

PATEROS PARKS

SPRING 2018 NEW SLETTER

IN PARK NEWS

Completed Ives Landing Park. Overnight stays available for RVs and Tents. RV sites have electric and water connections. The park also has a sewer dump station and free hot showers. The grass is up, and it is an amazing view watching the sun come up over Moses Mountain. Ives Landing also had a make-over of its boarding float and bulkhead for easier access. The new boarding float will be installed spring of 2018.

Water is an essential resource for our parks. With the new reservoir and wells coming, we anticipate disruptions to water service. We encourage residents to conserve water, especially outside irrigation during the summer of 2018. We will be monitoring park water usage to help conserve water.

Memorial Park will have a couple of improvements in 2018. The main restroom will be remodeled, hopefully before July first. If that deadline cannot be met, we will wait until the fall, after tourist season slows down. The dock pilings have been replaced and new docks will be installed spring of 2018. The bulkheads have been reconfigured to remove steps and make access easier.

Tennis Courts will have construction and upgrades. As part of the water project, long needed improvements will be made to the restroom water line. The park will also get improvements on the shoreline, with improved beach access for paddlers and rowers.

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What we accomplished in 2017

- Lower manganese in new wells will reduce plugged sprinklers. A plugged line in midsummer can be fatal for a tree. Check your emitters often.
- Removed lots of invasive species trees (locust, Siberian elm, and Russian olive) at Ives Landing Park and along street right of ways.
- A big turnout at Arbor Day 2017 and over 20 groups present. Tree planting demonstration.
- Large maples along North Street pruned.
- Evergreens and honey locust in Memorial Park pruned.
- Several stumps ground from trees removed.
- Irrigation repaired in Mall to protect trees. New rock mulch placed to help protect irrigation.
- Automatic irrigation installed at Ives Landing
- As part of property exchange, the City installed automatic irrigation for the Cemetery. This will help provide regular water and protect the lawns and trees.

TREES PLANTED IN 2018:

1 Ponderosa Pine at Methow Memorial
13 Ponderosa Pine at Ives Landing
8 Pacific Red Cedar at Ives Landing
30 small trees, serviceberry, Rocky Mountain maple, and Rocky Mountain juniper at Ives landing

CITY OF PATEROS TREE BOARD INVITES YOU TO ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION.

Friday, April 27, 2018. 3:30-5:00pm

Tree Board: Megan Sherrard, Angela Van Ensynga, Brenda Brady, and Arborist Jord Wilson

Tree Board met 3 times in 2017

Recycling Leaves – How to Make a Compost Pile

1. Place your compost pile on soil with good drainage. Boards, chicken wire, or other side frames can help hold the pile together if space is limited.
2. Build successive layers of leaves (don't use walnut leaves) and other green matter. For more rapid decomposition, chop and mix components together.
3. Cover each layer with 1 to 2 inches of soil. Adding manure makes it even better.
4. Sprinkle each layer with a balanced fertilizer (without weed killer) at a rate of 0.5 lb./10sq.ft. (for garden use, add .5-1 lb. of lime/10 sq.ft.)
5. During dry weather, keep pile moist. In winter, cover top with black plastic to insulate and shed excess water.
6. After the pile is built, turn it with a pitch fork after about six weeks. This will aerate and mix the pile and keep the bacterial processes from overheating.