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Growing a Quality Community

Over the last 100 years, one of the great things that have allowed us to keep Tehachapi's small town feel has been our connection to agriculture. That farming spirit is alive and well today in the boutique family farms, apple orchards, wineries and unique animal ranches. Maybe that is why when I think about the previous year at the City, I'm drawn to using agriculture as a metaphor for our successes.

Since the recession of 2008, Tehachapi-like most places in our country- has been in a bit of an economic winter. While we saw some moderate growth in jobs and retail development, the abundant economic harvests of the mid-2000's seemed like a thing of the past. But as all good farmers do, we spent the winter preparing the ground for the next great financial spring.

Running a successful agricultural operation requires a great amount of preparation and planning prior to the start of a growing season and a community is no different. I'm happy to share the successes of the past year with you as we continue to prepare the ground for the economic spring we believe is just around the corner. Thank you for your support and participation in the community. We look forward to tilling the fields of wealth and quality of life with you as Tehachapi continues to Grow Up.

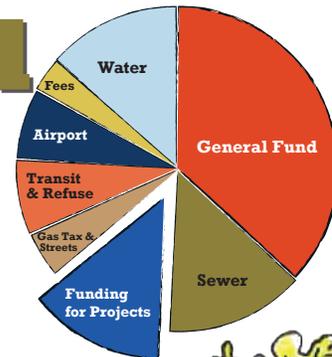
Greg Garrett
City Manager

Strong Finances and Smart Planning

The City's overall financial situation has remained stable even during the recent great economic recession. Although certain signs of recovery were witnessed during the last fiscal year, it is the belief of many economists that the total economic recovery is in the future.

Despite the economic outlook, the City of Tehachapi continues to forecast a positive future. We do this by utilizing a conservative approach and smart planning that keeps our budget balanced and well-funded.

A great deal of those funds include money from grants we've obtained. People often wonder why dollars are being spent on certain projects and not others and often it is a matter of how we have obtained the funds. These categorical funds can only be spent on a specific area or project. Check out the list below to see what great work is being completed in Tehachapi as a result of this extra funding.



- Challenger Drive - \$1,500,000
- Tehachapi Boulevard Rehabilitation Phase II - \$406,820
- Snyder Well Intertie Project - \$620,000
- East Tehachapi Improvements Project - \$1,390,000
- East Tehachapi Improvements Phase I - \$160,000
- Bike Master Plan Implementation Project - \$450,000
- Pinon / Curry Safe Route 2 School - \$482,000
- Curry/Valley Cross-gutter Removal Project - \$482,000
- C Street Waterline Replacement - \$210,000
- Apple Wood Estates Storm Water Pump Station - \$440,000
- Alta Estates Improvements Project - \$1,200,000
- Alta Estates Landscaping Project - \$380,000
- Tehachapi Blvd. Improvements Phase IV - \$696,800
- Tehachapi Police Building - \$4,100,000
- Tehachapi Conduit Communications Project - \$90,000
- Valley Shoulder Widening Project - \$84,000
- Tehachapi Boulevard Rehabilitation Phase I - \$228,000

Cultivating a Lasting Community

Partnerships that Work

Over the years, we've taken many creative approaches to expanding the offerings of our City and one of the ways we've found work best are strong partnerships with other proactive groups. This approach allows involved citizen groups to continue to do positive work with our assistance and in all cases, the results have been outstanding.

One of the groups we collaborate with often is the Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District. As they begin to implement their new Master Plan, we think you'll see fantastic results are are excited to work along side them.

The Tehachapi Senior Center, Bee-Kay Theater and Tehachapie Depot & Train Museum are all other great examples of strong partnerships at work. Each building is owned by the city and houses various non-profits that work diligently to provide our community and visitors with fantastic products and services.

In 2013, we've continued to utilize this approach with two new projects: The Tehachapi Event Center and Rodeo Grounds and the Tehachapi Visitor Center. Both have moved well beyond the planning stages and in 2014 we are expecting to see some exciting developments. 🌰



ABOVE: Two years ago, the City of Tehachapi purchased the vacant car lot located on the corner of Tehachapi Blvd. and Curry. We're now excited to say that plans are underway to convert the empty lot into the Tehachapi Visitor Center through a partnership with the Greater Tehachapi Economic Development Council and Tehachapi Tourism Commission.

BELOW: The Tehachapi Event Center and Rodeo Grounds will span 107 acres surrounding our existing rodeo facilities. Horse and rodeo amenities will be greatly expanded and green spaces and multi-use trails will be added providing ample space for picnics, bike rides and other outdoor activities. Phase 2 also includes plans for a 15,000 sf Banquet Hall, providing the perfect setting for year round events and gatherings.

A Place to Put Your Roots

Through all of our efforts, our staff, management team and council members work hard to keep their sites on the ultimate goal – *Making Tehachapi a Place We're All Happy to Live, Work, Play and Raise our Families.*

The advantages of living in Tehachapi are numerous. Beautiful views, clean air and cool temperatures are all part of our natural surroundings and drew many of us here. But it's the nature of our strong community, charming town and quality schools that tends to keep us here and all of those things take continued attention and effort.

As we look toward the future of Tehachapi, our sights are set on continual improvement while retaining the features that enrich our lives. We strive to keep this balance through big and bold visions, careful planning and strong, two-way communication.

Like the grand oaks that stand all around us, our roots are firmly planted as we keep reaching new heights. 🌰



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