

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

June 13, 2022

Even though the weather has been wet and rainy, things are getting busy in our community. The restrooms in the park are being opened at 8 am by city staff during the week and closed by local volunteers at 8 pm. Local volunteers also are opening and closing the restrooms over the weekend. So far, there has been no vandalism.

We are starting the weeds and grass tours and subsequent abatement if they are not in compliance. With all the rain, we decided to do the first inspection on 6/13 instead of 6/10. That gave an extra weekend to get grass and weeds cut.

I am developing a list of volunteer opportunities for those wanting to volunteer in the city. I was introduced to a website – JustServe.org which could be used as a central location for such a list and am waiting to hear back on how to post to it.

I had a good meeting with Dee Fredrickson from the school regarding the need for childcare in our community. We also discussed the possibilities for activities for students when they are on the 4 day school week. I believe we can work together to implement some beneficial ideas.

I am scheduled to speak to the Adams County Commissioners on June 21st. I will be discussing several items including Norris Street and the Recycle Center. I will let you know what comes of that meeting.

According to conversations with ITD, we should be receiving the final payout for the Main Street project soon. We have confirmed the totals and are just waiting for the check to be issued.

The biggest topic of discussion locally the past couple weeks has been the streets. We have very little gravel to place on the streets and the heavy winters and wet springs have washed off much of the product needed to keep the roads in good condition. It is too late to bring in gravel before the dust abatement is applied, but we are developing a plan to work on different street sections in town each year so we don't find ourselves in this position again. We are also looking at product which might create a more lasting surface.

Mountain Waterworks has responded to DEQ's comments on the proposed water project plan. Once DEQ has signed off on the project it will go out for bid.

"Encouragement is free, and beyond measure in value." William DeFoore

