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## Spring and Summer 2019: Progress for a Stronger Lennox

With Summer just around the corner, the City of Lennox is preparing for a busy construction season!

Demolition on the old City Pool will be complete in the next couple of weeks, clearing the way for the construction of the new Lennox City Pool! The new pool will be located at the site of the original pool, though changes are being made to the layout and design of the buildings and amenities.

The City looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Pool Committee to secure additional funding for amenities that will further enhance the pool as an attractive, small-town option for summer fun!

In addition to the new pool, the City of Lennox is making steady

progress toward the commencement of the Central Basin 2 Project this summer.

The Central Basin Project is aimed at replacing and upgrading all above and below ground infrastructure in the central area of Lennox, west and south of the Main Street business district.

This area of Lennox has long been plagued with poor street conditions and deteriorated water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines. Recent storms have again reminded us of the importance of replacing this infrastructure as soon as possible. Spring rains and snowmelt have increased to the point that on many days, the gallons of stormwater runoff far exceed the flow of regular sewage in our sanitary sewer system. In fact, an estimated 50

million gallons of stormwater are unnecessarily treated at the WWTF each year. The City estimates that this unnecessary treatment may cost more than \$200,000 per year, results in unnecessary wear and tear on the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and puts the City at risk for violating its discharge permit.

Residents in the Central Basin area can expect significant construction in their neighborhood this summer, and are reminded to pay close attention to any street closures as the project progresses.

For more information on this and other projects, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall, or attend the Central Basin 2 Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on April 30.

### Spring Reminders:

- With many sump pumps starting up again for the year, residents are reminded to direct sump pump discharge to the surface and not to their sanitary sewer.
- Reminder: As residents start mowing and keeping Lennox beautiful, please remember that grass clippings should be directed away from city streets.

## Lennox Community Library Celebrates National Library Week

The Lennox Community Library this past week celebrated the 2019 National Library Week. While the scheduled Open House was postponed due to what we hope is one last snow storm, the staff and patrons had many opportunities to learn more about their community library.

Tracy West, Mayor of Lennox, commended the library for their work at the April 8, 2019 City Council meeting with a Mayoral

Proclamation, and encouraged all residents to visit their local library and learn all that they have to offer!



Mayor Tracy West with Lennox Community Library Staff

## Lennox Plans Spring, Summer Opportunities for Residents

The City of Lennox plans again on offering open hours of the Lennox Rubble Site and a Spring Cleanup.

The Rubble site is available for use by residents to dispose of yard waste, including branches, grass clippings, and leaves. The Rubble site is tentatively scheduled to open the week of April 15, and will be open (weather permitting) from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesdays, and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays. These hours are subject to change based on weather.

Rubble Site passes can be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or at the Rubble Site during open hours for \$25 for residential use or \$100 for commercial

use.

The City is also planning a Spring Cleanup event for June 7 and 8 at the City Park. Rolloff dumpsters will be made available for residents to use for disposal of general junk no longer of use. This includes damaged furniture, appliances, mattresses, and other household goods.

Residents are reminded that the City cannot accept hazardous waste items, and those items can be taken to Sioux Falls for disposal.

The Lennox City-Wide Rummage is also planned for May

31 and June 1st. Further details on the Rummage is available from the Lennox Independent.

Last but not least, the Lennox Community Library will be hosting a summer sign-up fair on April 30 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Lennox Intermediate Cafetorium. Residents will have the opportunity to enroll children in a variety of summer activities with a number of local groups and organizations. This is a great opportunity to keep kids busy and engaged during the summer months!