

# CITY OF ATHENA NEWSLETTER



AUGUST/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



## *AUGUST MEETINGS*

### Library Board

Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @  
Library

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @  
City Hall

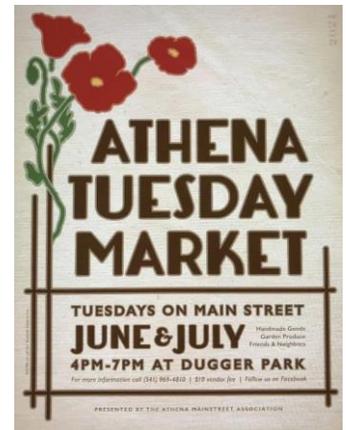
### City Council

Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ City  
Hall

### Cemetery

Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm @ City  
Hall

**TUESDAY  
MARKETS  
EXTENDED  
THROUGH  
AUGUST!**



**Road  
Work**

**Road  
Work**

**Road  
Work**

## NOTICE OF ROAD WORK/PAVING OPERATIONS

On July 26, 2021, chip sealing operations began along 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Main Street and Lincoln Street. In October, paving will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Sherman Street. And along 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Lincoln Street and Sherman Street.

If you live in the area, you will receive a notice in October asking you to remove all vehicles and trailers from the street/curb prior to the project start date.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this project!!



Br-r-r-r-ring on the Games!  
Athena Caledonian Games

Thank you to all Athena Caledonian Games' sponsors and donors, Athena Park and City staff, providers, committee, volunteers and all who came to City Park and enjoyed a day of family fun, music and games. It was a happy crowd, who enjoyed the park, each other and their families.

Caledonian Games wishes to grow and maintain our mission to create a Scottish festival. We need more volunteers to keep our tradition. We need short term helpers for the set up and the day of the festival, then long-term helpers from about February to July with monthly tasks and reporting. Tasks may require computer-savy people, capable leaders, or strong backs! People-help offers and/or Guardianship donations to Athena Caledonian Games may be sent to PO Box 161, Athena, 97813.

Thanks for all,  
Sue Friese

## 2021 Community Events

- July 30<sup>th</sup>** Community Night Out
- August Adopt a Highway**
- October 31<sup>st</sup>** Trunk or Treat
- November Adopt a Highway**
- December 4<sup>th</sup>** Annual Holiday Bazaar
- December 5<sup>th</sup>** Community Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade
- December 19<sup>th</sup>** Judging for community-wide lighting contest



## CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

As we talked about last month, unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles on your property constitute a violation of city ordinance. If you happen to have a vehicle fitting this description and don't know what to do about it, please call Code Enforcement at 541 278-6300. If the vehicle can be appraised for less than \$500 in value and needs to be dismantled, we can help you! Even if you have lost the title to the vehicle, we can help you! We can provide you with a DMV Form 272, commonly known as "Junk Slips" to enable you to contact an authorized DMV tower to take the vehicle away. We just have to come out to your property, take a photograph of the vehicle, obtain the VIN #, state license plate and your signature to complete the documentation. Normally there is a \$25.00 fee for this service, but if you call during the remainder of July and August, we will waive this fee! A great deal and you get your property into compliance! Call our office to schedule an appointment today!

**REMEMBER!!!** Keep those weeds and grass mown down in your yards and the alleys behind your homes! This prevents fires, saves you from getting a letter from us and keeps everyone safe!!



**UMATILLA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S REPORT FOR  
THE CITY OF ATHENA  
Total Calls for  
Service/Incidents (JUNE):**

**83**

### HARVEST TIME!

Wheat harvest has started which means an increase in truck and big equipment traffic. Please drive carefully!



# ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading activities are wrapping up this month!

We still have Storytime in the Park Tuesday mornings at 10:30am, the last one for the summer will be August 17.

Art in the Park is still Thursday morning at 10:30, the last one will be August 12.

In September we will re-start weekly Storytime and Crafternoon at the library stay tuned for details here in the newsletter or follow us on Facebook for up to the minute information.

This month the Adult Book Club is reading What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty. You can still stop by the library to pick up a copy and join us at the library on August 11 at 6:30 to discuss.

Also, we're so excited about our new Book Bike! For the month of August, the book bike will be at Tuesday Market every week except August 24 and at Athena City Pool Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 except August 25 and 26. You can check out book from the random selection on the book bike or call the library in advance to arrange for a specific pick up or delivery.

We have lots of new books at the library this month. Stop by and check out our selections!



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

**July 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, and Gene Wright present. Councilor Jesse Bonifer was absent. 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. Community Night Out will be July 30, on Main Street from 6:00-9:00. Due to popular demand, Tuesday Market will continue through August. April brought up a concern about a couple safety hazards on Main Street. One being the tree by the Stahl Building and the tree by Napa causing the sidewalks to buckle. Councilor Wright would like a list of these safety hazards.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 6/10/21 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

**Actionable Items:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2021-08 Authorizing the City's Participation in the LOC Legal Advice Program. Motion carried 4-0

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission approved Permit 2021-03-Rezoning of Property for Barbara Beamer at their meeting. Michelle explained the steps that need to take place before this can actually be finalized.

**New Business:** The Council reviewed a proposal from Sunhurst Energy to install solar panels along Pambrun Road. The Council would like a representative from Sunhurst Energy to attend next month's meeting to give a detailed explanation how this project would benefit the city and to answer questions before they decide whether to proceed.

**Business from the Departments & Councilors:**

**Library:** Kristin has several programs going this summer including Art in the Park, Children's Storytime, and the Adult Book Club which had doubled in attendance.

**Parks & Rec:** Swimming Pool is up and running.

**Public Works:** The snack shack for the ballfield has been ordered.

**Fire:** No Report

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

**Administration:** Auditors will be here the week of July 12. Karrah will be out of office for two weeks.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **August 12, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**

**ATHENA CITY HALL**

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