

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

September 27, 2021

More new faces are showing up in our community as people move in from many different parts of the country. I have personally met several new residents over the past several weeks.

A special thank you to all the City staff and local volunteers who helped with the City Cleanup days each month this year. This was an exceptional display of kindness and encouragement to those who are wanting to clean up their property but needed a little extra help in that direction. Additional donations are still needed to cover the cost of the dump fees.

There are continued reports of increased cases of the flu, colds and COVID in our area. We can all do our part to limit the spread of these contagions by staying home if we are sick and encouraging others to do the same.

We will be reviewing the year end financial reports in October in order to better plan for expenditures in the new fiscal year. Each Council member and City office staff member should be aware of what the City spends money on and why, so answers can be given to those who ask. We will also be reviewing the water and sewer rates, as we do every year. I appreciate all the work that is being done to try and keep our expenses down so rates do not have to be raised to an exorbitant level. The recent decision to wait on the wellhouse bid was a difficult decision, but definitely had long-term implications for our community.

We will be working to make sure that all residents recognize the need to have any vehicles off the right of way as we move into snow removal season. Notices will be going out to those who have vehicles parked in the right of way so they have time to move the vehicles before winter hits.

The staff has been working on putting policies together that can be used as guiding documents when emergency and unforeseen events take place. Those will be presented to the City Council for review in coming weeks.

Thank you for the time and energy you put into City matters. Your input and thoughts are welcomed and appreciated.

"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could."

Zig Ziglar