

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

March 27, 2023

As the snow is melting, slowly but surely, activities are increasing and we are heading into a very busy season. There are new opportunities for city funding, projects and upgrades that we are continuing to pursue.

The Source Water Protection Plan is still being developed with IRWA. This is a requirement of the funding we received and is also necessary to maintain the safety and integrity of our water infrastructure.

Angie has been reaching out to try and get a Parks and Rec Committee together again. If you know of someone who would be interested in serving on that committee, please let Angie know. The park has several projects on the horizon including the planting of a city "Christmas" tree, the JI Morgan recognition plaque and designing a nature walk.

I have been asked to share at the Rural Idaho Success Summit in April regarding the City's water project and the journey we have taken to get it funded and scheduled. I will be recognizing the tremendous efforts of Mountain Waterworks and the tenacity of the City Council to hold out for the plan that was best for our community.

The pilot program for a transit bus from New Meadows to McCall is in the final planning stage.

The bus will run June through August on Mondays and Wednesday at 8 different times. Details on those time-frames are being worked out and a marketing plan is being developed.

We want to get a good turnout for the pilot program so we can get funding for an ongoing scheduled transit beginning in October. The end goal is to have a 5-day a week transit running 8-10 times a day.

I am discussing a potential intern possibility for the city which will include creating a planning and zoning training and ongoing education process so we can find individuals to sit on a separate Planning and Zoning Commission. I will keep you updated as this unfolds.

*"The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water and food."  
Dean Ornish*