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Mayor's Monthly Message

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There are always way more people to thank than space in documents like this monthly message allow.

First, I want to thank all of you - our residents - for the continued patience and understanding during construction in our community. The first phase of road rehabilitation was completed on 4 blocks with another 4 blocks scheduled for September. (Weather permitting.) The 2nd avenue sewer replacement project has limited access and created disruption for a number of residents in the area. Challenges with a further watermain break and subsequent failure of the initial repair required water to be shut off for a few hours to the Village. Council recognizes that the noise, dust and inconvenience of these projects can be challenging but making investments in replacing and upgrading core infrastructure is critical to ensure the sustainability of our community into the future. We appreciate your flexibility as we work through these projects.

Second, I want to thank our small but mighty public works team. We have a core group of 4 people that are supplemented by summer students. This group manages services like snow removal in the winter, grass cutting in the summer, waste water and sewer systems, potable water supply and metering, parks, pool operations, cemetery operations and many other hidden aspects of maintaining a safe and healthy community. I know people will say that they are paid to do the job so public recognition isn't required but I disagree. The long hours, the unexpected late night (or very early morning) callouts combined with the demands of managing increasing regulatory requirements with limited resources are not something to be taken lightly. We can always make improvements and find efficiencies but I'm very glad we have a solid, long tenured team looking after the often forgotten aspects required to keep us all safe.

Lastly, I want to thank the many volunteers who make Stirling great. Events like the annual Settler Days that are planned and organized by our Recreation Committee require a considerable commitment of time and energy to pull off. Volunteers in our fire department always amaze me with their endless commitment to training while also putting themselves directly in harms way to take care of and protect neighbors. Volunteer groups like the Historical Society and the Cemetery Society take on the task of fundraising and helping improve some of our public spaces and facilities. The value of the work done by these civic minded volunteers is tough to quantify but we are fortunate to have a community filled with people willing to give of their time and talents.

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Have a comment? Question? Idea? Suggestion?

I'd love to hear from you.

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