

Letter From the Mayor:

January 9, 2024

Happy New Year Friends,

I hope everyone had a safe and fun holiday season. The weather has been non typical until now. I write this as many people are hunkered home from the snow. Please be respectful of our city and county plows, keeping vehicles off the streets and respecting distance.

Cumming Avenue is open in front of Hy-Vee, yea! During the spring construction season Hy-Vee will pave 20th Avenue from Cumming Avenue north to their driveway. There are some other utility issues to work out but we can see the light. Fast and Fresh with a Starbucks, is scheduled to open by the end of March. We do not have a timeline on Casey's

Our Planning & Zoning Commission had a meeting December 19 to discuss Middlebrook Main street south of Cumming Avenue. The preliminary plat was passed with the recommendation to hold off on S 44th Place until a traffic study could be done. The commission will take up the site plan on January 16. The city council will then visit the preliminary plat and site plan at the January 22 meeting. The plan includes mixed use buildings and a realignment of S 44th Place. The challenge our city faces is having several traffic entrances in a small area. The full discussion will be January 22.

Our two city employees: Rita Conner, City Administrator and Nichole Onstot, City Clerk have expanded City Hall hours. Monday - Thursday regular hours will be 9 - 4:30. Friday 9 - 12. We can also make arrangements if you need to visit in person and these hours don't work, just give us a call.

The Old Town sewer and road project is moving forward with our engineers doing their thing. We will have a meeting in late February for ALL residents. We will discuss the Old Town project and all of what is happening in town. We have more projects and the continued build out of Great Western Crossing.

Wilson's Orchard is moving along at a solid pace. Paul Rasch, the owner, said barn wood would begin going up on the new building soon. This will be quite an addition to our community when complete.

Our small community thrives on volunteers, we are looking for some folks to step up and help us remain a great place to live. Park & Recreation, Hometown Pride and the Planning & zoning Commission are all down a couple of members. Reach out to me, a council member, Rita or Nichole to find out more.

I am wishing you all the best in the new year,

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