

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

Winter has definitely arrived! We are in the season of snow, ice, mud and very cold temperatures. Remember that City Public Works department employees do their very best to keep roads clear and to make sure operations remain in working order.

An estimate for the plumbing work needing to be done at the Industrial Park "Meat Shop" building has not yet been received. The damage is more extensive than previously determined.

The Skate Park Fundraiser was a huge success! Over \$40,000 was raised and more continues to come in for this project. The Skate Park Committee is creating an official board as they move forward and the City will remain involved in plans as the project progresses.

The first City Trunk or Treat in the park was very successful with 25 different "Trunks" present. There was a great turnout of children and adults who enjoyed this great event. Next year we will expand the event to include several other opportunities for the community to gather.

Several interested individuals met to discuss holiday lighting in New Meadows. We have a great plan to place lights in the park, a snowman building area, and other amenities to encourage use of the park in the winter season. The City is receiving \$650 for the Mayor's Walking Challenge I completed in October, there are several donations to this project pending and I would like to use parks funds – since we have historically had a surplus each year – to make the holiday lighting project a success.

December 4<sup>th</sup> will be our "Light up the Town" event with a special Ornament Making Event for the kids at the Library prior to a parade down to the Park with local businesses lighting up their lights along the way. Local businesses are being encouraged to participate as well with outdoor sales and specials. We are working with the Community Center and Depot to provide a warm place to get in out of the weather for hot drinks and refreshments.

The MV Community Center has agreed to place the bull sculpture on the corner of their property which will match with the ranch theme they are pursuing. We will be planning an event to install the sculpture, recognize the ranching history of our community and acknowledge the sculptor and his awesome donation.

There's an amazing amount of work being done in our community. A special thank you to all the awesome volunteers who work behind the scenes to see projects are completed.

*"If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night with a mosquito."*  
*African Proverb*