

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." Albert Einstein

We are starting out the New Year with great plans and excellent opportunities. I love the way the City's team is working together!

I hope you are getting familiar with the City's new website. I love the ability to add agenda requests and find the agenda and packet so easily. Please take the time to discover this new tool.

Jessie did an excellent job – with the help of Devin Buys – clearing the city streets after almost a foot of snow and then several hours of rain a few weeks ago. I received multiple calls from local individuals who recognized a job well done with the snow removal. I passed those messages on to Jessie with my own encouragement and praise.

We will be expanding the advertising for the full-time Public Works General Laborer position. We have had several individuals ask for more information, but we have not yet received a resume or application.

A big Thank You goes out to Darbey for taking the lead and chairing the joint meetings of the Citizen Advisory and Parks & Rec Committees as they work on the Park Master Plan. I'm looking forward to what they will come up with.

Angie has created an ever-growing list of publications the City has created including door hangers and brochures. We will continue to work on educating our citizens regarding our community and all the city has to offer. She has developed a door hanger which will be used to warn any residents who are parked in the city right-of-way. The notice will serve as a first contact with a citation to be issued by the Sheriff's department if the vehicle is not moved. A vehicle in the right of way was backed into by the City's equipment while snowplowing which resulted in damage to the vehicle and a subsequent insurance claim. I'm hoping the extra notifications will help clear the right of way so City staff won't be hindered.

Jessie, Mac and I met with the City's back up operator, Warren Drake, last week. He will be checking in every month to get more familiar with the City's system in case there is an emergency situation where we need his assistance. He is preparing a contract for the Council's review which will be presented in February.

In the past two weeks, I have been involved in conversations regarding a regional broadband assessment, local mental health needs, housing possibilities and training opportunities for City Council and staff.

Thank you for your commitment to represent our community as we work together.