



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ January 1, 2024

Athol, A New Direction



City Hall/Clerk's Office will be closed through Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-4:30pm

## *Thank you for Giving!*

ABC Food Bank's Sharing Tree has served 200 plus Children this year. Approximately 189 Thanksgiving Food Boxes and 230 Christmas Food Boxes were given out for this Holiday Season at the Food Bank. The number of families and children served continues to go up each year.



Charlotte would like to extend her deepest gratitude and love and admiration for this community. Without the donations from local businesses, support from community organizations, and the time from countless individuals this program just couldn't have happened. Again, so much appreciation to all those who contributed throughout the year and for the holidays.

**"This little City sure has a BIG Heart!"**



Thank you: Athol Elementary; Timberlake Fire District, Bestowing the Basics, Bayview Marinas; Idaho Forest Group; Super 1 Foods; Real Life Church, Athol Baptist Church; Bayview Bible Church; Farragut Navel Base; Athol/Spirit Lake Grandmothers Club; many of the local churches and other miscellaneous groups and individuals.

### **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:**

- January 16, 2024
- February 6, 2024
- February 20, 2024
- March 5, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 7, 2024
- May 21, 2024

City website:

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

Mayor:

**Steven Ruch**

City Clerk/Treasurer:

**Lori Yarbrough**

Deputy City Clerk:

**Lisa Lawson**

Public Works/Water Operator:

**Kevin Foster**



**ATHOL ELEMENTARY**  
**Eagle Pride**

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>** Workday - No school for students



## TIMBERLAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

▶▶ *Brittany Baeumel* ◀◀

Executive Assistant, Brittany Baeumel, has been with Timberlake Fire for 10 years.

She was inspired to join the team after working for ID Department of Lands and falling in love with the fire aspect of the job. When the full-time fire district position became available, she jumped at the opportunity.

Brittany's most meaningful accomplishment is helping to bring together the administrative assistants from fire districts throughout North Idaho to form a collective support group which has enhanced the successful running of each fire district.

Her professional goals are to continue to support the Board of Commissioners, TLF D Chiefs, as well as the amazing career and volunteer members of the district as they carry on with their selfless work for the constituents and visitors of the fire district.

Brittany does not have any secret talents but would love to learn how to beatbox.

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

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**Our newly elected officials will be sworn into office at the first regular meeting in January. If you would like to attend it will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Citizens are always encouraged to attend.**

**"Hello Athol citizens and our neighbors in the surrounding areas. It is an honor to be elected Mayor. Thank you! It is my privilege to serve with the council members in protecting your interests in any way I can. Athol is a treasure. I am urging you all to be involved and attend council meetings, at least once in a while. Your voices are important to us."**



**Sincerely Your new Mayor, Steven Ruch**





## The Athol Library in January!

208-683-2979

Visit Our Website to see what great programs and activities we will have:

[www.communitylibrary.net](http://www.communitylibrary.net)

**Programs such as Preschool Storytime, Afterschool Adventures, Home School Activities, Book Babies, Bayview Book Club and so much more!**

**Needle Felting** Friday, January 19th, 2024 from 12:30-3:30 Join us for Needle Felting with Diane Balbi Learn to needle felt with wool, a needle, and a good sense of humor at the Athol Library Meeting Room. You'll be creating a fabric teddy bear using wool such as wool roving, and special, barbed felting needles.

**Bayview Book Club**, Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 Discussion on the book *Home Mountains: Reflections From a Western Middle Age*, by Susan H. Swetnam. Recommended by the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

**ABC Garden Group**, (at the Athol Community Center) Thursday, January 11th, 3:30 - 5:30

**We will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday 1pm- 6pm; Thursdays 10am-6pm;

Fridays: 1pm-5pm; Saturday 12 Noon – 4pm; Closed on Sunday.



**FREE!**

**COMMUNITY MEAL**

*Chili  
Mac and Cheese  
Cornbread  
Salad and Dessert*

Hosted by  
*Bestowing the Basics*

FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 19TH  
4:30PM - 6:30PM  
ATHOL COMMUNITY CENTER

**BESTOWING  
the  
BASICS**

Joins us as we gather to enjoy a heart-filled meal, creating, connecting and cultivating relationships.

 ALL ARE WELCOME! THIS EVENT IS  
\*\*NOT\*\* ASSOCIATED WITH NEED!!





<p><b>Sunday-</b>          Good Hope Baptist – (Every Sun) 10am          Church of Christ – (Every Sun) 2pm</p>		<p><b>Wednesday –</b>          Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym          Remington Water District (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month) 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Monday –</b>          Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym          Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm</p>		<p><b>Thursday –</b>          Lady A’s (every Thurs) 9am-10am          Sit-ercise (Tues &amp; Thurs) 10am          Athol Radio Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month) 7pm</p>
<p><b>Tuesday –</b>          Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm  <b>(Contact Charlotte Hooper)</b>          Sit-ercise (Tues &amp; Thurs) 10am          City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 6pm          Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>		<p><b>Friday –</b>          Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym</p> <p><b>Saturday –</b>          Big Book Recovery AA’s (every Sat) 5pm-6pm</p>
<p><b>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</b></p>		



**Upcoming:** There will only be one City Council Meeting in January 2024. It will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup>; as Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.  
 Happy New Year’s!

WATER BILL ↓

