

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

February 28, 2022

We have begun working on plans for the first community clean-up – hopefully the 3rd Saturday in May – with local involvement to help to get rid of larger items at the beginning of the season. This would be a great kick off to our monthly clean up days.

I hope to hear back from BSU next week on their findings regarding the illegal dumping. An inspection of the RV dump at Brown's revealed there has not been activity in that area for quite a while, so that is not the avenue being used.

I have received repeated calls and complaints regarding the parking of vehicles on the roadways in town. As the Sheriff reported, it is difficult to enforce the ordinance regarding parking on the right of way, but many of these vehicles are sitting in one of the lanes of traffic on our city streets for more than just a few minutes to load or unload. Please encourage your neighbors and visitors to park off the street to eliminate the safety issues that arise when one lane is blocked.

As I continue to speak with developers and individuals wanting to build in our community, housing is always the highest priority. But the broader discussion has included the need for businesses to be able to find locations in town, as well. There is still a search going for a grocery store, but there is interest by new and established businesses for possible outlets for their goods and services in our area. We must take all factors of growth into consideration as we make our decisions on zoning and development.

The roof repairs on the booster station are almost completed. You have a bid in your packet for fixing the drywall on the ceiling inside. Hopefully this will fix the issues until the booster station can be replaced in the water project.

Programs for the teens and young adults in our community has been a topic at more and more of my conversations with local organizations and individuals. YAC, Youth Advocacy Coalition, is just one of the programs that is taking place in our community to reach out to young people. I have several individuals interested in starting other programs that would impact youth, as well. I will have more to share on that subject in the future.

It's time to get coaches and players interested in the upcoming Youth Sports season. If you know of anyone interested in being involved, please have them contact Angie. Also, volunteers are needed for the annual Easter Egg hunt.

"Those who say it cannot be done, should not interrupt those doing it." Chinese Proverb