



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ & WATER UTILITY BILL February 1, 2017

Athol, A New Direction

Athol City Hall
will be closed

Monday,
February 20th for President's Day



FREE TAX HELP

Will be available again this year every Monday beginning Feb 6, 2017 through April 10, 2017 at the Athol Community Center. **You must call first and schedule an appointment. NO WALKS-IN's.** Tax-Aide services low to moderate income taxpayers of any age. You don't have to be a member of AARP to use this service.

Please contact Janet at 208-683-2407.

What to bring: your Social Security Card (and those of children), your picture ID, your last year's (2015) income tax return, and all your 2016 income documents (W2's, 1099s, etc.)



"Dads and Donuts" @ Athol Elementary



Thursday, February 16th, 7:30-8:30am

In the gym for K-3 grades. This is always a great opportunity for us to share reading information with families, give out a new book for dads and their child to read and take home and invite dads into our school!!

Also, the elementary will be hosting the Coeur d' Alene Summer Theatre presenting "Living Through the Fire" on Feb 23rd at 10:30am. This play will share information with students about The Great Fire of 1910 and how it impacted our area.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

@ 7:00 PM

**CITY HALL - 30355 3rd
208-683-2101**

WINTER Hours

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

February 21, 2017

March 21, 2017

April 18, 2017

May 16, 2017

June 20, 2017

July 18, 2017

August 15, 2017

City website:

www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:

Bob Wachter

City Council:

Mary Zichko

Bill Hill

Shane McDaniel

Josh Spencer

City Attorney:

John Cafferty

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

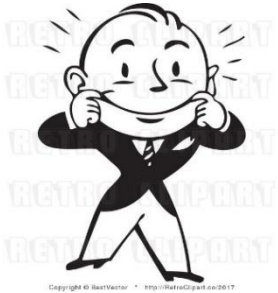
Public Works/Water Operator:

Stephen Williams

Did you know . . . that the city is updating the current water regulations ordinance, to better guide and identify procedures for things such as water meter installations and water billing and payment record keeping. A public hearing is being contemplated for February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm, for any of your thoughts or input on the proposed water ordinance changes as well as the annual fee resolution update.



Update from Mayor Wachter:



- **Community Review** - Thank you to those who attended our Town Hall presentation on January 17, 2017. The Idaho Rural Partnership came back to review and share their findings and recommendations from the review. The full written report is available on the city website at: www.cityofathol.us. Our priority for 2017 is to identify and address both the current and future needs of the city while creating a new plan or direction in which to move the city forward to a viable future for generations to come; your council and I look forward to analyzing their recommendations as we identify our next steps. **Please join us for the next Community Minded Potluck- Tuesday February 21st at 5:00pm for Chili and baked potatoe bar!**



- **Community Center Rental Usage** - The building activity has been high, this year. We really enjoy seeing so many people, activities and groups using the community center. There are several different regular users of the building like: Real Life Ministries who host a Middle School Youth Group every Monday night, Darla Dreyer's dance class that has the gym full of active little ones doing ballet, tap dance, drama and more every Thursday afternoon/evening. Three times a week, the PHD offers a Fit-n-Fall class for seniors, and 4-H clubs, surrounding Home Owners Associations, and starting this month every Monday, the AARP offers FREE Tax help! In addition, we already have booked a couple of birthdays, weddings and even a weekend of square dancing fun this year!



- **Transportation Plan** - The city has applied for grant to have a City Transportation Plan done, not a document that currently exists for the city. This plan, often a 20-year vision, helps to define future policies, goals, investments that help to balance the need to move people efficiently and safely with other desirable outcomes. It can also include historic preservation, environmental sustainability, and the creation of vital public spaces in some capacity. A more comprehensive approach to analyzing the wide range of alternatives and impacts on our transportation system to influence beneficial outcomes is necessary. This will generally mean a full evaluation, assessment, and even design of the city streets, highways, bike paths/lanes and rail. We should find out if we were selected in March.



Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm @ the Athol Community Center

A Steering Committee is being put together to organize an Athol Chamber of Commerce.



The benefit of having a local Chamber of Commerce is that it becomes the collective voice of local business men and women in community growth and activities. It serves as the public directory of services available in Athol. The Steering Committee are people who share this vision and want to roll up their sleeves to make it happen. If you want to be a part of this workforce or are interested in participating in Athol Chamber of

Commerce, please contact John or Janet Ellis at 208-660-2714.

It's that time to begin thinking about

Athol Daze 2017!

We would like to have our 1st Athol Daze planning meeting Wednesday, February 15th at 3:00pm. Please join us in the many preparations for this year's annual city event.



Athol Daze will be Saturday, August 12th, 2017.



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Athol Beautification and City-Wide Yard Sale was conducted in April last year. Forty-five to fifty volunteers worked doing miscellaneous tasks/clean-up that was requested by approximately 20-24 homes located inside the city limits. Yards were cleaned up, brush from fallen trees was burned and truckloads of items taken into the waste station on Ramsey.

It's time to start planning for this year: If you are interested in helping your neighbor, join us Tuesday, February 28th at 3:00pm at the Athol Community Center to help begin planning. Any questions contact City Hall.

For questions and sign up for "Energy Assistance", please call 208-664-8757. There will no longer be any local outreach, you must call.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH:

<p>Sunday -</p> <p>Monday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3rd Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6-8pm AARP Tax help 9am- 3pm Contact Janet at 683-2407.</p> <p>Tuesday – Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm, Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244 City Council Meeting (3rd Tues each month) 7pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3rd Wed) 6:30pm</p> <p>Thursday – Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am D. Dryer Dance & Drama (every Thurs) 2:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p>Friday – Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Heritage Health Mobile Clinic (every other) 8am-1:30pm</p> <p>Saturday – Big Book Recovery AA's (every Thurs) 5pm-6pm</p>
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Upcoming: Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 7:00pm the next City Council Meeting and Public Hearing.

WATER BILL ↓

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