

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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Some great changes are taking place!

The final work on the water project in the park is being completed and South Commercial should be open by October 15th. The contractors have done an amazing job on this project. They have built something our community can be proud of. The final distribution work is being finished up as well. It is so great to see this finally come to completion.

Great news on the Gold Line Transit program! We are receiving a one-time transit grant from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 to move from two day a week service to five day a week service beginning June of 2024. This will allow us to bring additional partners around the table as they see the benefit of the service and fund the ongoing cost of this from several different sources. The Gold Line will continue to operate on Mondays and Wednesdays through May of 2024. We need to maintain great ridership during the next 8 months in order to reach the goal of long-term funding partners.

The Parks and Rec Committee has been working hard to come up with great ideas for local events and fundraisers. I've encouraged them to do fundraisers specifically for the many events and subsequent expenses of the Parks and Rec fund. We need to support this department so they can continue to do a great job with the events that are so beneficial for our community. If you know of individuals who are interested in donating time to volunteer for these events, please let the staff at City Hall know.

City Public Works staff are working to get ready for winter and we will be sending out reminders of the need to keep vehicles off the right of way for snow removal. We will also be reminding residents of the Snow Removal ordinance which determines how many inches of snow results in snow plowing on the downtown and side streets. We will, once again, be looking for helpers to keep the fire hydrants shoveled out to maintain safe neighborhoods.

I have asked Tim Farrell and Clearwater Financial to be present at the next meeting to help us with the water rate review. They have expertise and insights that will assist us in this task.

"Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." Jackie Chan