City of Bennington March 2019 Newsletter

A building permit is needed for most projects. Please stop by the city office and we will give you one. This will not cost anything until Brian Pratt has a chance to look at it and let us know if one is needed for your project. Once it is determined that you need one, you will be charged the \$15.00 fee and a \$25.00 deposit. If you do not need one, he will let us know and you will be informed. If you have a project coming up, make sure to get one ahead of time. Brian has two weeks to approve the permit and if it is not approved, the process will take longer. Thank You.

The animal clinic on February 9th was a success. Thanks to all who came and got tags for your cats and dogs. You have until March 1st to get your tag for \$3.00. After March 1st, the price will go up one dollar per week. Make sure you have proof of rabies from your vet. Thanks! If you have a new pet, you still have 30 days to tag it or if it is a puppy that is too young to have a rabies shot yet, just give us a call and let us know.

We have had several complaints from residents about the activities of neighbor's dogs and problems associated with them. This is a friendly reminder, in hopes that more action will not have to be taken. We are prepared to do so if necessary but have been asked by people making complaints to start with this reminder. If these problems are not taken care of by the pet owners, a formal complaint will be written, and the animal control officer will write citations to appear in court. Your animals always need to be on a leash when not in a fenced in yard. This includes letting them out to use the bathroom. They must be on a leash and be unable to approach your neighbors or anyone who could be walking on the street, and you should never allow them to go onto someone else's property. Likewise, if you are out walking them, they must be leashed and if they use the bathroom, please at lease pick it up! Thank you for taking care of these matters!





A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2019 AS THE 17th ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

₩HEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 observance of March for Meals celebrates 17 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Bennington Kansas have served our communities admirably for many years; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Bennington are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Bennington provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the City and surrounding area that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Bennington provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Bennington deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ward Stockamp, as Mayor of Bennington, Kansas, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as the 17th Annual March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2019 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2019