

# Newsletter

## Pine Creek Community Restoration Long-Term Recovery Organization



Together we are building the best community possible for the past, present and future residents and businesses in this Malden, Pine City and North Whitman County area.

### *This summer look for*

Improvements to the Malden trailhead made possible by a grant to the LTRO from Rails to Trails Foundation

Park revitalization funded by a grant awarded to the LTRO in partnership with the United Way of Whitman County  
A COMMUNITY REVIVAL!!!

Have you been wondering what the LTRO has done the past year? A LOT! We have been working hard for you! Here's just a bit of what we've been doing...In 2021 we

- Partnered with United Way of Whitman County for cash payouts for your immediate needs
- Continue to fund the rental of potties and large storage containers as long as needed!
- Funded the Disaster Case Managers
- Began playing a non-partisan/confidential role as a funder on the Unmet Needs Roundtable to support your recovery goals
- Having a Community Engagement meeting once a month at the Church and on facebook LIVE
- Developed a partnership agreement with University of Washington for recovery support
- Hired our wonderful Assistant Director, Chandelle Frick, re organized and are stronger than ever!
- host weekly operations meetings to facilitate coordination and cooperation among local, regional and state entities engaged in the Pine Creek Community recovery to GET WORK DONE



## Your LTRO at Work!

### In 2022 so far, we've

- Developed the "welcome basket" program, delivering practical goods to 24 new homeowners
- Elected LTRO treasurer, John Lenz as our representative to the Malden Town Council
- Welcomed Lori Dickinson to LTRO meetings as the liaison from the Town Council
- Collaborated with the Red Cross, WAM, and Innovia to fund six new more volunteer-built homes We also received a Rails to Trails grant to update the Malden Palouse to Cascades Trailhead
- Partnered with New Stories in Spokane to provide trauma informed and community gatherings
- Collaborated with lot of you to put on the successful Easter Egg Hunt
- Used our METER Foundation grant to support over 100 UCA youth landscaping volunteers with tools, water, snacks and sanitation.

## Plants for Bees!



Help restore the bee population to the Pine Creek area by planting plants with pollen and nectar that also can withstand the drought. In the examples provided below remember to choose plants that will provide blooms all year long.

### Bloom Cycle

Golden Current	April - June
Cone Flower (Echinacea)	July - September
Bee Balm	July - September
Rudbeckia	June - September
Salvia	May - September
Sedum	July - September
Catmint	May - September
Asters	August - October
Golden Rod	August - October
Lavender	June - September
Sunflower	July - September

## Fire Wise Landscaping

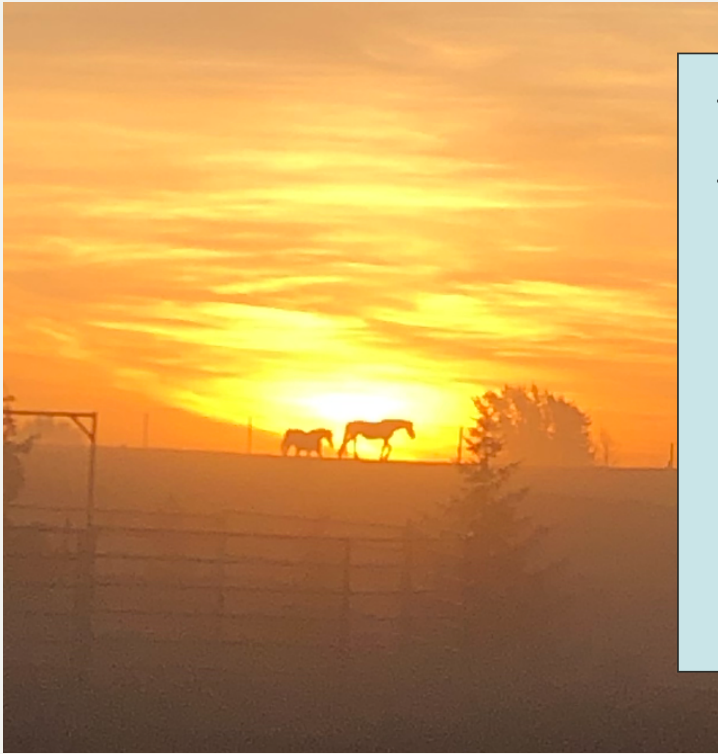


Spring is here and the start to cleaning up yard debris. Cleaning up pine needles and scattered wood limbs from trees, removing dead branches and cutting back shrubs are all steps that can be taken to prepare for a defensible area around your home when it comes to fire. As you are planning your landscape projects make sure when choosing mulches that you are using a fire wise option as bark mulch vs. wood mulch react very differently in a fire... do your research.

You should have a defensible space that extends 30 feet from structures, flammable materials include firewood, fencing, debris under decks, and debris on roofs and under eaves of homes.

When planting Shrubs and trees make sure to space plants that are nearest to your home in widely spaced patterns and not large masses this will help create a more defensible space. Use Native species when possible as they are less likely to create fuel.

# Upcoming Events



**JOHN WAYNE TRAIL  
RIDERS  
JOHN WAYNE PIONEER  
WAGONS & RIDERS**

*DEDICATED TO  
PRESERVING AND  
PROMOTING THE "PALOUSE  
TO CASCADES TRAIL".*

**41st Annual Trail Ride  
Will be in Malden June 1st  
& 2nd**

More information can be found at:  
<http://www.johnwaynetrailride.com>

**Rosalia Battle Days  
Parade Saturday June  
4th**

**Come join in the festivities! More  
information of the event can be  
found on the link below.**

**<https://www.rosaliabattledays.info>**



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