

# The Backus Bulletin

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## JULY BROKER REPORT— SHORT AND SWEET!

July 2020

I hope everyone is staying safe and wearing their masks. As mentioned before, I am making masks so if anyone would like one, please give the office a call. Hopefully you were able to make the best out of our current situation and enjoyed the 4th of July.

Many towns in our area prohibit certain kinds of fireworks, but that certainly does not mean people don't use them. There were no "professional" shows this year. Our deck overlooks the valley and we had quite a show from many locations from 6:00 on. Don't tell me the economy is tough considering the money spent on fireworks!

Most towns issue citations to the owners of properties that have illegal fireworks. That means, if a tenant sets off the fireworks and is

caught, the owner gets fined and it is up to the owner (or Management Company!) to collect from the tenant. Yes, they are prohibited in the lease agreement.

We normally assess rents at the same time we do our annual assessments and make increases as appropriate. For the time being, we are not increasing any rents. Although we still have close to a 100% rent collection rate, it seems ill-advised to increase rents with all the press about the problems of tenants paying rent during this crisis. This does not mean we will not increase rents on these properties sometime this year. If you have any questions or requests in this area,

please contact your Property Manager.

Keeping lawns green is always an issue this time of year and we are doing our usual reminder to tenants. I am beginning to think that sprinkler systems are worth the costs and think we will begin installing them in our own rentals that do not have them. If you would like an estimate for your rental please let us know.

I told you short and sweet—that's all for now!

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