

~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ October 1, 2025

Athol, A New Direction



ATHOL ELEMENTARY
Eagle Pride



- Oct. 2nd Family Fun Night Out (5:30pm-7pm)
- Oct. 6th Cross Country meet at THS
- Oct. 6th Lion's Vision & Hearing Screening
- Oct. 8th PTU Meeting Day 4pm (School Library)
- Oct. 10th Picture Day
- Oct. 31st Walk-a-Thon (Pumpkin Run) fundraiser

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
@ **6:00 PM** 1st & 3rd Tues.
CITY HALL - 30355 N. 3rd
208-683-2101

Clerk/Treasurer Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am- 12:30 pm

Future Council Meeting Dates:

- October 7, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- November 4, 2025
(Closed Nov 11th)
- November 18, 2025
(Closed 27th & 28th)
- December 2, 2025
- December 16, 2025
(Closed Dec 25th thru Dec 31st)
- January 6, 2026
- January 20th, 2026

City website:
www.cityofathol.us

Mayor:
Steven Ruch

City Clerk/Treasurer:
Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:
Lisa Lawson

Public Works/Water Operator:
Pete Weigman



**GET READY FOR ANOTHER
ATHOL TRUNK OR
TREAT!!**

HOSTED BY ATHOL SUPER ONE

HALLOWEEN FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2025.

5:00PM - 6:30PM

Plan your trunk decorating ideas now.
GET CREATIVE!

We are always looking for more trunks (Businesses)
to pass out candy.

CALL ATHOL CITY HALL TO GET ON THE LIST!





From City Hall

Athol City Website: 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 Council has approved purchasing Two new picnic tables and a new spring “doggy” rider for young children, that replaces the ducky that is now broken beyond repair, in the park.
- Our Public Works /Water Department has been working diligently to replace meters in the city over the past few months; he is down to the last 100 meters. This means we can read and bill for actual usage year-round and much better accuracy. You won’t have to wait until spring to find out if there is a break or leak in your meter.
- Elections are November 4th - Two council positions are up. Polls open from 8am to 8pm.

A meet the Candidate Night: Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Stop by Athol City Hall to meet each candidate and ask some questions.

----- Position# 3 & #4. The Council positions are each for 4 year terms -----



SAVE THE DATE:

Athol Farmers Market Annual Christmas Craft Fair

November 29th & 30th

Athol Christmas Tree Lighting

November 29th

The Athol Library in October!

Phone: 208-683-2979



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 Columbus Day (10/13/2025)

Visit Our Website to see what great programs and activities we will have for October –

www.communitylibrary.net



A quick something from each of the candidates running in this election:



Cindi Devine (Council Position #3, Incumbent)

Proven Leadership. Community First.

I'm proud to be running for re-election to the Athol City Council. For the past seven years, I've had the honor of serving our community with a focus on protecting what makes Athol special—our safety, our small-town character, and the responsible use of our public resources.

As a current council member, I've worked hard at being a financially responsible City Council member to ensure that every dollar in our city budget is spent wisely. I'm proud of helping make the long-overdue bathroom in the city park a reality and getting the needed sidewalks on Menser for the safety of our children and residents. I am especially proud of our community for voting to upgrade our water system and for entrusting the City Council to carry out that important mandate, it is important to maintain our water infrastructure to ensure clean drinking water for our community members. Your confidence in us ensures that we can continue building a stronger, and more sustainable future together.

Public safety remains one of my top priorities, and I believe in planning smartly for the future while preserving the welcoming, close-knit atmosphere that makes Athol feel like home.

I'm running again because I believe in the power of steady, thoughtful leadership and I'm committed to listening, learning, and continuing to serve our community with integrity.

Thank you, Councilwoman Cindi Devine,



Holly Blackwell (Council Position #3)

Why I'm Running for City Council - Keeping Our Community Values

As a mom with kids at Athol Elementary, I understand how vital it is to have safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and meaningful support for families. The community values here in Athol are important to maintain, along with local businesses and public safety.

I've been working since I was 15 years old and want to bring that experience, along with any resources I have, to make decisions locally. My goal is to conserve what makes our city special and provide honest, accountable leadership.



I'm Mark Dane (Council Position #3) (no picture submitted)

I'm running for city council the reason, I put in a simple request to the city about why they were considering raising our water bills. Instead of a simple answer I got a paragraph on why they don't have to give me that information. I think the city should be more transparent then that. I think our water bills are high enough unless there is a reason to raise them I got no reason from the "STAFF"

Residential	12k	\$54.00	20k	\$70.00	40k	\$110.00
Commercial Low	20k	\$90.00			40k	\$130.00
Commercial High	40k	\$180.00			40k	\$180.00

Why is there 3 different prices for the same 40k of water makes no sense, why would anyone pay high commercial?

We have a city news letter that should let the citizens know what is going on with the city, How much information do you get from the news letter?

I think we are slowly giving our city away the city council is suppose to represent you and the city staff works for you, the citizens pay their wages. That's my opion Thank's

Shane McDaniel (Council Position #4, Incumbent)

I have lived in Athol my entire life and I run my own business. I believe the city has been moving in the right direction, and I would like to serve another term. I want to help preserve Athol, the next few years are crucial in shaping the next 30, before it gets out of control.

I prioritize fiscal responsibility with public funds. While I don't favor all the growth happening around us, it's difficult to prevent, so we do our best to balance the benefits with the disadvantages. The way we do that is through our ordinances and policies we implement; they will guide growth in the direction we want. We want Athol to remain unique and not turn into just another city.

Over the past 12 years, we've achieved several milestones. With voter approval we've upgraded the water system, which raised the water rates but was long overdue. I believe it's necessary to occasionally raise rates to ensure we can keep up with rising costs and prevent neglect; this makes the city better prepared for repairs as they arise. We are current on all audits, and we've secured numerous grants over the years to lessen the burden on our tax paying citizens. I think working on our roads should be the next big priority.

If you support the progress, we have made so far and believe in safeguarding our city's future, I ask for your vote.



Broderick Pellow (Council Position #4)

I have resided in Athol since 2019 having moved from Post Falls where both my wife Courtney and I grew up. We have been married for 18 years and have been blessed with four girls of a strikingly wide range of ages, being that they are 18, 15, 4, and 8 months. I attended NIC and Gonzaga for my undergraduate degree and Gonzaga Law School for my JD, and I am a practicing attorney in Spokane with the law firm DiNenna & Associates.

My highest goal as a candidate is to attempt to balance maintaining the Idaho life that I grew up in, with that of the inevitable need for change and adaptation. My major area of focus will be the reform of the Athol city code. In my study of the law regarding statutory construction is the requirement that statutes, or in this case codes, must be not only internally coherent, but also often be supported by the state or municipality expressing what and how the code supports an important governmental interest. Codes that are not supported by this level of, as the Supreme Court states, "intermediate level of scrutiny" are unlawful and potentially violative of the Constitution. Unfortunately, after my own, and ongoing, dispute with the city government over its zoning restriction enforcement codes, I found that they are lacking in ways such as being vague, ambiguous, often contradictory, and uncoupled from what I can see as an important governmental interest; at least not one readily articulatable to the residents of the city. This has led to a number of, what I believe to be, selective or unequal enforcement of the code, or enforcement for reasons that the city cannot clearly articulate.

If reform of the code, and lawful and equal enforcement of it seem like good utilities of your vote; please consider me for council this November.



A New Home for Bestowing the Basics

An Athol – based 501©3 Nonprofit Organization



✧ We're Opening Our Doors! ✧

We are thrilled to share some exciting news; Bestowing the Basics has officially opened its first commercial space at 6101 E Highway 54 Unit B (previously occupied by Abide Culture Coffee).

This new home will allow us to better serve our precious community through our various programs, projects, and resources we provide. Not just a space – but it's a gathering place for connection, compassion, and community.

We couldn't have reached this milestone without our supporters, partners, and community. A huge and heartfelt thank you for helping us grow into this next chapter. All praise and glory to God for this ministry.

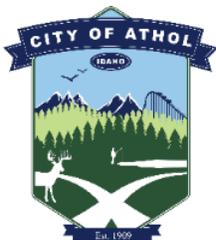
- **Stop by during our opening hours: Tuesday's, Thursday's, and the first Saturday** (of every month from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Hours of operation are subject to change.
- Stay tuned for our [grand opening date!](#)
- **Learn more about how you can get involved, donate, volunteer,** and more by visiting our website at www.BestowingTheBasics.Org; following us on Facebook and Instagram too!



We can't wait to welcome you into our new home and continue building a stronger community together. Please stop in, if nothing else but to say hello. We look forward to seeing and serving you.

Notice of the Regular City Council Meetings of The City of Athol, Idaho Kootenai County

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 415, 9-25-2017 (Municipal Code 1.6.3), the City of Athol City Council regularly held meetings will be the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00pm.



2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Month	1 st Tuesday	3 rd Tuesday
October	7 th	21 st
November	4 th	18 th
December	2 nd	16 th
January	6 th	20 th
February	3 rd	17 th
March	3 rd	17 th
April	7 th	21 st
May	5 th	19 th
June	2 nd	16 th
July	7 th	21 st
August	4 th	18 th
September	1 st	15 th

Sunday-

Good Hope Baptist – (Every Sun) 10am
Church of Christ – (Every Sun) 2pm



Monday –

Fit n Fall Class (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9:30am-10:30am, Gym
Grandmothers Club (3rd 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 (1st & 3rd Tues each month) 6pm
Eager Beavers 4-H (2nd Tues each month) 6:30pm-7:30pm
GEM State Gleaners (4th Tues each month) 6pm

****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 (3rd Wed each month) 6:30pm

Thursday –

Lady A’s (every Thurs) 9am-10am
Sit-ercise (Tues & Thurs) 10am
Athol Radio Group (2nd Thurs each month) 7pm
Athol Chamber of Commerce (4th Thurs each qtr.) 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 October 2025 are on the 7th and the 21st at 6:00pm.
Water bills are due upon receipt and considered late if not received by Wednesday, the 15th.

WATER BILL ↓

