

**MALDEN NEWSLETTER
JULY 2022**

Please Help Prevent Future Fires

THE GOATS THAT HAVE BEEN BUSY EATING THE TALL WEEDS AND GRASSES IN TOWN AND HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB. WHEN THEY ARE DONE, IT IS STILL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO CLEAN UP YOUR YARDS OF WEEDS AND BURNABLE DEBRIS WHICH IS A FIRE HAZARD. PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWN HALL IF YOU DO NOT HAVE TOOLS OR ARE UNABLE TO DO THIS. THERE ARE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS THAT WILL BE IN TOWN IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS THAT CAN HELP

Emergency Alerts

The Malden town council encourages that all residents register for alerts from the Whitman County Emergency Notification System. You can do so on the Whitman County website located at <https://www.whitmancounty.org>>Emergency-Management.

Temporary Fire Station

The new fire station is completely finished by Allo Construction. It houses the two fire trucks with a restroom and shower. FEMA paid 90% of the building costs and the State of Washington paid for 5% and the Town of Malden paid 5% as their share. The town may eventually purchase the building from FEMA and it will be used as a community related building.

Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon will be in the Malden and Pine Creek area in August 2022. If you need damaged trees removed from your property, please fill out a right-of-entry form so they can enter your property to do the work. Forms are on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Water Loan Payoff

The USDA Loan is paid off! The ending balance was \$263,070.52 and a state grant was in the amount of \$239,590.00. Past town leaders had the foresight to create a reserve fund to assist in the town's share of the payoff of \$29,243.87 with nearly \$7,000.00 remaining. The payoff is sixteen (16) years early! Many thanks to Rep Joe Schmick who was instrumental in submitting this payoff request to be included in the 2022 state capital budget.

Citizen Alert!!

Recently there have been reports of vandalism to a city building and theft of gas from a personal vehicle gas tank. If you see anything that appears to be a criminal act please call 9-1-1!

Temporary Use Permit

It is time for those who have a Temporary Use Permit to renew. A form will be mailed which includes a request for a narration regarding a rebuilding plan. If there are questions or concerns please call Town Hall at (509) 569-3771.

Code Enforcement Committee

The Committee is enforcing Ordinance 464, the Nuisance Ordinance (Ord. 2021-01) and state laws. Currently the emphasis is recreational vehicles (RVs) being used as a full-time residence. They are not allowed without a temporary use permit which is only approved for those who lost their homes in the 2020 Babb Road fire.

Town Council Meetings

All town council meetings are being held in the basement of the Malden Community Church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. They are on Facebook Live.

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