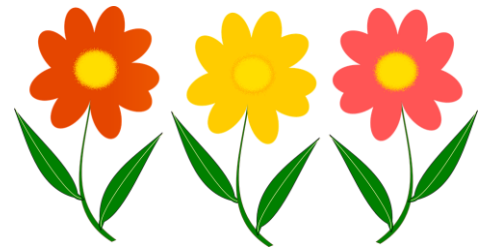


# CITY OF ATHENA NEWSLETTER



JUNE/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



## *JUNE MEETINGS*

### Library Board

Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm @ Library

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City Hall

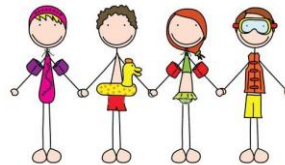
### City Council

Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City Hall

### Cemetery

Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm @ City Hall

## Athena City Pool 2021



### First Day, Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday-Saturday

Open Swim: 1:00PM-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)

Sunday- CLOSED

Pool Rentals Available- Saturdays and Sundays

(call City Hall for pricing/availability)

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

## Athena Tuesday Market

It's almost  
market season!

• Every Tuesday  
June- July

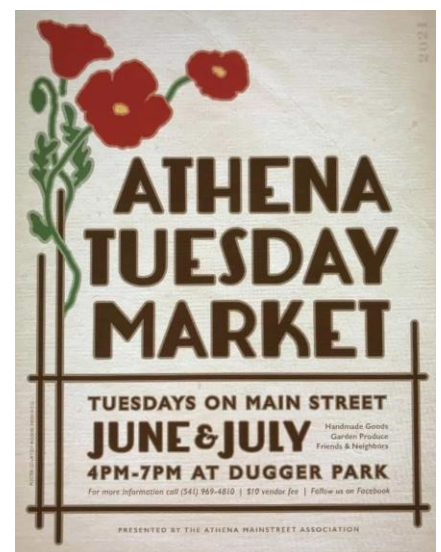
• 4-7pm

• 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





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.

**Swim Lesson Dates:**

Session 1: June 21-July 2

Session 2: July 12-July 23

Session 3: August 2-August 13

**\$25.00 per child per session**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSON OUTLINE**

**Ages 2 years and younger**

**BABY AND ME SWIMMING LESSONS**

**11:30am-12:00pm**

**(same dates as sessions above)**

**Preschool Levels 1-3 are for ages 3-5 years old**

**PRESCHOOL LEVEL 1**

Have little to no swimming experience, very beginning level, instructors will support (hold) them during skills sessions, goal is to build comfort exploring the water and getting face wet, they will be working on floating on front and back, breath control (blowing bubbles), kicking on front and back, beginning arm strokes on front and back.

**PRESCHOOL LEVEL 2**

These kids are able to submerge their face in the water, they are relaxed in the water when they are practicing their floating skills, even if they're still supported by instructor, they are willing to try new things including completely submerging, they will work on combining arms and legs on front and back, and learning to do some skills unsupported.

**PRESCHOOL LEVEL 3**

These swimmers are able to easily submerge, these swimmers are able to float on their front and back independently, swimmers are able to swim short distances on their front and back unsupported combining arm and leg action, swimmers are comfortable submerging and opening their eyes under water.

**LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM for AGES 6-**

**12**

**LEVEL 1**

Have little to no swimming ability, are not comfortable in the water and are not comfortable submerging their head, needs support from instructor to float, instructor will work with swimmers on gaining comfort and confidence in the water, swimmers will learn basic skills such as breath control (bubble blowing), submerging face, kicking on front and back with support from instructor.

**LEVEL 2**

These swimmers are more confident in the water, they are able to submerge comfortably and do "bobs" in the water unsupported, swimmers will learn to open eyes under water and retrieve objects in shallow water, they will also learn to combine leg and arm strokes on front and back.

**LEVEL 3**

These swimmers are very comfortable in the water, they are able to make forward progress on their front and back for short distances, instructors will be working with them to learn breaststroke and butterfly kick, swimmers will learn the basics of treading water and diving into deep water, they should be able to preform freestyle and backstroke by the time they finish this level, they will learn elementary backstroke and begin swimming on their side.

**LEVEL 4**

These swimmers are comfortable in the water, they are able to perform freestyle and backstroke easily when starting level 4, swimmers will learn to put the butterfly and breaststroke together arms and legs, swimmers will begin to build endurance by swimming lengths of the pool, swimmers will work on side stroke and perfect elementary back stroke from level 3, swimmers should be able to preform somersaults in the water.

**LEVEL 5**

Swimmer will be building endurance through laps and working to improve butterfly, breaststroke, freestyle, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and backstroke.

**Please call Athena City Hall to sign up:**

**541-566-3862**

The corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main St. (fenced area) is being used as a garbage dump site. **THIS IS NOT A DESIGNATED DUMP SITE FOR GARBAGE!**

If you are caught dumping garbage, you will be fined accordingly. If you see anyone dumping garbage, please contact non-emergency dispatch or City Hall.



## **THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL**

**May 13, 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 updated the Council on their events. The Stahl building restoration is coming along. The HVAC and electrical are complete. They will be holding a yard sale on May 22 in the Stahl building. They are gearing up for Tuesday Market which starts in June. A motion was made and seconded to pay for a porta-potty for Tuesday Market. Motion carried 5-0. AMA will be hosting Community Night Out on July 30 from 6:00-9:00 on Main Street.

Mike Humbert asked if he could add "contracting of pallets" to his current business license. He was told by Mayor Schroeder that the council could not approve that at

this time as he has current code violations at his place of business. Mike told the council that he will continue the pallet business whether the council approves it or not as he has bills to pay.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 4/08/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

**Actionable Items:**

The 2021-2024 employee contract was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021-2024 Union Employee Contract. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-04 Authorizing Transfer from Swimming Pool Personnel Services to Swimming Pool Material and Services. Motion carried 5-0.

A new business license for David and Carrie Bremer for the "Lincoln House", which will be a short-term vacation rental house, was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the business license for the Lincoln House. Motion carried 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** Permit #2021-02 for Athena-Weston School District for a pole structure was approved. A citizen inquired about adding a RV Park in town. Council will look into ordinances to see what is needed for this process.

**Old Business: Garbage Receptacles for Main Street:** AMA will research how many garbage receptacles are needed on Main Street and bring information to the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$2500.00 to the Fire Department for air purifiers. Motion carried 5-0

**New Business:** A Rehire Contract was reviewed to see if the council would like to offer this to an employee after retirement. Michelle will research this further to see how other cities do this and get back to the council at the next meeting.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin would like to apply for a Story Walk Board Grant. She asked the council if this would be something they would let her install in the park. Council agreed to have Kristin move forward with grant process. Kristin should have her Book Bike up and going by June 1. ALFA has new totes for sale. See an ALFA member if you are interested in purchasing a bag.

**Parks & Rec:** Will start working on getting swimming pool ready. The City is contracting with the YMCA this year for CPO, Lifeguards, and Swimming Lessons.

**Public Works:** They are busy as usual. They are in the process of hiring a new seasonal worker as Mike Dowd is not coming back this year.

**Fire:** Nothing new to report.

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

**Administration:** Michelle is busy with budget.

**Before adjourning meeting, the council got to celebrate Gene Wright for his anniversary from the military. Gene served in the Army and Air Force for 34 years. He served under 9 different presidents. We salute you Gene, thank you for your life time of service!**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **June 10, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**

## ATHENA CALEDONIAN GAMES

Save the date of Saturday, July 10 for Athena Caledonian Games. We will have a parade then there will be activities and family fun in City Park. Plan for a Kiddie Bike/Trike Parade and a Pet Parade in City Park! Visit the Idaho Potato Truck and their gang...what fun! For music, dancing, family fun, please join us at Caledonian....and even help us out too! Call 541.566.3880.



### **A Message from our Mayor:**

*I recently heard an Olympic gold medalist say that he felt one of the most important factors contributing to his success was his coach's constant reminders that "details make champions". You don't have to be going for an Olympic gold medal to realize the same truth. Just recently a colleague at work picked a few flowers from her garden and left them on my desk with a note wishing me a good day. That small act of kindness made a difference to me. One piece of garbage picked up while you are out on a walk is one less piece of trash littering our beautiful little town. Unlike bigger locales, individuals stand out in small towns like Athena. For this month, I would like to take a moment to give a big shout out to the "Garden Club" of Athena who so graciously plants the flowers in the planters all along Main Street. Every single day those splashes of color and life brighten all of our summer days. THANK YOU to the Ladies of the Garden Club. Thank you for your gift of time and care you give to Athena. You are true Hometown Heroes!*

**-Becky Schroeder**

