

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

May 28, 2024

Kyla, Kirk and I met with our new City Engineer, Grae Harper, the City's new engineer from Keller Associates. He was brought up to date on the current projects and development we are looking at. I told him that our other emphases are the wastewater facility plan and upgrades as well as creating and implementing a plan for the roads in town, which includes storm drainage. I am very glad to have Grae on our team and look forward to working with him.

The final plans for the Childcare/Youth Center are being put together for presentation to the City Council at the June 10th meeting. We have been collaborating with the school to be sure the space meets the needs of the preschool program. This is an exciting project for our community and will provide additional employment opportunities as well.

Hunter has been working diligently on the S. Heigho project, putting gravel on that road. Both Ivan and Hunter have been working with the contractors at the Crossroads project to get the new water connections installed. The memorial stone in the park has been reset with a new cement slab that is much more stable.

The Youth Sports participants have begun practicing and donations are still appreciated. The Sack Lunch program will begin June 3rd. The Community Garden will have their opening day on June 2nd from 10:30 to 12:30 and the Gold Line Transit 5 day a week kick off will take place on June 4th at 11:30 in the park. The new bus stop at the City Park instead of the MV Community Center will be implemented on June 3rd. The depot has agreed to allow the bus to turn around by coming through their driveway. Many activities happening in June.

Grass and weeds letters will go out after June 10th. There are a lot of areas that have tall grass and weeds already due to the wet spring and warm sunshine, but our first review of grass and weeds is in June.

There are many discussions happening about potential development in the area. City Council members are reminded NOT to comment or be involved in discussions regarding specific details of developments that have not come before City Council for approval yet. There is much speculation that is sweeping through the community on details that have not been presented for review and approval. Until final decisions are made on planning and zoning matters, City Council needs to remain ready to review the materials presented at public meetings and make their decisions based on that information and testimony presented at the public hearings.

"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." Helen Keller