



City Manager's Weekend Update

May 11, 2018

Splash Pad

We had our first review from the State Health Department, and we are now working on a response. JACOBS (formerly CH2M) has been moving soil on to the site. There is an amazing amount of collaboration and volunteer work going on to make this project possible. Our local specialized professional services are going far beyond the call of duty to help. We could not make it happen without these partners.

Strategic Plan

The Revitalize Ontario director, Kayla Kirksey, assisted me with work on the strategic plan. We made some progress and I need to schedule another work meeting of our community partners and interested volunteers.

Buddy Bench

A donor who met me at a community forum wanted to pay for a buddy bench. We found one and ordered it to be installed at Lion's park facing the school fields. The idea behind these buddy benches is that someone lonely sits there and hopefully someone else sits next to them to make a friendship. These benches can be purchased by other donors for \$483.00



Here is what's going on around the city this week.

Recreation

Soccer will finish up tomorrow. We had a really good season, with minimal bumps.

Coed Volleyball finished up this week.

We are still working on getting summer information out to our local schools.

Recreation staff met this week with the two boys from Aiken School who are wanting to start a hockey league. It was a good meeting. We are going to work with Aiken School and possible some of the other schools and put together some open gym time this fall to let the kids play hockey. The boys were super excited!! It was fun. Ontario 8C O-Positive Newsletter showed a picture of the kids with the recreation staff.

Airport

Just over 400 students descended on the Ontario municipal airport last Thursday, May 8 to learn about the world of aviation during the aviation field day.

Ontario high school talented and gifted students are slated to attend an in-depth introduction to aviation at the airport on May 15.

Over one hundred Payette third grade students will also travel to our airport May 17. Many of whom will get their first experience with aircraft up close.

In the meantime, the prep work for the new grass strip is approximately 75% complete, the alternate irrigation ditch continues to work as designed and routine upkeep of lawns, sprinklers, runway and taxiway lighting continues.

Community and Economic Development

Staff is reviewing 16 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 10 permits this past week.

Staff met with a commercial development looking at layouts of two new possible businesses.

Staff received a Housing Incentive application for a new home.

Dan attended a Brownfield training seminar last week on the west side of the state presented by Oregon Brownfields and Business Oregon on how to use the EPA and Oregon Brownfields Grant the Malheur Brownfields Coalition received. The trip was funded out of the EPA brownfields grant.

Police

Our officers have been assisting the Malheur County Sheriff's Office with the homicide investigation that occurred this week just outside of our city limits. Several arrests have been made.

This week, our child passenger safety technician team visited with and educated three families on proper car seat installation and guidance on keeping children safe in and around vehicles. Our next fitting station will be August 9, 2018 then November 8, 2018. As we approach 2019 we will be looking at a quarterly schedule which we will publish when those dates are set. If someone is urgently needing guidance or help with the installation of their car seat during the "off" fitting station months, please call Sheri Smith at [541-881-3238](tel:541-881-3238). She will try to schedule appointments when her time allows.

Chief Kunz had the honor to attend/represent our police department in Salem at the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial ceremony. Next week is National Police Week with May 15th being National Peace Officer Memorial Day. This day was proclaimed in 1962 by President Kennedy to honor police officers who are killed in the line of duty.

Public Works

Field Service

Street sweeping for the third round of sweeping throughout the city. All streets, both primaries and residential streets will be swept.

Water services were installed at the new housing complex project; all but one has been completed.

Additional work was done at the Verde pump station; modifications to the vault were required. Curb and gutter work was completed at the City Annex building. Next steps include paving the parking area.

Sewer cleaning continues throughout the City

Water

Troubleshooting the decant pond pumping systems, we are looking at some new designs that will streamline operations and help reduce down time.

We discovered 2 defective check valves in the decant water systems , both were rebuilt.

Parks and Cemetery

Crews have been prepping the cemeteries for Mother's Day and Memorial Day later this month.