



# ~ ATHOL CITY NEWSLETTER ~ March 1, 2026



Athol, A New Direction



The May 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Election is quickly approaching, and we are looking for additional Election Poll Workers for the Athol/Spirit Lake/Rathdrum areas to support this election and elections going forward.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support local elections and learn more about how the process works here in Kootenai County.



To be an Election Poll Worker you must be 16 years or older, a U. S. Citizen, be able to attend a 2.5 hour required training course in Coeur d'Alene and work a full day on May 19<sup>th</sup> (7am-8:30pm) without leaving the Polling location.

Use this link to apply to be a Poll Worker and the Elections Office will reach out to you to discuss your application. <https://www.kcgov.us/324/Poll-Workers> or give them a call if you have questions. (208) 446-1030.



### 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:

March 3, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 7, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 5, 2026

May 19, 2026

June 2, 2026

June 16, 2026

July 7, 2026

July 21, 2026

City website:

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

Mayor:

Steven Ruch

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Lori Yarbrough

Deputy City Clerk:

Amanda Clark

Public Works/Water Operator:

Pete Weigman



## 2026 SPIRIT LAKE PARK AND REC YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION \$32

Registration Dates	Sport	League Dates
Feb 1	Spring Soccer (ages 3-17)	April 8 through May 22
Apr 10	Flag Football (ages 5-14)	June 8 through July 11
Apr 10	Tball (ages 5-6) Pitching machine (ages 7-8)	July 13 through Aug 20
July 27	Fall Soccer (ages 3-17)	Sept 7 through Oct 17
Sept 1	K-4th grade Basketball	Nov 2 through Dec 16
Nov 1	5th-9th Grade Basketball	Jan. 4 through Feb 22

- Registration for each sport is open for one Month or until teams are FULL.
- Always looking for volunteers & generous sponsors to keep these programs alive for the kids in our communities.

**Sports fee: \$32** (this already includes tax)

[alician.gonzales@spiritlakeid.gov](mailto:alician.gonzales@spiritlakeid.gov)

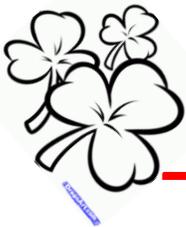
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The Grandmothers are on the hunt for some good new grandmothers and alike for their fun-loving group of ladies. You won't regret it. You will make new friends and have a lot of fun. They hope to see/meet you soon!

Meetings are 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at the Athol Community Center.

They also meet for coffee and lunches. They go on outings to local venues and on occasional short, out-of-town trips.

Come join the Fun, Friendship and Community Service. They love to have FUN!



For more info call Gloria at 425-232-6227 Check out their facebook page Athol Grandmothers Club or just show up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month for a meeting.

Iron Pizza Athol You eat pizza = we donate money to the Timberlake Senior Party.

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm to close.**

Their kitchen staff are mostly Timberlake students. Come support them and the greater senior class.



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



- 2/26 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- 2/27 No School
- 3/5 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00- 7:00am
- 3/19 McTeacher Night – Rathdrum McDonalds
- 3/25 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lewis & Clark 6:00pm
- 3/27 No School
- 3/30 Spring Break week begins





## 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 at 208-683-2101.

- **City Hall is moving into everything “Spring” soon.** This means we will begin planning for the new fiscal year budget (FY27); we are working with the American Legion Family and The Athol Farmers market to celebrate together 250 years of America (Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>) together there will be lots of fun things in the park that afternoon/evening. We will begin working on Athol Daze this month (save the date August 8<sup>th</sup>), will be the celebration of 116 years since Athol was established. We also hope to see the new restroom for the city park arrive and get installed before summer really starts to kick off (fingers crossed).

- **REMINDER the new water bill rates are now in effect. Friday March 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.

- **Happy St. Patrick’s Day and .... if you haven’t stopped into City Hall lately, come in and meet our new Deputy Clerk, Amanda Clark.**

Her southern charm will melt your heart. Here’s a little information about Amanda:



Amanda joined us as the Deputy Clerk in January.

She comes to us with a background in both the medical and legal fields. Born and raised in a small town in East Texas, she is a country girl through and through and loves spending time outdoors. She and her husband of 20 years, Tres, love to travel, hike, and spend time with their fur babies, Springer Spaniels Nala Grace and Archer, and their orange cat, Samson.

**We are glad to have Amanda as part of the Athol City Hall family!**



### PERMIT REMINDERS

Which Application Do I Need? – As the weather gets nicer, don’t forget to get your City Permit before you begin working on those home projects. (i.e., buildings or structures that exceed 200sq feet do require a permit. Fences 6ft or under do not require a permit.)

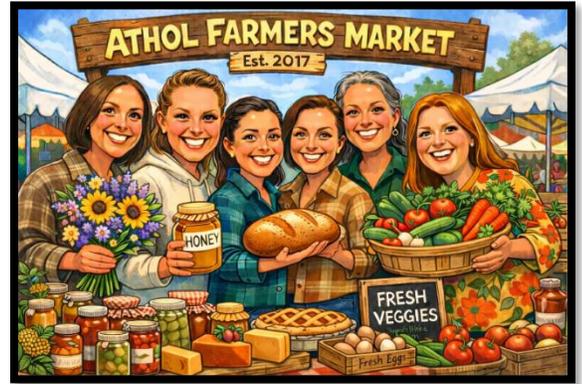
Building Location/Land Use Permit Application  
 Site Disturbance Permit Application  
 Right of Way Encroachment Permit Application



**Meet the 2026 Athol Farmers Market Idaho Board Members, a team ready for a season of growth, connection, & community!**

Each of our members brings their own strength, positivity, and thoughtful leadership, with the vision and shared goal of helping our market flourish. We are dedicated to supporting our vendors, while working along side the City of Athol, to foster a warm, welcoming, family-friendly environment that celebrates and champions our small businesses.

**Please join us in welcoming the Board!**



**President-** Dee Ross, Owner of Farmgirl™ Bakery

**Vice President** - Ann McKerracher, Farm Manager at McKerracher Family Farm;

**Secretary-** Lacey Sauter, Owner of Sauter Family Farm;

**Treasurer-** Wendy Riffel, Owner of White Farmhouse Breads

**Farm Liaison-** Tanya Johnsen, Owner of Do Good Farms;

**Board Advisor/Marketing & PR-** Angela Jarrett, Owner of Precision Landworks

# Athol Farmers Market

We are reaching out on behalf of the Athol Farmers Market to invite you to consider sponsoring live local musicians for our upcoming market season.

The Athol Farmers Market is a vibrant weekly gathering that brings together local farmers, artisans, families, and visitors from across the region. We believe live music plays a vital role in creating the welcoming, energetic atmosphere that keeps people shopping longer, engaging with vendors, and returning week after week.

By sponsoring a musician, your business would:

- Be recognized during live announcements at the market.
- Have your business mentioned on our social media promotions.
- Receive a complimentary space to set up a booth or table on the Friday your musician is performing, allowing you to showcase your business and engage with customers.
- Be highlighted as a community supporter of local arts and agriculture.
- Strengthen your visibility with local shoppers each week.

Your sponsorship directly supports talented local performers while helping us maintain a lively and engaging market environment for the community. Additionally, because we operate as a non-profit, your contribution would be a tax deduction.

We would be happy to tailor sponsorship levels to meet your budget. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can partner together this season.

Thank you for considering this investment into the community and for supporting the Athol Farmers Market and local musicians. We look forward to the possibility of working together.

Sincerely,

Athol Farmers Market Board

Dee Ross, President  
Ann McKerracher, Vice President  
Lacey Sauter, Secretary  
Wendy Riffel, Treasurer  
Tanya Johnsen, Farm Liaison  
Angela Jarrett, Board Advisor



Athol Farmers Market Idaho

## Vendor applications for the 2026 Athol Farmers Market season are live!

Apply at [AtholFarmersMarketIdaho.com](http://AtholFarmersMarketIdaho.com)

- Farm vendors
- Artisan vendors
- Food vendors
- Musicians
- Junior Vendors





## Timberlake Fire Department AED Fundraiser Night



Join us in supporting the brave men and women of the  
**Timberlake Fire Department** in Athol, Idaho!

On **Thursday, March 19th**, from **4:00 PM to closing**, Iron Pizza Company in Athol will be hosting a special community fundraiser to help purchase life saving portable defibrillators (AEDs) for our local firefighters to carry on *emergency calls*. **Iron Pizza Company** will be generously donating **20%** of sales during this event to benefit the purchase of the **AED units**.

### — Event Details: —

📍 **Location:** Iron Pizza Company  
29801 N Old Hwy 95  
Athol, ID 83801

☎ **Phone:** (208) 561-5211

📅 **Date:** March 19th

🕒 **Time:** 4:00 PM to Closing.

🚒 **Benefiting:** Timberlake Fire Department AED Fund



Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and help us equip our firefighters with the tools they need to save lives when every second counts.



LAST MEAL  
OF THE  
SEASON



# March COMMUNITY MEAL

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**  
**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Everyone welcome. Free to all.  
Hosted by: Bestowing The Basics  
and The Country Boy Cafe  
6160 Hwy 54, Athol, ID 83801

## Resource Center open every Tuesday, from 10am to 2pm,

Thanks to the volunteers who lovingly manage it and the generous donors who supply the needs.

6101 Highway 54 Unit B Across the Street  
from The Country Boy Cafe



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**Sunday-**

**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\*\*  
See calendar board in the community center for more events and activities!**

**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 March 2026 are on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

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

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WATER BILL ↓

