



# PATEROS PARKS

## 2016 PARKS REPORT

### **IT TAKES THE WHOLE CREW TO KEEP UP WITH THE PARKS**

Mayor Carlene Anders  
 Jord Wilson – Supervisor/Arborist  
 Mike Lambert – Sewer Operator  
 Seth Lopez – Water Operator  
 Shane Kelly – Parks  
 Austin Yancey – Seasonal Help

### **THE NEW PARKS MAN**

Shane Kelly is finishing up his first year as the “new parks man”. Shane comes to the City with experience working in home construction and in the Parks Department for the City of Sumas, Washington. Shane is an energetic and positive force on the Public Works Team and also volunteers as a wrestling coach for Pateros High School.

### **BIG THANKS TO DOUGLAS PUD**

The City of Pateros maintains over 11 acres of parks and right-of-way, and provides an outstanding level of service compared to other small communities. Douglas PUD makes the maintenance and operation of our parks at this level possible. In 2016 the PUD contributed \$65,069.00 towards our M&O budget, and \$31,078.75 for the replacement of the fall protection surface at the Memorial Park playground.

The City parks are a critical component of our economic engine. Historically, Pateros has been a town of hospitality providing travelers a place to stop, stay, and rest. The improvements the PUD makes in our parks are positive contributions to our economic viability and are greatly appreciated.

### **2016 PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **MEMORIAL PARK**

The irrigation system required additional work this spring and

summer. As the system ages, maintenance costs go up. Numerous electric valves and solenoids required replacement at the start of the season and even more throughout the season. The spring runoff season was exceptionally destructive this year. Several of our docks, although moved to a normally protected area, were subject to damage and/or destroyed. The PUD has applied for permits to replace all four docks.

The big project, funded by the PUD was the replacement of the fall protection surface at the playground. The red rubber tiles were replaced with a synthetic turf.

### **2016 ACTIVITIES**

- Howard’s Easter Egg Hunt
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Motorcycle Ride
- Motorcycle Rally
- Baccalaureate/Grad Parties
- Weddings, Anniversaries/Birthdays
- Vintage Market
- Salmon Bake
- Fishing Derbies
- Apple Pie Jamboree
- Reunions & Church Picnics
- Hydro Races
- Dragon Boat Races/Trunk or Treat
- Christmas in the City

Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA), the City insurance provider provided several safety grants in 2015 and 2016. The City was able to make several needed repairs on the playground with these grants, including: (1) replacement of the large plexiglass bubble; (2) replacement of the crawl tube; (3) replacement of the nose of the slide; and (4) replacement of the wooden decking with splinter free decking.

### **Methow Memorial Project**

A new addition to the south end of Memorial Park will include a Native American sculpture, large boulders, drift logs, pictograph tiles, native plants, salmon-bake oven, teepee, and interpretive signage. The project broke ground in November and is expected to be completed in April of 2017. The project budget is \$75,000 not including donated materials and labor, like the large boulders and drift logs hauled by Gebbers Farms. Of the project budget, \$40,000 will be funded by lodging tax funds, and the remainder by private donations.

### **METHOW BOAT LAUNCH**

The Methow dredging project was completed in 2016. The project dredged the boating channel between the ramp and the main channel of the Methow. The PUD’s total cost for the project was \$627,500.

The City crew planted 50 ornamental shrubs and 25 chokecherry along the steep banks that surround the park. New irrigation dripline was also installed for the planting.

As part of our maintenance plan, the City is reusing tree chips as mulch to reduce weeds, reduce the need for herbicide use, and conserve water.

### **PENINSULA PARK**

The City crew did a major irrigation renovation at Pen. Park in 2016. Much of the original irrigation system around the playground area was abandoned and the remaining was remodeled. The new landscape bed at the end of the parking was constructed with large boulders and river gabions (rock mulch). Shrubs, perennials, and grasses are to be planted Spring of 2017.

The PUD assists the City every year in setting up and taking in the swim buoys and dock in the estuary.

## **RIVERSIDE ACCESS (TENNIS COURTS)**

The City completed the resurfacing project of the Tennis Courts. The School District contributes \$1,500 each year towards the upkeep of the courts. The resurfacing cost \$26,071.20.

The new surface was restriped and includes the striping of a pickleball court.

## **US-97 RIGHT OF WAY**

The right-of-way areas that border highway US-97 in downtown Pateros are a perennial challenge to keep up. The irrigation systems are antiquated and prone to frequent breakage. Many of the plantings are overgrown and in need of a remodel. The City continues to move towards a neat and attractive experience that highlights the beauty of our community.

The biggest project this year was the depositing of the dredge material in between the railroad and the highway. The material was graded and hydroseeded with native bunch grass. We still have a lot of work to do, but this has allowed us to keep it much neater than in the past, by mowing the area regularly.

## **IVES LANDING (FORMERLY KNOWN AS WINTER BOAT LAUNCH)**

A lot of activity behind the scenes has been happening at Ives Landing. The site has been surveyed and the Master Plan for the park improvements is expected by the end of the year. Construction for the project is to begin in May of 2017. The PUD is contributing up to \$180,000 for paving and a restroom facility, and the City has budgeted \$90,000 for the project.

## **PATEROS MALL**

Plans for aesthetic improvements to the tree planters have been put into the 2017 budget. The project is expected to begin early spring and will include removal of bark, an irrigation remodel, and decorative rock around the trees. The design will be similar in style to that at City Hall.

## **SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

The City added about 1500 linear feet of new sidewalk along Warren, Chris, and Beach Street. The \$348,300 grant funded project was primarily funded by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). The City's portion of the grant was \$12,375. The sidewalks and trails system throughout the community and parks continues to be a priority for community leaders. This project spanned over 10 years under the diligence of four mayors and many Council Members. The City purchased a used backhoe and dump truck this year to help remove snow from trails and sidewalks so the community has year-around safe access to the school, businesses, and municipal facilities.

## **PATEROS MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Museum and Visitor Center are frequently a first stop for those visiting Pateros. The City installed a plexiglass frame and barrier to protect the Fort Okanogan Exhibit.

## **TREE CITY USA SINCE 2013**



April Arbor Day Celebration, with guest speaker David Miller, an Ellensburg City Councilor and a member of the Washington Community Forestry Council representing the Association of Washington Cities.

***Big thanks to the Valley Venturers 4H Club, Megan Sherrard, and the City of Pateros Tree Board for making such a successful event.***

20 chokecherry trees planted along US-97 in Methow Boat Launch.

A Caddo Maple Planted in Memorial Park.

Distributed 2,000 trees to the surrounding community as part of the

Washington Community Tree Recovery Tree Distribution project. Removed a large Norway spruce in Peninsula Park due to wind damage.

“Conversing with City officials across the State, I have been made aware of what a huge asset Jord is for our City as an ISA Certified Arborist” -Mayor Anders

## **A FOCUS ON WILDLIFE FROM THE HOTEL LODGING TAX COMMITTEE**

The Hotel Lodging Tax Committee met and confirmed that parks are an essential part of Pateros, and approves of the use of lodging tax to make improvements to parks.

*A vibrant Hawk Festival is a priority for Mayor Anders'. The event is held in the middle of September, and the Mayor is looking for ideas, and partnerships to develop a successful community event. How do we add a cultural component? Expand on wildlife viewing? Involve kids? Protect and celebrate the environment around us?*



*Please contact with ideas.*

The Committee would like to see more attention and advertising on wildlife viewing opportunities in the area, especially bird watching. The area around Lake Pateros is rich in opportunity, and Pateros is a likely place birders will spend the night. The committee though wildlife cams, like eagle or osprey would bring interest to the City website.

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