

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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Even though the cold mornings are reminding us that winter will soon be here, there is still a lot of activity in our community with upcoming and recent events.

The final Farmer's Market for the season was a huge success. I spoke with Julia Olson and she said all the vendors are excited about next year's plans. They are hoping to have more food vendors in the park and to invite local families to come and picnic in the park on Saturdays. They are working on having more produce for sale and getting the school involved for possible fundraisers at the Farmer's Market for school projects.

The Meadows Valley Community Foundation has agreed to be the non profit umbrella for the skate park committee. This is an exciting project for our community and has received excellent feedback from locals. The first fundraiser is October 16th at Hartland Inn. A flyer is included in your packet.

I have asked Angie to create a summary of each City Council meeting to place on the website. We will also print several copies to place at the library, post office and City Hall. A sample is included in your packet. She came up with an excellent design. I believe it gives a quick, readable snapshot of what is happening without having to read through the narrative of the minutes.

I had a very productive meeting with Tim Farrell and John Stone of Mountain Water Works. We agreed that these are unprecedented times and we are facing scenarios that no one expected. Out of this meeting came the decision to have the City Council take a "field trip" to see the two well houses, booster station and new well location, in order to understand what is being considered as we move forward. We will be looking at the last two bid package responses we received for the well house and look at where the cost increases are and what could be changed. I am confident we can find a solution that will not create an undue hardship on local residents while finishing a very important infrastructure project for our community.

More conversations are taking place regarding zoning issues when property is purchased for the purpose of building additional housing. The City will need to decide how important how to create spaces for housing and still maintain the overall intent of the zoning code.

Thank you for the insights each one of you bring to the table. The different perspectives that each person holds creates a great panorama of input that is extremely beneficial when making decisions.

"We all need people who will give us feedback. That's how we improve." Bill Gates