

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand September 2020

Fall is right around the corner! Yes, the season for chunky scarves, pumpkin-spiced everything, and plaid, plaid, and more plaid. Fall, autumn, harvest season—whatever you call it— starts on Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:31 AM. I thought I would share some interesting things to know this season...

- ◆ Fall isn't caused by the Earth's distance from the sun. That's right! The Earth's distance from the sun at any given point doesn't determine whether you'll be sweating out your white tee or shivering in your snow boots. Fall, like all of the seasons, is caused by the Earth's tilt in relation to the sun. It gets warmer in each hemisphere when the hemisphere tilts toward the sun and colder when it leans away.
- ◆ 'Fall leaf' colors actually exist all year long. While leaves have the potential to be yellow, orange, and red (sometimes even purple) all year long, seeing the colors during other seasons is not likely. In spring and summer, the pigment chlorophyll (big word!) gives the leaves their green color. At the end of the summer, the decreased daylight and cooler temperatures cause chlorophyll to break down and that exposes other pigments that cause the brilliant yellow, orange, and red leaves of fall.
- ◆ Fall is only "fall" to Americans, even though the term was coined in Britain. Harvest was the word used until the 1300s to describe the months of the season. Because "harvest" also meant the gathering of crops, as well as the season, people got a little confused. That's where autumn (from some Latin word) came in. Sometime after, poets were wowed by the changing leaves and monopolized the phrase "fall of leaves" which was shortened to "fall" in the 1600s. "Autumn" still remained popular throughout England's period of colonizing the world. Because England's empire was growing fast, the English language was going places. One place it went was to the New World, and it set up shop in North America. As time went on, the English spoken in America and the English spoken in Britain diverged: there wasn't much contact between the two groups of English speakers. Throw into the mix the independence of the United States and the word "fall" was here to stay.

- ◆ The flavor pumpkin spice doesn't actually taste quite like pumpkins. (Gasp!) This is the time of year when your favorite snacks hit store shelves and none of them are normal. Its all pumpkin, all the time. We're talking lattes, cereal, ice cream, butter, yogurt... But what exactly goes into the beloved flavor of fall? Truth is, it's almost never the orange-fleshed vegetable. Instead, the flavor comes from a mix of ground cinnamon, nutmeg, dry ginger and cloves. Food companies have been know to create a synthetic version using chemicals found naturally in pumpkins.

So now that we've buffed up on our fall trivia, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Fall. While you are out picking apples, getting lost in corn mazes, or just sitting at home wrapped in a fuzzy blanket, stay safe!



- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk



Save the date

GIVE2GROW

www.give2growphelps.org

11.19.20

give2GROW

On November 19, 2020, the Village of Bertrand will participate in *give2Grow* hosted by the Phelps County Community Foundation. *give2Grow* is a countywide giving challenge designed to raise dollars for local nonprofit organizations like the Village of Bertrand. During this one-day event, donations can be made to the Village of Bertrand and a share of every contribution will be matched through an incentive pool of funds provided by generous donors and the Phelps County Community Foundation. The Village of Bertrand is constructing a new swimming pool! It will feature a zero depth entry, lap lanes, a diving board, water walk, climbing wall, and a new bathhouse that is completely ADA compliant. This project is estimated to cost \$2.9 million dollars, so every donation will impact this project. The Village would like to thank the community for their generous support! *give2Grow* will be held from 12:00 AM until midnight on Thursday, November 19. Credit/Debit card and e-check donations made at www.give2growphelps.org during this time will be counted as *give2Grow* donations. Offline contributions will also be accepted at Phelps County Community Foundation office at 424 Garfield in Holdrege from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM or at the Village Office at 507 Minor Avenue in Bertrand from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Pre-giving for *give2Grow* will begin on October 19 and can be done through the *give2Grow* website or be dropping off donations at the Phelps County Community Foundation office. Bertrand participating organizations: Village of Bertrand, Bertrand Community Schools, Bertrand Area Foundation, Bertrand Ag Society, Bertrand Fire Department, Bertrand Lions Foundation, Young at Heart Senior Center, Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living, and the Hi-Line Golf Course.



Bertrand Area Community Fund—Working to Bridge Local Learning Gap

Bertrand Area Community Fund is part of a nearly \$1.2 million statewide effort to bridge the learning gap in the face of COVID-19. Through a funding opportunity available exclusively to affiliated funds of Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF), Bertrand Area Community Fund will receive \$5,000 in funding to benefit Bertrand Community Schools. When combined with the required 1:1 local match, that's a \$10,000 investment in local students.

Bertrand Community School has a need for \$10,000 to purchase 35 Chromebooks for families in need of a reliable device to assist with remote learning in addition to the iPads. Parents and teachers were recently surveyed about their remote learning experience. Parents were specifically asked if they had a reliable device that students could use to Zoom with their class during remote learning on the iPads. Thirty-two percent said they did not. In the teacher survey, teachers stated a second device is necessary to effectively communicate and teach online. Bertrand students are 1:1 with iPads but couldn't Zoom with the teacher and work on an activity or assignment at the same time. Chromebooks would be used for the Zoom session so the teacher can view the students while they are actively engaged in the learning process. If the teacher can see the students during the entire lesson, they can observe if students are engaged, can adjust their instruction to meet the needs of all the students, and help bridge the learning gap.

Nebraska Community Foundation's Bridging the Learning Gap initiative was capitalized by an anonymous donor and the Alice DeVoe Donor Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, as well as several NCF donor-advised funds, and numerous local donors who have stepped up to help meet the 1:1 local funding match required of the opportunity. In Bertrand, matching funds will come from the Unrestricted Endowment Payables.

"These funds will help provide the additional tools necessary for students' families when classes are being taught remotely via Zoom! Now the teacher and all students will be able to interact and communicate at the same time", *Jason Brown, Bertrand Community Schools Superintendent.*

Grants were approved and allocated by a committee of six volunteer NCF affiliated fund leaders who have educational expertise, including teachers, administrators and school board members. All applications received funding. Importantly, learning gap needs were identified locally by school leadership, as were proposed solutions.

"We are deeply proud of the way the NCF network of affiliated funds came together to meet this need," said Jeff Yost, president and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation. "We are so grateful to the visionary donors who are supporting this important work and to the local leaders and educators who are rolling up their sleeves to ensure our kids receive the educational experiences they deserve, even in the midst of a global crisis."

About Bertrand Area Community Fund. The Bertrand Area Community Fund was established in September 2011. They are dedicated to progress and long-term prosperity. A volunteer Fund Advisory Committee works actively to increase charitable giving and award grants to local worthy causes and projects that are addressing emerging needs and future opportunities in our community.

About Nebraska Community Foundation. Nebraska Community Foundation was established in 1994 by a group of visionaries determined to empower communities throughout the state to grow and prosper. They believed that with the right tools and resources, people could build the hometown of their dreams. Hometowns that are poised to attract families, lay a progressive and sustainable foundation, create opportunities, emanate pride and welcome everyone. Through philanthropy, their team helps communities develop strong local economies, high quality of life, and abundant leadership and volunteer opportunities. They empower local leaders to identify community assets, invest in their own resources, and bring about their own positive change. Their mission, vision and values guide our commitment to helping Greater Nebraska reach its full potential. Their affiliated funds are led by those who best know the needs of the community—the people who call it home!

A Note From the Street Department

We would like to remind you of the Village's Tree Ordinances (No. 8-508 and 8-509).

Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the Village shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp, or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of 8 feet above and 2 feet back from the surface of the sidewalk and a height of at least 12 feet above the surface of the street. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees. Such owners shall also remove broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The Village shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light, interferes with any utility wire or device, or interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign; providing a notice has been given to the property owner.

It is hereby declared a nuisance for a property owner to permit, allow, or maintain any dead or diseased trees within the right-of-way of streets within the corporate limits of the Municipality and its one-mile zoning district or on private property within the Municipality and its one-mile zoning district.

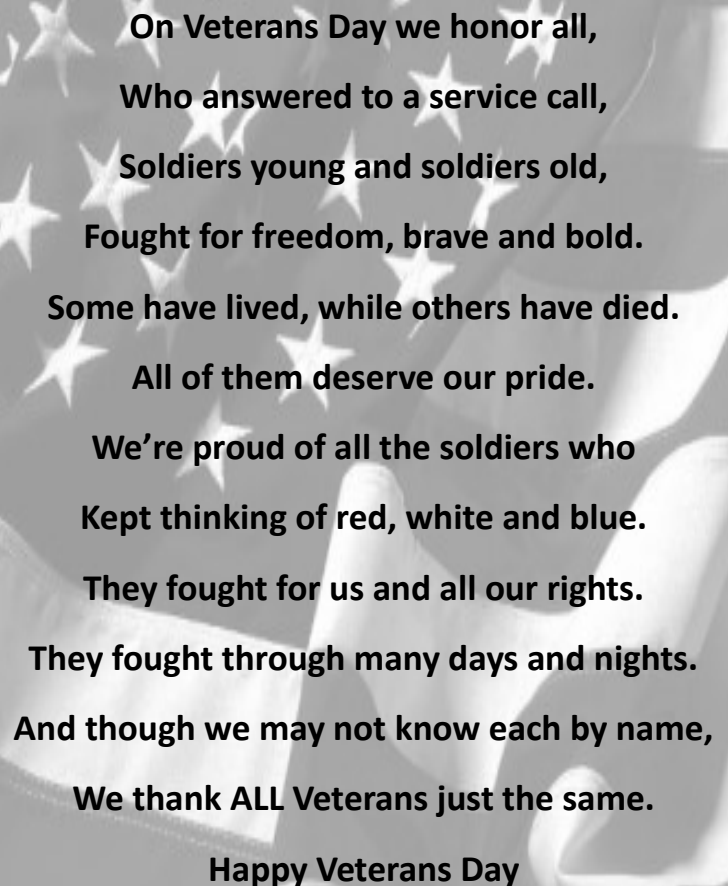
Complete copies of these ordinances are kept for review at the Village Office.

If you have any questions regarding removal of tree limbs or dead or diseased trees, please contact the Village Office at 308-472-3455.

- *Marcus Schwarz*

Important Dates

September 7	Labor Day
September 13	Grandparents Day
September 11	Patriot Day
September 22	First Day of Fall
October 4	National Taco Day
October 12	Columbus Day
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Daylight Savings Ends
November 3	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 19	give2Grow
November 26	Thanksgiving



**On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call,
Soldiers young and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others have died.
All of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights.
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each by name,
We thank ALL Veterans just the same.
Happy Veterans Day**

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

September is here and there will soon be a little coolness to the air. All I can say about the cold weather is I hope it goes by as fast as summer did!

We would like to wish a Happy Grandparent's Day Sunday, September 13th to all the wonderful Grandpas and Grandmas!

During these times, our main goal is to keep spirits high despite the conditions against us and so far, our residents and staff have shown they are incredibly resilient!

- Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Young at Heart Senior Center

Last year at this time, I explained to all of you how the Senior Center is funded. Man, a lot has changed in the last 12 months! Not only has our day-to-day operation changed significantly but we have also had to figure out new ways to handle fiscal issues as well. We have not been able to host a Sunday brunch fundraiser since February. We are finally returning to enough normalcy that we are going to start trying to have those monthly fundraisers, we have had to get creative in this respect. In an attempt to make up for those missed fundraisers, we have hosted a Facebook Bingo game and Grab-n-Go Bake Sale. Now that we are transitioning back to the previous way that we raised funds, we are still facing some interesting challenges. Our fundraisers will offer people the option of Dine-In, Take-Out, or Curbside Pickup. Allowing people the same options that we do for our regular weekday meals but adding the challenge of not requiring them to call ahead to make reservations will pose a unique situation. However, over the last 6 months, we have become quite good at adapting to meet the needs of our situation.

Coming up in the next few months, we will be hosting our monthly Sunday brunch fundraisers as well as our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in November and a Christmas Bake Sale. In addition, the Senior Center will participate in whatever holiday festivities the community of Bertrand chooses to hold. There is always the possibility that we have to adapt the way those things look but we will find a way to make these things happen. We can't thank the community enough for all of its support during this interesting time.

- Coni Park, Manager

Bertrand Fire Department

The Bertrand Fire Department wishes to remind residents who believe they may have the novel Coronavirus and/or are experiencing symptoms to stay home and call their primary care physician before traveling to their office, an emergency room or an acute care clinic. Reported symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, shortness of breath and respiratory illness, including pneumonia in severe cases.

The department has a new member. Toby Rekert joined on June 1st. He is a deputy with the Gosper County Sheriff's Department. Thank you Toby for supporting your community.

So far this year, the department has responded to 8 fire/rescue calls and 31 ambulance calls.

New child restraint equipment was received and put into service on July 20th. The equipment is manufactured by Ferno and was purchased from Danko Emergency Equipment. Thank you to all who supported this project.

The Funk fire department hosted the Phelps County Mutual Aid meeting on July 21st. All four of the Phelps County departments were represented at the meeting. The training subject was on communications.

At this time, the department is working on a \$1,998 project to replace 6 handheld radios. The Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (VFA) is available for communities with a population of less than 10,000 that do not have adequate fire fighting equipment. If qualified, a community may receive up to 50% cost share towards the purchase of two-way radios, protective clothing, breathing apparatus, and/or fire fighting equipment. Departments must keep fire reports up to date and be NIMS compliant to qualify. Our department qualified and will receive \$950 through this program. If you would like to support this project, please contact Tom Wilcox or Kevin Stehl.

Recently, the department membership decided to acquire CPR training equipment and additional oxygen sensing equipment. A grant from Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege in the amount of \$1,343.16 will go towards the project. Thank you Phelps Memorial!

Have a safe fall season and stay healthy.

"Putting the Wet Stuff on the Red Stuff Since 1888"

- Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Pictured: Back Row—Coach Kirk Goldfish, Erin Boggs, Hannah Stewart, Alissa Arehart, Kenzy Drain. Middle Row—Gentri Goldfish, Carly Stewart, Shawna Freeman, Jorja Shimmin, Chloe Anderson, Jersie Hermanson, Annalise Wengel. Front Row—Emma Larson, Paige Booe. Not Pictured, Coach Joe Larson.

The 2020 Bertrand girls 18u softball team has a short, fun season. They had a 3—3 record. Started a little slow, but the team had fun, worked hard, and finished with 3 wins out of the last 4 games. What a fun, great group of young ladies to coach and go to battle with! Proud of you all!

-Coach Kirk Goldfish

Bertrand Area Community Fund

Bertrand Area Community Fund wishes to thank Paul Peterson for his dedication, insight and service to our Fund Advisory Committee. Paul's term ended on June 30th. We welcome Scott Schwarz to our team! Scott's term began on July 1st.

On August 4th, BACF hosted "Bertrand's Community Night Out". Co-hosts for this event were: Bertrand Area Chamber, Bertrand Lions Club and Viking Booster Club. Friends and neighbors joined together for an "OLD FASHIONED PICNIC". We practiced safe social distancing, enjoyed connection with each other and our kids played. We recognized and thanked the Bertrand Fire Department and EMT's for their dedication and service, the President of the Bertrand Fire Board and Deputy Palmer of the Phelps County Sheriff's office. BACF, Chamber, Lions Club, and Vikings Booster Club wish to thank the community members in attendance for your support! See everyone in 2021 on National Night Out!

Holthus Challenge. We have reached the 70% mark! Our goal is to secure the \$300,000 in pledges by the end of the year. As a reminder—your donation is a tax deduction. The campaign ends in December, 2021. Please consider making a pledge and donation. No contribution is too small—every penny puts us closer to the \$300,000. To make a gift: contact any advisory member for assistance; send an email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com; or mail a check to BACF, PO Box 153, Bertrand, NE, 68927.

BACF News. BACF is jointly working with PCCF to address the shortage of childhood care and educational programs in our area. We recognize that childcare shortages and limited care affect economic development and community growth and have a broad impact beyond the family. The initial emphasis will be for our Bertrand area.

BACF Grant News. A grant for 'Group Video Conferencing Bundle and Expansion Mics for Big Meeting Rooms' was presented to the Village of Bertrand. This equipment will be available for Bertrand organizations and businesses. Contact BACF if you are interested in using the equipment. Bertrand Community School received a 'Bridging the Learning Gap' grant in August. This grant is a Matching Grant from BACF and NCF (see separate article).

give2Grow. BACF is a participating agency in the 2020 *give2Grow*. Funds received in previous years have benefited these entities: Bertrand Community School; Bertrand Lions Club; Bertrand Fire and Rescue Department; Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living; Bertrand Swimming Pool; Bertrand Holiday Project; Young at Heart Senior Center; and Village of Bertrand special projects.

Advisory members: Joel High, Chairman; Christopher Davison, Vice Chair; Liz Ford, Secretary; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Aryn Schwarz; Karen Nelson; and Scott Schwarz.



A Note From the Ordinance Officer

I would like to remind everyone of the Village's Ordinance No. 4-301, which requires all vehicles within the Municipality (both on streets and on private property) that are not fully enclosed in a garage to be legally licensed and in running condition. If you have a vehicle that you do not use regularly, please make sure you maintain current registration and operability. If you have a vehicle you are currently working on but does not run, you can apply for a hobby permit at the Village Office instead of paying to register it with the county. This includes demolition cars. If you have a vehicle that does not run and you no longer want it, but don't know what to do with it, please contact me at 308-999-7956 or the Village Office at 308-472-3455. I can help find a solution for it, even at no cost to you. If you have a vehicle that falls under the definition of an abandoned vehicle and no action is taken after receiving notice from the Village, you can receive a fine (for each day that it remains abandoned) or the vehicle may even be towed at your expense. Thank you for your help in keeping Bertrand clean!

-James Nelson, Ordinance Officer

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions have been busy helping others in need with medical bills, etc. We also were able to supply the Pre K through 6th grade Bertrand Community Schools students with school supplies to start the year from GENEROUS donations during the 2019 *give2Grow*. We look forward to another project for the 2020 *give2Grow*. Feel free to check out our Facebook page!

Thank you to those who bought peaches and pears to help support the Lions. We are planning on doing our Christmas again and are accepting any donations to help with this.

We would love to add some new members! If you are interested, please contact any of the current Lions Club members. We accept new members at anytime.

Thanks again for supporting the Bertrand Lions Club!





Bertrand Agricultural Society, Inc.

The Bertrand Community Building is available for you to host the following:

- ◆ Meetings for Non-Profit Entities
- ◆ Local Business Meetings
- ◆ Family Gatherings
- ◆ Special events such as weddings, receptions, dances, funeral dinners, and fund raisers

To book an event, contact Kamie Ackerman @ 308-991-2447. We ask that you follow all current safety guidelines.

The Bertrand Agricultural Society, Inc. will be a participating organization in Phelps County Community Foundation's **give2Grow** Online Day of Giving. This is an excellent opportunity for you to help keep the building open. The Ag Society's only sources of income are the rentals of the Bertrand Community Building and donations from the wonderful friends and neighbors of our community. We do not receive any government funding. Monthly utilities are current and any donations or bookings are appreciated.

2020 Bertrand Craft Show has been cancelled. The Ag Society does not have the required number of personnel necessary to meet the requirements for a 'Special Event' as set forth by the Two Rivers Public Health Department. There were additional requirements that we felt we could not adequately provide and meet for social distancing and safety. All registered vendors have been contacted and given the opportunity to roll their registration fees forward to 2021 or to request a refund less a handling/processing fee. No one is more disappointed than us. See you at the 2021 Craft Show on October 16th.

Christmas Tree Display and Soup Dinner. Plans are to host this Annual Christmas Event. This will be the 14th year we have provided an opportunity for you to share your beautifully decorated trees with the community. The date in December is yet to be set. Watch for flyers at our local businesses and information will be posted on our Facebook page.

Mission Statement: Provide a facility for civic and community betterment and enjoyment, community activities and educational and charitable purposes for the people of the greater Bertrand area.

Members: Julie Nelson, President; Jennifer Weber, Vice President; Emma Gennrich, Secretary; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Kamie Ackerman, Assistant Treasurer; Samantha Lavene; Christina Davison; Tiffany Langford; Heather Warnken; Pam Hansen; and Sara Stehl.

2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget

The Village Board of Trustees held a Budget Work Session on August 17th to review and discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. After reviewing the proposed budget, the Board Members in attendance recommended its approval at the Budget Hearing that will be held on September 8, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

BUDGETED, ACTUAL/ESTIMATED EXPENSE 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021				2019-2020 VALUATION	2020-2021 VALUATION
PROPERTY TAX					
ACCOUNT	BUDGETED EXPENSE 2019-2020	ACTUAL/ ESTIMATED EXPENSE 2019-2020	PROPOSED BUDGETED EXPENSE 2020-2021	REQUIRED 2019-2020 \$28,817,342	PROPOSED 2020-2021 \$30,738,424
Taxing Accounts					
General	203,140.00	170,077.00	87,615.00	0.00	52,445.00
Street	307,865.00	243,045.00	264,470.00	73,287.00	10,218.00
YW/ Recycling	20,845.00	23,964.00	24,233.00	0.00	9,958.00
Cemetery	25,195.00	33,253.00	29,175.00	11,840.00	30,667.00
Park/Recreation	34,860.00	22,496.00	30,490.00	36,657.00	24,712.00
Swimming Pool	82,875.00	31,365.00	2,664,770.00	1,900.00	175,000.00
Law	21,167.00	17,348.00	20,335.00	20,327.00	20,000.00
Total Taxing Accounts	695,947.00	541,548.00	3,121,108.00	144,011.00	323,000.00
Non Taxing Accounts					
Water	337,271.00	774,922.00	397,555.00	0.00	0.00
Sewer	109,444.00	99,726.00	131,769.00	0.00	0.00
Natural Gas	125.00	96.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
Utility Deposit	13,776.00	2,791.00	13,940.00	0.00	0.00
Garbage	76,000.00	69,947.00	70,532.00	0.00	0.00
Total Non Taxing Accounts	536,616.00	947,482.00	613,916.00	0.00	0.00

Bertrand Area Chamber

Happy Fall!! The Chamber wishes all businesses, farms, and community supporters to have a safe harvest season!

There will NOT be a Chamber Membership Drive for 2020. Membership invoices will be mailed in January, 2021. A HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone for your support!

The Chamber helps support the Post Prom Event, Bertrand Area Christmas Project, BERMIS FFA Fall Breakfast, Rockin' Brews BBQ and other events held during the year in the Bertrand Area.



A Note from the Utilities Superintendent

Public health officials have always been concerned about cross connections and backflow in plumbing systems and in public drinking water supply distribution systems. People have utmost confidence in the water they drink. Open a faucet and we drink what comes out. If, however, the water is contaminated, sickness and even death can be the result. There are documented cases where cross connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water. Many cross connections have resulted in the spread of disease; some cases have even resulted in death.

What is a cross connection?

A plumbing cross connection is defined as the actual or potential connection between a public water supply and a source of contamination or pollution.

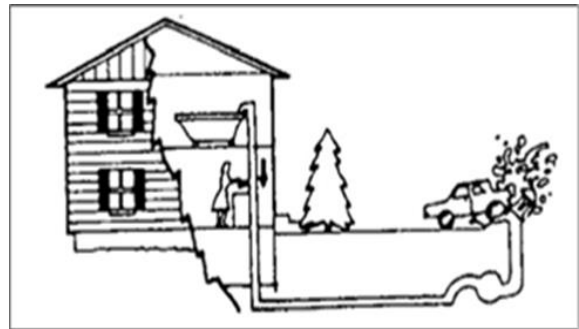
In other words, a cross connection is the link through which it is possible for a contaminating material to enter the drinking water supply system. Such links, or possible links, pose a serious public health hazard. Because of the hazards of cross connections, you and every other customer of the public water supply system have a responsibility to help safeguard your system and the public water supply system (city or rural water district) from cross connections.

How does contamination occur?

When a cross contamination exists, it is possible for a contaminant to enter the drinking water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. This may result in either a backsiphonage or backflow. Basically, either is a reversal in the normal direction of the water flow. Such situations can be produced through a variety of circumstances within plumbing systems, generally a drop in water pressure.

One example of backflow/backsiphonage:

- A. *Contact Point:* A submerged inlet in the second floor bathtub.
- B. *Cause of Reverse Flow:* An automobile breaks a nearby fire hydrant, causing negative pressure in the service line to the house, sucking dirty water out of the bathtub.
- C. *Suggested Correction:* The hot and cold water inlets to the bathtub should be above the rim of the tub.



How can you be affected?

“Stomach flu” (gastroenteritis) is perhaps the most common ailment suffered by those drinking contaminated water. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have documented many cases directly attributing the following illnesses and others to contaminated drinking water: *Brucellosis, Campylobacter, Chemical Poisoning, Diarrhea Enteritis, Dysentery, Giardiasis, Hepatitis, Hookworm, Paratyphoid Fever, Typhoid, Polio.*

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Home:

Any area with plumbing fixtures...

Kitchen: Sink, Dishwasher, Garbage Disposal

Bathroom: Toilet, Wash Basin, Bathtub Shower

Outdoors: Hose Bib, Faucet to Which a Hose May Be Attached, Buried Yard Hydrants

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Work:

Industrial, commercial, and health facilities are subject to many types of cross connections...

Bottling Plants; Fire Systems; Heating and Cooling Systems; Mixing Tanks; Paint and Ink Mills; Planting Works; Mortuaries; Printing Plants; Vet Clinics; Hydraulically Operated Equipment

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Leisure Areas:

Many recreational facilities have separate water systems and plumbing connections, which also may be improperly installed and maintained...

Campgrounds; County Fairgrounds; Parks and Playgrounds; Golf Courses; Swimming Pools; Fountains; Recreational Waterfront Areas; Travel Trailer Connections

Examples of Residential Contamination

Occasional water pressure disorders can occur in the public water supply distributions system or within your own residence. These disorders can be caused by high uses of water, such as occurs when fire or flush hydrants are opened, or when a line breaks, or when there are equipment failures. Because of reduced pressure, the flow of the water in the system may be reversed. As a result, contaminants may flow backwards or be sucked into your plumbing system through unprotected hoses or other possible cross connections. Approved cross connection control devices are available which will prevent backflow or backsiphonage.

Some water customers may also have private wells. If an old well remains in operation, with valves to allow its use in the customer's water supply system, the potential exists for backpressure from that well water into the municipal or rural water distribution system. The private well must be completely and permanently disconnected from the public water supply system.

How to Prevent Entry Contamination

When the hazard of contamination exists, effective steps should be taken to correct the condition. *If the conditions cannot be corrected, then an appropriate backflow prevention device must be installed on the internal plumbing system.* This is generally the responsibility of the water user. Everyone should want to eliminate possible cross connections. Those who drink water on your premises will likely be the first to be injured if water becomes contaminated in your system.

An awareness of how contamination can enter a system is important. We must work together to keep everyone's water safe.

The people who are in charge of your water supply system are aware of the dangers of cross connections. Your public water supply system has adopted a policy on cross connection control to comply with Nebraska regulations.

One of the most effective and the most inexpensive controls is to always keep an air gap between any potential contaminant and the water system. Don't allow garden hoses or other hoses connected to the water system to drop into sources of contamination. Hydrants drain back even when shut off and contaminants can be siphoned into the hose or hydrant.

If you need further information or need assistance in determining what devices are appropriate, contact your public water system.

Matt Gregg, Utilities Superintendent: (308)991-8045

Village Office: (308)472-3455

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

September 8

October 13

November 10

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Upcoming Hearings:

September 8—Budget/Final Tax Request

8:00 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Chairman; Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, Fred Spiegel

EMERGENCY

CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency: 911

Village Office: 308-472-3455

Ordinance Officer: 308-999-7956

Phelps County Sheriff: 308-995-5692

The Village Board of Trustees and Staff are always looking for ways to be better stewards. If you would like to comment or make a complaint, please contact the Village Office. Your opinions are very important to us!

Rate Increases

The residents of Bertrand recently voted for an increase of the Village's sales tax to 1.5%. This increase will go into effect on October 1, 2020.

Please note that this will increase your water and sewer rates. New rate letters will be mailed to individual households and businesses in September.

2020 Bertrand Blood Drives

All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Labor Day Monday, September 2

Columbus Day Monday, October 12

Veterans Day Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 21

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Matt Gregg

Marcus Schwarz

Beverly Hansen

Kevin Stehl

Joey Kugler

Coni Park

James Nelson



happy fall