

CITY OF ATHENA NEWSLETTER

MAY/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



MAY MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, May 17th at 6:00pm @ Library

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

City Council

Thursday, May 13th at 6:00pm @ City Hall

Cemetery

Tuesday, May 18th at 5:00pm @ City Hall

ATHENA CALEDONIAN GAMES

Athena Caledonian Games, a Scottish heritage festival, is beginning to make plans for our annual celebration on July 10, 2021. We are seeking parade participants, old cars for showing, athletes, clans, vendors, pipers and dancers. Please volunteer to help us. (Call 541-566-3880.) We need elbow grease and support. Our \$50 Guardian Donation Program seeks donors to guard and preserve Athena's Scottish Tradition. Donations may be sent to ACG, PO Box 161, Athena, OR 97813. We are looking forward to a great day of Scottish heritage celebration at our city park, Saturday, July 10.

Athena Tuesday Market It's almost market season!

- Every Tuesday June- July
- 4-7pm
- Located at Dugger Park on Main Street
- One time \$10 vendor fee
- To sign up to be a vendor contact us on our Facebook page- Athena Tuesday Market or email katie_zmuda@yahoo.com

Hodaka Days 2021

Postponed until 2022

"The difficult decision has been made- the Hodaka Days 2021 reunion/celebration will not be held.

Keep your calendar open for the last full weekend of June 2022. We'll have all your favorite Hodaka Day events plus a few special surprises. You won't want to miss Hodaka Days 2022- It'll be a big one!

Ed Chesnut, President-
Hodaka Club

PS: Keep the rubber side down between now and then, OK?"

ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library is now accepting entries in the 3rd Annual Community Art Show. We have age group categories for babies through adults! Entries may be emailed to athenalibrary@cityofathena.com, dropped off at the library or mailed to PO BOX 450, Athena OR 97813.

Entries must be received by May 14. Please fill out this form along with your entry: <https://forms.gle/EJsbm1Rir17nMGBx5>

All artwork will be posted on our website and in the library and the public will be invited to vote for their favorites starting Monday, May 17.

Adult Book Club is back! You can drop by the library to pick up our next book and we'll discuss it in the park on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30pm.

Kids: don't forget that we have take home crafternoon bags available at the library every Thursday! These are always fun activities and maybe you'll create something you want to enter in the Community Art Show! Also, we're gearing up for Summer Reading. It will look different this summer but we're excited to bring you fun activities and opportunities to read and learn this summer. More information will be available soon!

The Library recently received two fantastic grants for which we are extremely grateful. Soon you will notice new seating in the children's and teen areas of the library compliments of AWERE. We're also purchasing a Book Bike, courtesy of the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities grant. Soon you'll see us pedaling around town delivering books and smiles! We're so thankful to both organizations for helping us serve you better. Stay tuned for more information about grant related activities in the near future!

CITY WIDE YARD SALE DAY!

We are excited to announce that after taking last year off we are ready to resume our Athena City Wide Yard Sale Day! This year it falls on Saturday May 22nd. This is the perfect opportunity for those who have extra clutter around the house to sell some in your own yard. We will do all the advertising for you. The sales will be advertised as open 8:00 – 3:00. **Remember if you WANT on the map you HAVE to let either City Hall (566-3862) or Bee's Knees Secondhand (566-0203) know what your address is.** If you are in the market for some yard sale treasures remember that maps will be available Saturday morning May 22nd at most stores in Athena.



Been Spring Cleaning?

Athena Mainstreet Association will be having a fundraising yard sale during the City-wide yard sales, and we are looking for donations. If you have been spring cleaning and have stuff to get rid of, we will take it!

- Looking for clean, re-sellable items
- Items can be dropped off on Saturday May 15th from 9-11am @ the Historic Stahl Building
- All donations valued at \$250 or more are tax deductible, we will give you a receipt at time of drop off.

Thank you in advance, we appreciate our community's support!

Athena City Pool 2021

First Day, Monday June 7th

Monday-Friday

Open Swim: 1:00PM-4:00PM

Parent Hour: 4:00PM-5:00PM

Cost: 3 years and up \$2.00

2 years and under, Free

Water Aerobics: Monday-Thursday 6:00PM-7:00PM

(\$2.00 admission fee)

Saturday- CLOSED (for month of June)

Sunday- CLOSED

Pool Rentals Available- Saturdays and Sundays (call

City Hall for pricing/availability)

Sign up at City Hall for Season Tickets (\$100.00)



2021 Community Events

-May 1st Clean Sweep- Main Street cleanup

-May 15th – Yard Sale

Donation drop off 9-11am at the Historic Stahl Building

-May 22nd - City Wide Yard Sale

-May 22nd - 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



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 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 four 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 with the Athena Mainstreet Association was unable to attend the meeting. Recorder, Michelle Fox read a prepared statement from April. The AMA will be collecting donations for a Yard Sale Fundraiser on May 15 from 9-11 at the Stahl Building. Clean Sweep is Saturday, May 1 starting at 9:00 am. The City-Wide Yard sale is May 22-23. The Events Steering committee for the AMA is forming and anyone interested in joining should contact them at athenamainstreet@gmail.com. Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Dave Baty- East Umatilla Fire & Rescue: Dave Baty addressed the Council and demonstrated an air-purifier, decontamination unit recently purchased by the Fire District. The district recently purchased 7 purifiers. Due to the Fire District not being eligible for any covid relief funds, they are asking each of the four entities within the district for any size donation which might help with the much-needed purchases due to covid. Jesse Bonifer, Council liaison for the fire district will contact the other entities to see what amount of donation they are giving to the fire district.

Gina Miller – Umatilla County Code Enforcement: Gina Miller told the council that her department is back in the field after being furloughed for several months due to covid. She will once again be patrolling here in Athena once a week. Michelle has a list of properties for her to contact.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 3/11/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Actionable Items:

AMA Donation Request: The Athena Mainstreet Association is asking for \$100.00 donations to go toward Funding the Citizen and Business of the Year Banquet, and community events. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the Athena Main Street Association. Motion passed 4-0 with Katie Zmuda recusing herself from the vote.

Ordinance 9-5.3.40 Verbiage Revision: Several citizens have asked to be able to hook up to EOT's telephone service and have not been able to do so due to the verbiage in this City of Athena ordinance. The council would like Michelle to look into new verbiage that would protect the City and still be able to accommodate the citizen's wishes of hooking up to EOT telephone service. Michelle will bring back to May meeting.

Caledonian Games Park Reservation Request: A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the Athena City Park for the Athena Caledonian Games on July 9-10 as long as the State mandated rules for Covid are followed. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: Meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

Old Business: Garbage Receptacles for Main Street: Two quotes were reviewed for the purchase of eight garbage receptacles for Main Street. Councilor Thompson informed the Council that she had submitted a grant for a walking path that had included garbage receptacles and that there were enough garbage receptacles written into grant to be able to place eight on Main Street. She will receive notice on the grant by the end of April. If the grant is denied, the council will revisit this item at the May meeting.

New Business: - None

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: Kristin reported to the council that the library traffic is moving in the right direction with more people starting to visit. She explained that the State Library is using the cares money to provide rural cities with job seeking resources. Kristin was asked if she had the portable library installed yet and she said it would be up soon.

Parks & Rec: None

Public Works: They are busy as usual. They will concentrate on getting the playground equipment installed soon.

Fire: Councilor Bonifer submitted a Fire District report to the councilors.

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

Administration: Michelle is busy preparing budget, the 2021 lifeguards have been interviewed and hired.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **May 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**



The City of Athena is pleased to announce a partnership with Walla Walla YMCA in offering Swim Lessons at Athena Pool this summer.

American Red Cross Trained Water Safety Instructors from Walla Walla YMCA will be on hand this summer at Athena pool. We are excited for the opportunities this partnership brings as our staff will be able to learn from experienced and highly trained instructors. This partnership also means a higher-quality swim lesson program as communities work together to lower drowning statistics across our nation.

Please call Athena City Hall for more information:

541-566-3862



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LAUNCH YOUR SUMMER JOURNEY IN ATHENA

YMCA Day Camps
June 21 - August 5

Come have fun, explore, try new things and enjoy! You'll find something to love at camp!

CAMP OPTIONS

- Summer Enrichment (1st-6th grade)
- Sports Camps / 1:00-3:00pm (K-8th grade)

Financial Scholarships Available

SIGN-UP STARTS MARCH 26

Walla Walla YMCA, 340 S. Park St, Walla Walla WA 99324
509.525.8863

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