



~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~  
February 1, 2018



Athol, A New Direction

City Hall is closed  
this month:  
Monday,  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
for Presidents Day



**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
@ 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.  
CITY HALL - 30355 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:**

- February 6, 2018
- February 20, 2018
- March 6, 2018
- March 20, 2018
- April 3, 2018
- April 17, 2018
- May 1, 2018
- May 15, 2018
- June 5, 2018
- June 19, 2018

City website:  
**[www.cityofathol.us](http://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:

**Mark Mitchell**

**“Senior Meeting and Lunch”**



**Fun for Seniors**

**Please bring a food item to share.**

**Monday,  
February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Anyone who is 50 or  
older is welcome.**

**AARP TAX HELP**

Will be available again this year,  
every Monday beginning Feb 6, 2018 through April  
10, 2018; at the Athol Community Center.

**You must call first and schedule an  
appointment. NO WALKS-IN's. Please  
contact Janet at 208-683-2407.**

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.





Gearing up for a new season, looking for new vendors and a treasurer.

Our upcoming Strategic Planning meeting for the District is March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Bayview community center at 6:00PM.

The title of the meeting is “The future of your Fire District”

Questions to be discussed: what level of Fire/ EMS services do you want/need, how can we improve services for you, are you aware of the difficulty to get new volunteers and how can we fund the District in the future.

Please come and join the discussion to help shape your Fire District



**Did you know . . .** that there will be a “**Public Hearing**” at the February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm City Council meeting, for any of your thoughts or input on the proposed ordinance changes.



The City Council is considering numerous amendments to the Athol City Code. Many of the changes are “housekeeping” matters, minor changes to make the various sections of the code consistent with each other. Some changes make minor adjustments to procedures or requirements to make the code easier to understand or administer. There are also some significant changes that will have an impact on many city residents. The most significant of these changes are summarized here.

- **A new section is proposed to require that door to door solicitors register with the City.**
- **The limitations for keeping of livestock and animals in the City are being amended and consolidated.**
- **New provisions for parking along public roads are being added**
- **Provisions for issuing building and site disturbance permits, including the expiration of such permits, are proposed**
- **Numerous definitions are being revised or deleted**
- **Code enforcement procedures are being revised**
- **New provisions are being added to address the use of recreational vehicles in the residential zone**
- **Changes are proposed to the accessory uses that are allowed in the residential zone**
- **Minor changes are proposed to the allowed and special uses in the commercial zone**
- **New, objective standards are proposed for lot size, street frontage and lot coverage in the commercial and light industrial zones**
- **Major changes are proposed for setting of manufactured homes on individual lots. Provisions for manufactured homes and manufactured home parks are proposed to be brought into compliance with State law**
- **Provisions for nonconforming uses, parcels and buildings are proposed for significant revision**

All residents are encouraged to read the draft code and provide input to the city. Copies of the draft are available at City Hall and can be downloaded from the City’s website.



## Annual Athol Daze and Beautification Planning Meeting

If you are interested in helping us with the planning of this great event, please join us for the organizing and planning this great event! **Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm**



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**Reminder: We encourage you to pay your water bills as soon as you receive them. If your payment is made anytime after the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be assessed a late fee of \$10.00. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday it needs to be paid prior to avoid the fee. This will generally give you 3 weeks' time to make the payment after receiving your bill.**

## Athol Chamber of Commerce

[www.atholchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.atholchamberofcommerce.org)



A new year brings new opportunities, new adventures, projects and friends. The Chamber is looking for businesses and individuals who aspire to be involved. Athol Chamber of Commerce is passionate about promoting our community; join the Chamber and be a part of this motivated team. Visit us on our website and like us on Facebook. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Athol City Hall, 7 PM.

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

## Update from Mayor Wachter

- Our 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting to prepare for some annual city events, we are always looking for volunteers to help out. **The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 1:00pm at the community center.**
- **The Clothing Donation Room** -Please do not drop off miscellaneous household goods. If you are looking for a place for those items, you may check with the local food bank in advance (208-683-3244), otherwise please contact your local goodwill or charity. This room is completely dependent upon volunteers to keep straight. Thank you for your time and efforts.
  - **Please don't take the city newspaper** that is delivered daily and the weekends please. The city pays for the subscription and keeps various sections such as the legals for various record keeping purposes.
- We are hosting the **Super 1 Foods Job Fair**. It is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in the Gym starting at 10:00am till about 3:30pm.** They are hiring for a number of departments and positions. Bring your resume and application. (Applications can be picked up from the Rathdrum or Hayden Super 1, or as of Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> we will have them available at City Hall.) They have not a set opening date at this time but could be any time after mid-March 2018!
- **Winter snow plowing always has its challenges.** Sometimes when the snow is really wet and heavy, it makes it more difficult to plow and hard to move. Please know we will continue to do our best, but we are in North Idaho and it comes with the territory.



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<p><b>Sunday - (NEW)</b> Compulsive Eaters Anonymous – Openness, honesty, and willingness (Every Sun) 4pm</p> <p><b>Monday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month) 10am-1pm Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6pm Senior Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month) 12 noon-3pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday –</b> Food Bank (every Tues) 9am-12 noon &amp; 1pm-3pm (Contact Charlotte Hooper at 683-3244) City Council Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 7pm Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym Remington Water District (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed) 6:30pm <del>Darla Dryer Dance Classes (every Wed) 3pm-6:30pm</del></p> <p><b>Thursday –</b> Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am Athol Chamber of Commerce (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) 7pm</p> <p><b>Friday –</b> Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 10am-11am, Gym</p> <p><b>Saturday –</b> Big Book Recovery AA's (every Sat) 5pm-6pm Farragut Flyers (ever 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat) 10am-noon</p>
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**Upcoming:** The next City Council Meetings for February 2018 are: Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and again on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> both at 7:00pm. **City Hall will be closed for the following days this month: for Presidents Day on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>.**



## WATER BILL ↓

From the Athol City Hall - February 1, 2018



**ATTN: Water payments due this month by Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee.**