

PATEROS PARKS

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

ARBOR DAY 2016



Okanogan Wildlife League with rescue owl.



FFA Fund Raiser will be back in 2017

City of Pateros Tree Board

Megan Sherrard

Angela Van Ensynga

Brenda Brady

Jord Wilson - Arborist

City of Pateros Parks

Join us for Arbor Day

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 28, 2017

Starts at 2:30 p.m.

Main Gazebo, Memorial Park

Community Tree Recovery
Program Tree Distribution

(2:30 – 3:30 early tree

distribution to fire survivors.

3:30-5:00 tree distribution open
to all)

3:00PM – Proclamation by
Mayor Anders

Guest Speaker

4H Speaker

Tree Planting – City Arborist

Methow Memorial Native
Planting

FFA BBQ Fundraiser

KIDS TABLE ACTIVITIES

Sponsored by Valley Venturers
4H Club

ALSO, PRESENT:

Alta Lake State Park

Ok. Co. Conservation District

Department of Wildlife

Methow/Pateros Fire Dept.

Pateros Brewster LTRO

Okanogan County LTRG

Brewster horticulture class

Boys and Girls Club

Methow Natives, LLC

Plant Vendors

District #15 First Responders

Library Book and Plant Sale

Kids and Adults Welcome

2017 Arbor Day Edition

ARBOR DAY 2016



2016 Fun and Games for the Kids



2016 Kids Activities

We are looking for volunteers to be leaders in the Pateros Beautification Club. – Contact Mayor Anders

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IN PARK NEWS

Ives Landing Update

In 2010, City officials met with a group of anglers from the west side of the mountains. The City had just got a beautiful new motel on the site of the fishermen's campsites. For years, campers had stopped at the Super Stop campground and spent the night and fished. With progress, inevitably comes change. Council begin looking for solutions.

After two unsuccessful attempts to land state grant money, the City decided to move forward with a new strategy. The Ives Landing Park will be constructed using a combination of funds, including the General Capital Improvement Fund, Real Estate Excise Tax, and a matching appropriation from Douglas PUD.

The City has been making progress on the park for the last couple of years. In winter of 2015 the City built a new laboratory and building for Public Works. The old lab has been decommissioned and is ready for removal. Volunteers in the recovery of the 2014 fires have also helped. The old clarifier building was salvaged and moved across the tracks and is temporarily being used for recovery efforts. The RV Dumpsite was also sponsored by recovery efforts for the use of rebuild volunteers and survivors.

In 2016, the City hired Varela and Associates to begin the final design of the park. The 2012 estimate to complete the park was \$600,000. After several years of city staff work and retooling of the design, we expect the final stretch of the project to cost about \$350,000, with a little over half coming from the Douglas PUD.

Bidding is scheduled for the first part of April, and the goal is to have substantial completion of the project by Salmon season. This park is design as a fishing and hunting basecamp. It will have a restroom and shower house. Water and electric hookups, and an RV dumpsite. This all within walking distance of our downtown.

Tree City USA

Since 2013

This year the Cities of Connell, Othello, Sequim, and Yakima join us as Tree City USA members.

What we accomplished in 2016

- Planted a Caddo Maple in Memorial Park during the Arbor Day Celebration
- Planted 20 donated chokecherry along US 97 in Methow Boat Launch
- Installed additional irrigation in Methow Boat Launch Park for new trees and shrubs
- We inject the elms and ash for aphids, scale, and chewing insects
- Pruned trees along US 97 and in Memorial Park.
- City spent \$14,444.42 for water in 2016. A conservative estimate is that 20% is to water trees.
- Irrigation remodel at Peninsula Park
- Annual inspection of cross connection preventers.
- Removal of hazardous tree in Peninsula Park.

A BIG LOSS

In early spring of 2016 the City had an extreme wind storm that damaged two of the old Norway spruce in Peninsula Park. These trees were probably planted in the 60s when the park was constructed.

Although I am a certified arborist, I do not have a lot of experience in evaluating hazardous trees from a wind storm. The last thing that I want to do is unnecessarily remove a good tree, or keep a tree that is a hazard. So I called my colleague at the Conservation District in Spokane, Garth Davis. Garth was my advisor while I attended the Community Tree Management Institute program 2014-2015.

After visiting with Garth, it was very apparent that one of the big spruces was damaged, and a hazard, and would have to be removed. The other tree could be saved and monitored.

Evergreens typically have shallow roots, especially if they are in lawns. If you have ever seen one that has fallen over, the "root plate" can be surprisingly flat with no apparent tap roots. During a windstorm, the root plate stabilizes the tree. I was out checking on the trees in the park during the 2016 storm, and I could see the root plates on many of the evergreens being lifted up from the force of the high winds. If the root plate breaks the ground and roots are broken and exposed, the tree should be considered for removal. Broken roots are an indication of severe damage and potentially can decay, further weakening the tree.

If you are planting new evergreens, it is better not to plant in lawns. They are better suited to deep infrequent watering that will send more stabilizing roots into the ground. In lawns, they get lazy, and the root plate may be only as deep as your grass roots. - *Jord Wilson, ISA Certified Arborist*

The Ponderosa Pine

The Ponderosa, Western Yellow Pine, or bull pine is a fast-growing forest and timber tree. It is a very large species reaching heights of 200 feet. One of the tallest ponderosa, measures 268 feet tall, in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon. It is the official state tree of Montana. It is a majestic tree we are very familiar with.

It is loved in maturity for its large plates of yellow to orange-red bark that has deep black crevices. The needles are bright green, and it has large thorny cones. .

The Ponderosa is native to the dry slopes of Eastern Washington. It loves sunshine. Supplemental water is suggested until they are well established.

Because of their size, they are recommended for large open spaces with plenty of room to stretch and grow tall. The species is adapted to a fire and can resist a low intensity grass fire that moves below the crown of the tree.