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Message from the City Manager:

Fall is here! What a great time to live in the beautiful city we live in. Despite all the negative that surrounds us, **we live in one of the most beautiful and inviting cities in the world.** Perfect weather, great recreation opportunities, restaurants, shopping, art galleries and more. **Rather than focus on the negative, we accomplish a lot more by working to make the positive even better.** Here are some of the things we are working on to improve the positive.

Pickle Ball Courts: Our Parks Department obtained grant funding and is currently designing pickle ball courts to be located at Lion’s Park next to the tennis courts. The project will also include a refurbishing of our tennis courts to improve the entire park. The pickle ball courts will bring a new recreation activity to our community. Get your paddles ready!



Dog Park: City staff is working on the development of a dog park located at the corner of Broadway and Mosquito. It is our plan to take an underutilized state owned parcel and turn it into a great amenity for our community. The Park will be close to the trail for those who walk their dogs on the trail and want to let them run in an open area. It will also be close for travelers on Hwy 50 with dogs who need to stop and take a break. We still have some hurdles to jump through to make this work, but we hope to see another positive project in the very near future.




Police/Fire Station: The Council approved, and staff has been working on a study to build a new joint use Police/Fire Public Safety Facility. If you have not been in the Police Station or Fire Station lately, give them a call and ask for a tour. Both buildings are past their useful life and in need of major changes. Did you know Station 25 was built at a time when we had a volunteer fire department and sleeping and eating quarters were not anticipated? We need to provide better for our first responders who protect our community. Stay tuned for updates on this important project.



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Paving Roads: We continue to make good use of the funding provided by Measures L and H to improve our roads and pipes. Roads paved in 2021 include: Mosquito Road, Dimity Lane, Morrene Drive, Middletown Road, Coon Hollow Road, and Conrad Street. Upcoming paving projects include Thompson Way, Sherman Street, Benham Street, and Smith Flat Road. The next major project will be Broadway, which will significantly improve sidewalk connections and resurface Broadway. Watch for this project coming next year.

Broadband: Finally, my favorite project, Broadband. If you have been frustrated at any time over the past year because your internet was not working as well as you hoped, please visit connectplacerville.com and take a peek at what we are planning. You hear of big cities having great internet, which can provide phone service, TV, and other online services we use. We can have that too. The City Council has initiated a feasibility study that will be completed in October. Stay connected and watch for the updates.



Focus on the positive. We have so much to be thankful for and more is coming. Take advantage of what we have. I love going biking or walking with my wife on the El Dorado Trail, taking a walk downtown, driving through the surrounding areas or just sitting outside and enjoying the beautiful community we live in. We can accomplish so much more if we focus on the positive.

Enjoy Placerville. Where else would you rather be?

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City Manager