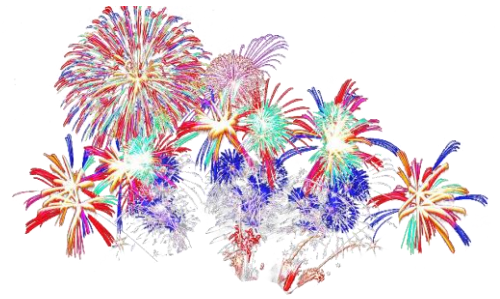


CITY OF ATHENA NEWSLETTER

JULY/2022



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



JULY MEETINGS

Library Board

Monday, July 18th at 6:00pm @ Library

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00pm @ City
Hall

City Council

Thursday, July 14th at 6:00pm @ City
Hall

Cemetery

Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00pm @ City Hall

ATHENA CITY POOL

Monday-Saturday

Open Swim: 1:00PM-

6:00PM

Cost: 3 years and up \$2.00

2 years and under, Free

Sunday- CLOSED

Pool Rentals Available-

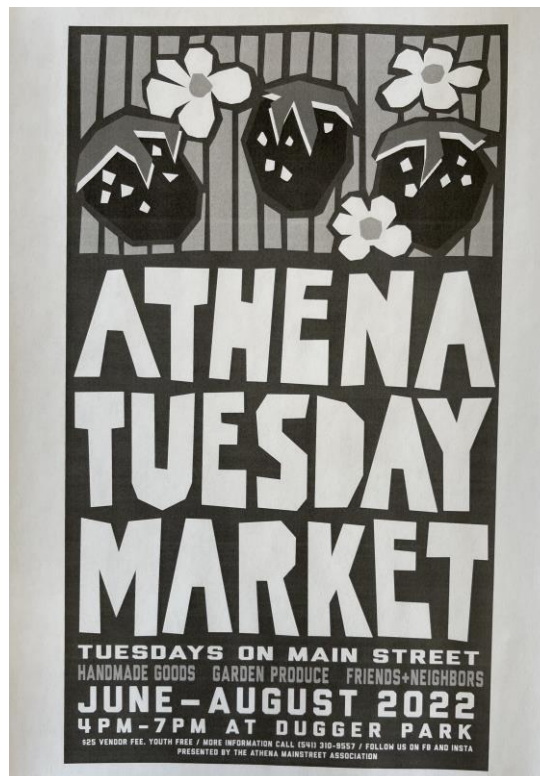
Saturdays and Sundays

(call City Hall for

pricing/availability)

Sign up at City Hall for

Season Pass (\$100.00)



Caledonian Athena Games

Athena Caledonian Games has a line-up of family fun in our City Park, athletic competition on the school field, and entertainment right after the parade in City Park. At 10:30 AM, the Celtic Band, ENDALOS will be performing. They are from the Oregon coast and surely an up-and-coming band to hear and watch their successful rise to fame. They will also perform at 12:30 PM in City Park.

There will be a Highland Dancing demonstration at center stage in the park at 1:30 PM. All interested in Highland dancing are invited to attend and dance with Tami Crum of Pendleton, if you wish!

There will be the Caledonian Parade on Main Street at 9:00 AM and then a Pet Parade and a Bike and Trike Parade in City Park. So have the kids decorate their bikes and enter in the parade at the park. Pets last year were even dressed in kilts but it is not mandatory to enter! It was great fun.

The athletics competition starts at noon.

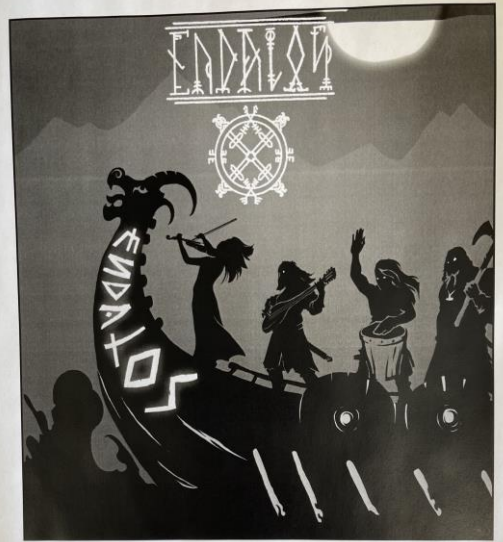
Athletic competitions under the leadership of Alan Wernsing of Athena and the Scottish American Athletic Association are featured all day under the Big Green Tent on the high school athletic field. Pre-registration and fee payment is suggested for the Scottish athletic events named, in part: Stone Put (throwing a Scottish hammer for distance), Sheaf Toss (throwing a 16 lb. bag of straw), and Caber Toss (the contest that looks like throwing a telephone pole!) Age limitations and classifications apply. SAAA ensures that equipment meets weight specifications and measurement standards. Professional athletes and first-time throwers here at Athena compete side by side and have a wonderful time.

There will be family fun time with games at about 1:45 ending with a watermelon eating contest at roughly 2:15 PM. At about 2:30 we will have the second of our Bonniest Knees Contests. (In Scotland, the bonnie lad and lassies are beautiful. Well, we're looking for the most beautiful....the bonniest knees.) Katie Zmuda is judging and of course, she is blind-folded. Judging technique? Ummmm,she touches the knees to learn the most beautiful. The holder of the coveted trophy was Delbert Durfee in 2021. I wonder if he will be able to hang on to the title this year.

At 4 PM, our closing ceremony will be the Candle Lighting Ceremony around the cairn in City Park. It is a short, stand-up service---in remembrance of our friends who are not here now and a blessing with raised candles to family and clan.

With the help of a grant from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition, Caledonian programs are free with a full schedule.

In the tradition of the Athena Caledonian Games since 1899, we invite you to gather together, enjoy the sunshine, friends, music and sport in honor of Athena's Scottish ancestors.



Free Celtic Band Performances by ENDOLOS

Saturday, July 9 - Athena City Park
10:30 AM and 12:30 PM

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

92



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Tuesday Market

June 7, 2022-August 30, 2022

Community Night Out

July 29, 2022

Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2022

Annual Holiday Bazaar

December 3, 2022

Winter Light Parade

December 4, 2022



ATHENA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer reading at the Athena Library is in full swing! Don't forget to come by the library each week through July for our weekly scavenger hunt. Tuesday mornings at 10:30am we will have story time, and Wednesday evenings we will be having crafter-noon from 5:00-6:00pm.

The library will be closed July 4, 2022 for Independence Day.

Library Board will meet July 18th at 6:00pm. Book club will meet July 25th at 6:00pm. Stop by the library to get a copy of our newest book!

Don't forget to participate in our Reading Road Trip! All summer reading tracking must be returned August 1st to be entered into our drawings.

We will have Wildhorse Cinema gift certificates for our Teen entries, fun filled baskets for our adult summer reading and a number of fun prizes to choose from for youth.

Our end of summer reading party will be held Wednesday, August 3rd. Join us for pizza and prizes at the library from 5:00pm-6:00pm!



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ATHENA CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2022

Attendance: City Recorder, Michelle Fox called the regular meeting of the Athena City Council to order at 6:05 pm. Roll was taken with Councilors Katie Zmuda, Wayne Kostur, Sally Thompson, and Jesse Bonifer present. Mayor Schroeder and Councilor Wright were excused. Two guests were also present. City Recorder Fox led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sally Thompson nominated Councilor Wayne Kostur to run the meeting. Katie Zmuda seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor of Councilor Wayne Kostur running the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Council President.

Business from the Public:

Athena Mainstreet Association (AMA): April Makenna reported for the Mainstreet Association. The first Tuesday Market was small but went well. April looks forward to a great Tuesday Market season. Youth Citizen of the Year was Peyton McLouth. Congratulations to Peyton. Permission was granted by council to close Main Street on July 29 at 3:00 for Community Night Out. April also asked about looking into disposal bags for the park due to dogs running loose.

Sue Friese submitted a letter from the Caledonian Games Committee.

A request was made to contact the Umatilla County Fire Department to clean up the weeds on the Athena Fire Department lot. Michelle will contact Fire Chief, Dave Baty.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the council meeting minutes of the 5/12/22 meeting, the financial statements, and bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Actionable Items: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-05 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution #2022-06 Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, Impose & Categorize the Tax. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission: Reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan was tabled until the next meeting due to absent commissioners.

New Business: A draft policy was reviewed and briefly discussed for the reader board. The council members will review and bring their revisions back to the July meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve giving City Recorder, Michelle Fox, the authority to accept and sign documentation on behalf of the City of Athena for the ODOT Temporary Easement. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Michelle updated the Council on the Humbert Property. She will proceed with process.

Business from the Departments & Councilors:

Library: The library is in the process of hiring a new summer intern.

Parks & Rec: The playground equipment is complete. The pool will open June 13.

Public Works: They are still waiting on permits to finish the snack shack and restrooms at ball field.

Fire: None

Sheriff: None

Administration: The city of Athena will receive \$400,000 from the County to help with funding for the installation of water and sewer to the new housing development. Auditor will be here July 20.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm. The next regular council meeting will be **July 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

Please call or stop by City Hall to sign up for swim lessons.

Swim Lesson Dates:

Session 2: July 11-July 22

Session 3: August 1-August 12

\$25.00 per child per session

541-566-3862

The Athena City Council has 3 open seats starting in January 2023. Terms run from 2023-2026. If you are interested in running, please stop by City Hall to pick up election packet. First day to file is June 1, 2022 and last day to file is August 30, 2022



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