



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ & WATER UTILITY BILL January 1, 2016



SURVING THE HIGH WINDS

All of us were affected in some way or another from last month's severe wind storms and power outages. Please take a minute to beware of any new dangers; inspect or evaluate the trees or washed-out roads around your home, for safety. Cut down dead trees and clear fallen trees or branches from around your house.

Please know that if a tree or something from your property falls into your neighbor's property or the city's right of way it is your responsibility to get it cleaned up. Always use caution and be safe.

As the winter season begins it is a good reminder to be as prepared as you can by having fresh batteries in your flashlights, a few days' supply of food and water, as well as stock up on medicines and heating fuel. And again, be sure to clean up your yards and home from debris before another storm hits and secure loose

outdoor objects such as patio furniture.

If you see damage to utility lines or city water lines, stay away and please contact the proper authorities. If you're unsure whose responsibility it is or who to call, you can always contact City Hall. 208-683-2101.

Athol Library Activities:



Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Geared for Ages 2 – 5

Stories, songs, crafts, snacks,
and playtime!

Afterschool Fun

Tuesdays, Homeschool 2-3 p.m.
and Afterschool 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For Kindergarteners – Grade 6

Join us for crafts, science,
building, cooking, and more!

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
@ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL – 30355 3rd
208-683-2101**

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

Newly elected officials will take office at the January 19, 2016 meeting, come watch them take their oath of office.

Future Council Meeting Dates:

January 19, 2016
February 16, 2016
March 15, 2016
April 19, 2016

City website:
www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

Bob Wachter

City Council:

Mary Zichko

Bill Hill

Shane McDaniel

Josh Spencer

City Attorney:

Vacant

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Public Works/Water Operator:

Stephen Williams



ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

<p>Sunday - Mountain View Baptist (every Sun) 10am – 1pm, Downstairs Main Room</p> <p>Monday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed, & Fri) 10am-11am Gym Grandmothers (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries (every Monday) 6:00pm-8pm, Gym, Conference & Main Downstairs</p> <p>Tuesday – Food Bank (every Tuesday) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tuesday each month) 7pm Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every Tuesday 8am-12pm) Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed, & Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm Hip Hop Classes (every Wednesday) 4-7pm, Gym Healthy Cooking (every 2nd & 4th Wednesday) 6:30pm-8pm</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A's (every Thursday) 9am-10am, D. Dryer Dance & Drama Classes 2:30pm-6:00pm, Gym</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (every Mon, Wed & Fri) 10am-11am, Gym</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thursday) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: Athol City Hall will be closed for the following holidays this month: Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. 's Day

Happy New Year!



WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - January 1, 2016



Timberlake Fire Protection District is holding **Strategic Planning meetings** to identify future needs of the District. Committees have been formed to identify current and future needs in five specific areas. Each committee is made up of a commissioner, paid staff, volunteer, and private citizen. If you are interested in participating please contact the fire protection district for more information and future meeting dates. Your input is important to us.

Bill Wright Captain, Timberlake Fire Protection District



ABC FOOD BANK

Thank you to all the local businesses, organization and individuals who purchased items for a child or multiple children with the Christmas Share Tree.

Your generous donations are appreciated and has helped many families in this area have a Merry Christmas. This community is a small community with a big heart. Thank you for continuous help this year.

FOOD BANK hours: every Tuesday from 9am-12 noon and 1pm- 3pm; please call them at 208-683-3244 for questions.

Hip Hop Classes!

Hello! My name is Katie. I am offering Beginners Hip Hop, Lyrical Jazz and Intermediate Hip Hop at the Athol Community Center every Wednesday night. Starting at age 8 and up for now. Class times



are as follows: Beginners at 4pm, Lyrical at 5pm, Intermediate at 6pm. Please give me a call or send a text for more info if interested. The more the merrier! 208-216-9451

Did you know... CITY ORDINANCE #270, Passed in 2008, it discusses the need to keep our roads and right of way clear for snow plowing. If there is 4 inches or more in a 24 hour period, the city will plow the city roads. It is the property owner's responsibility to remove any vehicle or other object in the street or right of way that may impede plowing operations. DO NOT park or leave a parked vehicle or other objects in the street or the right of way. If they are left in the street or right of way they are subject to a citation and/or removal, at the owner's expense and may be plowed in.



Athol Elementary: In January Athol Elementary students will be focused on learning how to be "Trustworthy" as part of our character education program.

- ✓ We will have no school on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- ✓ January 29th will be the end of 2nd quarter and students will not have school so teachers can complete report cards.



Dance and Drama Classes at the Community Center



Now in its ninth year in Athol, classes are under the direction of instructor Darla Dreyer. Children as young as three may participate! Tuition for classes is just \$30.00 a month and two performances are held during the school year. One in December and one in May. New classes begin in January 2016, the schedule is as follows:

- 2:45 - 3:30 Tap & Ballet (3 - 5 yrs.)
- 3:30 - 4:15 Tap & Ballet (6 - 8 yrs.)
- 4:15 - 5:00 Drama (all ages over 5)
- 5:15 - 6:00 Tap & Ballet (9 & up)

For more information or to register contact Darla Dreyer 208-623-2081 or darla@imaxmail.net

A very **SPECIAL THANK YOU**, to all the volunteers who have helped throughout this past year, making our local events and activities a success. That success is a direct result of your unselfish efforts.

- To the many individuals who donate items and help organize the Clothing room.
- To the individuals who have helped to maintain the appearances of the building, both inside and out.
- To the Athol/Spirit Lake Grandmothers Club for their wonderful donation of the furniture and carpet.
- To those who donate or volunteer in our local Food Bank, your support helps hundreds of local families.

The warmth and generosity of the citizens and surrounding community members of Athol, makes Athol a great City to be a part of. It's wonderful to see so many concerned citizens and community members' stepping up to do a little extra so that it looks and feels loved.

Let's also not forget those individuals and organizations who partnered with the City with annual events such as Athol Beautification Week, the Athol Daze and Parade, and the Fall Clean-Up. Not to mention the phenomenal outpouring of aid and generosity for our neighbors in Bayview who dealt with the effects of the wildfire and of course those courageous firefighters who worked non-stop to put the fire out.

We look forward to working with all of you this New Year.