

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

September 26, 2022

There are several great events coming this fall! October 1st is the Harvest Festival in the park and the last Farmer's Market of the year. October 31st will be Trunk or Treat at the City Park.

If we get some additional rain this week, I will consider lifting the burn ban in town before October 1st. There is still much dry fuel within the city limits.

I have multiple meetings planned in the next week with individuals who are interested in helping with City projects. I discussed with the library board the possibility of expanding the Christmas Tree lighting to include lights at the City Park. They are willing to partner with the City for another great event in December.

On October 6, the City is inviting business owners and interested leaders in the community for a Workforce Solutions Roundtable which will be viewable online at the Library Conference Room from 9:30 to noon. This is an opportunity for business owners to hear ideas from others regarding rural community workforce solutions.

Kyla and I will be attending our last Blue Cross Foundation meeting October 12th in Boise and then we will be discussing potential grant funds for a community project as promised. Their emphasis is on creating healthy spaces in our community, so we will be discussing possible ways to achieve that in our city.

I am excited about the potential effect a comprehensive financial plan and rate study will have as we move forward on several major projects. By creating these plans, we have the opportunity to gain insight that will prepare us for the growth and changes in the future.

I have asked Kyla to move forward with getting information on a different source of heat for the City Hall as we discussed several months ago. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting for a decision. There is a rebate available from Idaho Power if we go ahead and upgrade to a better system. I'd like to get a system that will provide heat in the winter and a/c in the summer for the most used parts of City Hall to keep our employees comfortable while they take care of the much needed tasks that keep the City running smoothly.

I have received multiple comments on the way the roads have endured through the summer with minimal dust. A big thank you to Jessie for coordinating to keep our roads in the best shape possible. She will continue that work as she oversees the upcoming snow removal season!

"The most powerful leadership tool you have is your personal example." John Wooden