

City of Bennington
August 2020 Newsletter

Happy Summer everyone! Hope everyone is well. Lots of building projects going on around the city! Many people seem to be making the most of being around their homes more than usual and are getting lots of projects done. It is nice to see all the improvements people are making! Thank you to everyone who is keeping up on their lawns and keeping things trimmed up and orderly. I have driven around a little bit and so many places look very nice! We also welcome all the new folks who have purchased homes all around town. There were lots for sale and they are mostly all filled with new residents now and that is great to see. Anyone needing building permits for projects, can come in to the office and get one or get on the website at www.cityofbennington.com and print one off. We get them approved very quickly so come and see us and we will get you taken care of asap so you can start your projects. If you go on the website and your contractors are not listed there, please inform them they must get a permit to work in the city limits and provide the city with proof of liability insurance.

The city has installed four spots for campers or horse trailers that have 30 AMP electric boxes at the rodeo grounds that can be rented at the city office. There is a simple contract that needs to be filled out. The charge is \$20.00 per night and a refundable \$10.00 lock and key deposit which will be returned once the key is returned to the city office. Call 785-488-3767 if you have any questions.



Had a good question at the city office I wanted to address in the newsletter in case anyone else is wondering too. What does the city use to spray for mosquitos in town? The answer is a chemical called biomist. **BioMist 3+15 ULV Insecticide** for use outdoors as an Ultra-Low Volume (ULV) application to control adult mosquitoes in residential and recreational areas. Also for use against biting and non-biting midges and blackflies. Active Ingredients: Permethrin 3.0%, Piperonyl Butoxide 15.0% this strength is safe for people and pets. It is difficult to announce when mosquitos will be sprayed because if the wind picks up during the application, it is stopped and has to be done later or when it is calm outside. This particular chemical does not kill mosquitos if it does not touch them. It leaves no residual that will kill them later so if the wind is blowing, it is a waste of money and time to spray them at all. There is no preparation that needs to be done by residents when spraying takes place. We do try and spray when the population is highest which is at dusk or later in the evening. This chemical will not damage vehicles either.

There are tall weeds and many rogue trees around town that need to be taken care of. We will be putting hangers on doors of those who need to remove them. Some of them are located in your foundations and some around various objects in yards. These places need to be trimmed and cleaned up. When you allow trees to grow in your foundation of your home, you will have problems down the road with cracks in basement walls, leaks and the foundation of your home can be compromised making it unstable. Trimming tall grass, weeds and treating rogue tree's can be found in the health and welfare section of the city code book Article 3, page 8. This book is located on the website at www.cityofbennington.com or you may come to the city office and look at a hard copy. You will have 10 days to remove the weeds, trees, and tall grass. If you have any questions, call the city office. 785-488-3767. Failure to take care of these matters can also affect the minimum housing code, which must be up to standard. Article 4 pages 11-20 is very informative and clear on these issues. If your home has a blighting effect on your neighborhood, that affects everyone else.

ATTENTION

The last KWAH horse show will be August 7th, 8th and 9th. They would love to see you there. There are lots of good concessions sponsored by the Bennington Community Library and great entertainment.