Athol Public Library
Community Information Booklet
Updated Fall 2015

AARP
Linda S. Fitzgerald, President
Debra Banda, State Director
Massachusetts Office 866-448-3621
1 Beacon Street, Suite 2301
Boston, MA 02108

ACOA AlAnon
Saturdays at 10 AM in conference room at the Athol Memorial Hospital 413-545-0883
www.umass.edu/ewc/rr/iris_web/ewcr0263ai.html

Adult Children of Alcoholics
There are no local counseling centers.
www.adultchildren.org
Al-Anon Family Groups of Pioneer Valley
www.valleyalanon.org

Adult Day Health Services (Gardner Visiting Nursing Association), North Quabbin Adult Day Health Service
1471 Main Street Rear, Athol
Kathy Kilhart, Program Director 978-544-5478
www.gvnahealthcare.org

AIDS information line 800-235-2331

AIDS Services North Quabbin
Pam Jobst, Outreach Case Mgr. 978-249-3511 ex283

AIDS Project (Worcester) Inc.
85 Green St., Worcester, MA 01604 508-755-3773
www.aidsprojectworcester.org FAX: 508-795-1665
Email: info@aidsprojectworcester.org

AIDS Hotline, Info on HIV Testing 800-750-2016

ALANON
Mondays at 7 PM in conference room at the Athol Memorial Hospital 413-545-0883
www.umass.edu/ewc/rr/iris_web/ewcr0263ai.html

ALANON family groups of MA 508-366-4663

Alcoholics Anonymous
See Beacon Clinic Saturday 10a.m.
Western MASS Intergroup (AA) Alcoholics Anonymous
474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA 01040 413-532-2111
Tues. – Sat. 9am-1pm & Thurs. until 5:45pm
Office Manager, Kevin L. intergro4@aol.com
www.westernmassaa.org FAX: 413-534-0929

ALS Support Group
Meets the last Thursday of the month 978-249-3511
at 6:00 pm at Athol Memorial Hospital

Alternative Schools
Franklin County Technical School 413-863-9561
82 Industrial Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376
CAPS Collaborative School, 978-632-2491
53 School St., Westminster Cheryl Rorik: 978-669-5150
Montachusett Regional Technical School 978-345-9200
see Montachusett Regional Tech.
Village School, Royalston 978-249-3505
On the Common, P.O. Box 122
www.villageschoolma.org info@villageschoolma.org
Winchendon School 978-297-1223
172 Ash Street, Winchendon, MA Fax: 978-297-0911
admissions@winchendon.org

Alzheimer's Care-Givers Support Group
2nd Wednesday, 3-4 PM at Adult Day Health 978-249-3717
Wanda Landry 978-248-6334

Ambulance Service (non-emergency)
978-249-8275
Athol Fire and Ambulance Emer. 911
Woods Ambulance 978-249-2711
Athol Firefighters Association 978-249-8275

American Legion, see Edward H. Phillip Post #102
American Legion Auxiliary, Post #102 American Legion
Becoming Inactive. For more information, speak to Mary.
Mary Brick, Treasurer 508-886-6160

American Lithuanian Naturalization Club
365 South St., Athol 978-249-3787
Paul Sundstrom, President
Paul Pace, V.P.
Bob Cramm, Treasurer
Linda Yuconis, Secretary
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Athol-Amer-Lithuanian-Club/234243553264589

American Red Cross (Central MA Branch)
2000 Century Drive 508-595-3700
Worcester, MA www.redcross.org/ma/boston

Animal Control Officer
Jen Arsenault 978 249-2494

Animal Inspector
Call Town Hall for new inspector 978-249-2179
395 Pinedale Rd., Athol

Animal Protection and Problems
Animal officer: Jen Arsenault 978-249-2494
Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society 413-548-9898
MSPCA 800-628-5808
Environmental problems  800-632-8075

**Arson Hotline**
State Fire Marshall’s office  800-682-9229

**Athol Area United Way = United Way of North Central MA**
649 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg, 01420  978-345-1577

**Athol Board of Assessors**  see Government-Athol

**Athol Board of Directors**
(See Government-Athol)

**Athol Board of Public Works**  see Government-Athol

**Athol Board of Health**  see Government-Athol

**Athol Community Development Program**
Call for new director
Mary Ann Murphy  978-575-0301
Housing rehabilitation program
Available to residents living in Athol

**Athol Conservation Commission**  see Government-Athol

**Athol Council on Aging**
Cathy Savoy, Director  978-249-8986
Judy Thayer, Cordinator
82 Freedom St.
Office: Mon-Th, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Special Events on Fri.
Bd. of Directors meets 3rd Tues. of month @ 1 p.m.
Margaret Young, Chair
Meal-site: Athol Senior Center, 82 Freedom St
Open Mon-Th 8:00am - 3:00 pm  978-249-9001
Senior Transport provided by MTG  978-575-9966

**Athol Cultural Council**
Brianna Haskins, Chair  978-249-0428
Marie Lehmann, Treasurer (Resigning)
Jean Shaughnessy, Secretary

**Athol Finance Committee**  see Government-Athol

**Athol-Gardner Council Knights of Lithuania**
Meet 1st Tuesday (monthly) at 6:30pm at St. Francis Church
Richard Gatautis, President  Cell: 978-501-7480
Contact: William Wisnouskas, V.P.  978-632-6942
Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis, Spiritual Advisor
Jackie Dohlty, Financial Sec.

**Athol Head Start (MOC)**
CDC Center, 925 Main Street, Athol  978-249-9109

**Athol Historical Commission**
J.R. Greene, Chairman  978-249-0156
Shelley Small, V.P.
Jean Shaughnessy, Secretary
Carol Broulliet, Member
Richard Chaisson, Associate Member
Mark Killay, Member

**Athol Historical Society Inc.**
1307 Main Street, Athol
Susannah Whipp Lee, President  978-249-4342
Russell Kennedy, V.P.
Debra Ellis, Treasurer  978-249-5835
Kathy Cygan, Director
Hours: Sundays in June & July, 1-3 p.m.
www.atholhistoricalsociety.com  athol250@gmail.com

**Athol Housing Authority**
21 Morton Meadows, Athol  978-249-4848
Christi Martin, Exec. Dir.  FAX: 978-249-9604
Board: Charles Winn, Edward Sawin, Cathy Savoy, Edward (Ted) Ledgard, Cathy Muzzy
www.atholhousing@verizon.net

**Athol Industrial Development Comm.** See Greater Orange/Athol Industrial Development District

**Athol Lions Club**
Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at Athol Legion
Dave Flint, Contact & Former President  978-249-9038
Bryon Hall, President  978-544-8144
(Bryon is President until the end of June 2015)

**Athol Memorial Hospital**
2033 Main Street, Athol  978-249-3511
Amanda Madsadgen, Community Relations  978-630-5982
www.atholhospital.com  978-249-1226

**Athol Memorial Hospital Aux.**
Judy Howland, President  978-249-1145
2nd Tues @ 1:00 pm

**Athol Mental Health**  see Clinical & Support Options

**Athol/Orange Aero Club**
Zane Dubour, Contact, Secretary  978-249-9212
David Bramhall, President
Meet at Orange Municipal Airport
P.O. Box 327

**Athol/Orange Baptist Church**
131 Ridge Avenue, Athol  978-249-8697
Rev. Mark Barilone, Pastor
Services: Sundays at 9 and 10:45 a.m.
AWANA for all Children Wed @ 6:00 pm
www.aobc.net

**Athol Orange Blind Visions Group**
Joe Valez  See Clubs and Organizations

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Joe still provides help for equipment or mental or social assistance.

**Athol/Orange (Interfaith) Clergy Association**
Not presently active. A new representative is to be announced.
Call Hands Across North Quabbin for an update:
Beverly Prestwood-Taylor. 978-249-6202

**Athol/Orange Community Television (AOTV)**
Carol Courville, Exec. Dir. 978-249-4470
163 S. Main Street, Athol Fax: 978-249-6500
[www.aotv13.org](http://www.aotv13.org) info@aotv13.org

**Athol/Orange Disabled American Vets.**
Pine Street, Athol
Alan Bowers, Contact 978-249-7164
John Dodge, Commander
Paul Dubey, Adjutant
Jeffrey Quinn, Treasurer

**Athol/Orange Health & Human Services**
*See North Quabbin Community Coalition*

**Athol/Orange Lodge of Elks**
Hall and Clubroom rental 978-575-0653
Chad Songer

**Athol/Orange (Area) Rotary Club**
P.O. Box 181, Athol (supports the Lifeline Project)
Every Monday @ 12:15 pm
Carol Courville, Treasurer, Contact 978-249-4470
Kirby Lecy, President (Until June 2015)

**Athol Police Department**
280 Exchange Street, Athol 978-249-3232
Timothy Anderson, Police Chief Fax: 978-249-7903
[www.athol-ma.gov](http://www.athol-ma.gov)

**Athol Public Library**
568 Main Street 978-249-9515
Jean Shaughnessy, Director FAX: 978-249-7636
Angela Dumas, Children’s librarian
Mon,Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, Tues 9:30-8:00 pm
[www.athollibrary.org](http://www.athollibrary.org) info@atholpubliclibrary.org

**Athol/Royalston Community Partnership for Children**
*See MOC Community Partnership*

**Athol/Royalston Educational Foundation**
P.O. Box 149, Athol
Beth Gospodarek, Contact 978-249-0358
Joann Deacon, President
The foundation raises money from local donors to support creative educational and enrichment programs that are outside the funding provided in the regular budget. They emphasize bringing the community into schools and schools into the community. [www.atholroyalstoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.atholroyalstoneducationfoundation.org)

**Athol/Royalston School Committee** *see Government – Athol*

**Athol/Royalston Regional School Dept.**
1062 Pleasant St., P.O. Box 968, Athol 978-249-2400
Anthony Polito, Superintendent
[http://www.arrsd.org](http://www.arrsd.org)

**Athol Senior Center**
82 Freedom Street, Athol 978-249-9001
Meals for aged 60 and up held Tues. – Thurs. @ 11:30 am
Reservations made one day ahead.

**Athol Town Government** *See Government – Athol*

**Athol Town Hall**
584 Main Street, Athol 978-249-4551
Hours: M-W-TH 8:00 am – 5:00 pm; T 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fri – Closed

**Athol Traffic and Safety Commission**
Timothy Anderson, Chairman 978-249-5385
pchief@townofathol.org trafficsafety@townofathol.org

**Athol Transfer Station**
978-249-9551

**Athol Woman’s Club**
Joanne King 978-249-6886
Mary Williams, President Elect Cell: 508-475-2568
P.O. Box 194, Athol

**Auto Theft Hotline (Auto Theft Tip Line)**
800-468-2886

**Battered Women** *See NELCWIT*

**Bay State Franklin Medical Center**
*See Franklin Medical Center*

**Bay State Rehabilitation Care**
Bay State Franklin Medical Center 413-773-2227

**Bereavement Support Group**
Athol Memorial Hospital 978-249-3511
Last Wed of each month, 3:30-4:30pm

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Franklin County**
16 Court Square, Greenfield 413-772-0915
Danielle Letouranu-Therrien, Director FAX 413-772-0911
(must be 18 or older to volunteer)

**Birth Certificate**
Issued by the Town Clerk’s office 978-249-4551
Memorial Building, 584 Main Street, Athol

**Blind**
MA Commission for the Blind 800-332-2772
MA Association for the Blind 617-738-5110

**Board of Planning and Community Development**
*See Government – Athol*
Boys to Men
Jeremy Richman 781-789-9227
Free group for boys 11 & 12 in Athol & Orange.

Boy Scouts of America/Nashua Valley Council, Inc
1980 Lunenburg Road, Lancaster, MA 978-534-3532
www.nashuavalleybsa.org

Building Inspector; Building permits
See Govn – Athol

Burning Permits
Issued by the Fire Dept. at certain times 978-249-3598

Business & Professional Women’s Club
See Pioneer Jr. Women’s Club, Orange

Cable Television
See Athol/Orange Community TV (AOTV)
See Time/Warner Cable

Camp Wiyaka Information
Contact YMCA 978-249-3305 Ext. 21

Cancer
Cancer Information Service 800-4-CANCER
American Cancer Society 226237
Cancer Support Group Chairman
Bonnie Frank Hume 978-249-3511 Ext. 207
1st Wed. of month @ 4:30 PM in conference room
Bfrank-hume@atholhospital.org (Hume’s cell) 508-517-2282

Catholic Charities Home Care Program
Paula Nicholson, Regional Supervisor 978-249-4563
12 Riverbend, Athol

Central Congregational Church
93 South Main Street, Orange 978-544-6895
Rev. Megan Leary 508-459-1887
Childcare & Sunday School provided
Service 10:15 am Sundays Sept-May-check for summer hours

Cemeteries
Maintained by the Dept. of Public Works 978-249-4542
Cemetery Division 978-249-8684
Active: Chestnut Hill
Highland
Gethsemeni – Catholic, not maintained by DPW
Silver Lake
Mount Pleasant
Doe Valley
Inactive: Hapgood
Conant Road
Lower Pleasant Street
New Sherborn Road
Bigelow

Chamber of Commerce See Athol Chamber of Commerce

Chess Club
Mild Knights Chess Club
David Price, Contact 978-249-6040
Meets at Athol Public Library

Child Care Connection
413-475-3656

Child Care & Protection
Child at Risk Hotline, up to 13 years
After hours and weekends # 800-792-5200
Greenfield Branch 413-775-5000

CHD
131 W. Main Street, Orange 978-544-2148
Cathy Sickle, Director
357 Main Street, Athol 978-830-4120
332 Birnie Avenue, Springfield 413-733-6624
www.chd.org FAX: 413-439-2109

Christian Scientist Church
See First Church of Christ, Scientist

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
634 Pearl Street, Gardner 978-632-8811
Meet 10 am – 1 pm every Sunday

Churches and Synagogues See local listings in this book
Check local Saturday paper for times
Athol Foursquare Church
Athol Congregational Church (United Church of Christ Congregational)
Athol/Orange Baptist Church
Bethany Lutheran Church (M &Th evening free meal)
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
First Church of Christ Scientist
First Unitarian Church
First Universalist Church, Orange
House of Love Ministries
Jehovah’s Witness, Kingdom Hall
Mission Covenant, Orange
New Life Christian Fellowship of Assemblies of God
North Quabbin Bible Church
Our Lady Immaculate Roman Catholic
St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic
St. John’s Episcopal
St. Mary’s, Orange
Seventh Day Adventist
South Athol United Methodist
Starrett Memorial United Methodist
Temple Israel
The Salvation Army
Universal Life Church, Orange

Citizen Information Service
Info & referral on all aspects of State Gov’t 800-392-6090

Civil Defense See Government – Athol
Clinical & Support Options (CSO)
491 Main Street, Athol 978-249-9490
Outpatient Mental health & counseling services
Mental health center providing respite shelter 800-322-0424
And crisis treatment FAX: 978-249-3139
www.csoinc.org Email: info@csoinc.org

Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Transitional Assistance
(This is the new name for the Public Welfare Dept.)
North Quabbin Patch, 378 Main St., Athol
(Full Service Office) 978-249-5070
Fitchburg 978-665-8700
Greenfield 413-772-3400
Dept. of Children & Families, Fitch/Leom (formerly DSS) 800-479-6111

Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Employment and Training Career Centers
(This is the new name for Dept. of Employment Security)
Franklin/Hampshire Career Center, Greenfield 413-774-4361

Community Action (formerly Franklin Community Action)
393 Main Street, Greenfield 413-774-7028
Clair Higgins, Exec. Dir. (rings to Greenfield) 978-544-5423
North Quabbin Main Office
167 South Main St., Orange
Youth development programs (ages 9-21) 978-544-8109
After school groups
Leadership development
Employment readiness
Peace management
Diversity support
Community service learning
Center-based child care
Center for self-reliance food pantry
Child care Outlook
Common cents
Community crisis response team
Early head start
Electric efficiency program
Energy assistance
Energy bucks
Family child care
Family learning center
Family network
Financial education classes
First call for help 413-475-1573
Fuel assistance program
Head start
Healthy connections
Healthy families
Heating system program
Housing services
The mediation & training collaborative
Parent-child development center
Parent-child home program
Score peer mediation
Tax assistance program
Weatherization program
WIC: women, infants & children
Youth programs
154 Federal Street, Greenfield 413-475-1792

Clubs & Organizations
See individual listings
American-Lithuanian Naturalization Club
Athol Area Mt. Grace Chapter of AARP
Athol Bird and Nature Club
Athol Golden Age Club
Athol Firefighters Association
Athol Grange
Athol Historical Society
Athol Lions Club
Athol Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Athol/Orange Aero Club
Athol/Orange Blind Visions Group (disbanded)
Athol/Orange (Interfaith) Clergy Association (inactive)
Athol/Orange Disabled American Vets
Athol/Orange Emblem Club (inactive)
Athol/Orange Women of Today
Athol Police Association
Athol Teacher’s Association
Athol Woman’s Club
Athol Woodsman, Rifle and Pistol Club
Boy Scouts of America
Daughters of the American Revolution
Edward H Phillips Post #102 Amer. Legion
Edward H Phillips Post #102 Auxiliary
Exchange Club
Friends of the Athol Public Library
Girl Guards (Salvation Army)
Girl Scouts
Golden Age Club
Mount Pleasant Encampment and (Mount Pleasant Woman’s Auxiliary)
Knights of Columbus
Knights of Lithuania
Ladies’ Benevolent Society of Royalston
Ladies’ Home League
Lions Club
Masonic Lodge A.F. and A.M.
Millers River Fisherman’s Association
Mission Circle (United Church of Christ)
Mount Grace Business & Professional Women
Orange Athenaeum
Orange Historical Society
Petersham Craft Center
Rat Pack Paddlers Inc.
Rotary Club
St. Anthony’s Society (Our Lady Immaculate)
Sno-snooper’s Snowmobile Club Inc.
Sunbeams (Salvation Army) +B462
Veterans of Foreign War
Weight Watchers

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Youth Age Group: 14-21  FAX: 413-774-7565 
www.communityaction.us

Community Development Office  See Government – Athol

Community Health Center of Franklin County 
450 West River St., Orange  (Medical) 978-544-7800 
(rings through to Turners Falls)  (Dental) 978-544-1576 
Ken Guilbault, Chief Executive Director 
www.chcfc.org

Community Coalition for Teens (CCT) 
34 N. Main St, Ste. 3, Orange  
Joyce Fulmer,  e-mail: teens@frcog.org

Community Transit Services 
573 South Street, Athol  978-575-9966 
Community Transit Services (CTS) provides a public dial-a-ride service in the Athol, Orange area. Transportation is provided for work, medical appointments, shopping, education and other quality of life services. CTS also provides a feeder service to the fixed route bus system that is operated between Greenfield and the Gardner/Winchendon area by FRTA and MART.  
Fax 978-575-9984

Computer Classes  See Athol Public Library

Congregational Church  See United Church of Christ

Consumer Protection 
Office of the Attorney General  617-727-2200 
Better Business Bureau of Central & Western MA & N.E. CT  6 Park Avenue, Suite 100, Worcester 01605 
Hours: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (M-F)  FAX: 508-754-4158 
Consumer Hotline:  866-566-9222 
Web & Automated Phone Services available 24/7. 
www.cne.bbb.org  info@cne.bbb.org

Copy Machines  See photocopies

Council for the Arts  See Athol Cultural Council

Council on Aging  See Athol Council on Aging

Cyber Café (Greater Gardner CDC Cyber Café) 
246 Central Street, Gardner  978-630-2975 
www.ggcdc.org  FAX: 978-669-0099

Daughters of the American Revolution  *

DAV  See Athol/Orange Disabled American Vets

Day Care, Preschool 
Little Blessing Preschool  978-249-3743 
Little Tots Day Care  978-249-2003 
Y-Nursery School  978-249-3305 ex 16

Day Care, After school  See Parent Child Development 
Center of Franklin County, Athol Area YMCA Youth Reach!

Deafness, Office of  800-882-1155

Death Certificates 
Issued by the Town Clerk  978-249-4551 
584 Main Street, Memorial Hall, Athol

Department of Public Works 
Superintendent Doug Walsh  978-249-4542 
Cemetery Division  978-249-8684 
Garage located at 338 Unity Ave. 
Athol Transfer Station/DUMP

Department of Transitional Assistance (Welfare Dept.) 
The DTA office (Greenfield) has a satellite office in Athol at First Call for Help, 423 Main Street, Athol. The satellite is staffed Wednesdays from 9-5:00 pm. It is in the Patch Office.  
800-470-5877

Diabetes Education & Support Group 
3rd Wed. of month from 6:30-7:30 pm @ Athol Mem. Hospital  
(Athol cases heard in Orange)

Dial/Self 
196 Federal Street, Greenfield  413-774-7054 
16 Miles Street, Greenfield  
11th Street, Turners Falls 
STEP – a transitional living program. Step Program Coordinator - Amy Calandrella 
TeenLine – Street outreach, clinical support, housing – 
Samantha Pepe & Thaddeus Poulter  413-774-7054 
Director of the RISE AmeriCorps Program & PYDC Initiative – Matt Ashby 
15 East Main Street, Orange  978-544-1800 
RHY Programs Director -- Kelsey Wessels  www.dialself.org

District Court Orange (Athol cases heard in Orange) 
1 Court Square, Orange  978-544-8277 
Offices open Monday – Friday. Court sets Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00-4:30 pm

Dog Licenses 
Available at the Town Clerk’s Office  978-249-4551 
584 Main Street, Memorial Hall

Dog Officer  See Animal Control Officer or Gov’t – animal control officer

Domestic Violence  See NELCWIT 
Contact the Athol Police Dept.

Drug Addiction, Info & counseling  See Community Action Corp.

DSS – Department of Social Services, child welfare, Now known as DCF (Dept. of Children & Families). 
Hotline: 1-800-792-5200 
North Quabbin Patch is the Athol Office
General Information

Ambulance: Emergency CALL American Red Cross

Emergency Services:
Emblem Club

North Central Area Office
690 Mechanic St., Suite 100, Leominster, MA 01453
FAX: (978) 353-3800
http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dcf

DUMP Athol Transfer Station 978-249-4542
(See Department of Public Works)

DYS – Department of Youth Services
Provides oversight of Court involved youth.
Patch Office, 423 Main St., Athol 978-249-5070

Edward H Phillips Post #102 American Legion
325 Pequoig Avenue, Athol 978-249-3175
Toni Phillips, Historian
Roger Nowlin, S. VC
David Chapman, Jr. Sarg. At Arms
Edward Humphrey, Adjutant/Sr VC 978-575-0457
Alex Blake, Commander
Lee Plummer, Service Officer
Alan Bowers, Jdg. Advocate
Peter Newman, Chaplin, Jr VC
Alan Bowers, Finance Officer

Elderly Care See Franklin County Home Care Corp., Senior Citizen’s Services

Elder Protective Services (Franklin County Home Care)
Elder abuse or neglect, Linda Puzan 978-544-2259

Elections
Polling Places:
Precinct 1 Athol Congregational Church
1225 Chestnut Street (Uptown Common)
Precinct 2 Liberty Hall
584 Main Street
Precinct 3 Town Hall (upstairs)
584 Main Street
Polls open 10 am – 8 pm for local elections
7 am – 8 pm for state and fed. elections

Voter Registration:
Time and place for registration will be announced in the local newspaper before each election, approximately one month before the election.
For information call Town Clerk 978-249-3551

Elks See Athol-Orange Lodge of Elks

Emblem Club See Athol – Orange Emblem Club

Emergency Services:
American Red Cross
Ambulance: Emergency CALL 911 or 978-249-8275
General Information 978-249-3598

Electric power failure: National Grid 800-465-1212
Fire 978-249-3598
Hospitals: Heywood Hospital, Gardner 978-632-3420
Athol Memorial Hospital 978-249-3511
Bay State Franklin Medical Center 413-773-0211
Mental Health Emergency Service 800-562-0112
Clinical & Support Options 978-249-9926
Police Athol Police 978-249-3232
State Police 978-249-4341
Water Main Dept. Public Works 978-249-4542

Emergency Shelter for Youth (DCF) After–Hours Hotline – child abuse reports 800-842-5905
See The Berkshire Center for Families (the DCF Area Lead Agency)

Emergency Shelter
Athol Fire, John Dugay, Chief, 978-249-8275
Athol Police, Tim Anderson, Chief 978-249-3232
Clinical and Support Options 978-249-4990
First Call for Help 978-249-4295
Housing Services 978-249-4295
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless 781-595-7570
North Quabbin Patch 978-249-5070
Salvation Army 978-249-8111
Turner’s Falls Shelter 413-772-0499

Employment/Unemployment
Mass. Division of Employment & Training
Leominster 978-534-1481
Greenfield 413-774-4361
Gardner 978-632-5050

Even Start See Family Learning Center

Family Friends (United Arc)
111 Summer St., Greenfield 413-774-5558
Sue Jones, Contact 413-863-2082
Part-time grandparents play with kids who have cognitive disabilities.

Family Pharmacy
321 Main St., Athol 978-249-9100

Farm School
Moore Hill Road, Athol 978-249-9944

FAX Machines
Country Convenience $2.00 1st sheet, $1.00 others
49 S. Main Street, Athol Phone: 978-249-2885
Athol Public Library
$1.00 per sheet, no charge for cover sheets
568 Main Street, Athol Phone: 978-249-9515

Fellowship & Crafters
United Church of Christ Congregational, Athol
Shirley Bock, Leader 978-249-8206
2nd & 4th Tues. from 1PM - 3PM
Preferred attendance of senior citizens
Non-church members are still welcome to attend.

First Church Unitarian
478 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331 978-249-8142
Rev. Marilyn Richards  athol.uu@gmail.com
Service: Sunday at 10:00 AM  www.atholu.org

First Universalist Church
31 N. Main St., Orange  978-544-6501
Nadine – Board Chair  978-544-6617

Fishing Licenses
Walmart / www.ma.wildlifelicense.com

Fisher Museum  See Museums

Food Stamp Application  See Massachusetts, Commonwealth of, Transitional Assistance.

Food Pantry, Free Meals
Orange Food Pantry (Food Bank)  978-544-2149
118 East Main Street, Orange. Open Thurs. 10-3 p.m. except when there are 5 Thursdays in month, then it is closed.
Bethany Lutheran Church, Orange. Free meal Mon. and Thursday at 5 p.m.
Franklin County Community Meals Program  413-772-1033
Evan Manning, Orange Food Pantry  978-544-2149
Brown Bag Distribution
82 Freedom Street, Athol, 3rd Wed 11:00-11:30 am
Salvation Army
107 Ridge Ave. Tues-Fri 9-12 p.m.  978-249-8111
Center for Self-Reliance
Osgood St., Greenfield. It is an emergency food pantry open 5 days/wk.
Survivor Center  413-863-9549
96 4th St., Turners Falls (for Franklin County Residents)
Open M-F from 10-1:15 (food pantry)

Franco-American Naturalization Club
592 South St., Athol  978-249-9840

Franklin County Home Care Corporation
330 Montague City Road, Suite 1, Turners Falls 01376
Regina E. Curtis, President of Board of Directors
Toll Free Line:  800-732-4636
TDD:  413-772-6566
Western MA:  978-544-2259
Central MA:  800-922-2275
Hours: M-F 9 AM – 5 PM  www.fchcc.org
More Elder Info:  www.800ageinfo.com or call  800-243-4636

Franklin County Dial Self
16 Miles Street, Greenfield  413-774-7054
Non-profit agency providing comprehensive services to adolescents. Safe place, shelter, teen line for ages 15-22.
Drop-in Center is open M-F from 2PM – 7PM
Orange by appointment

Franklin Hampshire Career Center
Career Ctr. at Old Bedroom Factory, Orange. Open Tues. and Wed. (two days per week).  978-544-3506
Fax: 978-544-0273
Main office 1 Arch Place, Greenfield  413-774-4361
Michael Truckey, Director  800-457-2603
Intake/employment and training programs,

(Bay State) Franklin Medical Center
Partial Hospitalization Program  413-773-2546
To make appointments for intake meeting:
Behavioral health (inpatient)  413-773-2595
Emergency  413-774-5411

FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments)
Network-offers training etc. for animal control  413-774-3167
Needs & networking in Franklin County regional towns

Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA)
474 Main St., Greenfield  413-774-2262
Tina Cote Administrator
Transportation for Seniors & the disabled  www.frt.org

Friends of the Athol Public Library
Directors serve as chairman in rotation  978-249-9515
Jean White, Treasurer
Margaret Young, Trustee Rep.

Fuel Assistance
New England Farm Workers Council, Inc. (NEFWC)
(North Central Massachusetts only)  978-342-4520
473 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Fitchburg, MA, 01420

See Commonwealth of Massachusetts

GAAAFSN (Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families With Special Needs), program of the ARC  978-249-4052
359 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331  Fax: 978-249-3683

GAAMHA Industries (Gardner/Athol Area Mental Health Association), 208 Coleman St. Ext., Gardner  978-632-0934
Handicapped & elderly transportation services

Gardner Visiting Nursing Association (GVNA)
Elaine Fluet, President and CEO  978-632-1230
34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440  800-382-7305
TTY:  800-439-2370
Voice:  800-439-0183
Answering Service:  508-798-7490
www.gardnervna.org

GED Examination  See High School Equivalency Examination

Gibson Drive Housing (Lakeside Apts)
Housing for the Elderly  978-249-4848
Info. call Athol Housing Authority  FAX: 978-249-9604

Girl Guards  See Salvation Army
Girl Scouts
Girl Scouts of Central-Western MA, 800-462-9100
Susan Lapierre, 508-853-1070
Bonnie Price, contact person; e-mail: ngirlscouts@gmail.com
Katrina Wheeler
DAISIES: Kindergarten; BROWNIES: Grades 1-3
JUNIORS: Grades 4-6; CADETS: Grades 7-9;
SENIORS: Grades 10-12

Global Classroom
Involves protection of rainforests 978-724-3530

GOVERNMENT - ATHOL  Unless otherwise noted, all offices are located in the Memorial Building, 584 Main Street.
TOWN MANAGER: Shaun Suhoski 978-249-2496
ACCOUNTANT: 978-249-6618
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Jen Arsenault 978-249-2494
BOARD OF ASSESSORS: Kenneth Vaidulas, Chair
Lisa Aldrich, Assessor 978-249-3880
BOARD OF HEALTH: Debra Karan 978-249-7934
e-mail: boh@townofathol.org
Handle septic, well and food permits, tanning, pool, camps, motels, hotels, state sanitary code for housing, communicable disease follow-up, body art
BOARD OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEV.: David Small 978-249-2094
BUILDING INSPECTOR: Brianna Slowyra 978-249-3834
Issues building permits, conducts inspections and issues certificate of occupancy
CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 978-249-2368
Meeting Date: Fourth Tuesday (except July & Dec.)
Robert Muzzy, Chairman 978-249-3734
Voting Members: Dennis Killay, J.R. Greene, Robert Muzzy, Robert Shepardson, Walter Lehmann, Katheryn Harrow
Associate Members: Elwin Bacon, John Bisbee, Jim Smith Jr. Ass. Member: Jacob Brissette
CONSTABLES:
Leon A. Lozier, Kevin Matersa, Ken Vaidulas

DPW: Doug Walsh  See Department of Public Works
ECONOMIC Development & Industrial Corp. (EDIC): Jim Meehan 978-249-4985
FINANCE & WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
Ken Duffy, Chairman 978-249-8510

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
2251 Main Street
John Duguay, Chief 978-249-4830
Civil Defense 978-249-8275

HOUSING AUTHORITY  See also Athol Housing Authority
Cathy Savoy, Edward Ledgard, Edward Sawin, Charles Winn
Cathy Muzzy 978-249-4848

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:
Howard C. Adams 978-249-2179

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:
Sharon Brighenti, Francis Foster, Margaret Feldman, John R. Greene, Christine Miranda, Margaret Young 978-249-9515

MEMORIAL HALL REVITALIZATION FUND
Ethan Stone  ethanstonemusic@hotmail.com

MODERATOR:
Lawrence P. McLaughlin

OFFICE OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  FAX: 978-575-0323
978-575-0301

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
Earle Baldwin, Secretary, earlebaldwin@yahoo.com
David Small 978-248-9491

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEV. OFFICE  978-575-0301

PLANNING BOARD:
Calvin Taylor 978-413-7405
Subdivision review and approval and issue of special permits

PLUMBING INSPECTOR: Gerald Brousseau 978-544-6008
139 Newton St., Athol 978-249-8752
Inspects plumbing and signs building permit

POLICE Chief: Timothy Anderson 978-249-3232

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Karen McNiff
Chet Hall, Steven Kaczmarczyk, Deborah Kuzmeskas, Dale Lougee, Joseph Maga, Nancy Melbourne: Chairman, Wayne Whitfield, Lee Chauvett, Joao Batista, Angelica Favreau

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:
J.R. Greene, Memorial Building

SELECTMEN:
Anthony A. Brighenti, Chairman
L. Chauvette, P. King, Steve Raymond, Susannah Lee;
Heather Brissette, Exec. Secretary 978-249-2368

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Government – Federal
PRESIDENT:
Barack H. Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20550

VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Biden

U.S. SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren  (202) 224-4543
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Ed Markey
202-224-2742
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

REPRESENTATIVE:
James McGovern
Phone: 202-225-6101
438 Cannon House Office Building
Fax: 202-225-5759
Washington, DC 20515

Government – State
GOVERNOR
Charlie Baker
Office of the Governor 617-725-4005
Room 280, State House Fax: 617-727-9725
Boston, MA 02133
Email: constituent.services@state.ma.us

LT. GOVERNOR
Karyn Polito 617-725-4005
Same as above

SECRETARY OF STATE
William F. Galvin 617-727-7030
Room 337, State House
Boston, MA 02133
Email: cis@sec.state.ma.us

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Susannah M. Whipps Lee 617-722-2090
State House Room 540
Email: Susannah.whippslee@mahouse.gov

STATE SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren:
2400 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203  617-565-3170

Anthony Polito 978-249-2400
TAX COLLECTOR - TREASURER
Eileen Bristol 978-249-8484

TOWN CLERK:
Nancy Burnham 978-249-4551

TOWN COUNCIL:
Mark Goldstein, call Selectmen’s Office 978-249-2368

VETERANS SERVICES:
Neil McGuirk 978-249-6935

Greater Athol Area Advocates for Families with Special Needs (GAAFSN), program of the ARC
Martha Lewin 978-249-4052

Greater Orange/Athol Industrial Development Corporation
See North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce

Gun Permits Obtained at the Police Department,
280 Exchange St., Athol

Hands Across North Quabbin
Mark Shoul, Royalston 978-249-9901

Head Start (Creative Kids)
Located at the CCD Center, Athol 978-249-6735

Healthy Families for 1st Time Mothers
167 S. Main St., Orange 978-249-7481

Heating Services
Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. (MOC)
Energy & Environmental Services
66 Day Street 978-342-7025
Fitchburg, MA, 01420

High School Equivalency Examination (GED)
Cathy King 978-544-8917
Literacy Project at North Quabbin
34 N. Main Street, Orange
Designed to serve adults who have not finished high school or who have graduated from high school but are lacking in reading, writing or math skills. Personal and vocational counseling available. Funds available for eligible participants for transportation, childcare, and supplementary services. Classes free to those eligible under JPTA guidelines. Also, adult education clinic with sliding fee scale. Class times: Mon, Tues, & Wednesday 9:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Historical Commission See Athol Historical Commission

Homeless Shelter See Emergency Shelter

Hospice See Senior Citizens Services or Gardner Visiting Nurses

Hospitals See Emergency Services

Hostels See Hostel Newspaper Subscription

Hotels in the area
Executive Inn, 110 Daniel Shays Hwy., Orange 978-544-8864
Travel Inn, 180 Daniel Shays Hwy., Orange 978-544-2986
Super 8 Motel, off Rt 2 Gardner (exit 23) 978-630-2888
Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Rd., Gardner 978-630-2500
King Phillip Motel, Athol Rd., Phillipston 978-249-5300
Rodeway Inn, 183 Main St., Westminster 844-267-7938

House of Peace & Education, Inc. (HOPE)
20 Barthel Ave., Gardner 978-630-4752
www.hopegardner.org; e-mail: hope@hopegardner.org
Contact: Christian Orodello, email: corodello@hopegardner.com

Housing Authority  See Athol Housing Authority

Housing Services Program (1st Call for Help)
167 S. Main St., Orange 978-544-8091
Serving tenants, landlords, homeowners and home buyers in the Athol/Orange nine town region

Housing, Section 8
Kena Vescovi 978-249-4295, ex 103

Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Walmart www.ma.wildlifelicense.com

Hands Across No. Quabbin
http://handsacrossnortheastquabbin.org
Philip Rabinowitz 978-249-4422
prabinow45@gmail.com
Helps build a civic culture of collaboration across differences

I.D.D. (Industrial Development District)  See Greater Orange/Athol Industrial Dev. Corporation (which is another name for the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce)

Illiteracy  See Literacy

Immigration
800-375-5283

I.R.S. (Internal Revenue Service)
800-829-1040

Information Service  See Athol Public Library
See Millers River Information & Referrals
See 1st Call for Help
See Emergency Shelters

Juvenile Alternative Sanction Program (JASP)  *

Knights of Columbus
Meets at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Athol
Peter Newman, Grand Knight 978-249-6679
Bill Graziano, Deputy Grand Knight 978-249-4105
Clarence Blanchard, Contact 978-249-3150

Knights of Lithuania, Council-10
978-249-9325
Athol/Gardner area
Meets 1st Wed at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Athol
Richard Gatautis, President 978-501-7480

Ladies Home League (Salvation Army)
107 Ridge Ave., Athol 978-249-8111

Lt. Elliot Higgins and Lt. Darlene Higgins Contacts

LaLeche League (Greenfield)
Meeting Schedule 2nd Wed monthly
Provides support to mothers who breast feed 800-525-3243

Lead Paint Poisoning Testing
MA Dept of Public Health 617-624-6000
State Hotline 800-532-9571

Legal Aid
Western MA Legal Services 413-774-3747
Franklin County Bar Assoc. 413-773-9839
MA Bar Assoc., Legal Referral Service 617-654-0400
Central MA Legal Services, Worc 508-752-3718
Legal Assistance, Worc 800-649-3718
RCap Solutions: rcatsolutions.org 800-488-1969

Library Commissioners, Board of
617-725-1860

Library, Public  See Athol Public Library
See Wheeler Memorial Library, Orange

Library Trustees (Athol Public Library)
Margaret Young, Chair 978-249-8593
Frank Foster, J.R. Greene, Susie Feldman, Christine Miranda, Sharon Brighenti. Meet when necessary in the Trustees’ Room at the library, 568 Main Street

Licenses and Permits 978-249-4551
See name of license or call Town Clerk’s Office
See Government Athol

Literacy
Literacy Project Greenfield Classroom, 15 Bank Row, Greenfield 413-774-3935

Literacy Project at North Quabbin (formerly North Quabbin Adult Education Center)
34 North Main Street, Orange 978-544-8917
M-W, 9-8; Th, 9-5; Fri closed
GED preparation; various community development efforts (The Literacy Project) www.literacyproject.org

Literacy Volunteers of Orange-Athol
Currently defunct.
Contact Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area 978-343-8184

Lithuanian Club  See American Lithuanian Naturalization Club or Knights of Lithuania

Mahar (Ralph C.) Regional School District
507 S. Main Street, Orange
Tari Thomas, Superintendent 978-544-2920 www.rcmahar.org
Marine Corps League Pequig Detachment 1168
Barney Cummings, Commandant 978-724-3491

Masonic Lodge, North Quabbin Lodge
336 Main Street, Athol
Master: Andrew Chase
Senior Warden: Jeffrey Stewart
Jr. Warden: Daniel Bristol
Secretary: Bryan E. Ward 978-249-4976

MassHealth
Community Action 978-544-8091
167 South Main Street, Orange
You must make an appointment.

Massachusetts State Police
Athol Barracks, 2289 Main Street 978-249-4341

Massachusetts Service Alliance
617-542-2544
Funds for Community Service and Volunteer Programs

MA Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children
335 Chandler St., Worcester, MA 508-753-2967

Mediation  See Quabbin Mediation

Medicaid
Handled by Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance

Medical Access – Toll Free
Mass Health Enrollment Ctr. 800-525-0907
800-332-5545
888-665-9993

Mental Health
Western Mass. Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Clinical & Support Options 978-249-9490
Emergency Services: Athol Memorial Hospital 978-249-3511
Emergency Services: Franklin County 413-774-5411

Millers River Environmental Center  See Athol Bird & Nature Club

Millers River Fishermen’s Association
Gail MacKnight
Peter Mallett 978-544-7126

Millers River Greenway Corp.
100 Main St., Athol
Greg McGuane, President 978-248-9491
Works to promote establishment of a recreational corridor between Athol and Orange on land and on water.

Millers River Watershed Council, Inc.
http://millerswatershed.org
David Small, Secretary
David Brule, President 978-248-9491
Rice Flanders, VP

JoAnne Burtin, Treasurer
Works to protect the health of the Millers River Watershed and create opportunities for local residents to play a stewardship role.

MOC Community Partnership
423 Main street, Athol (Patch Office) 978-249-7661
Frances Graziano, Coordinator FAX: 978-249-3319
e-mail: arepckids@yahoo.com

Moderator, Town Meeting
Larry P. McLaughlin 978-249-3570
77 Stevens St., Athol

Montachusett Opportunity Council (MOC)
133 Prichard St., Fitchburg 978-345-7040
MOC Pro Health & Environmental, MOC Elder Services,
MOC Division of Community Services, Headstart

Montachusett Regional Technical School
1050 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Fitchburg Calling Area 978-345-9200
Gardner Calling Area 978-632-8889
Massachusetts Toll Free 800-853-6689

Museums:
Fisher Museum of Forestry
324 N. Main St. Petersham 978-724-3302

Gardner Museum
28 Pearl St., Gardner 978-632-3277
Marion Knoll, Coordinator

Tool Museum at L.S. Starrett Co. 978-249-3551
May be seen by appointment with Personnel Dept.

National Center For Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678

National Hearing Dog Center Inc.
1116 South Main St., New Salem 800-249-9264

New England Equestrian Center
Elwin Bacon 978-249-2004
www.equinecenter.org

New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWI), 479 Main St., Greenfield 413-772-0871
Cheryl Rogers, Exec. Dir. Hot Line: 413-772-0806
131 West Main Street, Orange 978-544-9857
Women’s Support Group 413-772-0871
Counseling in family crisis situations, short term emergency shelter for battered women
Children at Risk 800-792-5200
Hot Line for Emergency Support 888-249-0806, 413-772-0806
www.nelcwit.org

New Salem  See Swift River Historical Society
Newspapers:
Athol Daily News, 225 Exchange St. 978-249-3535
Greenfield Recorder The, Greenfield 413-772-0261
Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Gardner 508-793-9100

North Orange Head Start (administered by the Parent-Child Development Ctr. In Greenfield)
168 Athol Rd., N. Orange, Sharon Hatstat 978-575-0522

North Quabbin Adult Education Center (now known as Literacy Project at North Quabbin)
34 North Main Street, Orange
Catherine King 978-544-8917
M-TH 10-2, Fri closed
GED preparation; various community development efforts
(The Literacy Project) www.literacyproject.org

North Quabbin Anglers
P.O. Box 79, Athol, MA 01331
David Zink, President 978-544-3183
Purpose: to advocate for sportsmen’s use of Quabbin
Reservoir for fishing and promote passive recreation.

North Quabbin Area Food Resources See Food Pantry

North Quabbin Bible Church
1314 W. Royalston Rd., Athol 978-249-7369

North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce
Contact: Mark Wright, Executive Director 978-249-3849
251 Exchange Street, Athol 978-249-3703
www.northquabbinchamber.com

North Quabbin Citizen Advocacy
135 E. Main St., Orange (the Armory Building) 978-544-7794
Tom Doody, Coordinator
Program fostering volunteer relationships between people with disabilities and others in the community.

North Quabbin (Interfaith) Clergy Association
See Athol/Orange Interfaith Clergy Association-now inactive

North Quabbin Community Coalition
251 Exchange St., Athol 978-249-3703
Heather Bialecki-Canning, Exec. Dir. A community-wide alliance committed to improving the quality of life for all those living and working in the North Quabbin region.
www.nqcc.org

North Quabbin Community Food Co-op
www.quabbinharvest.coop

North Quabbin Family Literacy Partnership
See Literacy Project at North Quabbin

North Quabbin Family Physicians
201 South Main Street, Athol 978-249-0099

North Quabbin Legislative Contacts:
Sen. Steve Brewer, State House Rm. 109B 617-722-1540
North Quabbin Patch
423 Main St., Athol
Bette Jenks., Family Advocate 978-249-5080
THIS OFFICE WILL FAX FOR FREE FOR THOSE SEEKING FOOD STAMPS AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Notary Public
Located at Athol Public Library, Athol Memorial Building, any of the banks, the lawyers or the real estate offices.

North Worcester County Quabbin Anglers Association
See North Quabbin Anglers Association

Nursing Homes:
Quabbin Valley Health Care
821 Daniel Shays Highway, Athol 978-249-3717
Applewood Home For Elders
171 S. Royalston Rd., Athol 978-249-5110
applewoodhomeforelders@gmail.com

Nutrition Resource Center (Dept. of Pub. Health) *

OnStar Agent 888-466-7827

Orange Athol Industrial Development Corporation
See Greater Orange Athol Industrial Development Corp.

Orange Council on Aging
135 E. Main St., Orange
Clifford Fournier 978-544-1113

Orange District Court
1 Court Square, Orange, Clerk’s Office 978-544-8277

Orange Elementary School District
507 S. Main St., Orange
Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent 978-544-6763

Orange Family Advocates
Joann Woodcock 978-544-0018
OFA continues to work with the Orange Elementary Schools on the Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities Project.

Orange Food Pantry (run by County Community Action Corp.)
118 E. Main St., Orange 978-544-2149
(Thursdays 10-3:00 pm)

Orange Historical Society
41 North Main St., Orange 978-544-3141
Irene Ballou, President 978-544-6286
Lynne Hall, V.P.
Linda Knechtel, Secretary
Jeffrey Cole, Treasurer

Orange Housing Authority
200 E. River St., Orange 978-544-6000
Christi Martin, Director

Orange Lions Club
Admin@townoforange.org
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Orange-Lions-Club/330522563692124

Orange Revitalization Partnership (ORP)
Work out of Rosie Thoms’ house, Grove St.
Pat Andrews 978-544-8555

Orange Senior Center
Orange Armory, 135 E. Main St., Orange 978-544-1113

Our Lady Immaculate Church
192 School Street, Athol 978-249-2738
Edwin Montana, Pastor
Organizations:
St. Vincent De Paul-Food Pantry
Knights of Columbus
Deacon: James Linderman

Parent Child Development Center, of Franklin County
Turners Falls 413-475-1405
Operate: Orange Head Start (classroom A & B)

Parent Teacher Organizations:
Contact Superintendent of Schools for info. 978-249-2400
Riverbend School
Principal Janeth Williams 978-249-2415
Pleasant Street School
Principal Dianne Ellis 978-249-2405
Sanders Street School
Janeth Williams 978-249-2410
Royalston Community School
Molly Superchi 978-249-2900
Athol Royalston Middle School Parent Council
Principal: Thomas Telicki 978-249-2430
Athol High School
Steven Meyer 978-249-2435

Parental Stress
Stress Line 24 hours 800-632-8188

Passport Application Acceptance Agency,
www.travel.state.gov

Passport Applications
May be filed at Fitchburg post office or Greenfield courthouse

Patch See North Quabbin Patch or DSS (nowDCF)

Percolation Tests
Athol Board of Health 978-249-7934

Permanent Firefighters of Athol Call Men
2251 Main Street, Athol 978-249-3598
Eric Jack, Tres.

Peterham Craft Center
8 N. Main St, Petersham 978-724-3415
Nancy Allen & Sheila Youd, Co. Pres.
Ellen Burnham, V.P.
Tally Lent, Sec.
Jill Berry, Treas.
Nancy Allen, Publicity 978-724-0075
Christine Eaton, Education
Open Wed – Sun., 12-4:00 pm

Photocopying:
Available at:
Athol Public Library, 978-249-9515
Country Convenience Store, 49 S. Main St., Athol 978-249-2885
Wheeler Memorial Library, East Main St., Orange 978-544-2495

Physicians
For a complete list, including specialists, write:
Department of Public Relations
Athol Memorial Hospital
2033 Main St.
Athol, MA 01331

Pioneer Jr. Women’s Club (GFWC affiliated)
Meets at Orange Armory (Senior Center)
1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm
Sherrie Johnson, President 978-544-8152

Planned Parenthood of Central MA
Worcester 800-258-4448 or 508-854-3300

Planning Board See Government Athol

Plumbing Inspector See Government Athol

Poison Information Center
Toll free 800-682-9211
Lead paint testing 800-532-9571

Police Union
International Brotherhood of Police Officers 978-249-5385
Scott Dubrule, President
Jarret Mousseau, V.P.

Pregnancy:
Tapestry Health Systems 413-773-5403 978-249-2013
Open Wed. 12-5:00 pm (number forwards to Greenfield)
Pro Health (Fitchburg) 978-342-3892
Pregnancy Hotline 800-322-5014
WIC (Women, Infants, Children) 978-249-2373

Prescription Advantage
Supplements Medicare drug plans. A program of the
Executive Office of Elder Affairs 800-243-4636

Property Evaluation See Gov’t Athol, Board of Assessors
Public Transportation
Peter Pan Bus (528 North Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453) 800-343-9999
Wilson Bus, E. Templeton 978-345-4829
Montachusett Area Regional Transit (MART): 800-922-5636
100 Main St., Fitchburg 978-345-7711
Gardner, 555 Main St., Gardner 978-632-9980/978-632-7373
Ashburnham, Senior Van, Council on Aging 978-827-5000
Templeton, Senior Transport, Council on Aging 978-632-4592

AMTRAK 800-872-7245
DIAL-A-MART 978-345-7711 ex 3
Community Transit Services (CTS) 978-575-9966
Headquartered at the Athol Rail Depot
Bus service between Athol and Gardner, Athol and Greenfield
$1.50 one way, Bus Pass $10 (buys 10 one-way rides)
MART (for Mass Health Transport) 800-854-9928
Franklin Regional Transit Authority 413-774-2262 EXT 104
474 Main St., Greenfield 888-301-2262
Project Ride Share, FRTA, ADA Coordinator 413-774-7475
(transportation between human service agencies)

Public Utilities
Dept. of Telecommunications & Consumer Div 800-392-6066

Public Welfare Department
See MA, Commonwealth of, Dept. of Transitional Assistance

Quabbin Anglers See North Quabbin Anglers

Quabbin Harvest Market
12 North Main Street, Orange 978-544-6784

Quabbin House (a program of Clinical & Support Options)
21-25 W. Main St., Orange 978-544-1859
Richard Stemm-Street 978-544-1860
Fax: 978-544-1861

Quabbin Mediation
13 S. Main St., Org. 978-544-6142
(offers mediation services & workshops)

Radio Stations:
WJDF FM 11 S. Main St., Orange 978-544-5335

Rape:
NELCWT – New England Learning Center for Women in Transition, 479 Main St., Greenfield 413-772-0871
Rape Crisis Center of Central MA 978-343-5683
285 Nichols Rd., Fitchburg (at Burbank Hospital)

Reach Early Intervention
Patch Office, 423 Main St., Athol 978-249-5070
Services for children 0-3 years of age

Recover Project
68 Federal St., Suite 125, Greenfield 413-774-5489, FAX 413-774-6039
www.wmtc.info.org (substance abuse and alcoholism)

Recreation
Summer Playground under supervision of Athol Recreation Commission. July and August for children ages 6-15, Monday through Friday. Registration first day, announced in local newspaper.

Town of Athol maintains the following areas for recreation:
Alan E. Rich Environmental Park on Main St., Athol
Canoe access to the Millers River
Silver Lake Park: Swimming, beach, fishing, 2 softball fields (1 lighted), 1 baseball field; and in winter, ice fishing and ice skating
Lake Ellis: Swimming, beach, fishing, boating, boat ramp with parking; and in winter, ice fishing and ice skating
Lifeguard at both beaches 10 AM to 6 PM beginning school vacation until school starts
Fish Park: 1 softball field, swings, and 3 tennis courts
Sanders Street Field: 1 basketball court and 1 softball field
Lake Park: 1 hardball court
Lincoln Avenue: 2 tennis courts with parking
Athol Conservation Areas: Bearsden Forest, Gulf Area, Minnie French Area, Cass Meadow, Rowe Area, Tully Area.
For further information or to arrange for guide, write: Athens Conservation Commission Memorial Building, Athol, MA 01331
Little League: Rear American Legion Home
325 Pequot Avenue, Athol. See Athol Little League.
Softball Leagues: Teams play at Lake Ellis & Silver Lake Park
Summer Activities at the Athol Public Library: For children grades K-6. Schedules available at the Library. 978-249-9515
YMCA: Scheduled activities for Spring, Winter and Fall for all ages. Limited programs in Summer. More information available at desk in YMCA lobby 978-249-3305
Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center: 99 Millers Falls Rd, Northfield, MA 01360 800-859-2960
Call or write for newsletter and calendar of events.

Recreation Commission
Lake Ellis Rd, Athol, MA 01331 978-249-4819

Red Cross
New England Region, 180 Rustcraft Rd, Suite 115, Dedham MA 02026 800-448-3543

Representatives
See listings under Government-State/Government-Federal

Ride Share
Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) 413-774-7475
Transportation between human Service Agencies

Rotary Club See Athol-Orange Rotary Club

Run-Away-Line
Toll free 800-786-2929, 800-621-4000
Rural Development, Inc.
44 Canal Road, Turners Falls, MA 01376 413-863-9781
Build your own home program, Housing & Redevelopment Authority, housing assistance for low income families

St. Francis of Assisi (Roman Catholic)
101 Main St., Athol
Pastor: Rev Edvin Montaña 978-249-2738
Organizations:
CCD
Knights of Lithuania

St. John’s Church—Episcopal
15 Park Ave., Athol; Rectory at 45 Park Ave., Athol
Leslie Henley, Senior Warden
Free Community Supper, 2nd Fri. of month 4:30-6:30 p.m.

St. Mary’s—Catholic
19 Congress St., Orange
Parish Administrator: Jose Bermudez 978-544-2900

St. Mary’s Women’s Club
Maureen Riedeau, President 978-544-2900

St. Vincent De Paul See Our Lady Immaculate Church

Saint Anthony’s Society See Our Lady Immaculate Church

S.S.I.  Supplemental Security Income

STD/HIV Hotline 919-361-8400
American Social Health Association (private) 800-227-8922

Salvation Army
107 Ridge Avenue, Athol
Elliott & Darlene Higgins, Commanders 978-249-8111
Organizations:
Ladies Home League: meets Tues nights, 6 p.m.
Community Meal every 4th Sunday at 5 p.m.

School Committee See Athol-Royalston School Department

Scouts See Boy Scouts of America: Girl Scouts

Sealer of Weights and Measures See Government-Athol

First Second Congregational Church of Royalston
Pastor Jeffrey L. Francis at The Parsonage 978-249-9155
Organizations:
Women’s Fellowship, Youth Ministry, Health Ministry

Seeds of Solidarity Education Center
165 Chestnut Hill Road, Orange, MA 01364 Deb Habib 978-544-9023
Promote wellness through school gardens
www.seeds_ofsolidarity.org

Selectmen See Government-Athol

Senators See listings under Government-Federal, Gov’t-State

Senior Citizen’s Services
Athol Senior Center
Athol Council On Aging, 82 Freedom St. 978-249-8986
Council on Aging See Athol Council on Aging
Hospice See Gardner Visiting Nursing Association (GVNA)
Elaine Fluet, CEO 978-632-1230, 800-382-7305
For employment of low income people over 55 see Catholic Charities Senior Aide Program, 978-534-1481; or Franklin Hampshire Career Center 978-544-350, experience works or www.experienceworks.org
Meals on Wheels See Franklin Home Care Corporation, 800-732-4636, Athol: 978-249-9001, Orange: 978-544-2259
Shine – Health Insurance, 978-249-8986, 800-498-4232
Golden Age Club
Housing: Gibson Drive, Morton Meadows (under Athol Housing Authority: 978-249-4848), Pequoig Apartments, Main St., Athol
Senior Transportation CTS 978-575-9966
Elder Abuse Reporting & Protective Services Franklin County Home Care Corp., 413-773-5555, 978-544-2259
Silverline: Franklin County Home Care Corp. 800-732-4636
Adult Day Health Care Service — behind Bruce’s Browser
Run by GVNA (Gardner Visiting Nursing Association)
Elaine Fluet, CEO 508-632-1230, 800-382-7305
State’s Elderly Hotline 888-AG-ELDER, 888-243-5377

Service Clubs
Athol Woman’s Club
Exchange Club
Lions Club
Rotary

Service Net
129 King Street, Northampton
Jay Pasternak 413-585-1300
Mental health outpatient & human services
Substance abuse outpatient, Greenfield 413-772-2935

1794 Meetinghouse, Inc.
P.O. Box 8, New Salem, MA 01355
Brad Foster, Director 413-335-3489
www.1794meetinghouse.org

Seventh Day Adventist Church
Athol Orange Church – Saturday worship 978-249-3490
3200 South Athol Road
Pastor Mark Gagnon

Seventh Day Adventist Community Services Center
17 W Main St., Orange (978) 544-6968
Free food and clothing

Sexual Abuse See Tapestry Healthcare
Shelter See emergency shelter

Shine
Local health insurance counseling program of Franklin County
Home Care Corp 978-249-8986. 800-498-4232

SMART Recovery
To combat the urge to use alcohol or drugs. Meets 1st & 3rd Sat. at 10 AM in education room, first floor south wing at Athol Memorial Hospital
Marcia Magline Flynn, Facilitator 978-724-3469
www.smartrecovery.org

Smoking Cessation
Meets every Monday 6-7 PM at Athol Memorial Hospital
978-249-3511

SNAP Benefits
Community Action 978-544-8091
167 South Main Street, Orange
You must make an appointment.

Social Security
55 Lake St, Gardner 978-632-1004
881 Main St., Fitchburg toll free 1-877-319-0728
New national directory assistance service 800-772-1213

Social Services Division (Dept. of Children & Families)
Commonwealth of MA 800-479-6111

South Athol United Methodist Church
65 Morgan Ave., off S. Athol Road 978-249-3167
Pastor Adam Randazzo
Dr. Carol Szule, Minister
Organizations:
Methodist Men (UMM), Steve Blinder, Pres. 978-544-9920
Prayer Group, David Mac Leon, Leader 978-544-2954

Special Education
Jeffrey Ferranti, Special Needs Administrator 978-249-2403
Office at Ellen Bigelow School

Starrett Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Island Street, Athol 978-249-6235
Rev. Yoo Cha Yi

State Agencies See Government Agencies

State Fire Marshall’s Office 978-567-3100

Suicide
Samaritans 617-536-2460

Superintendent of Memorial Building
584 Main Street, Athol
Dennis Kimball 978-575-0259

Swift River Valley Historical Society
40 Elm Street, New Salem MA 978-544-6882

Elizabeth Peirce, 76 S. Shore Dr., Org 978-544-6207
Hours 1:30-4:30 pm, Weds. and Sundays, June 1-Oct. 3

Tapestry Health Systems formerly Family Planning Council
80 Sanderson St., Greenfield 413-773-5403

Temple Israel (Athol Orange)
107 Walnut Street, Athol 978-249-9481
Rabbi Robert Sternberg

Teen Challenge (New England)
Boston Men’s Campus 617-318-1380
16 Bloomfield Street, Dorchester, MA Fax: 617-318-1385
director@tcboston.org admissions@tcboston.org
www.tcboston.org

T.O.P.S. Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Coordinator: Rosemary Smith 781-272-3931
Meets weekly on Thurs. at 5:30 pm at Athol Congo Church

Time/Warner Cable
104 New Athol Rd., Orange 01364 978-208-2625

Tourist Information
See North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce or North Quabbin Woods or State Division of Tourism 617-973-8500

Trash Haulers:
Russ Pearson Rubbish Removal 978-249-5125
Griff's Rubbish 978-249-6468
Bushee Rubbish 978-249-0249
Gary Hamlin (based in Fitzwilliam, NH – 603-585-9001) 978-249-9662
Mallet & Son’s 978-249-6207
(For up to date list, contact Athol Board of Health:
boh@townofathol.org 978-249-7934)

Traffic and Safety Committee
See Athol Traffic & Safety Committee

Transitional Assistance Dept. Service Offices
(formerly known as the Welfare Dept)
473 Main, Fitchburg 800-442-2045, 978-665-8700
143 Munson St., Greenfield 413-772-3400

Unemployment See Employment/Unemployment

UMASS Central Extension Center 508-831-1223

Unitarian Church See First Church Unitarian

United Arc of Franklin & Hampshire Counties
111 Summer St, Greenfield, www.unitedarc.org 413-774-5558
Family Friends Program matches volunteers with disabled parents. Mary Traver or Drenna Mahaney

United Church of Christ (Athol Congregational Church)
1225 Chestnut Street, Athol (Uptown Common) 978-249-6202
Rev. Beverly Prestwood-Taylor  413-477-1015
Bonnie Benjamin, Moderator  978-249-8206
Contact, Shirley Bock
Organizations:
Mission Study Group, Katherine Thiem
Boy Scout Troop #8 (See Boy Scouts)
Women’s Fellowship, Alice Woessner; Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group for Juniors and Seniors in High School
Parent’s Group, 1st Thurs. of month
Crafter’s Group, 1st & 3rd Tues of month @ 1 p.m.
Bible Study, 1st Weds. of month

Valuing Our Children
217 Walnut St., Athol  978-249-8467

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 650
Contact: Ron Ferguson, Quartermaster  978-798-8035
Leo Barber, Commander

Veteran’s Services See Government, Athol

Voter Information
League of Women Voters  413-586-0426
15 Washington Ave, Northampton, MA 01060

Voter Registration See Elections

Weatherization See Heating Services

Weight Watchers
Meet at Starrett United Methodist Church  978-249-6235
Meet on Thursdays 5:00 pm

Welfare Office See MA, Commonwealth of, Transitional Assistance Department

Wheeler Memorial Library
49 East Main Street, Orange
Walter Owens, Director  978-544-2495
www.orangelib.org

WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN)
167 S. Main St., Orange  978-544-5423
Requirements: Live in MA; be pregnant or breastfeeding;
Nutritional need; low income

Wiring Inspector See Government-Athol

WJDF FM See Radio Stations

WomanCare Health
14 Grove St. #3, Athol
Shali Sanders, Nurse Practioner  978-249-8100
OB/GYN Care  FAX 978-249-8178

Women’s Fellowship See United Church of Christ or Second Congregational Church of Royalston