



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~

## December 1, 2024

Athol, A New Direction

# 2024

Merry Christmas



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

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Monthly Assembly 9:15am

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Program 6pm

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Break

January 6<sup>th</sup> Back to School

### 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:

December 3, 2024

December 17, 2024

(Closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> thru Jan 1<sup>st</sup>)

January 7, 2025

(Closed Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Holiday)

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

February 4, 2025  
(Closed Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday)

February 18, 2025

March 4, 2025

March 18, 2025

City website:

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

Mayor:

Steven Ruch

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:

Lisa Lawson

Public Works/Water Operator:

Kevin Foster

# SUPPLYING the BASICS

## BESTOWING the BASICS



### WE PROVIDE AT NO COST:

- personal care, hygiene products
- household products
- OTC medicine & more!

**ATHOL COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**Tuesday, December 3rd**  
**9:00 - 3:00**



## Two Great Events:



**The city is accepting  
firewood donations  
for this event.**



**Athol TREE Lighting**  
Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm-6:00pm

Come sing carols, warm up by a fire and chat with your neighbors as we **Light Up the Tree** and **Kick-Off** this Holiday Season!

Gathering and Singing to begin about 4:30pm  
actual lighting happening at 5:00pm.

Athol Community Center 30355 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St.



**ATHOL FARMERS  
MARKET  
IDAHO**

*Christmas*  
**MARKET**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH  
9 AM - 4 PM  
&  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST  
10 AM - 2 PM**

• **FOOD • REFRESHMENTS •  
MUSIC • 50+ VENDORS •  
FESTIVE RAFFLE •**

**ATHOL COMMUNITY CENTER  
30355 3RD ST, ATHOL IDAHO**



*Our hearts are heavy with the loss of several cherished community members this past month, may we find solace in the memories they left behind.*

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We pray for all those who have lost family and friends and are hurting because there is an empty seat at their table this year.  
Shower them with your love! We pray you will comfort, heal, and hold them close to your heart.  
Amen!



*"Let us come together as a community to support one another through this loss." Each of these people have touched this community deeply in their own ways. They brought much love and happiness to those around them, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to their family and friends. May their endeavors continue to inspire us and shape our community as their legacy will live on within our community."*

*You will be missed.... Marc, Jo-Ann and Ebba*





## **From City Hall**

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

The Athol City Code is on the city website. Give us a call at City Hall if you need any help. 208-683-2101



**City Hall Closed for the Christmas/New Year Holiday –**  
**We will close early on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**  
**We will remain closed until Thursday, January 2, 2025.**

***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from  
Mayor Ruch & your City Staff:  
Lori, Kevin and Lisa***

- **Looking for the Perfect Gift**, come by City Hall to get your Athol Daze sweatshirt for only \$15.00 in December only. (limited sized available; XL and bigger)
- **Water Service** - A reminder to take an extra look at your water services in your home, since most meters are not

read in the winter, you should be sure to always check for any broken or frozen water lines or even small leaks.

- **Idaho Community Development Block Grant Awarded!** – A few months ago, the city applied for a grant to help get a permanent restroom in the city park. We have been notified that we are being awarded that grant for \$177,000. The timeline is still being determined but we hope to have this year-round permanent restroom placed and in use by Athol Daze this August! More to come on this as we know.
- **New Businesses in town** - Athol Eats has brought us two new food trucks: Cascadia Pizza and Ribs on the Run. Tandoori Grill has moved to the old Farragut Bar & Grill location. Athol Dental & Implants planning to open in January of 2025.

### **WINTER REMINDERS**

- The first priority is to clear the main streets to allow for the passage of traffic. Then as time allows, we will go back and begin clearing and pushing back the sides and do any clean up.
- It is unlawful to push, shovel, blow, or place snow on to the public streets. Instead push the snow into the swales and yards.
- Please pull vehicles into the driveway and remove personal property from the street, right-of-way, and swales. This helps our plow driver remove as much snow as possible off the city streets and ensures the roadways stay as wide as possible as snow accumulates.
- Snow berms are an inconvenient result of plowing. Our plows in residential areas are equipped with a gate. However, gates only reduce the size of the berm, they don't necessarily eliminate a snow berm. Snow gates are subject to weight and amount of snow.

**Please don't forget to shovel out your fire hydrants, as it is the responsibility of the property owners. If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, remember that you are not just helping you and your family, but all your neighbors, stay safe.**



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## SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
at the Athol Community Center

Hosted by the  
**LADIES AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**



**Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of JoAnn Rasmussen.** JoAnn was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #149 where she served as President for 10 years and held various offices. She graduated from Lakeland High School in 1975 and married her high school sweetheart. **JoAnn started and organized various community events such as Cookies and Cocoa with Santa and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.**

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**Christmas Food Box pick-up!** – Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

9am to 3pm

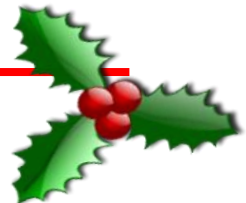
### Christmas Sharing Tree Tags at the Food Bank

They are ready for your contributions. Children's sharing tree tags are now available at the Food Bank, Country Boy and Super 1. Please return tags and gifts back to Charlotte at the Food Bank no later than Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.

*Thank you for giving!*

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Food Box pick-up!**

Please call Charlotte at 208-771-3117 with questions.



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## The Athol Library **We are Back in the building!!**



### **NEW Permanent business hours.**

HOURS: Monday – Closed;

Tuesday: 11am-6pm;

Wednesday: 11am-6pm;

Thursdays: 10am-3pm;

Fridays: 10am-3pm;

Saturday 10am-3pm; Closed on Sundays.

**We will be closed on Christmas Day (12/25/2024)**

**Visit Our Website to see what great programs and activities we have.** [www.communitylibrary.net](http://www.communitylibrary.net)

**Programs such as Preschool Storytime, Afterschool Adventures, Home school Activities, Book Babies, Bayview Book Club and so much more!** Phone: 208-683-2979





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FOOD & TOY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

## Breakfast with Santa


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

PANCAKES • EGGS • SAUSAGE

5985 E HIGHWAY 54 | 9:00 AM

Monetary proceeds will be used to supply water to Station 6

Timberlake Fire's  
12TH ANNUAL



# Christmas Food Drive

DONATE FOOD & TOYS  
WHEN SANTA RIDES  
THROUGH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ATHOL 12/14/2024  
5 PM

Spread holiday cheer  
and make a difference  
in our community!

Track Santa's location on our  
Facebook page

Merry Christmas!



[www.timberlakefire.com](http://www.timberlakefire.com)



Timberlake Fire  
thanks you  
for your support!



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**Sunday-**

Good Hope Baptist – (Every Sun) 10am

**Monday –**

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

Grandmothers Club (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month) 6pm

Eager Beavers 4-H (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month) 6:30pm

**Thursday –**

Lady A's (every Thurs) 9am-10am

Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am

Athol Radio Group (2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Upcoming:** City Council Meetings in December 2024 are: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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WATER BILL ↓

