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FALL 2019 CITY NEWS

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THE WATER PROJECT

FEDERAL AUDIT

The City completed its required federal audit for the water project. This is our first federal audit. It was a rigorous process, where five auditors reviewed our processes and actions related to our federal CD BG grant. We had a very good audit with no findings. The report can be found at: <https://www.sao.wa.gov/reports-data/audit-reports/>

WELL #4 PUMP STATION

The downtown pump station is moving along. There have been some unforeseen difficulties that have caused project delays. The City has extended the contract and the project is scheduled to be to be completed November 20th.

The City is planning its first event, Christmas in the City, in the new facility. The tentative date for Christmas in the City is December 6th.

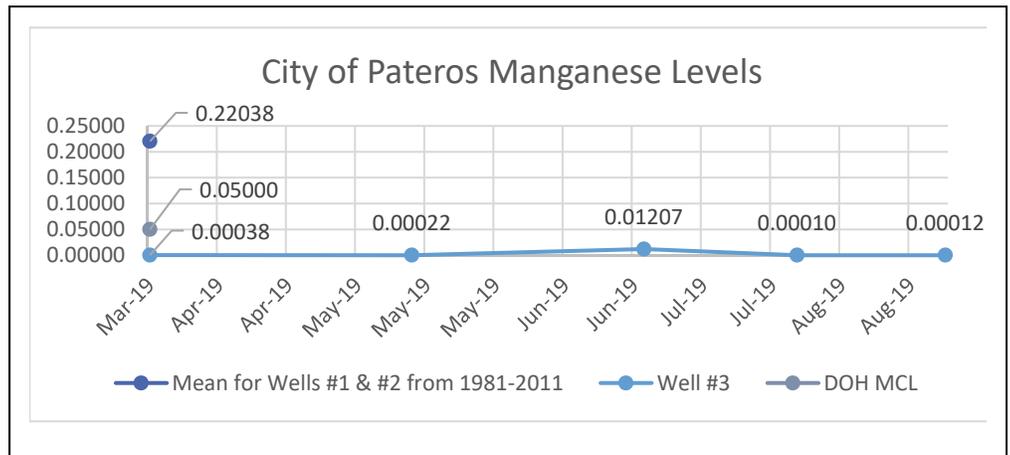
NEW MANGANESE LEVELS

We are still receiving complaints about manganese in the water system. We expect to for some time, as the residual build-up from the last 40 years is extensive.

The City is measuring manganese levels in its new water source on a monthly basis. Manganese levels have remained low.

FINAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS

The final phase of improvements is scheduled for spring of 2020.



STREETS

The City had a bid opening for a TIB funded chip seal project in Summer of 2019. The bids came in too high, and TIB postponed the project to 2020.

The City is in need of several road patches on Warren and Pryor Drive. As road repair is extremely expensive, the City will wait until the next TIB project (summer of 2020) to make the repairs. The City gains efficiency, by reducing mobilization costs, when it combines projects. We do appreciate your patience in these repairs.

2019-2020 SNOW REMOVAL

The City will be posting its Snow Removal Plan at pateros.com in October.

The Goals of the Plan:

- Improving safety for the traveling public
- Ensuring that emergency responders can reach our citizens.
- Keeping people and commerce moving throughout our community.

Throughout the winter the City posts on its website regular updates regarding its snow removal activities. Please keep updated at pateros.com, especially if you are parking on the street or within a snow restriction zone.

The plan describes how the city determines a snow event, and what the normal procedures are for snow removal activities.

General Guidelines:

Icy or light snow less than 2" – anti-icing, de-icing, and sanding activities are activated depending on conditions.

Stage 1 Snow Event – When 2-4" of snow or more has accumulated or is forecasted a *Stage 1 Event* will be activated. This typically calls for a full plow cycle.

The City typically starts plowing early in the morning, around 3a.m. ***An early morning plow is much safer for the City crews to negotiate traffic, and it provides clean roads for morning access to the school and businesses. Snow events are unpredictable, and don't always fit into a normal plow schedule, so the crew may adjust its routes in response to a specific snow event.***

The City intends to add anti-icing, the use of magnesium chloride, to its snow removal routine. The new-used dump-truck, purchased in 2016, came with a sander and tanks for anti-icing agent. It is time to retire the "old state plow", as it is pushing 40 years old. The new dump-truck will be outfitted to take over the downtown and collector plow route, with the additional task of anti-icing.

The City will also be purchasing other equipment to assist in anti-icing activities. Numerous surrounding cities have been successfully using the technology for some years.

We are proud of the snow removal routine that has been developed. We are excited about adding anti-icing agent as an additional tool in helping us maintain our winter streets.

New piece of equipment to help with plowing sidewalks, spraying anti-icing, and weed control.



Why are we using anti-icing agent as part of our snow removal program?

- ✓ **Accident Reduction**
 - Although we do not have a lot of winter accidents in Pateros, clear pavement makes for safer roads, especially for our young-inexperienced and older-drivers.
 - Bare roads are much easier for pedestrians to access City services and the school.
- ✓ **Higher Service Levels**
 - Bare pavement faster and longer.
 - Excellent for reducing black ice and morning frost
- ✓ **Save \$\$\$**
 - An effective anti-icing program will lower our overall street budget costs.
 - **Reduce time for snow removal out of City**
 - **Reduce material cost for sand**
 - **Reduce employee time in removing sand in the spring**
- ✓ **Reduce Waste**
 - Aesthetically pleasing, reduced cleanup costs and efforts.
 - Sand coated in anti-icing sticks to road and only needs applied once.
- ✓ **Environmental**
 - The City uses over a pallet of de-icer (salt) each year. Magnesium chloride has much less impact to water than salt, which is important in the downtown area around our new well.
 - Magnesium chloride has much less impact on concrete, metal, and vegetation than the ice melt we are using.