



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ March 1, 2024



Athol, A New Direction



Free Community Meal

Hosted by:

Friday, March 15th,
4:30PM to 6:30PM



UPCOMING

EVENTS 2024

MAR 15	COMMUNITY MEAL 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
MAR 16	ATHOL PTU CRAFT FAIR 9 AM - 4 PM
APR 2	SUPPLYING THE BASICS 9 AM - 2 PM
APR TBD	COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS TBD

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL CORILYNNE@BESTOWINGTHEBASICS.ORG

**FREE!**
COMMUNITY MEAL
*Chili
Mac and Cheese
Cornbread
Salad and Desserts*

Hosted by
Bestowing the Basics

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH
4:30PM - 6:30PM
ATHOL COMMUNITY CENTER



Join 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!!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ **6:00 PM** 1st & 3rd Tues.

CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3rd

Mailing Address: PO Box 249

208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

March 5, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 2, 2024

April 16, 2024

May 7, 2024

May 21, 2024

June 4, 2024

June 18, 2024

July 2, 2024

July 16, 2024

City website:

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

March 5th Class Picture Day

March 7th Student Led Conferences

March 12th 4th Grade - Lewis & Clark Play

March 16th PTU Craft Fair (9am-4pm) Athol Elem.

March 22nd - No School Teachers Workday

Happy Spring Break Monday 25th through Friday 29th (Back to School April 1st)



From City Hall

Athol City Website: www.cityofathol.us

Give us a call at City Hall if you need any help. 208-683-2101

From your Mayor, Steven Ruch: "Hello Athol! We have been creating priorities by combining a generous list of needs, tasks and projects that have been presented to the council to better plan our city's future moving forward.



With that list, I would like to highlight **the status of the old city hall building** located on the West side of our city park. The building is not usable in its current state and the contract cost to repair it would be very expensive.

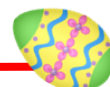
We are making attempts to find grants, volunteers, contractors, and any help in saving if we can. We are left with:

Restore/modify it at a modest cost to the city, or it will have to be demolished.

Any constructive input is appreciated.



- **Upcoming Fun Community Events:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Saturday March 30th at 1pm SHARP, in the City Park. We are always looking forward to the opening of the Athol Farmer's Market in May, running every Friday until fall. The Culpepper Merriweather Circus is coming to town in June, a very big fund raiser for our local ABC Food Bank! And our biggest event of the year.... Athol Daze Saturday, August 10th – Parade starts at 9am!!
- **Water Service-** A reminder to take an extra look at your water services in your home, to ensure you don't have any broken or frozen water lines or even small leaks. This past couple of months' weather has been all over the place.
Also, please be sure the area around your water meter is clear from debris and nothing is blocking, and no vehicles parked over, leave 2 to 3 feet clear around it. We need to be able to access those boxes to read your water usage.
- **We are now gathering Athol Daze 2024 Sponsorships,** call or stop by City Hall and talk to the ladies. Three levels of sponsorship available. We are also hoping to begin pre-sales of this year's Athol Daze T-shirts and Sweatshirts. Also new this year, you can pre-order tank tops!! Get your order in early!



The Athol Library is still closed for repairs.

208-683-2979 Visit Our Website: www.communitylibrary.net

The Athol Library is taking any comments regarding the impact of the closure; please email staff at:
athol@communitylibrary.net

Get your 2023 Tax Documents at City Hall. Stop by and pick up your 1040 forms, booklets, and state tax document materials. Unfortunately, tax help is not available on site.

Homestead Independence Seminar

Learn how to become more independent for your basic necessities of life, like water, food, heat, and the electricity that most of us depend on.

- ✓ Ready Or Not - Why Being Independent is Important
- ✓ How to Set Up An Independent Water System
- ✓ Off Grid Solar Power Made Simple
- ✓ Food Storage Planning That Works

March 3, 2024

3pm - 6 pm

Athol Community Ctr
30355 N 3rd St.
Athol, ID 83801

Presented by
Nick & Lisa Meissner

www.TheReadyLife.com



FUN FACTS on St. Patrick's Day

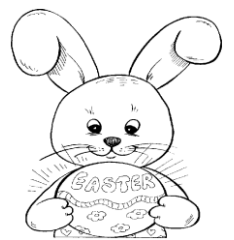
- ❖ *The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).*
- ❖ *Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.*
- ❖ *Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.*
- ❖ *There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.*



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th at 1:00pm sharp! Athol City Park

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary



**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 149**



**IN ATHOL
HWY 54 BETWEEN THE RAILROAD TRACKS**

AUXILIARY MEETING

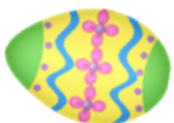
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
"WARM WELCOME TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS"**

AUXILIARY DINNER: SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

RENEE KINLOCH, PRESIDENT 208-446-8579

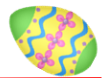
JAN POWELL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN 208-667-2737

LEGION PHONE: 208-683-2614



The Athol Farmers Market season is right around the corner. Get ready to fill your baskets with fresh, local produce.

Coming every Friday afternoon beginning May 3rd!!



TIMBERLAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Volunteer Firefighter and EMT, Dale Bates, has been with Timberlake Fire Protection District since November 2015.

Dale was inspired to join the team during the Cape Horn fire, when his wife noticed him pacing the hallway. She asked him, "You can't stand not being on the front lines, can you?" Shortly thereafter, Dale found himself speaking with former Chief Wright about an interview to become an official volunteer with Timberlake Fire.

His most meaningful accomplishment has been renewing his lapsed EMT license from 1984 and being able to once again, provide patient care. Dale's goals are to continue to support the fire district and the community as a volunteer.

In his spare time, Dale enjoys fishing, snorkeling and traveling. He is currently training to obtain his scuba diving certificate.

Interested in joining the TFPD team?
Visit TimberlakeFire.com for more information.



Cross-Connection Control Program: Backflow Prevention - It's that time of year again that 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. 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.



Protecting our drinking water supply is everyone's responsibility!

Did you know.... the city can withhold issuance of Building Location or Site Disturbance Permits for **any violation in the city** until said issues are addressed. Please make sure your property is in compliance before coming to get a permit.

COMMON VIOLATIONS ARE: Excessive/Miscellaneous junk, trash, etc.; Personal Items/Property in City Right of Way; People living in campers, motors homes, or other temporary structure; or more than 2 Inoperable/Unlicensed Vehicles



Which Application Do I Need? - As the weather gets nicer, don't forget to get your City Permit before you begin working on those home projects. (i.e., buildings or structures that exceed 200 sq feet do require a permit. Fences 6 feet or under do not require a permit.)



Building Location/Land Use Permit Application
Site Disturbance Permit Application
Right of Way Encroachment Permit Application

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



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

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

****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

Friday –

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

Saturday –

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

Meeting
Reminder!

Upcoming: City Council Meeting in March will be on the 5th and the 19th at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 15th.



WATER BILL ↓

