

# CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS RESPONSE TO ACCUSATIONS OF SEWER DUMPING

THE PICTURES BELOW SHOW THE TRUE STATE OF NEIGHBORS PROPERTY IN BETHEL HEIGHTS. PLEASE DRIVE BY THE PROPERTY SHOWN AND SEE THE TRUTH. NO SEWER IS FLOWING ONTO THE NEIGHBORS PROPERTY.



Picture taken July 24, 2019 of Bowen Property located at Apple Blossom. The yard is dry and mowed and very pretty! No sewer located on yard.

## Neighbor's Property

The neighbor has made claims that Bethel Heights has been dumping raw sewer on their property for 15 years. They have made statements to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, KFSM, and 40/29 News Channels that they can not mow their yard, open their windows, or let their grandchildren play in the backyard because of stinking sewage.



Grandmother sitting on porch swing and grandchildren playing in backyard barefoot July 24, 2019. The southside of the fence is the Bethel Heights Sewer drip field located at Lincoln Street.

The picture to the right shows one of the ponds, covered in green algae, that sits in the neighbor's backyard, East side of property. This pond, that their cattle drink from, also overflows during rain events and causes water to flood their hayfield and run to their backyard where the water converges with the pond (located on hayfield) runoff that ends in the drainage ditch on Apple Blossom Street.

The picture to the right shows the Geese that frequent the sewer plant and neighboring yards and leave their droppings on their yards and sewer property.



Bethel Heights Sewer Plant Located at Lincoln Street. Picture taken July 24, 2019 after sewer drip field was mowed and dry. No sewer is running off the field to any neighbor's property.

## Fertilizer Truck Spraying

APRIL 26, 2019 AT 2:49 PM

The picture on the right was taken on Monday, April 26, 2019. This is a fertilizer truck shown spraying the Bowen's property with liquid fertilizer. (Shown spraying out of back of truck). The property adjoins the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Lincoln Street. The green lids pictured are the treatment pods located at the drip field. They fertilize their fields to increase their hay production which is then used to feed the cattle. The picture below shows the field on July 12, 2019 after the hay had been cut and raked before being bailed July 13, 2019.



Please contact your Councilmember if you have questions or concerns. You can also contact the City through the website at [www.bethelheightsark.org](http://www.bethelheightsark.org). Elected Officials contact information can also be found on the City Website. ADEQ & Arkansas Health Department found no sewer run off on their recent inspection of July 17th & July 18th. Please drive by and see the truth about our plants.



The aerial image above shows the ponds located on each neighbor's property. The blue balloons mark each pond. During rain events runoff from these three ponds converge together in the Bowens hay field and side yard swale that form a pathway into the drainage ditch on Apple Blossom Street. The dark green path shows the trail from each pond to the West side yard of Bowen property.