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Mead Mayor Report-March

Responsible Growth: The Town is pleased to share that Leanin' Tree, a nationally recognized greeting card publisher, is transferring its headquarters to Mead. This employee-owned company will move from its current location in Gunbarrel to a newly leased 109,676-square-foot building in the Elevation25 Business Park. This business park is part of a fresh industrial development on the southeast corner of I-25 and Highway 66 in Mead. The company aims to begin operations at the new location by the fourth quarter of this year.

Reliable Infrastructure: Construction of the Community Center will begin in the summer of 2024. The finalized design encompasses an expansive 11,000+ square foot building featuring a full-sized cross-court gymnasium, a versatile multipurpose room, storage space, a reception area, staff offices, and restrooms. Site development plans include paving the alley, installing curbs and sidewalks, creating outdoor spaces, and establishing a parking lot. Our overarching objective is to maximize the use of the community space, providing a platform for additional services and programs that cater to the community's diverse needs.

Public Safety: The Mead Police Department is committed to advancing its community policing initiatives to address the evolving needs of the town. To adequately equip the department for future operations, Mead residents were invited to participate in a brief survey. This survey aims to deepen the department's insights into its connections with the community and improve residents' understanding of police procedures. Community input is crucial for building a robust, well-informed relationship between residents and law enforcement. More information on the survey and police outreach can be found at bit.ly/MPDeducation.

Fiscal Stability: In 2023, the Town of Mead secured over \$4.6 million in grant funding, a testament to our commitment to responsible growth and development. Grants are instrumental in propelling positive change, serving as catalysts for progress. These financial resources empower municipalities to address essential needs, execute innovative projects, and elevate residents' overall quality of life. With these funds, we can turn ideas into reality, implementing tangible improvements that directly benefit our community.

Connected Community: Mead's annual EGGstravaganza egg hunt is on March 23 at Founders Park. Bring the kids and their baskets to hunt for over 12,000 eggs! Information on all Mead events can be found at bit.ly/TOMevents. Stay updated on town projects and news by subscribing to our monthly Mead Messenger and signing up for email notifications: www.townofmead.org/newsletter/subscriptions. If you are new to Mead, check out the Resident Information page at bit.ly/47PocLg.