

# SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News

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## Bayview, Inc. - Part II

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So, there's this price tag on the bottom of the can, but there's still some wiggly stuff. Let's finish looking at that first!

### WHAT CAN AN INCORPORATED CITY DO?

In addition to being able to raise money and contract for services, a city is able to pass ordinances. These ordinances cannot cancel out County, State, or Federal Laws but they can add restrictions that may be important to local community members.

For example:

A city CANNOT pass a law making marijuana legal because that would violate Federal laws. (Yes, there's a lot of controversy on this one, but in general, the point stands)

A city CAN pass a law permitting the use of legal fireworks only during certain hours. State law currently allows them to be used at any time during a window around New Years and the 4th of July.

So, a city can add restrictions but cannot override existing higher level regulations. It can provide more local control of things like land use. Typically, zoning and land use are controlled at the county level in Idaho outside of incorporated areas. If the city takes over this function, then local citizens can decide what uses various areas should be put to. See table below, this function is one that the city usually chooses to control.

Other functions that a city may assume are noted in Title 50 of the Idaho Codes, starting with 50-301 and going to section 50-345. They cover everything from police departments to airports and computerized mapping systems with stops along the way for cemeteries and carnivals. Most of these say that a city "may" or "does have the power to" perform a certain function which implies that this is optional. (Note that, for instance only one of the four cities shown below provides police protection and none provide directly for fire protection)

There is one apparent exception to the observation above. Section 50-313 says, in part, "The city councils of cities SHALL have the care, supervision, and control of all public highways and bridges within the corporate limits, and shall cause them to be kept open and in repair and free from nuisances". This may explain why all of the **four cities shown below** have "Roads" or "Public Works" department, even though they may have the actual work done by contractors and not city employees.

**In most cases, the powers that the cities do not assume continue to be supplied by the counties.**

Okay, so now let's talk about the price tag on the bottom of our shiny can of worms!

### WHAT DOES BEING A CITY COST AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

Idaho Statutes Title 50, Sections 50-235 through 50-237 establish the taxing authority and limits for cities. Most of these revenues come from Property Taxes and are limited as follows:

- Tax levies for "general" revenue purposes are limited to 0.9% of the assessed market value of a property.
- Cities may also elect to establish a "Capital Improvements Fund" which may add an additional 0.4% of the assessed market value of a property.
- So, the city MAY levy a Property Tax of up to 1.3%, or \$13 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. That is the maximum amount, it can be less.
- In addition, the city has the power to borrow against the city's assets.

Lastly, please consider that Property Taxes don't hit all citizens equally. Five people living in a house get a much better deal per head than two people living in a house of the same value. Take another look at the chart and think about what incorporation could cost you. Then decide whether the benefits outweigh the costs!

City	Population	2018 Property Tax Budget	Services
Athol	741	\$119,113	City Planning, Water System, Roads
Dover	713	\$79,246	City Planning, Water & Sewer System, Roads, Park
Hayden	14,693	\$1,390,947	City Planning, Sewer System, Roads, Park,
Hayden Lake	500	\$142,361	City Planning, Roads, Park, Police

Example: The 2018 Athol Property Tax rate was 0.346% or \$3.60 per \$1000.

Budget figures from 2017 Idaho State Tax Commission. Estimated 2018 Property Taxes.

Other data provided by city employees or city web-sites.

## Powerhouse Grannies

Bayview has the Community Council and Athol has the Athol Grandmother's Club, only this organization goes back to 1972 when it was first formed in Spirit Lake. Like the Council it's a community-minded social group

The Athol Grandmother's Club strives to honor and dignify grandmotherhood, promote charitable projects, contribute to the causes and research of children's diseases, donate to worthy community projects for children with monies or supplies, whichever is needed, and further the social and educational interest of their members.

They currently have 20 members with 17 very active ladies. Their door is always open and they would love to meet new ladies and have them join.

For the last three years the club has participated in the Athol Daze parade with a float decorated by the grandmothers and twice received 1st place. But that's not all, on behalf of the City of Athol, they are stewards of the popular Cake Walk. Other activities in which they participate include a yard sale, Easter egg decorating, movies at the Athol Community Center, bingo or bunco games and Christmas Tree decorating.

The club meets on the second Monday of every month at the Athol Community Hall at 10:00 am. An exception is June 17, when they hold their Grandmother of the Year celebration off site. Gloria Borders was named Athol/Spirit Lake Grandma in 2018.

Like any organization they have officers: President: Karen Hageman, Vice President: Arlene Kuhn, Treasurer: Gwen Bakie, Secretary: Gloria Borders, Historian: Sheryl McDaniel and Sunshine: Marion Foster. They also have Hostesses of the Month who decorate the table and select a theme for the month.

This group of ladies don't let any grass grow under their feet. Last year they traveled to Kellogg, Idaho to visit the Kellogg Grandmothers.

Not a Grandmother? You can still join this ladies group, if you can keep up with them. For more information email: [grannysonfire@gmail.com](mailto:grannysonfire@gmail.com) or go to Facebook and type in Athol Grandmother's Club.



## Welcome Sue's Burrito

For those of you who miss Mario's, a new Mexican restaurant called Sue's Burrito has moved into Athol. Brothers Juan and Martin Uribe recently opened in the old Love's Trading Post which is next to the new post office. Juan is the guy always up front.

Juan moved to Athol from San Diego and has owned restaurants going back to 1997 in Phoenix, Arizona. Juan says, "It's a beautiful opportunity."

There is one menu that covers breakfast, lunch and dinner. "Everything is fresh" says Juan. You'll find everything you'd expect at a Mexican restaurant.

Best of all, burrito lovers rejoice! There are 17 different burritos on the menu. Here are some examples: an omelet burrito, sausage burrito, salsa burrito, bean burrito, country burrito, veggie burrito, ranchero burrito, American burrito, etc. The Athol Burrito featuring your choice of meat, potato, onions, cilantro, and cheese has been one of the favorites so far. Still not happy? You can customize your own.

Juan is looking forward to participating in community events and helping in any way he can. He is here to do his best for the community. In case you're wondering how did it get to be named Sue's? Well, that's easy: Juan's sister-in-law is Sue.

The hours are Monday thru Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The restaurant's address is 29801 N. Old Hwy 95, Athol. You can reach Juan at: 208-561-5232.

If you're looking for authentic Mexican cuisine and family friendly style home cooking, don't hesitate to try Sue's Burrito Restaurant.

## Get Well

Our caring thoughts are with Bob Moore for a speedy recovering. Wishing to see our friend around Bayview soon.

## Gratitude from Wes' Sister

The Family of Captain Wes Jones sends our sincere appreciation to those of Bayview and surrounding communities for loving him as much as we do. Daughters, Emilie Wiemer, Amie Jones, and Sister, Tina M. Ritter. To contact the family write to: Tina M Ritter, 5602 Bendigo Rd, Wilcox PA. 15870

## Town Meeting

Public meeting March 14, 7 p.m. at the Community Center regarding the facts that the independent committee has complied regarding the up coming Bayview Water & Sewer District May bond election.

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