



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ May 1, 2023

## Welcome Spring

Athol, A New Direction

### Rapid Reflective Flashing Beacons are up!!

Our Public Works Director, Kevin Foster, got it done! He worked with ITD, and the RRFB's are up. The City secured a Child Pedestrian Safety Grant early last year, and after the long winter, they are up. There are two sets along Highway 54 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and at Davis Lane.



Also, part of that grant was for the first sidewalks in the city. The Sidewalks were nearly finished last fall when the snow decided to move in for the winter. We expect those to be finished soon. Athol will soon have safer path for children and pedestrians to walk along. The sidewalk is along Menser from the Athol Elementary school down to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.



### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

@ **6:00 PM** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.  
CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
208-683-2101

**Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm  
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

### Future Council Meeting Dates:

May 2, 2023  
May 16, 2023  
(Closed Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> - Holiday)  
June 6, 2023  
(Closed Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> - Holiday)  
June 20, 2023  
(Closed/No Meeting 4<sup>th</sup>-Holiday)  
July 18, 2023  
August 1, 2023  
(Athol Daze Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>)  
August 15, 2023  
September 5, 2023  
September 19, 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**

## Athol Elementary -----

- May 1<sup>st</sup> PTU Meeting 4:00pm – School Library  
May 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Teachers Appreciation Week  
May 11<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Round Up (9:00am–4:00pm)  
and Class Picture Day  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Remember to Vote! and Mc Teacher Night  
May 19<sup>th</sup> No School  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL



**ATHOL ELEMENTARY**  
Eagle Pride

Looking ahead, the last day of school is June 9<sup>th</sup>! Summer will be here before we know it.

**TIMBERLAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT  
*Reese Shaffer*

Reese has been a resident firefighter with Timberlake Fire for 2 years. He was inspired to join the team after growing up in Athol and driving past the station every day. His most meaningful accomplishment is becoming an employee of TFPD and gaining experience working with the team. Reese's favorite hobby is following the Minnesota Vikings. He hopes to make a career out of firefighting.

Interested in joining the TFPD team?  
Visit [TimberlakeFire.com](http://TimberlakeFire.com) for more information.



## Did you know .....

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

A Legislative Public Hearing is your opportunity to give testimony. 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.



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## From City Hall

Athol City Website: [www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)  
Call us at City Hall if you need any help. 208-683-2101



- **Mark Your Calendars... Athol Daze 2023 is coming soon!**  
**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.** If you are interested in helping us with the planning of this great event, please join us on **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.** **We are now accepting Vendor applications and Event Sponsorship!** – Call City Hall.
- **Information from Deputy Goodman** – Deputy Goodman, of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department would like to share that there has been a string of license plates stolen off local trailers and would just like you to keep an eye out. Call 911 if you see or hear anything.
- **Bennett Avenue Reconstruction Project** – Big Sky Corp. will be onsite to begin their road project for the city from the beginning of May through mid-June. We are reconstructing Bennett Avenue, paving the back parking lot at City Hall, and adding parking on the east and west sides of the park. They will return near the end of July to do the Chip Seal on Menser from Old Hwy 95 to 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- **Lend a Helping Hand** – Since we have no longer been doing the City-Wide Beatification, we ask that you be a good neighbor, see if your neighbor needs something you might be able to help with. One of the best things about a small community is that we all know each other and can be there for one another, for not just the big things but those small daily things too. We ask that you reach out if you have the means or are physically able to lend a helping hand on some small projects for your neighbors. Take their garbage to the dump, help them rake their yards, or do a little weeding or mowing and say hello.
- **Public Hearing** on May 16<sup>th</sup> – There is a request for a Condition Use Permit (CUP) by Good Hope Baptist Church, and a possible amendment of the Sewage Management Plan (SMP), ORD 443. Public testimony will be taken on both matters beginning at 6:00pm.
- **Budget for FY 2024** is just getting under way – Our 1<sup>st</sup> workshop will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. This is the Council's first review of the current fiscal year and beginning to look at the next fiscal year, identifying projects and goals for the upcoming year.
- **The City has made comments to Kootenai County with concerns regarding the Bunko Base Camp RV Park application.** It is proposed to be located just across the street from Super 1 and host up to 70 campers. There were a range of concerns from traffic impacts, possible year-round use, and water and septic related matters.

## **NOTICE**

**The Water Hauling Station will be CLOSED DAILY  
from 6am-4pm 5/11/2023 through 6/7/2023 for  
Road Construction on Bennett Ave.**





## Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in May!

**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 & TEENS**

**Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays **11:00 am, May 3<sup>rd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** – Books, songs, rhymes, and playtime.

**Imagination Explorers for Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>)**, – Tuesdays **3:30pm** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month will be LEGO fun.

**Minecraft Party** – Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm- 5pm. Bring the kids to celebrate all things Minecraft with games, crafts, and snacks.

**Teen Craft Time** – Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, **3:30pm** Teens (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Teens are invited to play with perler beads. Items can be used as Mother's Day gifts. Must pre-register due to limited space!

**Flowerpot Painting** – Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> **10:00am - Noon** Come paint a clay pot with a summer theme! We'll have soil and seeds you can plant it. Water regularly, then watch the magic of the growth of green.

### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Family Bingo!** - Wednesday May 24, **4:30 – 6pm** Fun and games for all of you. We'll have snacks and drinks, too!

**Grab 'n Go Kits** – Available to pick up Monday, May 8 – Friday, May 12

Birds are arriving and they're hungry. These kits will have the materials you need to create a bird feeder that your bird friends will enjoy. Then, you'll enjoy watching them eat from a peanut butter seed coated pinecone!

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class** – Fridays, **1:15 – 2:15pm (no class on May 5<sup>th</sup>)** Tiffany leads the class in exercises that focus on improving strength, mobility, and balance to reduce risks of falling.

**ABC Garden Group!** - Thursday May 4, **3:30 – 5:30pm**. This meeting will be outside, in a garden! Join us and tour Sue Bockelman's Post Falls Garden. The focus will be on Edible Landscaping and Fruit Growing, but as it goes with all gardeners, we'll be talking about much more. Call the Library for more details - 208-683-2979.

**Birding in North Idaho** – Thursday, May 11, **4–5:30pm** Come learn about our local birds from someone who knows! Carrie Hugo, wildlife biologist with Idaho Fish & Game, will share her expertise about birds in our area.

**Bayview Book Club** - Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, **4-6:00pm** Enjoy stimulating discussions and good reads with a fun and interactive group! Come by the library to get a copy of the book before the meeting - We usually have copies available by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the previous month. At this meeting the group will be discussing *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Richardson.



**Tissue Paper Painting** – Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from **1 – 6:00 pm** Have you heard of tissue paper painting? We will have the supplies needed to create unique paper art using a crayon, pieces of tissue paper and moisture. Easy, fun and gift worthy. Stop by anytime between 1:00 and 6pm.

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

**Did you know you can report a blocked railroad crossing?**

**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.





# HEADS UP!

**ATHOL FARMERS MARKET OPENS**

**MAY 12TH**

JOIN US *every* FRIDAY *from 2-6*

**MAY - SEPTEMBER**

YOU CAN FIND US AT **ATHOL CITY PARK**  
ON THE CORNER OF 3RD AND MCTAVISH

**Free CONCERTS**

- MAY 12
- JUNE 16
- JULY 7
- AUG 11
- SEPT 29

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**COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE - ARTISAN PRODUCTS - FRESH PRODUCE - PLANT STARTS - CUT FLOWERS - BAKED GOODS - COFFEE & TREATS - FOOD TRUCKS - FAMILY FUN AND MORE!**

Happy Mother's day to all Moms, Grannies, great Grannies, step Moms, Foster Moms, and those who lost their Mom. **Moms are Priceless!**

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**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 6pm

Bestowing the Basics (1<sup>st</sup> Tues every other mo.) 9am-2pm

Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday –**

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30-10:30am, Gym  
Remington Water District (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month) 6:30pm

**Thursday –**

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9-10am

Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10-11am

Atholwood Radio Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month) 6pm

**Friday –**

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

**Saturday –**

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

**\*\*NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month\*\***

**Upcoming:** City Council Meetings this May are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>.



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**WATER BILL ↓**

