

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

December 14, 2020

"The greatness of community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members" Coretta Scott King

. As we move into a new year, one of my goals is to increase communication between city hall and the community. The city's new website platform is just one of the many ways we can accomplish this. The website will provide more opportunities for communication with the public and access to documents and information our community needs to know. Watch for training on how to use the new platform. Very exciting stuff!!

Speaking of training, I have asked our City Attorney – Dick Stubbs – to prepare a short presentation for the City Council and City Staff to help us determine what situations we may encounter that will need to be referred to legal counsel. It is better to err on the side of caution when it involves potential legal proceedings. This training is scheduled to take place in January.

The last couple weeks I have been in meetings and conversations regarding community needs assessment, helping our youth to succeed, potential housing projects, coordinating with local organizations to meet community needs, City Council best practices, availability of mental health resources in our area and long-term planning. Most of these items will end up as discussion and/or action items on future agendas.

Just a reminder that I am putting together gift bags for each employee to be presented to them on December 21st. If you would like to donate something to put in the gift bag, I will assemble the bags on December 18th.

The Christmas tree will continue to be decorated by those in our community who stop by. You are part of this community – so please bring your family and be part of this event. We are handing out pre-wrapped cookies and a hand-written card to each person/family who participates. We still need pre-wrapped cookies and Shiloh is willing to drop off cards for city council members to sign if you are interested. Also, each individual or family that comes in will have an instant photo taken which they can take with them after they have helped decorate the tree! On December 28, I would like the City Staff and City Council to join me for a picture of the decorated tree.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to support the community you live in. The teamwork that keeps this city operating in a productive, professional manner is because of great City Council members and awesome City staff. I appreciate each one of you and the work you do. An old African proverb says "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." I believe we will go far as we work together – recognizing our individual strengths and the power of working together.