



~ **ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER** ~
April 1, 2023



Athol, A New Direction

2023 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th 1:00pm sharp!

Athol City Park

Sponsored by the American Legion

Auxiliary and local Community Businesses.



Cross-Connection Control Program: Backflow Prevention - It's that time of year again. All back-flow assemblies must be tested, and results sent to the city by June 15th. This includes all businesses and those with inground sprinklers. The City is committed to providing quality and cost-efficient service in the production, treatment, testing and delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to all its citizens.



Protecting our drinking water supply is everyone's responsibility!

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:

April 4, 2023
April 18, 2023
May 2, 2023
May 16, 2023
June 6, 2023
June 20, 2023
(Closed/No Meeting 4th-Holiday)
July 18, 2023
August 1, 2023
(Athol Daze Aug. 12th)
August 15, 2023
September 5, 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

Athol Elementary -----

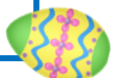


ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride

April 3rd School Resumes

April 3rd PTU Meeting 4:00pm – School Library

April 7th Yearbook Order Deadline



Elections are coming this November.

If you are interested in running for Public Office, filing opens August 28th and closes Friday, September 8, 2023 at 5:00pm.



**The Mayor's position and 2 of the 4 council positions are up for election.
The Mayor and council positions are all 4 year terms.**

Are YOU interested in Public Service? Please come to some council meetings or talk with the current Mayor or Council. Come meet the staff for the city, get familiar with why things are the way they are, and ask questions. Then make your decision as to if you want to serve your City and help lead it into the future and the next four years.

Did you know



.... The City Council meets twice a month, every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm. The council welcomes the public to come attend the meetings and see what it takes to run this great little city. Public comment is always offered at the end of each meeting, giving citizens the ability to ask questions or share their concerns or appreciation of current city matters.

Feel free to contact City Hall at 208-683-2101 or the Mayor at 208-683-1133 if you have questions.



From City Hall

Athol City Website: 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 12th 2023. If you are interested in helping us with the planning of this great event, please join us on **Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00pm.**
- **Septic Tank Pumping** – Reminder letters have gone out. If you are one of the 77% that is in compliance with the pumping of your septic tank (at least once every five years), we appreciate your cooperation. If you are someone who “has not” yet pumped your septic tank, please try to get it done sometime this summer. Be sure to provide a copy to the city. Most of the companies who do this type of work are now charging around \$520 for a 1,000-gallon tank pumping. Thank you for pumping your septic tanks and for doing your part in helping us protect the aquifer, our community’s drinking water source.
- **Menser Avenue Sidewalk Project** – We are hoping to get that project finished as soon as the snow is gone. We are excited to have this safer option for our kids who walk to/from school.
- **Bennett Avenue Reconstruction Project** – It’s been a while since we have done a large street project... we have awarded the project to Big Sky Corp. More information to come next month once we have a timeline for the project.
- **Water Reading and Meter Boxes** – Be sure to clear around your meter boxes, making them accessible for reading meters. Kevin will be out soon to begin reading. Thank you.



Fun Stuff at the Athol Library in April!

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** - Playtime, stories, and music aimed for kids 3-5.

Kids Imagination Explorers – Tuesdays **3:30pm** - Afterschool time for kids to learn in a fun environment.

Peeps Diorama Maker Time - April 3rd - 7th 1pm- 5pm. Winner announced Friday, April 7th.

Kids Space Camp - Monday April 10th 2:30pm- 4:30pm - Join us at the Athol Community Center for a Space Camp! This is a drop-in event, with many space stations to explore including rocket engineering, a virtual reality visit to the International Space Station, astronaut training, galaxy art, space science demonstrations, crafts and more! This is an all ages event with activities for the whole family, though most activities will appeal best to ages 5-10.

Teen Paint & Sip – Wednesday, April 12th, **3:30-5:30 pm** Teens (6th-12th grade) can paint a “Galaxy Waterfall” following a video by stepbysteppainting.net. Must pre-register due to limited space!

Earth Day at Farragut State Park – Friday April 21st **4:00 pm** Come to Tower Event at Farragut State Park for Earth Day fun with your local librarians and state rangers. We will do Earth Day crafts and a short hike (weather permitting). This is an all-ages event with activities for the whole family, though most activities will appeal best to ages 5-10.

Reading Buddies – Thursday, April 27th **10:00 am** Does your child need a reading buddy? Have a child who loves to read? Come to the Athol Library for special reading time. Beginner and struggling readers can read with more advanced readers. Our library “pets” and staff will also be available to listen/read with your child.



ADULT PROGRAMS

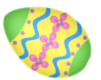
ABC Garden Group! – Thursday April 6, **3:30pm – 5:30pm** (NOTE: at the Athol Community Center) This month we’re talking about companion planting!

Landscaping for Fire Protection - Saturday April 8, **2:00-3:00pm** Certified arborist, **Sean Mitzel**, teaches how to protect our homes and loved ones from the threat of wildfire.

DIY Cork Bottles Key Chain – Thursday, April 13 **1:00 – 6:00pm**, Come make a custom cork bottle keychain! All supplies are provided. It will be held in the Athol Library Meeting room.

Bayview Book Club - Wednesday April 19th **4:00-6:00pm** This month the club will be discussing Fast Girls by Elise Hooper. Enjoy stimulating discussions and good reads with a fun and interactive group!

Plants that Attract Pollinators - Thursday April 20th at **5:00pm** What should you plant in your yard to attract pollinators? And how should you care for your landscape to both attract pollinators and keep them in your yard safely. This includes all kinds of bees, plus wasps, moths, butterflies, and hummingbirds.



Visit Our Website – 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 Railroad Administration’s website.



<p>Sunday- Good Hope Baptist (Every Sun) 10am Church of Christ (Every Sun) 1:30pm</p> <p>Monday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30-10:30am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm</p> <p>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 Bestowing the Basics (1st Tues every other mo.) 9am-2pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30-10:30am, Gym Remington Water District (3rd Wed each month) 6:30pm</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A’s (every Thurs) 9-10am Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10-11am Atholwood Radio Group (2nd Thurs each month) 6pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30-10:30am, Gym</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5-6pm</p> <p>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</p>
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Upcoming: City Council Meetings this April are on the 4th and 18th at 6:00pm.
 Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday the 14th.



WATER BILL ↓

