

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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I guess the biggest news is the recent award from the Idaho Workforce Development Council for 600,000 dollars for the Preschool/Daycare project. Kyla and I will be meeting with the team to begin discussing the process. This is such a great need in our community and it is awesome to see that it will be able to meet.

Angie Mettie has been coming in to do training with Dianne, which has been extremely helpful. Angie trained the previous deputy clerk on items that Kyla was not familiar with, so this training was necessary. Angie will be paid as a temporary employee of the city for her services during this time.

I understand the frustration in our community over the current status of our side streets. Regardless of sentiments expressed otherwise, this is due to weather and road base issues. It has nothing to do with the competency of city staff. Please encourage residents to slow down since speed just erodes the potholes more quickly. Once things dry out enough to begin grading and bringing in gravel, it will be done. Trying to do any additional work while the roads are wet and the base is unstable just creates more problems.

Several individuals from the community attended the QPR Suicide Prevention Training and there will be another one on March 15th at the School. Part of being a community is being aware of the needs of those around us and this training helps community members bring helpful information to potential suicide victims.

I have spoken with Preston from the Skate Park Committee and one of the next steps in the Skate Park project is a community meeting which will be set up by Grindline – the company who will be building the skate park this year. The Skate Park Committee has raised \$529k for this project and will continue fundraising, but construction is scheduled to begin this summer. City Council will be tasked with decision making on the particulars of the project as it unfolds.

Due to recent confusion regarding community service hours, I will be drafting a Community Service Policy so we can provide opportunities for community service hours as available.

The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up March 30 and the Youth Sports program needs several coaches. The week of the Young Child is coming up in April and the City will be part of the week-long activities that are being planned for our local children. If you hear of people in our community interested in volunteering for community events, please refer them to City Hall.

“No one is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of another.” Charles Dickens