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## Reminders:

- According to the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, 2019 has been the wettest year in recorded history. As of May 15, we have received nearly 50 inches of precipitation in Lennox, resulting in difficult conditions throughout town. With the ground already saturated, it is important for property owners to inspect their sump systems, downspouts and grading in order to avoid water damage.
- Reminder: Lennox Municipal Code states that grass clippings in the street and/or gutter may result in a code violation. Residents and businesses are reminded to direct cut grass away from the street, or to clean up grass clippings once mowing is complete.
- City-Wide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 on Park Drive between the campground and the skate park. For a list of accepted items, please call City Hall or visit the City of Lennox Facebook page.

## Important Dates:

June 3: Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting, 7:00 PM at City Hall

June 7: City-Wide Cleanup (all day)

June 10: City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM at City Hall

June 24: City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM at City Hall

June 27: Planning and Zoning Commission (Tentative), 7:00 PM at City Hall

May, 2019

## Spring and Summer Construction Update

Demolition on the old City Pool is now complete, and the next phase of construction is set to begin in the last week of May! 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 pool will sit slightly south of the current pool, making it necessary to relocation to old City Hall Bell Tower to another location within the park.

As construction begins, the Lennox Pool Committee will continue to seek additional monetary support for amenities and add-ons to the current pool design. These amenities could include additional water features such as slides or play areas, as well as many other possibilities. Anyone interested in donating

to the Lennox Pool Fund can contact City Hall at (605) 647-2286 or Britney Mower at [mower.britney@gmail.com](mailto:mower.britney@gmail.com).

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 need for reconstruction in this area is very clear, with every storm seeming to cause issues with drainage and with infiltration of storm water into our sanitary sewer.

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. If you would like a map of the project phases, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall.

In addition to these two projects, the Lennox School District will begin their next phase of construction this summer. All of these projects combined will lead to a substantial amount of heavy vehicle traffic in town, and residents are reminded to drive and walk cautiously in and around construction areas.

## Lennox Awarded Certificates of Achievement

The City of Lennox, as well as city employees Jeremy Gulbranson and Jeremy Jacobson, were recently awarded Drinking Water Achievement Awards from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"DENR wants to recognize the City of Lennox and their system operation specialists for their diligence in providing safe drinking water to their

customers in 2018", said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner.

To qualify for the award, communities and their system operators must meet three requirements in the areas of compliance monitoring and reporting, drinking water standards, and certification.



Mayor Tracy West with City of Lennox Employees Jeremy Gulbranson and Jeremy Jacobson

## Rough Winter, Spring Thaw Result in Street Damage

As many residents have noticed, this past winter and spring have been particularly hard on Lennox streets. Multiple areas experienced large frost heaves followed by potholes, and gravel roads and streets have been difficult – and in some cases, impossible—to maintain due to the continued wet conditions.

The City has consulted with multiple engineers and contractors who have advised staff to delay many repairs until we experience significant drying in our street base. City crews have been addressing asphalt patching in many areas in the past week, and that work will continue throughout the summer.

The areas most heavily

damaged include portions of Boynton Avenue, East 5th Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Academy Street.

The City Engineer, along with the Street Department, has evaluated several of these areas in order to assess repair needs and cost. As a result, the City of Lennox will be advertising for bids to make these repairs in the next few weeks.

However, it is unclear when contractors will be available to make those repairs.

In the meantime, drivers should be aware of traffic barricades and cones in several areas of town, and should take caution when approaching damaged areas.

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