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Happy November!

This year is just slipping by! Between Halloween, birthdays, and homecoming it has just been a whirlwind of activity!

Because of the number of announcements in this month's letter, the mayor's letter will be on the city website until after the New Year.

We finally finished the budget. It is going to be tight to get through to next September and there might be some things that may not be done, but that is ok. We will figure it out.

The bathrooms are still under construction. Some people have mentioned that the bathrooms are level with the sidewalk. That is due to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990 which requires we provide equal access to people with mobility issues (among others) to be able to access public spaces. So yes, the bathroom is level with the walkway so that people with walkers, wheelchairs, canes, and mobility issues can easily access the facilities. Due to complications by things not marked properly current or in the past, and weather, there have been delays in the completion, but we are getting there! The poles with lights and cameras should be set soon. Unfortunately, it was amazing how quickly some took advantage of the situation by tagging the equipment in the park. Thank you to Public Works for getting that repainted. The situation is being addressed.

I want to give a shout-out to Community RV Resorts for opening up their space for our Trunk or Treat! If you have not seen the pictures, you should look. It was a lovely evening with plenty of space for families to play without worrying about traffic. Community RV donated hot dogs, bounce house and candy. Let us give them a big thank you! They are hoping to participate in other community events in the coming year.

To ensure we are doing our best for the community, the City Council voted to go to a twice-a-month meeting schedule. This will eliminate any conflicts with the upcoming holidays. Our next meeting will be November 12; this will be the only one in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. I will start a tradition by thanking those who go out and beyond for our community. I received a couple of emails with names. We will be recognizing two of our citizens as well as our staff. Looking forward to seeing you!



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We are also saying goodbye to Officer Eric Rodriguez who is joining the Portland Police Department. We wish him all the best in his new position and thank him for his service to our community.

At the time of this writing, I received word that our Chief Cardenas' mother has left this world. While we all know this will happen at some point, no one will ever be prepared for the loss of a parent. Our hearts and prayers go out to Chief Cardenas and his family. Wish peace and blessings to them as they navigate this difficult time.

One thing I am thankful for this year is our community. I have met some of the most amazing people! We may not always have to agree and that is ok because it gives me a different perspective on this community. I do not know everything, and I do not claim to. However, by listening to what everyone has to say, I learn more about our community. Thank you for being in my world!

May you and the family you surround yourself with have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Estella

