

City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

COVID Relief (American Rescue Plan) Bill

From \$1,400 direct stimulus checks to expanded child tax credits and federal unemployment benefits, the legislation will provide assistance to millions of Americans as well as to States, Counties, and local governments. Here is what the City is expected to receive in stimulus, as well as what Dodge County and the State will receive:

City of Fremont - \$4.46 million

Dodge County - \$7.09 million

State of Nebraska - \$976 million and \$128 million for state capital project

Other communities similar in size to Fremont will receive:

Norfolk – \$4.13 million

Hasting – \$4.17 million

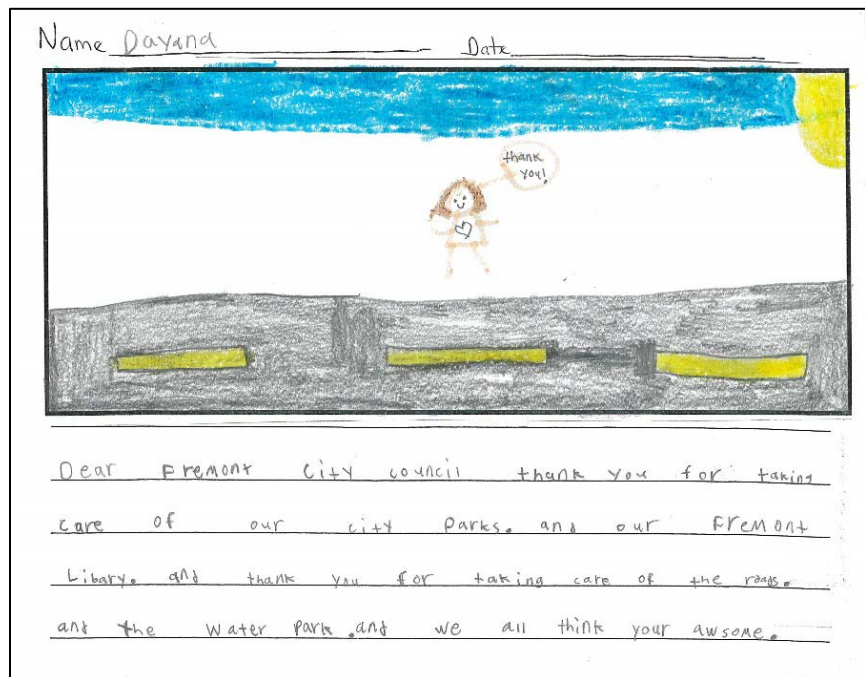
Columbus - \$3.97 million

And Omaha and Lincoln will receive \$118.01 and \$48.56 million, respectively.

In addition, the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill, includes a number of beneficial provisions of interest to public power utilities, including an additional \$4.5 billion in funding for the low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and an additional \$19.05 billion in funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The State has established program to help renting households with rent and utility payments. Here is the link to their information: <https://coronavirus.nebraska.gov/Home>.

Milliken Park 4th Graders Thank Council

Mrs. Kuehn's fourth grade class at the Milliken Park Elementary School recently wrote thank you notes to the Fremont City Council thanking them for what they do for the City. The writing campaign was part of the week long "The Great Kindness Challenge," where students and educators focus on different ways to be kind to others. One activity was to write a note thanking people for their hard work, especially during the pandemic. One note, a note from Dayana, is shown on the right thanking Council for City parks, library, streets, and of course, Splash Station.



Annual Bill Survey Results

Each year the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool conducts a typical bill survey. Overall the results from 2020 shown an increase of 0% to .5% in electric bills, 2.9% to 10.7% in water bills, and 5.8% to 9.4% increase in sewer bills when compared to 2019 bills. Here is how Fremont is ranked amongst several other Nebraska municipalities:

Typical residential **electric** bills:

Monthly Electric Bill Summer 2020			
City	500 kWh	1,000 kWh	2,500 kWh
Grand Island	\$60.01	\$105.42	\$241.65
Hastings	\$56.70	\$108.57	\$264.18
North Platte	\$66.65	\$117.55	\$270.25
Fremont	\$76.10	\$134.20	\$308.50
Nebraska PPD	\$86.38	\$145.65	\$323.46

Monthly Electric Bill Winter 2020			
City	500 kWh	1,000 kWh	2,500 kWh
Grand Island	\$55.04	\$89.78	\$183.50
North Platte	\$56.65	\$94.35	\$193.05
Fremont	\$55.25	\$92.50	\$204.25
Hastings	\$56.43	\$101.73	\$213.13
Nebraska PPD	\$74.03	\$115.35	\$222.50

Total Annual Electric Bill 2020			
City	500 kWh	1,000 kWh	2,500 kWh
Grand Island	\$680.36	\$1,139.92	\$2,434.60
North Platte	\$719.80	\$1,225.00	\$2,625.40
Hastings	\$678.24	\$1,248.12	\$2,761.76
Fremont	\$746.40	\$1,276.80	\$2,868.00
Nebraska PPD	\$937.76	\$1,505.40	\$3,073.84

Typical residential **water** bills:

Monthly Water Bill 2020			
City	3,000 Gal	5,000 Gal	8,000 Gal
Fremont	\$14.88	\$17.20	\$20.95
Grand Island	\$14.41	\$16.95	\$21.35
North Platte	\$18.10	\$20.93	\$25.18
Hastings	\$18.09	\$23.83	\$32.48

Typical residential **sewer** bills:

Monthly Sewer Bill 2020			
City	3,000 Gal	5,000 Gal	8,000 Gal
Fremont	\$17.95	\$21.58	\$27.05
North Platte	\$15.50	\$20.33	\$27.57
Hastings	\$25.70	\$33.15	\$44.36
Grand Island	\$22.84	\$32.56	\$47.19

Weekend Outage Caused by Rain & Wind

Over 3,200 electric customers were without power early Sunday morning for a little over an hour when the high wind blew rain water into a 13,800-volt breaker. The picture on the right is the visual effect of the electrical arcing that caused the fault on one of the components on the breaker.

As luck would have it, this breaker was scheduled to be life-cycled out of service in several weeks. There are six breakers in Sub E and all six are 1970 vintage. These are some of the few remaining breakers of this age in the system.

In response to the outage, several customer service employees were called into the office to answer phones. Special thanks to these ladies for coming in and to the crews that got the power back on so quickly.



There is no job so important and no service so urgent that we cannot take the time to do the work safely!