

## City of Bennington August 2019 Newsletter

### \*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

**Dustin Murk will be flushing fire hydrants and exercising water valves, weather permitting, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This may cause discolored water which can be alleviated by running your faucets, and an empty load in your washer before use.**

### ~~~~~FYI~~~~~

If you have decorative ponds or puddles that form in your yard or street during heavy rain, and if you want to kill the larva that cause mosquitos, we have them for sale at the city office for \$1.00 each.

**Mosquito Dunks provide long term, sustained, release protection - each Dunk continues to kill mosquito larvae for 30 days or more.**

Used by professionals for more than a decade, Mosquito Dunks have proven their value in destroying Mosquitoes - by killing the larvae before they mature into biting adult pests.

Made with natural B.T.I., Mosquito Dunks represent a major breakthrough for people and the environment when compared with the traditional toxic chemical approach to mosquito control.

Once a month float a Dunk in the Water Garden and every place water accumulates around your home - you'll be rid of mosquitoes for the whole season. Each Dunk will effectively treat up to 100 square feet of surface water regardless of depth.

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Early in January, I received an email from the Department of Agriculture regarding new flood plain mapping that was selected by FEMA to be updated. IF the proposed map is correct and then eventually approved, it would take most of the City of Bennington out of the flood plain entirely according to the map. There was and is still a lot of research going into the map and in January, it was clear this was just in the very beginning stages and that they were announcing that our area was part of what was selected for updating. I went and found the email from January and copied most of what was sent so you can read what they are working on which would update Ottawa county's outdated mapping. So far, we have not heard anything further from the Dept of Agriculture on this. We will keep you all updated as we learn more. I know this would save many people money here in town, by not having to purchase flood insurance. If you are interested in seeing the proposed map, I have a copy you are welcome to look at in the city office. As soon as we hear of any changes, we will let you know

The Lower Solomon-Saline Custom Watershed has been selected for a FEMA Risk MAP project to update floodplain mapping within the custom area (see map below or attached). Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) is the current program used to develop updated flood risk data for communities. This area was selected because **Mitchell County** still has a paper-based Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and **Ottawa County** has outdated mapping. This project will replace the current mapping with all new LiDAR-based digital floodplain maps. If you are interested in seeing the proposed map, I have a copy you are welcome to look at in the city office.