



City Manager's Weekend Update

September 7, 2018

Splash Pad

Haunted House Fund Raiser - I met with Merri Gamage and Freddy Rodriguez today to talk about the Haunted House. Our plan is to use the old city shop off of North Oregon under the water tower since the aquatic center will be under construction. Merri and Freddy are awesome! They have such great ideas. The theme is going to be around a medical clinic gone wrong! It's going to be something all the youth are going to love. The profits will go to the aquatic center fund.

SREDA – SREDA met this week in Weiser. I attended and was pleased to announce some of our commercial developments coming to Ontario. There is great excitement around the announcement of Marshall's. We have received over 22,000 views on the city Facebook page.

YSEALI Professional Fellow – Peter, the city's new Human Resources Manager, and I skyped with the YSEALI (Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative) professional fellow coming to Ontario on October 15 from Vietnam. She has a great personality. I think everyone will enjoy being around her and learning from her too. Her name is Tien.

CH2M Contract – It's a great accomplishment for the council to have approved a 10 year extension on the public works services with Ch2M/Jacobs. We worked collaboratively through many contract issues over the past few months to come to an agreement. We will save over \$1 million over the term of this contract period. It's been a successful partnership and I personally look forward to working with them going forward.

Police

We are continuing our efforts to remove abandoned vehicles throughout the city. This week, seven abandoned vehicles were tagged for removal. We are also assessing civil penalizes for derelict structures around the city and we are seeing more compliance.

Police staff volunteered to serve at the annual "Hands Around the Park" event which celebrates the efforts of those citizens in recovery. Staff assisted with cooking and taking photographs of the festivities.

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 - Full gear practice started Tuesday. We are very lucky and thankful for the use of the OHS Football practice field and equipment!! A Big thank you to Varsity Head Coach Erik Johnson and OHS Athletic Director Manny Alvarado for working with us and being so supportive of our kids and programs.

They will open the season with a Jamboree in Vale, Oregon on Saturday, September 8th. There are teams from Adrian, Nyssa, Vale, Baker City, Burns and Ontario playing in the Eastern Oregon Youth Football league this year. We host games on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at OHS Stadium.

Youth Fall Soccer - We have 10 teams and coaches received their rosters and equipment this week - games will begin on Tuesday, September 11th. Thank you to Jacobs for moving two sets of soccer goals for us, Four Rivers Community School for letting us use their fields and Boys and Girls Club for the use of their soccer field.

Public Works

Field Service

JACOBS has had senior management staff here this week for review of internal operations.

Crews worked on numerous leaking water service throughout the community. We had some meter reading issues that affected a number of people. We are working through them individually and making sure that no customer is financially harmed.

Installation of thermoplastic crosswalk bars continues; we are currently awaiting another shipment to continue. We have areas in the City where have not completed the cross walks. Crews prepared for crack seal beginning early next week, 18 lanes miles will be targeted for this effort.

Water

Well 4 was flushed multiple times and then disinfected. We are waiting for a second round of tests to place it back on line for an additional 900 ppm. This will help our inventory issues greatly.

Parks and Cemetery

The Eastside park mural and water tank were tagged over the weekend. The tank graffiti was addressed but the mural still needs to be repainted.