

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

July 12, 2021

The second round of grass and weeds abatement will take place this week. The process seems to be working well and encouraging residents to keep their yards mowed and keep the weeds trimmed.

The first round of funding from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has been received. This can be used for water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. We will discuss how to best use this money.

The City Clean Up day is coming up and I am hoping to have a group of volunteers who will help collect the items residents leave by the street to be discarded. Please get the word out to those in your neighborhood.

I have talked with several individuals who are interested in building housing in our community. I have requested they put their plan together for the City Council to review, understanding that we are contemplating changes to the zoning code which could make their plan more achievable. Tiny homes have been part of the discussion as well as other ideas. **Remember**, any discussions you have privately with individuals regarding requests for zoning related changes must be disclosed at the City Council meeting so any information you have received is available to the full Council for deliberation.

Tree branches in the road have become an issue which we need to discuss at the meeting. A junk tour took place on Friday, July 9 and letters will go out this week. This will be done on a schedule – according to the Public Nuisance ordinance - similar to the grass and weeds process.

Don't forget the Farmer's Market that takes place each Saturday in the City Park. This was one of the top requests on the recent CAC survey regarding ideas for using the park. It's great to see the park being used and we all have an opportunity to support this endeavor.

The city's office staff continues to work diligently to keep things running smoothly AND to implement better procedures for efficiency and transparency. The Public Works department is super busy with summer projects. A word of encouragement to City Staff on a job well done is always appropriate!

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J.

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