



Greetings Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying summer! It's hard to believe July is already almost over.

I wanted the focus of this month's letter to be on "community." We are all part of at least one community and many people are part of numerous communities. Whether it is the business community, fitness community, sports community, religious community, a card, book or coffee club, or just the community of Plainview as a whole, hopefully everyone is able to think of one community in which they are connected with and feel a sense of belonging.

Throughout the past month, I have had the privilege of meeting with many new members of the business community. In June, the City of Plainview and Economic Development Authority started providing a personal welcome to new businesses and offer a ribbon cutting. It was a pleasure meeting each of the new owners and learning more about their business. Please join me in welcoming the following businesses to Plainview: 1) Nikki Novotne and the Cre8tive Place located at 3rd Street SW. 2) Tonia Stevens and the Plainview Fitness Center located on Broadway. Tonia recently purchased the business from Brandon Reiter. 3) Annie Jurrens and Happy and Helpful located in the Plainview Business Center. 4) Dr. Amanda Brees and Amanda Brees Ministries located in the Plainview Business Center. 5) Dr. Sam Nelson and Proactive Health Chiropractic located in the Plainview Business Center. 6) Michelle Schmidt and Wild Poppy Salon located in Young Love Floral and Finds on Broadway. And 7) Sonia Furini and Lisa Petersson of The SHOP on Broadway. If you are a new business in Plainview, we welcome the opportunity to meet you. Please reach out to Richard Baker at r.baker@plainviewmn.com.

The swimming community has been enjoying the pool again. The repairs were completed the last week in June and the pool reopened on July 1st. Thank you again for everyone's patience as we worked through the process of repairing the pool.

In other news, the City's annual financial audit came back with a "clean report" meaning there were no concerns identified and all required documentation was completed. There are a lot of requirements the City needs to follow to ensure public funds are properly managed so it is always good to receive a clean report card.

For anyone interested in running for City Council or Mayor, the filing of candidacy will be open from 7:00 a.m. on August 2, 2022 to 5:00 p.m. August 16, 2022. The Mayor (2-Year term) and two Council Seats (4-Year Terms) will be up for election. Affidavits of Candidacy can be filed at City Hall, 241 West Broadway. Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. City Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. on August 16th. The filing fee is \$15 per candidate. Please contact City Hall at 507-534-2229 if you have any questions.

And last but not least, let's bring everyone together to celebrate National Night Out from 4 to 7:00 p.m. on August 2nd at the Eckstein Athletic Field and Plainview Swimming Pool. National Night Out is an annual community-building event to help build relationships between community members and law

enforcement and brings neighbors together to create a more caring place to live. Come enjoy hot dogs, cotton candy, free swimming (6:30-8:30pm) and much more. Hope to see you all there!

Respectfully,

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