

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

September 13, 2021

As we move into fall, one of the most beautiful seasons in the valley, I am impressed with the way our community has worked to clean up yards, clear out unwanted items and make our neighborhoods look amazing. Without the help of City staff to mail out notices, help with clean up days and get the word out, this would not be possible. I am so thankful for the City's teamwork.

The new email addresses have been set up for the City Council. This is the best way to create continuity when Council members change and provide better access to public records information without having to go through personal emails. If possible, please get your new email account set before the end of the October.

The City office staff has been working with our website developers to update the website and create more information available for those who visit the site. Upcoming events, informational videos and easy access to the current city council meeting information is being developed.

The Meadows Valley Day events were very successful and are another reminder of the great volunteerism that is present in Meadows Valley. Be sure to give thanks to all those who helped with the weekend's festivities.

I suggest a look around City Hall to see the wonderful changes that have taken place since clearing out the unneeded items. Angie and Kyla have done an amazing job organizing the offices and storeroom. Expect more organization and beauty as they turn the front reception area into an inviting space that represents the City's commitment to excellent customer service.

We still need volunteers to come out and help at the last city clean up on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Daniel will not be available that day. We need people to bring their pickups and trailers and pick up the unwanted items left on the roadside. Encourage everyone you know to come out and make a difference.

Often the complaints and negative input from community members can be seen by some as disruptive and unnecessary, but it is my belief that each person in our community deserves to be heard. If we choose to only listen to those who agree with what we are doing, we will never learn to grow beyond what we currently know. We can all learn from each other, even if we have differing viewpoints. Let's learn from the input we receive from those around us.

Thank you for making the hard decisions, looking out for the community members who put their trust in us to take care of the City's business and for working together to see our area thrive and be successful.

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. IT DOES." William James*