

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

October 15, 2024

The Fall Festival on October 5th was a huge success with a great turn out. A big thank you to the Farmer's Market group and New Meadows Parks and Rec for offering such a great event to kick off the fall season. The annual Trunk or Treat event will take place in the park on October 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

The second community meeting for the Mehen Memorial Skate Park design was very well attended with several local youth in attendance with questions and comments about the proposed design. I was impressed with the way Grindline took the comments and input from the first community meeting and created a design that implemented those ideas. They also have incorporated a beautiful memorial piece into the design. The next step is to update the design based on the feedback received from the community, submit their plans to the City Engineer for review and schedule a design review and public hearing with the City Council.

The first meeting of the new road/streets committee will take place on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm at City Hall. There are several individuals who have offered to sit on that committee who are experienced in the maintenance of gravel roads. The meetings will be open to the public and will follow all open meeting law protocol. Suggestions from the Committee will be brought to the City Council for their consideration.

Kyla and I attended the PAWG (Payette, Adams, Washington, Gem) meeting and were welcomed by county and city road supervisors from the area. They offered great information regarding dust abatement (road stabilization) and they will be having their next meeting to discuss and rate LHTAC grant opportunities here in New Meadows on October 17th at the Intersection BBQ.

I have asked Dalrymple Construction to be present at the City Council meeting to answer any questions about the project. There were a couple unforeseen delays but footings are being poured and the work is moving forward. There have been questions about who will run the daycare center that will be located in the new building. The City Council, when discussing and voting on the possibility of building the center, agreed to have a non profit board oversee the hiring of an administrator and childcare workers for the childcare center. A city representative will be part of that board. The City will NOT be running the childcare center. The preschool, of course, will be overseen by the school. An MOU with both the school and the Childcare Non profit board will be entered into with the City regarding the use of the building.

"Autumn, the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful." Heather Stillufsen