



## City Manager's Weekend Update

12/1/2017

### It's Parade and Tree Lighting Time

Public Works, Police, and Fire personnel have been busy preparing for the Holiday Parade scheduled for **this Saturday at 1 pm**. Come out and enjoy the festivities.

**The City will host a lighting of the City tree in Lions Park at 5 pm on Saturday. Please join us!**

We are still accepting applicants for vacancies on the Public Works Committee, the Airport Board, and Diversity Advisory Committee. You can fill out an application [here](#).

The City of Ontario and CH2M sent a [press release](#) to the media announcing that CH2M has purchased a skid steer that can be used for roadway work, utility construction, and snow removal. This piece of equipment will help with repairs and operations in tight places including snow blowing, earthmoving, and pavement grinding. This will be an asset of CH2M's for all of their operations in the northwest, but will be available to the city as one of their clients. This relieved the City of Ontario from having to acquire this equipment themselves.



#### Police

The Ontario Police Department will participate in Shop with a Cop event on Saturday.

Our part-time Code Enforcement Officer spent two shifts this week focusing on cleaning all of the open graffiti cases around the city. Please let us know if you observe graffiti by reporting it to our police department; we want to keep our city clean.

## **Recreation**

Our 3rd - 6th grade boys will play basketball tomorrow and will finish up next week. We are still taking basketball registration for girl's 3rd through 6th grade and boys and girls grades K through 2nd.

We are taking registration for our Christmas Break Craft class - which will be held December 18, 19, and 20.

## **Airport**

The Ontario airport now has full use of both north and south parallel taxiways as various stages of construction have been completed.

Brochures inviting high school students to the airport to join with the Experimental Aircraft Association went out to all area high schools and homeschool students. The response to this program has been very strong.

## **Economic & Community Development**

Staff is reviewing 11 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 11 permits this past week. Staff is processing two new land use applications, with two still in the process.

Staff has submitted information on a new economic development prospect being called "Project Second".

The East Idaho Avenue McDonalds is nearing completion and has a countdown on the store to open next week. Great job to McDonalds for the great new look. The Ashley Furniture Store in the West Park Plaza is moving along and is hoping to be open before Christmas. Way to go Ashley Furniture Store!

## **Fire and Rescue**

This week our fire fighters trained on search and rescue of occupants along with rescuing down firefighters. We had engineer training on the apparatus and hose and nozzle training for the firefighters. One of our drill nights the Haz-Mat had refresher training on our scene entry suits.

A local Cub Scout troop visited us on 11/28/17. Chief Leighton and Chief Kunz gave a great tour and encouraged them to be safe and law abiding citizens.

Ontario Fire Department responded to a couple of involved structure fires; two of them were kitchen fires with a lot of damage and the other was a totally involved farmers shop. We also had our standard medical calls and one tragic trauma call.

## **Public Works**

A new banner for Treasure Valley Community College was installed on the underpass. Go Chukars! It will get a brief break to advertise a community concert and will be back up afterwards.

Street sweeping throughout the whole town has started; this will take several weeks to complete.

Scheduled leaf bag pickup continues, we are going through the community for the second time. Please contact PW office for any bags we may have missed.

Christmas lights and banners were installed in the downtown corridor and SW 4 Avenue.

### **Volunteerism**

A group of young adults asked for an opportunity to serve their community. Public Works was able to put them to work painting the dugouts and pruning trees at Beck Kiwanis Park. If you have a group that wants to volunteer please contact the City Manager or Public Works Department.

