City of Bennington April 2020 Newsletter

With all that is going on with the COVID-19 virus, it has been a strange time for everyone. There are a few very important things we need to go over in this newsletter. Thank you again for your patience with the office being closed to the public. Hopefully soon, this will all be behind us and we can carry on with our normal routines.

I want to remind you that if worse comes to worse and you must buy anything other than toilet paper, please do not flush it into the sewer system. This can cost you a lot of money if it clogs up on your side and if it causes problems in the mains, then it will cost all of us in increased sewer charges. Please throw wipes, paper towels, and anything else into the trash.

Please fix all known water leaks in your home and on your property. Leaking lines, faucets dripping, toilets running etc, all these things must be fixed ASAP! These leaks are causing our wells and lift station pumps to be overworked and wastes a lot of water. Eventually, this is going to drive the cost of our water up. It is your responsibility to make sure everything is in good working order on your property.

Go to <u>www.cityofbennington.com</u> to sign up with textcaster to get text messages or emails sent to you with important information and announcements in the city.

Dumpsters will be at the city shop May 2-10. Tires will be accepted, Dustin will have a trailer for the tires at the shop. Please take advantage of this FREE service, there are a lot of things that need to be cleaned up in town! This is your opportunity!

The meters were read this month on the 23rd. If you notice an increase in your normal bill, please keep in mind there are three extra days of usage on it than there normally would be.

I understand that several people pay cash for their water bills each month. If you do not have access to checks, or a debit/credit card, it would be a good idea to buy a money order until the office opens again rather than throwing cash on the floor through the drop slot. The Post office and the bank both sell money orders for a very small fee.

2020 Animal Tags

As of the week of April 1st, dog tags will be \$7.00. Please put \$7.00 and a current certificate of rabies vaccination in the drop slot at the office. Your tag and receipt will be mailed to you. If you have a new animal that you were waiting to vaccinate because of age, or you get a new animal in general, your tag will still be \$3.00.

