

# Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice

I love Fall. I love sweatshirt weather. I love the changing colors and I love not having to mow my lawn every 4 days. I also enjoy weekend trips to the orchards and Saturdays at Kinnick. The one thing I'm not a big fan of is Pumpkin Spice, however, I realize there are plenty of you that live for it so I know businesses are in good hands around town! Now let's get you caught up on the month!

We only had one council meeting due to the Labor Day Holiday and it was a relatively light schedule so I decided to try and update you on a few projects around town.

**Ongoing Infrastructure Project** - The sewer improvement project is now approximately 70% complete and most of the work left is from Sweets and north to Mabie Road. You may be able to see the work from State Street but, once again, it should not effect your commute. This project should wrap up later this Fall.

**Construction in Town** - The owners of State Street Storage or building additional storage units in the open lot in front of their current ones, right next to State Street on the north side of town. This project should be completed in the next few months.

**Road Improvements** - During the month of October a new layer of chip & seal will be added to Banner Valley and portions of Vista Road. This is a temporary improvement as the city continue to plan for long-term improvements to both roads.

**Development** - The first phase of Founders Grove was approved which will build approximately 25-30 homes in that first phase. This is the land south of Rogers Creek Road and north of Deer Valley. The infrastructure is going in this Fall and homes will start being built next year. I have heard some conversation about this area being developed rapidly. I do want to note that this land has been targeted for development for nearly 20 years and has been resold four times during that process with each owner presenting ideas for development. None of the project moved forward until now. Development for this property has been on the city's radar for decades.

**EV Charging Station** - The city was awarded a grant to purchase an EV Charging Station. Council approved installation costs this month and this should be installed later this Fall yet. It will be located in front of the library and will run via an app on your phone. It is designed to have two charging ports.

**Old Town District Improvements** - The engineering firm is working on cost estimates and designs for Phase 1 of improvements to Old Town Ely including Main Street from Dows to Traer and Traer Street from State to Main. This includes the intersection by Dan & Debbie's. Additional information will be presented to council and the public later this year. The goal is to start this project in 2023 to improve roads, parking, sidewalks and utilities.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. As always if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me, any council member or staff. We'd love to help out!

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