

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

May 22, 2023

Meadows Valley is a busy place these days with multiple projects in progress and events being planned. The City is doing its best to keep everyone informed about what's happening.

The Pilot Transit Program will begin with trips to McCall Monday and Wednesday from June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 30. We will hold a ribbon cutting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the MV Community Center to kick off the project. Please encourage people to ride the bus. The usage of this transit will affect the ability to offer this for 5 days a week in October. The City will be promoting this program in many different ways.

I am waiting for bids from local architects so we can start the Recycle Center – Youth Center project. It's a busy time of year, but hopefully we will have great feedback.

The "Hello Spring" event on May 16<sup>th</sup> was very successful. The new bench in the park was unveiled and is currently installed near the playground equipment. The bull sculpture honoring the local cattle industry and its impact on our valley's development was unveiled and the sculptor gave a short presentation. A big thank you to Hunter and Ivan and local volunteers who helped to get the concrete slabs poured for both the bench and sculpture.

We will be starting our summer sack lunch program June 5<sup>th</sup> and I have already been soliciting donations from several local organizations and businesses. We aren't sure how many will use this service, but we hope to make a positive impact in the lives of the children who need it.

I met with Cory Whitney at Franz Witte and he will be bringing down a very nice Christmas Tree to plant in the park in June. I have also requested the contractors who are replacing the booster station to install a dedicated electrical circuit and outlets for the tree light to be plugged into at the back of the new booster station.

I have met with the Fire Department to let them know about the upcoming water system changes as Well 3 is taken off line and the booster station and reservoir are being replaced. Kirk will keep a close eye on water usage to be sure we don't have any issues while the system is running on Well #4 and Well #5. IF YOU SEE someone other than city staff accessing a fire hydrant, please report it to city hall IMMEDIATELY. Bulk water usage will be minimal during this project. There are other options available and City Hall will be able to give direction.

I'm very pleased to present a new slate of appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Angie will chair that Committee and I am super excited about what they will be pursuing. They will be reporting back to the city as they move forward.

"Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter." Brian Solis