



- September 5: Labor Day, Offices Closed
- September 12: Food Truck Giddy-Up
- September 13: City Council
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- September 26: Food Truck Giddy-Up
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#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

This month I wanted to talk about "the city." The reason I am writing about this subject is because of some comments I have recently heard and some that I have read on social media. These are normal comments that we as your elected officials hear all the time, they make me think that a reminder to everyone is in order. What is "the city?" When someone says "the city" should pay for new garbage or replacement garbage cans, what are they really saying? Well, let's look at what "the city" really is. The city is a collective of everyone that resides, owns property, or has a business in Pleasant View. Okay, simple enough. So, what is really being said when someone says "the city" should pay for this or that, without really knowing it they are saying that everyone should chip in some money to make this happen. The city gets money from us. You and me. The city is certainly not like the federal government where we can just print money and increase debt. So, we'll look at my simple example of having "the city" buy replacement or new garbage cans. It sounds good on the surface, but what really happens is that it starts with a few garbage cans. Once word gets out that "the city" will replace your garbage can for free, an avalanche follows. Next comes those cans that are just really dirty, and they want them replaced with clean ones. Nope, that doesn't meet the criteria. Two months later in comes the same dirty can and now it's damaged. Now everyone (you) gets to chip in through either increases in property taxes or garbage fees to start buying new garbage cans. I fully understand that in a perfect world no one would ever even think of doing something like what I just described. Unfortunately, it happens in the real world all the time. You have elected us to be smart stewards of "the city's" money or in other words - your money. I promise that I will strive to always remember where the money comes from. I know from many discussions that your City Council is equally committed to protecting your money, while maintaining a wonderful community to live in.

We are just a few weeks away from the first day of autumn. Our children have returned to their various schools. Please remember as you are hurrying to get to work or to the store or wherever you are going that you watch out for these students. Remember to obey the school zones and watch out for the children and our wonderful crossing guards. Do drive like their lives depend on you, because they do!

To all of you: thanks for caring, thanks for all you do, and thanks for being good neighbors. I am committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that we remain the best place to not only grow up, but the best place to grow old.

Mayor Leonard Call



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### **Come Join the Youth City Council**



Calling all PV Youth 8th-12th grade....Come join Youth City Council and get involved with fun community activities, civic engagement, amazing retreats and much, much more.

You can find the digital application at pleasantviewcity.com under "I Want To –Apply For"
Our first meeting will be Thursday September 8th @
City Hall- 7:30 pm – JUST COME!
For more information, contact Councilwoman Sara
Urry at (801) 737-0523 or
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It's going to be an amazing year!

### STORM WATER REMINDER



If you have a natural waterway on your property, it's your responsibility as a landowner to keep it cleaned out. There are a multitude of items that can cause issues such as aquatic weeds including watercress and common cattail, yard clippings, sediment and garbage.

With winter weather heading our way we don't want debris to clog up the stream and cause issues not only with your property but those around you.

# **Fiber Optics Initiative Update**

Last year, the City completed a survey and held an open house to gather feedback from residents about options to improve access to fiber optics. This initiative began as a proactive effort of Council Members Ann Arrington and Dave Marriott who heard from several residents requesting a city solution to internet connectivity issues and limited options, which were highlighted during the pandemic with increased reliance on technology for school, work, religious services, etc.

The City's fiber committee, comprised of Council members and expert residents, with informational support from city staff, completed hundreds of collective hours of research and discussion, which ultimately resulted in a recommendation to implement a city-wide buildout of fiber through a utility service model, a utility approach like garbage and recycling services. At the time, the determination was made not to pursue city-owned infrastructure and rather to look at other opportunities for collaboration and partnership with fiber optics companies.

The Fiber Committee then met with several local and national fiber companies to develop a franchise agreement to ease and encourage the development of fiber infrastructure within the city. This agreement has been approved by the City Council and the City is in active communication with fiber companies to invite involvement in this agreement.

Additional dialogue is welcome as fiber technologies and offerings in Pleasant View continue to evolve. Please reach out to Amy Mabey with any additional comments and/or suggestions on this topic: amabey@pleasantviewcity.com





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