef Kyle Cooks Winter Soups for the months of October through January. October’s is a pumpkin soup served inside its shell with a side of homemade corn bread. Please RSVP by calling or come into the front desk. RSVP closes October 8th.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY Country Masquerade Dance - October 8th @ 4pm to 6 pm, Athol Community Center– Learn Line Dancing with Sandy! Dancing, Music, Refreshments, All Ages, FREE! Come make masks Friday, September 30 at the Library. Dress up in masquerade attire or come as you are.

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

If you have not gotten it done, please do so and 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. Many of the companies who do this type of work have been increasing their fees. Also, if you are on the list to do so this spring for 2023...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 New Proposed Water Rates are coming:

Look on-line at: www.cityofathol.us

The full schedule of fees can be found under Documents and Resources tab, draft of Fee Resolution 2023-01.

---Public Hearing is Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00pm---

The residential rate is going up by \$10.00 due to the monthly water loan payments. All other categories will be adjusted to the calculation of a similar percentage. The Council had committed to not raising the residential single water rate higher than \$55.00 due to this water project; and we have been able to meet that.

Base Rate by Category	Gallons	Rate
Residential 1 unit	12k	\$44.00 / \$54.00
Residential 2 unit	24k	\$88.00 / \$108.00
Commercial Low	20k	\$52.00 / \$62.00
Commercial High	40k	\$68.00 / \$82.00
Bulk Rate	1k	\$6.00
Haulers	50 gal	\$0.25
Late Fee		\$10.00
Additional Water Usage (over base rate)	1k	\$2.00



Effective the November 2022 Billing



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 (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 (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: City Council Meetings in October 2022 are on the 4th and the 18th at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 14th.

WATER BILL ↓

