

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity. There are many new people interested in helping with community projects and programs. Plans for the Skate Park Fundraiser are moving forward with increasing momentum and volunteers are eager to help.

In preparation for renting out the Industrial Park building that was previously used as a meat shop, I asked the public works department to turn on the water to the building to make sure there were no leaks. When the water was turned on, water started pouring from the ceiling where the pipes are located. A decision on how to move forward is needed.

A city staff member inadvertently hit a water main on Tuesday afternoon, October 18th while cleaning out a ditch which resulted in water supply issues for several minutes in town and for about 24 hours for JI Morgan, the Forest Service and the depot. The water main was too close to the surface of the ditch and it is unclear why it was located there. We were able to get help from the contractor working on the Brundage project so the water main could be fixed in a timely manner. This section of the main so it is buried in an appropriate place will be added as part of the water project infrastructure portion.

Jessie is back to work more hours a week, but still only part time. She is working on street issues and will be presenting ideas to the City Council moving forward on how to keep our streets and drainage in better condition.

I have been talking to several people about putting in a great Christmas light display in the park and to encourage use of the park for snowman building and other activities throughout the winter. We will be holding a meeting very soon to discuss possibilities.

There were several community organizations that met to look at what activities are being planned by each organization and look at possible ways we can help to achieve our separate and community goals. It was extremely informative and encouraging. I believe we are moving in the right direction to bring great programs and opportunities to our community.

The bull sculpture needs a home and an event to highlight the placement and to honor the many ranchers who have and are making great investments into the future of Meadows Valley. Input is appreciated.

As difficult as the last few weeks have been, I am so proud of this community and the commitment people have to each other. We are a resilient and strong force when we work together for common goals.

"Leadership is an action, not a position." Donald McGannon