



THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | October 19, 2018

YSEALI

The City of Ontario is hosting Tien (rhymes with Dean) who is part of the Young South East Asian Leaders Initiative Professional Fellows Program. Tien arrived last Saturday and will spend four weeks in Ontario learning about our community. I have had the pleasure of hosting her in my home this week. My kids have really enjoyed being around her.

Tien had the opportunity to see the Owyhee Reservoir from above when she went up in a plane with Tom Frazier and Dan Beaubien. She met with some Vietnam Vets for lunch which was a very inspirational gathering. She also attended Monday's candidate forum and Wednesday's No-No Boy performance. We're looking forward to our time with Tien and learning from her perspective and experiences.



Tien's visit to Ontario began with a tour of Ontario Municipal Airport

Splash Pad

A pre-bid was held this week by Public Works for the site plan bid work. I'm working with a local artist for the donor wall. We'll be meeting next week to see some of her concepts.

Honeybee Policy

I have drafted a honeybee ordinance for consideration at the next City Council work session. The State of Oregon has required all local governments to review their ordinance by the end of the year.

Marijuana Ordinance

Next week is the last opportunity to express opinions on the marijuana land use ordinance. While it is not a public hearing, you can request to speak during public comment time.

Airport

This week began early Monday morning with Boise River Fence delivering truck-loads of fencing material and equipment to the airport. Weekly safety and construction meetings are now the norm as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded perimeter fence and security gate project is underway. The gates will be both automatic and swinging depending on needs of each access point on the airport.

Two more Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) grants were written this week in hopes of securing additional funding for future projects. One of the COAR grants is tailored toward providing infrastructure for building hangars. It's very exciting to watch the growth and development of the airport!

Recreation

We saw the biggest turn out in several years as Boys Youth Basketball started this week. Teams for 3rd through 6th grade were arranged and practice for all teams will begin on Monday, October 22. Games will begin Saturday, November 3. Teams will travel and play in Weiser, Payette, Parma, Fruitland and New Plymouth. Ontario will host games on Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, November 17. Best of luck to all of the teams and players!



"Heart is what separates the good from the great." -Micahael Jordan

Volleyball continues for the last two Saturdays of October. Registration is currently open for: Youth Dodgeball, Girls 3rd-4th grade Basketball, Youth Floor Hockey, Thanksgiving Craft Class and Christmas Craft Class.

Police

Officer Swank and his K9 partner Buster will attend a tracking course next week. Buster is showing positive signs that he will be able to be a dual-purpose dog (drug detection and tracking). If he is able to master his tracking skills, he will potentially be a useful asset in the event of a missing child or endangered adult as well as locating fleeing crime suspects.

Fire

This week the staff responded to our standard medical calls, a couple illegal burns and some false alarms. They also responded to four fire calls: a vehicle fire, a wood shed fire, a mutual aid fire in Nyssa and a double wide trailer fire which caused fire damage to the kitchen and smoke damage to the rest of the home.

Training continues and on Monday Oregon's Training Division completed an accreditation of our training program. The Fire Department is continuing their efforts to check and install smoke detectors in our community. They have installed over 70 detectors this month.

Public Works

A public meeting for the NPDES permit was held at the Four Rivers Cultural Center on Tuesday, October 16. City leaders and representatives from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality were available to present the new permit and answer questions. This is part of the public comment timetable before the permit is finalized. The end of public comment on the new permit is October 31, 2018.

Irrigation systems are being blown out in preparation for winter. This includes all underground systems in the parks and cemeteries throughout town.

Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Tuesday, October 23 @ 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
City Hall- Council Chambers

Saturday, October 27 @ 4:00 p.m.

Children's Halloween Event
Lion's Park

Friday and Saturday, October 26-27

@8:00 p.m. to Midnight

City Haunted House