



Code Enforcement Report

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March was a busy month for building permits, decks, sunroom, stairs, fences, and egress windows. A property outside of the city limits (still within our ETJ) did not get building permits for work he has done, and he knew better. I have been collaborating with Inspector's, and David to figure out what the next step should be. Also had a guy that attempted to demolish a trailer on Madison Street without a Demo permit and without disconnecting utilities. I stopped the demolition until a permit was taken out and the utilities were disconnected.

155 Madison has been a nuisance since I started working for the city almost 4 years ago. The new tenant/owner is no better. There were garbage bags in the driveway and by the front steps, old carpet rolled up, limbs and sticks and garbage from torn garage bags in the yard. Last week I noticed a vehicle in the driveway, and wanted to approach the house but was not sure who or what I might encounter at the door. I asked Mayor Cheney if he could go with me for backup and thankfully he was available. The people who came to the door were not the tenant/owner. I told them that I had contacted the owner three times with violation letters and have spoken to him on the phone a number of times about getting the place cleaned up. I told them that they needed to get stuff cleaned up now. There has been improvement but there is room for more.

A resident on Apple Street had a bullet go through the top of the metal roof of his shed and out through a side panel. The Lancaster County Sheriff's department was contacted.

Code enforcement items: No current plates on a vehicle, barking dogs, no dog licenses, complaints about neighbors walking through their property. Complaints about gun shots close to the city limits.

I have been keeping up with job websites for the Utility Superintendent position. I have only gotten three hits from Indeed, only one followed through with a resume and application, and then another person by word of mouth.

A week or so ago I walked to one of the new businesses in Bennet and talked with the owners. It was nice to visit with them outside the office. It is much more personal. I think it would be nice to meet with all the new business owners on a personal level and get to know them. We are always in such a hurry that we forget what is important. I would like to incorporate this into our regular routine.

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