

CITY OF ATHENA NEWSLETTER



APRIL/2021

CITY COUNCIL

Rebecca Schroeder, Mayor

Wayne Kostur, Commissioner
of Police

Gene Wright, Commissioner
of Public Works

Katie Zmuda,
Commissioner of Library

Sally Thompson,
Commissioner of
Administration

Jesse Bonifer,
Commissioner of Fire
Services

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

(closed all federal holidays)

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall: 541 566-3862

City Shop: 541 566-0228

Library: 541 566-2470

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch:

541 966-3651



APRIL MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, April 19th at 6:00pm @ Library

Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 7th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

City Council

Thursday, April 8th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

Cemetery

Tuesday, April 20th at 5:00pm @ City Hall

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

We are hoping to have the City-
Wide Yard Sale Saturday, May
22nd. More information will be
provided in the May Newsletter.



2021 COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 1st Clean Sweep-
Main Street cleanup

May 22nd City Wide Yard
Sale- Athena Mainstreet
Assoc. fundraising yard
sale inside the Historic
Stahl Building

May 27th- Youth Citizen of
the Year awarded at
WMHS Graduation

June 1st-July 27th
Tuesday Markets in
Duggar Park

July 30th Community Night
Out

August Adopt a Highway

October 31st Trunk or
Treat

November Adopt a
Highway

December 4th Annual
Holiday Bazaar

December 5th Community
Tree Lighting and Lighted
Parade

December 19th Judging for
community-wide lighting
contest



2021 ATHENA BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Athena Mainstreet Association is pleased to name The One Stop as the 2021 Athena Business of the Year. The One Stop was nominated for their friendly customer service, new extensive menu and providing Athena with much needed items during COVID-19 so customers could stay and shop local. Store manager Shawn Pierce credits their success to upbeat and positive employees that bring in many new first-time customers and their willingness to keep customers happy.

The One Stop offers comparable fuel prices, grocery items and an ever-growing food menu. Although the store has been on Main Street since the 1950's there have been many changes to the store over the last few months. A new pizza oven, a revamped coffee bar, new ready to go breakfast items, lunch specials, hot wings, desserts, grocery staples, fresh produce and even pet food just to name a few. With the opening of dine in eating, soft serve ice cream will be coming soon.

The One Stop is opened Monday-Saturday 6am-8pm, and Sunday 7am-7pm. So, stop on by to congratulate them on a job well done and try one of the new menu items or their signature sandwich The One Stop- Ham, Turkey, Swiss, American cheese, and pickles.

Athena is fortunate to have a Main Street business that offers quality service and products.

Congratulations on your achievement!

2021 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Alan and Chrissy Froese!

Alan and Chrissy have been blessing the community of Athena for many years through their compassion for others and artistic talents.

Alan has been active in the community since his school years at Weston McEwen where he is noted as being a star football player and outstanding teammate. His passion for the game was carried into adulthood with his volunteer work as a Youth Football coach and a High School stats keeper. His love for the arts is highlighted through his talents as a sculptor, woodworker, and musician. He has donated his time to teaching guitar lessons to local youth and even singing at local weddings and funeral services and is consistently a lead in the Athena Christian Church music worship team.

Alan is also known for annual Car Care Servicing. This is something he offers to widows and single women in need, in and around our surrounding area. This service is done out of his own pocket. There is such peace of mind that comes with having a reliable vehicle; it is an immeasurable gift to those that receive it.

Two quotes made about Alan seem to nail this Citizen of the Year traits right on the head:

"He is the kindest person you will ever meet" and "He has spent much of his lifetime donating his time, money, love and energy to Athena."

Chrissy is active as a lead of the Women's Bible studies at the Athena Christian Church and is always called upon to decorate and make the church look festive and beautiful for events or holidays. The call to decorate comes as no surprise as Chrissy is a gifted artist. She has used her talents in graphic design to help create advertisements and miscellaneous signs for church activities and community events here in Athena. She also coordinates the Ladies Holiday Breakfast at her church by lining up live music, event speakers, and decorations for the annual outreach event.

Chrissy has helped bring ballet lessons and extracurricular activities to Athena's youth who were searching for an artistic outlet. She is a co-chair of a local Outreach Program which gives her the opportunity to respond and meet the needs of families in emergency crisis. She has also been a knowledgeable source for local parents and students about homeschooling ideas and curriculum, as she has taught her children in home.

A couple quotes taken for her nominations state: "Chrissy Froese is a remarkable person. Her compassion towards our local community is admirable." And, "She is a town encourager. She loves to encourage anybody, anytime with positive support."

Together, Alan and Chrissy Froese have raised their 7 children and 37 foster children. The amount of time and dedication it takes to emotionally and physically support a family of that size take a huge heart a steady mind.

Alan and Chrissy, thank you for your tremendous positive contributions to the community of Athena. It is hearts like yours that make Athena the great community it is. Thank you!



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is happening in Athena, Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10am! Ages 0-5th grade are invited to search for eggs. There will be different areas where kids will spread out to hunt the eggs.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

10:00am

Athena City Park

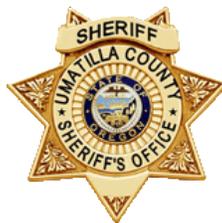
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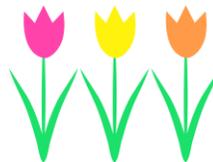
UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF ATHENA

**Total Calls for
Service/Incidents
(February 2021):**

86



**Spring is here! Please
unpack your meter boxes.**



trucks. Humbert Refuse will send Michelle some examples of garbage containers that would work for Main Street.

Tim and Deanna Snider – Flooding: Tim and Deanna Snider submitted a letter and several photos of their property showing standing water problems they are currently having. They asked the council if there was anything that the City could do regarding the lack of drainage on Second Street. Councilor Wright explained to them that the Public Works Department, Corey Thacker, owner of Thacker Excavating, and himself had been down to look at the property and their opinions were that the since the property is set below grade and in the floodplain, that this situation, as unfortunate as it, the City is not responsible for this particular problem.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 2/11/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items:

Deferred Compensation Program: Michelle explained the Oregon Savings Growth Plan option for employees. A motion was made and seconded to approve "Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Oregon Deferred Compensation Plan". Motion carried 5-0.

Business License Application: A motion was made and seconded to approve a business license for Calvert Consulting. Motion carried 5-0.

Umatilla County Law Enforcement Contract Renewal: Councilor Kostur informed the council that he and Michelle had met with Sheriff Rowan to discuss the contract renewal between the City of Athena and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department. Councilor Kostur explained that there were only a few minor changes to the contract. A verbiage addition to section 6, the new contract will be for 5 years rather than 3, and the new cost of services for the next five years. This contract will run from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the new contract between the City of Athena and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department. Motion passed 4-1. Jesse Bonifer voted no.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2021

Attendance: Mayor Becky Schroeder called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:00 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, Jesse Bonifer and Gene Wright present. City Recorder Michelle Fox and seven guests were also in attendance. Mayor Schroeder led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Vorhauer Flatt reported for the Athena Mainstreet Association. Congratulations to Alan and Chrissy Froese on Citizen of the Year honors. Congratulations to One Stop for Business of the Year. Saturday, May 1st has been set for the community clean sweep day. Hopefully, the AMA will be partnering with Nutrien and Humbert Refuse again this

year. April asked if the City of Athena would consider donating \$200.00 for lunches for the volunteers again this year. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 for lunches for clean sweep volunteers. Motion carried 5-0. The community yard sale date is set for May 22. April asked the council about the possibility of new garbage cans on Main Street. Garbage containers that weren't so hard to empty and could be picked up by the garbage

trucks. Humbert Refuse will send Michelle some examples of garbage containers that

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

Old Business: Humbert Refuse Franchise Agreement: A new draft of the franchise agreement was reviewed. Councilor Wright pointed out a few grammar mistakes that needed to be corrected. After a brief discussion with Cindy Humbert and Katy King from Humbert Refuse, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Athena and Humbert Refuse with the grammar corrections. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: - Budget Calendar - A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

Appoint Budget Officer – Mayor Schroeder appointed Michelle Fox as the Budget Officer for the 2021-2022 Budget year.

Re-Appoint Budget Members – Mayor Schroder re-appointed Lori Kennedy and Steven Klein to the Budget Committee for another term.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library is having an in-person presentation from the Oregon Museum of Natural & Cultural History: Dino Story - April 22-May 2. Kristin is busy planning the summer reading program. Kristin has submitted two grants she is waiting to hear about. One is for seating for the library and the other is a book bike. Kristin will be presenting at the Oregon Library Association – “Perspective for Rural Libraries”

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: They are still working on ballpark restrooms/snack shed. They are doing a great job.

Fire: Councilor Bonifer has a meeting set up with Fire Chief, Dave Baty.

Sheriff: The Umatilla County Sheriff's office monthly report was included in packet.

Administration: Michelle will be on vacation the last week in April.



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