

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

The Night Light Parade and Holiday Lighting event in the park and at the depot was a huge success. Despite the extremely cold temperatures the day before, there was great local turnout and I have received only positive comments regarding the event. We learned so much that will help us to make an even better event next year.

We are sending thank you cards to all those who volunteered and donated to the Holiday Lighting event. Please be sure to sign those cards so we can get them sent out. We had such a great group of helpers. Events like these can only be accomplished with extraordinary volunteers.

Currently, we are encouraging residences in New Meadows to decorate their homes with holiday lights in a Christmas Decorating Contest. Homes can be placed on a map so people can drive around and enjoy the lights. There are 3 prizes - \$100 for 1st prize, \$50 for 2nd prize and a gift basket for Kid's Choice (the students at the school will be voting for their favorite).

Remember to encourage those who live in New Meadows to sign up for our text notification program. It will be very helpful if we can get the majority of residents signed up.

I would like to schedule a community meeting to discuss parking downtown New Meadows. I think we need to get input from the business owners and homeowners along the highway to come up with a solution that benefits everyone involved. I am planning to schedule that in January.

We are continuing with the financial planning process with Clearwater Financial. The next step is interviews with key stakeholders in our area and that will take place in January.

I would like to review a cost of living raise for the City staff. Although we cannot afford to offer the federal COLA amount, I would like the City Council to look at what we can offer.

Remember to visit Miss Kitty's Pizza & Such on December 29th and encourage others to do the same. As part of a senior project, they will be giving a portion of that day's sales to the Meadows Valley Skate Park project.

"No one has ever become poor by giving" Anne Frank