

Gibbon has been making some significant strides in recent months, showcasing our commitment to creating a vibrant and thriving community. We've been hard at work, and it's exciting to share the progress with you.

First, let's talk about our fire hall addition. This project was a big undertaking, but the results speak for themselves. The new space is a fantastic upgrade, offering our dedicated volunteers a facility that will serve them—and our community—well for many years to come.

Next up is the completion of the Community Center/City Hall project, which wrapped up in May. This space has already proven to be an asset, hosting numerous events and quickly becoming a hub of activity in Gibbon. In fact, it's booked for events well into the future, which is a testament to the community's enthusiasm for this new venue. We're thrilled to see how this space will continue to be used, creating cherished memories for everyone who steps through its doors.

But we're not stopping there. Thanks to a generous grant from the Rosen Foundation, we've been able to make significant improvements to our multi-use sports complex. What was once a field used primarily for a few months of soccer in the spring has been transformed into a year-round facility. The large field can now accommodate both soccer and football, ensuring it gets plenty of use throughout the year. We've also updated the lighting to enhance the experience for both players and spectators.

One of the biggest highlights of this project was resurfacing the old track. It's now a smooth, inviting walking surface that can be enjoyed all year round. Additional updates include a new sign, a split rail fence around the park, and the addition of two portable bleachers. These improvements have truly elevated the space, making it a more versatile and welcoming environment for everyone.

Looking ahead, there's even more to be excited about. We're thrilled to announce that the tennis court will soon be painted and transformed to include four pickleball courts. Pickleball has been a popular request, and we're delighted to use funds from Keno to make this project a reality.

But that's not all. Over the next few months, we'll be engaging with the community as we embark on a Downtown Revitalization project. Your input will be crucial in shaping the future of our downtown area, and we're eager to hear your ideas. Keep an eye on our social media platforms for updates on how you can get involved.

At the heart of all these projects is a shared goal: investing in Gibbon to make it an even better place to live and grow. Our community is what makes Gibbon special, and as each of us takes pride in our own properties, let's not hesitate to lend a hand to our neighbors as well.

Stay tuned for more exciting developments and thank you for being a part of Gibbon's bright future!

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