

Tenino City Council,

7/6/2022

Greetings!

I am writing today to tell you about Tenino Railroad Day and extend an invitation to you all. Railroad Day celebrates the Northern Pacific Railroad coming to this quiet little valley that was little more than a stagecoach stop and Post Office (called Coal Bank) before 1872. When the Northern Pacific drove their final spike here in October of 1872, they built a Depot and called it Tenino. This was essentially the birth of our little City. The railroad quickly attracted its first store and hotel.

On September 17, 2022 we will be recognizing this important Sesquicentennial for the Railroad. We can in fact, celebrate again next year by commemorating the platting of Tenino which happened July 5th, 1873. Maybe this will kick off more than one event to celebrate 150 years. In fact, I would like to see this everywhere, on all media, that Tenino is 150 years old! The coming of the Railroad marks the start, the platting of the town seals the deal!!

I hope the City Council will represent at this event. I hope for a Mayoral Speech and any other dignitaries we would like to hear from. I hope that the City of Tenino embraces this as their event with a little assist from the South Thurston County Historical Society.

Planned activities so far are: Educational Booths, Games, Vendor Booths, Food Vendors, Live Music (we have 3 performances planned so far), Caboose Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Speeches, and a Short Play.

I also want to propose that we add the historical name of Park Street under the current name. A brown sign that says "Historical Name: RAILROAD AVENUE"... to be installed in time for Tenino Railroad Day or announced at Tenino Railroad Day.

In the spirit of this event as a celebration for the City of Tenino, I request that the City Council waive the permit fee.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Jessica Reeves-Rush

Director, Tenino Depot Museum