



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ January 1, 2026

Athol, A New Direction

## City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



### ATHOL ELEMENTARY Eagle Pride



1/5 Back to School  
1/14 PTU Meeting 4pm  
1/19 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## *Thank you for Giving!*

ABC Food Bank's Sharing Tree has served 236 plus Children this year. Approximately 189 Thanksgiving Food Boxes and 230 Christmas Food Boxes were given out for this Holiday Season at the Food Bank. The number of families and children served continues to go up each year.



Charlotte would like to extend her deepest gratitude and love and admiration for this community. Without the donations from local businesses, support from community organizations, and the time from countless individuals this program just couldn't have happened. Again, so much appreciation to all those who contributed throughout the year and for the holidays.

**"This little City sure has a BIG Heart!"**



Thank you: Athol Elementary; Timberlake Fire District, Bestowing the Basics, Bayview Marinas; Idaho Forest Group; Super 1 Foods; Real Life Ministries, Athol Baptist Church; Bayview Bible Church; Farragut Navel Base; Athol/Spirit Lake Grandmothers Club; many of the local churches and other miscellaneous groups and individuals.

### 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:

~~January 6, 2026 cancelled~~  
January 20, 2026  
February 3, 2026  
February 17, 2026  
March 3, 2026  
March 17, 2026  
April 7, 2026  
April 21, 2026  
May 5, 2026  
May 19, 2026

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:

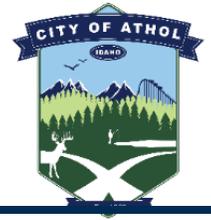
**Pete Weigman**



# From City Hall

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



- **REMINDER City Council Approved new Water Bill Rates effective the January 2026 billing. Beginning your February 13<sup>th</sup> due date.** - to avoid late fees. *(the 15<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday).* You can mail payments in, drop them off in the locked drop box in front of the building or give city hall a call and pay over the phone. **“NEW” Water Rates Begin January 2026 are:**

Base Rate by Category	Gallons	Rate
Residential 1 unit	12k	\$58.00
Residential 2 unit	24K	\$116.00
Commercial Low	20k	\$100.00
Commercial High	40k	\$200.00
Late Fee		\$15.00

## CITY OF ATHOL – IMPORTANT WATER SYSTEM NOTICE

### Thank You for Helping Protect Our Community’s Drinking Water

Dear Residents,

We want to thank you for your patience and cooperation as we recently completed a precautionary treatment of our water distribution system. Maintaining safe, reliable drinking water is something we take very seriously, and we appreciate the trust you place in us every day.

The recent treatment was necessary after total coliform bacteria were detected in the system. While the water remained safe to use, we took prompt action out of an abundance of caution. Based on our investigation, the most likely cause was a cross-connection – such as a lawn irrigation or sprinkler system that was not properly protected by a backflow prevention device, or a system that may have been blown out improperly.

This is a good reminder that **protecting our water system is a shared responsibility**. Backflow prevention devices are not just paperwork or red tape – they are one of the most important safeguards we have to keep contaminants out of everyone’s drinking water. One unprotected connection can affect the entire community.

We know most folks do the right thing, and we’re grateful for that. At the same time, we need to be clear: **backflow devices are required, must be properly installed, and must be reported to City Hall**. Going forward, we will be stepping up enforcement to ensure compliance, because the risk of contamination is simply too high to ignore.

Our goal is not to be heavy-handed or intrusive. We value independence and common sense as much as anyone. Enforcement isn’t about control – it’s about fairness and protecting a resource we all rely on. When everyone follows the same basic rules, no one has to deal with emergency treatments, added costs, or potential health risks.

If you have lawn irrigation, a sprinkler system, or other equipment plumbed into your water lines and are unsure whether you’re in compliance, or if you know of a system that may not be properly protected, we encourage you to contact City Hall. Questions and self-reporting are always welcomed, and we’re happy to advise people on how to get things set up correctly.

Thank you again for being attentive, responsible, and invested in the well-being of our community. Working together, we can keep our water system safe, reliable, and something we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

**Pete Weigman your Public Works / Water Operator**

Bestowing the Basics' Resource Center

# WINTER HOURS



TUESDAY 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1st SATURDAY (every month) 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: 6101 ID-54 UNIT B in Athol

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Save The Dates!!

# Free COMMUNITY Meal!

Friday, January 9th

Friday, February 13th

Friday, March 13th

Sponsored and hosted by:



## Details

4:30 to 6:30 PM | 6160 ID-54  
Athol, ID 83801

Free to all. Not associated with need.

<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</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</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:**  
City Council Meeting in January 2026 only one this month on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Water bills are due on receipt and considered late if not received by Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

WATER BILL ↓

