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Malden and Pine City to host a community revival on September 11

September 1, 2022 (MALDEN, Wash.) — The Pine Creek Community Restoration Long Term Recovery Organization (LTRO) and the Town of Malden will be hosting the Malden-Pine City Revival two years after the Babb Road Fire engulfed the two communities. The revival will take place on Sunday, September 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Community Park at the corner of Moreland and Ash in downtown Malden. This event is free and open to the public. Malden resident and local grillmaster, Bob Law, will be serving up hot dogs — guests are invited to bring a side dish to share. The Malden-Pine City Revival will be an afternoon of food, games, and conversation. Activities include cornhole, a bike clinic, live music, and door prizes. During the open mic, guests are invited to share their talent with the community, or to bring a relic that survived the fire and tell its story. Student volunteers from Upper Columbia Academy will be joining the fun and assisting residents with landscaping projects. Youth can tour the fire truck and SCJ Alliance Consulting will be available with park design kits to capture residents' ideas on new play equipment and the park design. The recovery effort is ongoing since the September 7, 2020 wildfire burned more than 15,000 acres and 104 homes. A multitude of generous individuals and organizations have come together to assist and help unite the residents of Malden and Pine City in the past two years. A new temporary fire station and 24 new homes have been constructed. The new Malden Palouse-to-Cascades Trailhead is currently under construction and will be completed by early fall. The wildfire clean-up phase is complete, with one more visit this fall for tree removal by Team Rubicon. The Leshay Goats from Cheney spent two months eating unwanted foliage to help create defensible space. Fiber-optic internet has been installed and a cell tower is in the construction phase. Soon an electronic reader board will be installed to help residents be apprised of urgent and important information. "The Malden-Pine City Revival is an opportunity for our residents to come together and celebrate what we have accomplished, and to continue imagining what kind of future we want" says Chandelle Frick, acting director of the LTRO.

Anyone struggling with the fire recovery process can call Washington Listens to talk it through at 833-681-0211 or the new national crisis lifeline at 988.

To learn more about the event or the Pine Creek Community Restoration LTRO, please contact pcrltro@gmail.com.

The Pine Creek Community Restoration Long Term Recovery Organization is a non-profit organization established to help unite the residents of the Malden and Pine City communities in the aftermath of the Babb Road Fire on September 7, 2020. To learn more, visit pinecreekcommunityrestoration.org.

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