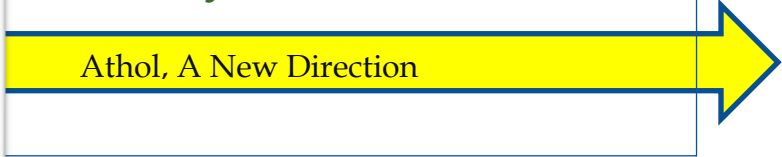


~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ February 1, 2023



Timberlake Little League

Online Sign ups and Camp Registration for the 2023 Season opened on Saturday 12/17/22 and will close on 2/12/23. All signups will be done online this year through our website at:

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/timberlakelittleleague>

We will still have in person signups for those that would prefer to pay in cash or check/don't have internet access/need help going through the website.

In person sign-ups will be on 1/28/23 at Timberlake Middle school.

Our skill camp will be offered again this season hosted by the Timberlake High School Baseball program on 3/31/23 and 4/1/23 for all divisions. T-Ball and Coach Pitch will be from 9am-11am on both days and Minors-Juniors will be from 1pm-4pm on both days.

Cost is \$30 per player.

We are looking forward to another great season!



Please feel free to message us with any questions or if you're are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or participating in our upcoming season!

City Hall will be closed this month for:

Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20th



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:

February 7, 2023
(Closed Feb. 20th Presidents Day)

February 21, 2023

March 7, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 4, 2023

April 18, 2023

May 2, 2023

May 16, 2023

June 6, 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





From City Hall



Athol City Website: www.cityofathol.us
Give us a call at City Hall if you need any help. 208-683-2101



City Hall Closed – Presidents' Day Holiday - Monday, January 20th, 2023.

- **Water Service-** A reminder to take an extra look at your water services in your home, since we do not read meters in the winter, to be sure you don't have any broken or frozen water lines or even small leaks.
- **Mark Your Calendars...** Athol Daze 2023 is coming soon! Saturday, August 12th 2023. If you are interested in helping us with the planning of this great event, please join us on Thursday March 2nd at 1:00pm. We are looking for a theme for this year's event!
- There may be a Public Hearing in March for some Code Amendments - stay tuned. The city has been working on updating the subdivision standards, as well as street standards.

WINTER REMINDERS

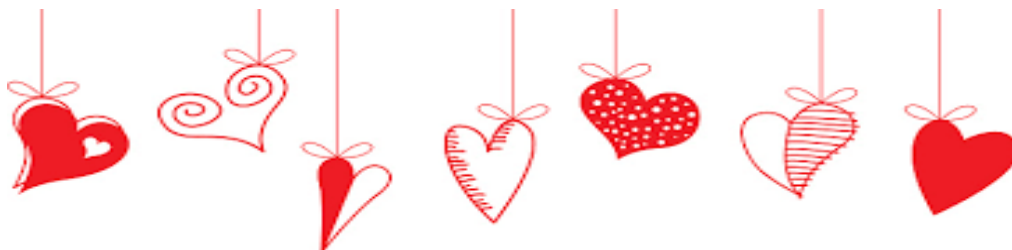
- The first priority is to clear the main streets to allow for the passage of traffic. Then as time allows, we will go back and begin clearing and pushing back the sides and do any clean up.
- It is unlawful to push, shovel, blow, or place snow on to the public streets. Instead push the snow into the swales and yards.
- Please pull vehicles into the driveway and remove personal property from the street, right-of-way, and swales. This helps our plow driver remove as much snow as possible off the city streets and ensures the roadways stay as wide as possible as snow accumulates.
- Snow berms are an inconvenient result of plowing. Our plows in residential areas are equipped with a gate. However, gates only reduce the size of the berm, they don't necessarily eliminate a snow berm. Snow gates are subject to weight and amount of snow.

Please don't forget to shovel out your fire hydrants, as it is the responsibility of the property owners.

Firefighters need at least 3 feet of clearance around your fire hydrant to be able to locate it and use it quickly. Our city code states that you should not park within 8 feet of them. In case of fire, seconds count and can make the difference in saving your home and possessions.



If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, remember that you are not just helping you and your family, but all your neighbors, stay safe.





Athol Elementary -----

Feb. 20th Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
Feb. 6th PTU Meeting 4:00pm – School Library
March 7th Lakeland School District Levy Election



ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride

REMINDER - PTU CRAFT FAIR - March 18th 2023
at the Athol Community Center (30355 N 3rd ST)



Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in February!

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 Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day.

KIDS & TEENS

Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays **11:00 am** - Playtime, stories, and music aimed for kids 3-5.

Picasso & Play - Thursdays 10:00am – Bring your budding artists for art and playtime designated to explore their imaginations. Aimed for preschoolers. DRESS FOR A MESS!!!

Kids Imagination Explorers – Tuesdays 3:30pm - Afterschool time for kids to learn in a fun environment. 1st Tuesday of month chess club, last Tuesday LEGO club.

Teen Time - Wednesday February 8th 3:30pm - Valentine's Gnomes. All materials provided to make a fun project. Great for gift or keep for yourself.

Homeschool Library - Monday February 27th 1:00pm - Homeschool families are invited to learn about pointillism. Learn more about the science of this type of art through hands-on fun with Ms. Amanda.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ABC Garden Group! – Thursday February 2, 3:30pm – 5:30pm **Gardening from the Ground Up: Soil Fertility and Testing** Marrion Banks will present – “Great gardens start at the bottom with the soil that feeds our plants and us! Join us as we explore the world of the soil and how we can improve it for healthier gardens”.

Black History – Thursday, February 9 4:00 – 5:00pm, Stephen Pitters and Robert Lloyd combine creative forces to share black history-based stories, poetry, and a visual art presentation based on Lloyd's show “Homage to the Past, Hope & Inspiration for the Future.”

Bayview Book Club, Wednesday February 15th 4pm-6:00pm

Come join the club and enjoy stimulating discussions and good reads with a fun and interactive group!

Chef Kyle Cooks Winter Soups! – Saturday February 18 1:00pm – 3:00pm Join us as Chef Kyle teaches us how to make delicious Mexican Tortilla Soup! Please RSVP your place by February 11th by calling the library.

DIY Herb Jars, Thursday February 23rd Stop by the Athol Library between 12pm and 6:00pm to make cute and easy Herb Jars!

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY **Family STEAM** - Saturday, February 25th 12:00 noon - Fun for the whole family! Hands on exploration with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activities.

Visit Our Website – www.communitylibrary.net





Bestowing the Basics is a local nonprofit organization that launched in January of 2022 to service Athol, Bayview, and other surrounding communities. Our mission is simple - to meet and fill the varying needs that arise for individuals and families living in small, rural, underserved north Idaho communities, providing the most basic and necessary essentials to help feed, clothe, clean, warm, and shelter them, nurturing their needs, cultivating relationships, serving in love, building community.

In our first year, we poured over \$45,000 directly back into our communities, making large weekly donations to our food bank. Through our Family Assistance Program, we provided aid to those who experienced unforeseen hardship, loss of employment, or loss of a loved one. In December, we adopted 12 different families, consisting of 40 children, that we provided gifts for at Christmas. We did so much more in our first year, in large parts to the generosity of our citizens, small businesses, and the City of Athol.



On Tuesday, February 7th, we'll be hosting what's called "Distribution Day", giving away personal hygiene and household items for men, women, and children; free while supplies last.

We'll be at the Athol Community Center, from 9am to 2pm. To learn more about us, find us on Facebook, Instagram, or visit our website at www.bestowingthebasics.org.

Have any questions? Email info@bestowingthebasics.org.



2nd Annual
Craft Fair 

March 18th, 2023 9am-4pm

Over 30 Vendors!
Food from Iron Pizza and Drinks from Coffee Coral
Proceeds from Bake Sale support AE PTU

Athol Elementary PTU
Athol Community Center • 30355 N. 3rd Street, Athol ID
atholelementaryptu@gmail.com
208-304-0568

Did you know you can report a blocked railroad crossing? How do I report a blocked crossing...go to:

<https://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings/>

This link is from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration's website. We thought it might be helpful to ask our local community to report a blocked railroad crossing, as we have two railroad crossings here in town.

We are all seeing the ever-increasing traffic congestion and delays. If you are too, feel free to report it on this site. Go to the fra.dot.gov website < under report a blocked railroad crossing.

You will be given a few short questions/areas to complete your report. Such as:

What was the reason the crossing was blocked: (Multiple choice)

- Stationary Train;
- Moving Train;
- no train but lights flashing/gates were activated

When did you observe the crossing was blocked? (blank block for you to write in date and time)

If you witnessed the train start and stop, how long was the duration?

Were you aware of any immediate impacts from the crossing blocked (multiple choice)

- First responders observed being unable or delayed from crossing the tracks
- Pedestrians observed climbing on, over, through the train cars
- Other – Box opens for you to write in your comment

Any additional comments/information about this event? (i.e. school arrival/dismissal disrupted; postal or other deliveries delayed; fewer customers visiting businesses, traffic congestion/gridlock, etc.)



GARDENING SEMINAR



Presented by Dawn Trammell, Successful Northwest Gardener & Herbalist

Part 1 - Gardening 101

Selecting seeds for a cold/short season
Basic seed starting
(video demonstration)
Seedling transplanting
(video demonstration)
Hardening off your plants
Soil/garden preparation
How to extend your season
General crop tips & tricks
How to save your own seed

WHERE:

Part 2 - Extend Your Season

How to have fresh food all year
Step-by-step instructions for building a high-tunnel
Successful winter growing with no heat or insulation
What to grow month by month
How to improvise
Also:
HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN BACKYARD HERBAL
KIT
General overview of common plants
Medicinal properties
Plants/herbs for a home remedies kit

Items and books will be available for purchase (CASH ONLY)

NO CHARGE --- CLASS IS FREE

Wild Edible Pocket Guide Books
will be available for purchase at the seminar.

Whether you are a master gardener, a casual gardener, or just beginning, there is something here for you. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and learning!

This class is free of charge. There will be books available for purchase.

Sunday, February 5, 2023

4:00PM to 7:30PM

Athol Community Center

Upstairs Gym

30355 N 3rd St.

Athol, ID 83801



Sunday-

Good Hope Baptist (Every Sun) 10am
Church of Christ (Every Sun) 1:30pm



Monday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30-10:30am, Gym
Grandmothers Club (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm

Tuesday –

Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm
(Contact Charlotte Hooper)
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10-11am
City Council Meeting (1st & 3rd Tues each month) 6pm
Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd 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) 9:30-10:30am, Gym
Remington Water District (3rd Wed each month) 6:30pm

Thursday –

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9-10am
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10-11am
Atholwood Radio Group (2nd Thurs each month) 6pm
Athol Chamber of Commerce (4th Thurs each quarter) 7pm

Friday –

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

Saturday –

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



Upcoming: City Council Meetings this February are on the 7th and 21st at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Wednesday the 15th.

WATER BILL ↓

