

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

September 12, 2022

School is back in session and summer weather is drawing to a close, but we are busier than ever at the City of New Meadows!

Construction has begun on the new well house and the surrounding neighbors were notified of the 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday construction time – as per City ordinance – and that there would be increased activity and traffic in that area. The contractor met with the city, engineers and funding agencies prior to beginning and the meeting was very successful.

The Meadows Valley Days weekend was a great success due to the tireless efforts of SO many volunteers! It was great to see the park filled with visitors and local residents, enjoying the festivities. The decision to leave the city restrooms open (we checked them several times a day), did not result in any adverse actions. The limited hours from 8 am to 8 pm seems to be curtailing the issues we were having the past.

I made the decision on September 7, due to the extreme fire danger in our area, to put a burn ban in place which prohibits open burning within the city limits. I coordinated with Doug Buys, Fire Commissioner, Idaho Department of Lands, Dick Stubbs, City Attorney and SITPA in this decision. We will continue to monitor the situation and when it is safe, the ban will be lifted.

The safety of our community always comes first.

The dog pound is a current project for this fall since we have the funding available. Hunter and Ivan have been given the plans previously approved by City Council and will be working on the renovation of the facility so it can be used. They are also going to be notifying city hall with a picture of any dog seen at large, noting the location and time, so we can begin issuing citations and charging fines to offenders. Once the dog pound is updated, we will be able to place a dog in the facility until the fine is paid, with hopes this will deter the continued disregard for the city's animal control ordinance.

We have accomplished much this year, already. Gregg Tankersley is finishing the final draft of the updated Transportation plan – a project that began several years ago. Our city water project is now in construction and should be completed by 2025. ITD has confirmed they are issuing payment for the majority of the project overages and outstanding expenses in the downtown city water project that began in 2019. The radar speed limit signs will be installed this fall as will the flashing pedestrian crosswalk sign.

We currently have an awesome team at the City of New Meadows. I am so very proud of every one of our employees and the great work they do. They do receive public feedback that is less than positive, although they do their very best, so encouragement is appreciated.

"The secret of making progress is to get started." Mark Twain