

PATEROS PARKS

SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

SPLASH INTO SPRING

Join us Saturday, April 7th, 2012 at the Pateros Mall for Splash into Spring. The completion of the east end of the Pateros Mall marks a major milestone for Pateros. The Mall infrastructure project was primarily funded by a grant from Economic Alliance Infrastructure. The new fountain features random jets that will shoot out of the plaza. The fountain water will also double as a summer splash pad for kids.

Although it is going to be too early to get wet, come see our new dancing water display on the east end of the Pateros Mall. The landscape and fountain were designed and installed by Rocky Pointe Landscaping.

Additional Events Planned for the Day:

10am- Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Pateros Trading Co. & Pateros Lakeshore Inn.

11am- Ribbon cutting & refreshments on east end of Mall. Sidewalk chalk coloring contest.

All Day- Safety Day

All Day - Business Sidewalk Sales

63% agree "In general, the parks and recreation facilities in Pateros meet my expectations and needs." (2012 P&R Survey)



"SPRUCIN' IT UP"

We hope you notice all the improvements and changes happening on the Mall. The City would like to make your visit to our downtown business district pleasant and enjoyable.

We received a lot of very positive comments on our winter lights in the Mall this year. Watch for spring color with a mix of colorful tulips in the planter



boxes.

Our lovely Purple Ash trees in the Mall have been pruned up to provide a nice summer canopy of shade for pedestrians. The tree canopies were also raised to improve visibility to our downtown businesses.

The City will also be adding new bark to the Mall plantings in the spring.

How Businesses Can Help?

Businesses can prune back *their* shrubbery off of the Mall pavement. This will improve pedestrian access and help with winter snow removal.



This year the Mall Planters will be "Pateros Patriotic" Red, White, and Blue.

Flower planters are encouraged on business doorsteps, and should be kept only to the edges of the Mall, not on the Mall.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Contact City Hall if you would like to help with planting the Mall planters this spring.



Businesses can check their plantings for invasive weeds and trees that will spread into other plantings, like elm trees and invasive grasses.

Contact Jord with questions

THE DOG WALK

Dogs love spring and summer because it means lots of time outdoors. By keeping tabs on your dog, you can make this a fantastic season for you and your pet.

Make sure that your dog always wears a *dog collar* and *current dog tags* including your phone number. Safety dog collars, such as reflective collars and illuminated dog collars also can keep your dog safe.

Cool dog leashes and dog collars make your dog look his or her best. The most important thing to remember about dog

collars and leashes are that they can save your best friend's life.

Keeping your dog on a collar and leash combo is not just good fashion sense: it's the law in Pateros. Dog leash laws protect both the dog and the dog owner from unexpected accidents. And let's face it: you may have your dog under control, but are you 100% confident that the person walking towards you with their dog off-leash has his/her dog under control? *Protect your pets, keep them on a leash.*

2012 Dog licenses can be purchased at City Hall.

PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

Thanks to all those who participated in the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. We had good community support for the project, and appreciate the time and effort spent by the community.



IN ALL, 190 PARK AND RECREATION SURVEYS WERE RECEIVED.
 25% PATEROS RESIDENTS SURVEYS
 37% SCHOOL STUDENT AND STUDENT FAMILY SURVEYS
 6% PATEROS SCHOOL STAFF SURVEYS
 32% VISITORS SURVEYS

The Park and Rec. Plan will help guide us through the next six years. The plan will make us eligible for more grants. The plan identifies **Goals and Objectives**, like maintaining and improving existing facilities, **Needs and Desires**, like improved RV facilities, and prioritizes with a **Plan of Action**. The plan also addresses cost and funding sources with the **Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan**. Feel free to stop by City Hall and take a look at the new Park and Rec. Plan.



Did You Know?

Healthy mature street trees absorb the first 30% of a typical rainfall before it hits the ground. Tree roots improve drainage, providing convenient paths for run-off to percolate into the soil. Trees absorb another 30% of a typical rainfall through their roots. Trees absorb carbon dioxide emissions from automobile and emit oxygen. In addition to all the environmental benefits street trees provide:

People perceive Business Quality and Shopping Convenience 13-20% higher for spaces with trees

On average people are willing to pay 11% more in business districts with street trees

Amenity and Comfort ratings are about 80% higher under trees.

Perceived qualities of products are 30% higher

Perceived customer service is 15% higher

University of Washington

<http://www.cfr.washington.edu/research/factSheets/index.shtml>

SPRING PRUNING TIPS

• Wait till roses have an inch of growth in the spring before doing pruning, and prune back hard



• Prune most white hydrangeas (Annabelle and Pee Gee types) hard in early spring before buds break dormancy.

• Don't be tempted to prune your blue hydrangeas in the spring. Pink and blue hydrangeas should not be pruned. Prune only if they have outgrown their space, and prune right after they have bloomed, so they can form next year's flower buds.



• Prune most spring flowering shrubs right after they finish blooming. Pruning flowering shrubs like Bridal Wreath, Forsythia, and Snowball before they have

bloomed will cut off all of the season's flower buds.

• Butterfly bush, Twiggy Dogwoods, Willows (Pussy Willow and Arctic Willow), Smokebush, Russian Sage, Ornamental Sumacs and Elderberries, should be pruned severely each year if you are growing for vibrant foliage, bright stems, or dramatic flowers

• Most perennials and grasses should be cut back to the ground in the spring. Most woody perennials respond well to severe pruning.

• Rhododendrons should be pruned right after they are finished blooming.

PATEROS CENTENNIAL 2013

Would you like to be a part of or have ideas for our Centennial Celebrations?
Contact Tiffany at City Hall.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Peninsula Park Swimming Improvements are moving forward with a possible completion in time for the 2012 swim year. The scope of the project will include a new paved trail and ADA access ramp to the water, along with new beach sand and a retaining wall protecting the beach area. Aquatic weed control in the swim area is also planned for 2012

66% of the community surveyed is willing to volunteer in support of Pateros Parks. (2012 P&R Survey)

Methow Dredging will follow the Peninsula Park Swimming Improvement Project. Sediment from the Methow is deposited in the Peninsula and Boat Launch coves. It is possible the project may be completed in the fall of 2012, but most likely not to be started until 2013. Plans are to dredge the Peninsula Park swim area, improving swimming, and the Methow Boat Launch, providing improved boat access to the boat ramps.

More Volunteer Opportunities:

Help Create a Public Art Program

Help Develop a Farmers Market

Help our Museum

Interested in becoming a community volunteer please contact Tiffany at City Hall or Jord at paterosparks@yahoo.com

SPRING LAWN SCHEDULE

MARCH

Edge lawn

Begin mowing, Set blade to Spring height at 1 1/4"

Dig out course grass and reseed

Repair bumps, ruts, hollows, broken edges, and bare patches

Spray around trees and buildings and apply Casoron

APRIL

Continue regular mowing with blades set at spring height

Continue regular edging

Final month for spring lawn repairs

De-thatch the middle of April areas with 1" or more of thatch

Fertilize end of April 32-2-8

MAY

Begin Summer mowing schedule, Set blades to Summer height 1"

Spray broad-leaf killer

Spray and kill escaped grass

Spot spray weeds, edging and around trees

More people use Pateros Parks for walking than any other activity (2012 P&R Survey)

A simple rule of thumb is 100 calories per mile walked for a 180 pound person.

PATEROS MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Pateros Museum has been open for business since last June, and in that time it's seen quite a few visitors. It's even hosted a couple of events already, like "Nightmare at the Museum" and The 2011 David Thompson Brigade.

We would like to continue to develop the museum and here's your chance to help. By joining the Pateros Museum Committee your ideas and knowledge can be shared and reflected in our community.

The next meeting will be at City Hall in March, contact Tiffany at City Hall for any addition information. Hope to see you there!



UP COMING...

March 30th-31st City Wide Spring Clean-up (Brush Container)

April 7th Splash into Spring

June 15th-17th City Wide Yard Sales