

PINE CREEK COMMUNITY RESTORATION GROUP

October 8, 2020, 7 pm

Malden City Park

Welcome: Gerry Bozarth, CEM, greeted everyone.

Debris Testing and Disposal: Ecology has been in the area the last few days working.

1. Department of Ecology:
 - a. Will do assessments of the homes affected by the fire.
 - b. Are determining where the asbestos and hazard materials go?
 - c. When the Washington gets the Federal Presidential Declaration, Ecology and EPA will oversee asbestos cleanup and will hire a contractor to assess and clean up.
2. You as a private person can continue to remove hazardous materials at your own risk and expense.

Dave Nails, Whitman County Solid Waste, is here tonight to answer any questions you may have about debris removal.

FEMA: We are still waiting to hear about when FEMA will be here. There was a conversation today with aides from all Washington Congressional offices. The Washington State EM and local representatives on the call were asking where we are in the process. The aides had a good feeling and we should hear soon.

Tzu Chi Foundation: The Tzu Chi Foundation, who attended the Multi Agency Resource Center, will take more applications until Saturday, October 10.

Whitman County All Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Whitman County All Hazard Mitigation Plan was recently adopted. The Town of Malden had not finished their Town Annex. We are happy to say the Town Annex has been completed. We hope to have the Annex accepted by FEMA Region 10 soon.

Case Management: There will be a transition from Red Cross to Long Term Recovery Case Management. Pine Creek Community Long Term Recovery Group will be working on hiring one or two case managers to help people move forward with housing and unmet needs. Carlos Watkins was at the meeting and introduce himself. Carlos has provided Case Management with people who were in disasters in Lincoln and Spokane County. Carlos will listen and try to help all those who would like to have help.

Housing Options: Several architectural firms have contacted the Restoration office to provide options of homes that could be built in Malden.

Water System Loan: Town of Malden has been notified that the Water System loan has 2-year reprieve.

Pine Creek Community Long Term Recovery Group Meeting Date, Time, and Location: The Pine Creek Community Long Term Recovery Group met and have formed a Board of Directors. The Group agreed to hire a full time Executive Director. Scott Hokonson will be the new Executive Director. The Group agreed to have a Board of Directors. Officers for the Board will be:
Chair: Michele Van Dyke

Vice Chair: Misty Herriman

The Pine Creek Community Restoration Long Term Recovery Group will meet each Wednesday at 7 pm at the Malden Community Church. People are welcome to attend. Be aware there is limited seating due to Covid-19 distance rules and everyone must wear a mask. At the first Board meeting, they will be writing a Mission Statement and By Laws. The Group will be creating a Non-Profit 501c3. All meetings will follow the Robert's Rules of Order, a parliamentary procedure used by professional groups.

The next Pine Creek Community Restoration Group meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7 pm in the tent located in the Malden City Park.