



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ January 1, 2022



Athol, A New Direction 

## The ABC Food Bank - Wishes to "Thank You" for All the Generous Donations this past year & Holiday Season!

Thanksgiving Turkeys donated 200+ & 175+ boxes given out.  
Christmas Turkeys/hams donated (50+) & 200+ boxes given out.  
Over 200 Children served by the Sharing Tree, which wouldn't be possible without those who donated items.

Also, many thanks to the Countless Individuals & Local Businesses for their cash donations this season and throughout the year.  
They are truly appreciated.

### ATHOL FOOD BANK hours:

**Tuesdays from 9am- 12noon & 1pm-3pm**

*Donations of food always welcomed.*

Please do not leave any food or donations outside of the building. Bring them all the way in when the building is open.



### 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:

(Closed Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>)  
January 18, 2022  
February 1, 2022  
February 15, 2022  
(Closed Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>)  
March 1, 2022  
March 15, 2022  
April 5, 2022

City website:

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

Mayor:

**William "Bill" Hill**

City Clerk/Treasurer:

**Lori Yarbrough**

Deputy City Clerk:

**Tanya Ziegler**

Public Works/Water Operator:

**Anthony Brandt**

### Our Christmas GIFT to You...

Thanks to all the guests,  
Idaho Forest volunteers,  
Chamber members  
and Rustler's Roost  
for catering a successful  
Family Fun Night and  
Community Christmas Dinner  
It was great!

**Merry Christmas Athol**



**Athol Chamber of Commerce**



## **Athol Elementary** -----

- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** First Day Back
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** PTU Meeting 6pm (library)
- Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher workday



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



## Athol Library in January/February!

All events will be at the library unless noted.

**Open during our regular business hours. 208-683-2979**

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

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

**Here are our programs.**

### KIDS & TEENS

**Preschool Storytime** – Tuesdays at 10am. Songs, crafts, & books at the library.

**Kids Imagination Explorers** – Tuesdays at 3:30pm. K -5<sup>th</sup> grades, USDA snacks served.

**Music & Movement** (Athol Community Center) – Mondays at 10:45-11:30am

**LibraTory ART Edition** – **Thursdays Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-12:00 noon** (Athol Community Center) K-6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to learn about different forms of art.

**Teen + Adult Sip & Paint at the Library** – **Wednesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30pm** Step by step instructions. All materials provided. Open to teens 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> & adults. **Pre-registration required!**

**All Ages Lego Competition Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Teen Grab & Go's** During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. Available for teens (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades).

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Adult Grab & Go Kits** - Chai Spice Tea mix. Packets available in January. Delicious and warming for a cold wintry day!

[Visit Our Website – www.communitylibrary.net](http://www.communitylibrary.net)



## **From City Hall**

**208-683-2101**

Athol City Website: [www.cityofathol.us](http://www.cityofathol.us)

- **Athol Water Improvement Project Update: While we have postponed the raising of the Water Tower on Menser until this spring, the new Water Tank at the cemetery is now completed.**

Some residents may notice the changes in pressure, some won't. Below are a few answers to some questions you might have. A full sheet with more questions and answers can be found on the city website, home page. **Call Anthony or City Hall with any additional questions you might have.**

**Q: How much pressure increase will there be on my home/water service?**

**A:** Pressures in the City of Athol will increase roughly 18-20 psi city-wide by January.

**Q: With the increase in pressure, will any of my plumbing be damaged?**

**A:** It is possible that the pressure increase could reveal weak spots in your home's plumbing. If the plumbing is older, or already had some damage, you may see some leaks or pressure losses.

**Q: How do I know if my plumbing has failed, or if any pipes have leaked?**

**A:** The following scenario(s) might mean that plumbing has failed:

- Water pressure suddenly decreases
- You notice unusual wet spots near piping and plumbing
- Hot water suddenly stops working
- Faucets leak

If you suspect a leak, the following places are recommended to be checked:

- Water heater piping, especially if the water heater is older (this is one of the most common places to see leaks)
- Any bends (fittings) in the plumbing piping/or pipe joints (where one pipe connects to another)



# City of Athol Snow Removal Operations

Heavy snowfall is an inconvenient reality for all of us here in the “snow belt” as part of North Idaho Life, but one that our city anticipates and carefully prepares for each winter. A few things we would like you all to remember as major snowfall and accumulations continue to affect our city’s streets:

## MANPOWER

Our City’s Public Works Department consists of 1 full time employee, Anthony. He is the snow plow operator, and he works tirelessly around town to ensure consistent and timely snow removal. Please be patient with Anthony as he’s moving as fast as he can for one man, while trying to find the best placement for the snow.

## EQUIPMENT

Athol is equipped with a grader, front end loader, and a small tractor/snow blower to mitigate hazardous conditions on our city streets. We have a snowplow gate that is used to help lessen berms. The gates are less effective in deep snow.

## ROUTES

For purposes of snow removal, the city has a specific order in which it will be plowed. Menser Avenue, followed by Davis Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, takes priority for clearance due to higher traffic and the school. Then Northern Meadows, the North side of Highway 54, and the East-West Streets on the South side of Highway 54. Lastly, Miller Rd and Hill St. Sometimes he will have to go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> priority roads before he completes the others when it is snowing heavily.

## BERMS

Please understand that he will do his best to be considerate of the hassle of berms. However, the City’s primary responsibility is to get all streets clear and navigable. He is often pushing a substantial amount of weight when plowing the snow. One pass is made on each side of the street, so the snow load is allocated equally, except for Northern Meadows, which requires more passes.

## SCHEDULE

Once accumulation exceeds approximately 4 inches, snow removal operations will commence. To ensure streets are cleared for residents’ daily commutes, when possible he will start in the midnight to 4am time frame, pending the next anticipated snowfall.

## ORDINANCES

**Snow Removal. PROHIBITED ACTS: 6-4-4 A.** It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave a parked vehicle or other object upon a street within the City during a snow accumulation. **C.** It shall be unlawful to block, stop, or otherwise impede any snow plowing vehicle or snow plowing operation conducted by or on behalf of the City.

**6-4-5 Penalty A.** A person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of an infraction. **B.** The owner of any vehicle or object removed from a street at the direction of the Superintendent during a snow emergency shall be liable for all costs incurred for that removal.

Idaho State Code 18-3907 Obstruction of Highways

<p><b>Sunday-</b></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 Real Life Ministries Youth Group (every Mon) 6pm</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 GEM State Gleaners (4<sup>th</sup> Tues each month) 6pm</p> <p><b>**NOTE: This is not a full listing of the activities and classes this month**</b></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>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 Athol Chamber of Commerce (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each mo.) 7pm</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> 
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**Upcoming:** Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. **City Hall Reminder – We will be closed Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** There will be only one City Council meeting in January: On the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**WATER BILL ↓**

