



## City Manager's Weekend Update

September 14, 2018

**Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee** – The committee met this week and is reviewing the submission Dan Cummings, Community Development Director, made to the State of Oregon and will continue to discuss it this Wednesday.

**Diversity Advisory Committee** - The Diversity Advisory Committee met this week. They are making some great plans to reach out and have a presence in the community. It's very exciting to think about what kind of engagement they can bring about. They want to be at all major community events.

**Emergency Management Team** – Chief Leighton and I attended the County Emergency Management Team meeting on Thursday. I commend the sheriff's department for working towards getting a federally recognized Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). This is an important designation for each community.

### Police

Police staff had the opportunity to participate in the annual Story-time event. Officers were able to interact and read books with kindergarten students from Ontario.

Police staff also joined forces with the fire department and held a 9/11 remembrance ceremony. The event was well attended by numerous first responders, city staff and members of the community.

More houses were listed as 'derelict structures' this week. Code Enforcement will work with the owners in hopes of gaining voluntary compliance.

### Fire

On September 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Chief Leighton held a teleconference call training on policies from Lexipol. The standard training night was post-incident analysis from some of our fires in the past couple of months. This included what we learned and what can we improve on.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Boys and Girls club did a public education tour of the fire station for 15 five and six-year-olds and their group leaders.

The City had a joint 9/11 ceremony to remember and honor those that passed away on that horrible day. It was nice to remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice and we had good participation and a nice crowd.

The Fire Department responded to a large grass fire in the ODOT property at the 900 Block of SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and numerous illegal burns.

## **Parks and Recreation**

All soccer fields are marked out and painted, coaches are found, schedules made, and our football team is ready for their jamboree tomorrow.

5th / 6th Tackle Football – Games begin in the morning in Adrian, Oregon. Ontario will host games on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Youth Fall Soccer – Games began on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Games were held on Tuesday and Thursday this week and will continue through October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Programs – We are currently taking registration for Youth Volleyball until October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next week Registration begins for youth dodgeball and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball.

## **Public Works**

### Field Service

New stop signs and temporary safety flagging were installed at the intersection of SE 3rd Avenue and SE 3rd Street. This intersection has seen numerous motor vehicle accidents for failure to yield right of way. Hopefully, this will help address this problem and provide a safer environment for our city.

Crews prepared for crack seal beginning early next week, 18 lanes miles will be targeted for this effort.

### Water

Cyanotoxin testing for last week was again negative. So far, there have been no positive results since testing was mandated.

Raw water chemistries appear to have stabilized somewhat over last week and we have come back to target tank levels throughout the system. Staff did a yeoman's like job in addressing and solving a difficult treatment issue.

### Parks and Cemetery

We have noted several of our newly planted trees have either died or are extremely stressed on East Idaho, these trees have been noted and are scheduled for replacement in the fall dependent on our arborists recommendations.

Staff have increase water schedules at Lions park in effort to address the heavy use at the park last week due to the Cars in the Park all last week.