## NEWSLETTER CITY OF SWEET HOME

September 2025



## **COUNCIL CORNER**

In August, City Council approved the following:

- Public address system permit for the Sweet Home
  Podeo
- Appointment of Melanie Jones to the Park & Tree Committee
- A four-year asset management contract with iWorQ Systems for Public Works and Code Enforcement
- Updated compensation policy allowing employees and Councilors to accept food and beverages in the course of their work
- Street closures for National Night Out
- Updates to the City's property exclusion ordinance to allow enforcement at Sweet Home Public Library

City Council also heard a report on the success of the City's community dumpster days, recognized Bob Dalton for his years of service on the Park & Tree Committee, received a presentation from the Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition, and accepted a \$66,200 donation from Milt Moran, Jr., President of Cascade Timber Consulting, which was graciously provided by the Hill family in memory of former CTC employee William Marshall. The donation will be utilized towards the Sankey Park Phase III Project. Thank you to the Hill family!

City Council will hold a Work Session and Regular Session on 9/23 at 5:30 and 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found on our website.



## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

The City of Sweet Home has two dedicated Parks & Recreation employees and utilizes temporary workers in the summer to support park needs citywide. The City maintains seven parks, some which are fully natural and others which have upgraded amenities. The Sankey Park Phase III project is currently underway, with the construction request for proposals anticipated to be released soon and construction to be completed by July 2026. For more information about future park plans, check out the Park System Master Plan adopted by City Council in October of last year.



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As summer winds down and September ushers in the cooler days of fall, it is good to pause and reflect on what we have shared together. One of the highlights was the activation of Festival Street on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue during National Night Out. The street came alive with neighbors, families, vendors, and businesses, and the message was clear that Sweet Home loves gathering in spaces that belong to all of us. Many people told us we should do this more often and they are right. As we turn toward fall events like the Harvest Festival on October 4<sup>th</sup>, let us carry that same spirit forward. Sweet Home comes alive, one gathering at a time.

Yours in Service, Jason Ogden







