

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

March 13, 2023

Winter is still lingering, but spring is inevitable – eventually!

I am working with Gregg Tankersley at Crestline Engineering and expect to have an updated engineering contract to review at the next City Council meeting. I also had a meeting with Tim Farrell to make sure the ownership changes at Mountain Waterworks will not affect the progress and continued success of the water project.

I have asked our City Attorney, Dick Stubbs, to give us information regarding drones and what State Code currently addresses. We have already had several instances of drones recording footage in the city limits. I would like to discuss this to be sure we get ahead of any potential issues.

Don't forget the election on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the depot for the school levy. Encourage your neighbors to come and vote. It is important that we support our local school's efforts to provide quality education in our community.

Kyla and Kirk and I have been working with Idaho Rural Water to update our Source Water Protection plan since we are adding an additional well. We have been able to put together good information that will help us keep our municipal water sources safe so we can continue to offer clean water.

Due to the recent trespass and break-in attempt at the new well facility, I have asked Mountain Water Works to present cost information on installing cameras at that facility as part of the water project. A report on the water project will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Because of the demolition and reconstruction of the water tank and booster station this summer and the impact it may have on the playground in the park, I am looking at possible temporary playground equipment to be used this summer so the children can have activities in the park. I have reached out to a couple suppliers and a potential funder.

I asked Angie to send out a letter to the businesses and organizations in Meadows Valley expressing gratitude for their perseverance through the last couple of years. I felt it was important to recognize the extraordinary efforts that have been made in our community to continue to offer services and products despite unprecedented challenges.

I was honored to share with this year's Leadership Academy about the activities of the City of New Meadows, small-town government and the amazing community we call home. I am always happy to share about our beautiful Meadows Valley.

*"No winter lasts forever; No spring skips it's turn." Hal Borland*