



City of McCleary

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Community Connection

New Cemetery System: Honoring Our Loved Ones with an Interactive Twist

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our new Cemetery system, and it comes with an exciting twist! This modernized system will be an online interactive map, offering a profound way to connect with the memories of our loved ones.

Picture this: You'll be able to explore our serene cemetery grounds virtually from anywhere, using a user-friendly online map that guides you to the resting places of your dear ones. But there's more!

Each marker on the map will be a gateway to the stories of those who have contributed to the rich tapestry of our community. You'll learn about their achievements, their passions, and their impact on McCleary's history. It's a beautiful way to celebrate and preserve their legacies, ensuring that their memory lives on.

In addition to life chronicles, you'll also find practical information about burial options and pricing, making it easier than ever to plan for the future.

We believe this enhancement will not only make it more convenient to navigate the cemetery but also foster a deeper connection between our community and the individuals who have shaped it. Stay tuned for the official launch and get ready to embark on a journey of remembrance and discovery like never before.

Budget Season is Here:

Fall marks the beginning of budget season for our Administration and Council. This is a crucial time when we evaluate our city's financial resources and prioritize projects that will benefit our community. The City will be having public hearings and a workshop for community involvement in the process. Please visit the City's website for upcoming meeting dates.



Mayor's Update

Currently I have been working on the following projects:

- Discussing with community partners options for development of affordable housing within the City.
- Economic Development and outreach for development in our Commercial and Industrial Zones.
- Reviewing RFP's for City Campus Space Needs Study for forecasting future city space needs.
- 2024 Budget Planning and Preparation with management team.
- Upcoming presentation of the Aquifer Study to the Aquifer Committee and City Council.
- Preparation and planning for the 2023 Council Retreat.

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Public Works and Light & Power: Embracing Fall

As the leaves change and the temperatures drop, our dedicated Public Works and Light & Power teams are gearing up for the fall season. We're well-prepared for various emergency situations in McCleary.

We have sandbags in stock for flooding, equipment for storm line maintenance, and a ready supply of gas, diesel, and chainsaws.

Additionally, we're enhancing our nighttime response with two outdoor lights and LED-equipped flagging paddles.

As we transition out of summer, we're starting our second round of hydrant flushing. In mid-November, We'll be fertilizing the cemetery to ensure it remains in good condition.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Tip for the Season: **Weatherize Your Home**

As the rainy season approaches, it's a good time to weatherize your homes. Check for drafts around windows and doors, clean your gutters, and ensure your roof is in good condition. These simple steps can help you save on energy bills and keep your home cozy during the fall and winter months.

Understanding City Funds: Your Tax Dollars at Work

Now, let's take a deeper dive into city funds. City funds are financial accounts used to manage specific revenue sources and expenditures. In McCleary, we have several types of funds, each serving a unique purpose:

General Fund: This is the primary fund that supports everyday operations like public safety, parks, and administration. It's funded primarily by property taxes and various fees. The General Fund is versatile and covers a wide range of essential services that make our city run smoothly.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds are designated for specific purposes, such as grants for community development or road maintenance. The money in these funds comes from sources earmarked for those particular activities, ensuring that they receive dedicated support.

Enterprise Funds: These funds are used to account for self-sustaining services like water, sewage, and electricity. Revenue generated from these services, such as utility bills, supports their operation and maintenance. Enterprise Fund revenues and expenditures are completely separate from any other funds and can only be used for the utility in which they serve.

Capital Project Funds: These funds are dedicated to large-scale capital projects like building new facilities or renovating existing ones. The money for capital projects often comes from bonds or grants specifically allocated for these endeavors. This way, we can invest in our city's infrastructure and growth.

Understanding these distinctions help us allocate resources effectively and transparently, ensuring that your hard-earned dollars are put to good use for the betterment of our community and resources. It's essential to know that each fund has strict rules governing how and where funds can be spent, guaranteeing that it serves its intended purpose and benefits the community at large.

