



Here We Grow

City of Fremont Update

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

Governor's Office Releases Two Videos

Governor Ricketts' Office has released two videos in six different languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Karen, Somali, Nepalese, and French, that highlight 10 ways to stay healthy during the pandemic and tips on what to do if you or a family member becomes ill or is exposed to the virus. Here is the link to the videos:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdW3_CGhTVcVtxoGKRkjlQ/videos. In addition, each video has an accompanying flyer that can be downloaded and printed. Here is the link to the flyers: <https://neimpact.org/covid-resources>.

COVID-19 statistics. Please note that each underlined title is a hyperlink to that organization's website.

- Nebraska** [Department of Health and Human Services Dashboard](#)
9,416 positive cases — 47,799 negative tests — 113 deaths
- Dodge County** **203 positive cases — 1,086 negative tests**
- United States** The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** [website](#):
1,384,930 cases — 83,947 deaths <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.
- Globally** [World Health Organization Situation Report](#)
4,248,389 cases — 292,046 deaths
- [Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
4,444,670 cases — 302,493 deaths

Care & Share Donations Up

Thanks to Fremont ratepayers, many families struggling to pay their utility bills during this pandemic will receive help from the Care & Share Program. Normally the dollars donated through the Care & Share Program average \$250 per month, but March's donations jumped to \$400, and donations in April were even higher at \$1,600.

Information about the Care & Share Program, as well as a form to sign up for the program will be included in the June newsletter. I hope you will consider a donation to the program.

2019 Statewide TIF Report

The State has released the statewide Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Report for 2019. https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/revenue.nebraska.gov/files/doc/pad/research/TIF_Reports/TIF_REPORT_2019.pdf The report details TIF for each of the 140 cities in Nebraska that use TIF as an economic development tool. In total, communities used TIF for 1,037 projects or 57 more TIF projects in 2019 than in 2018. Below is a table that shows some of the TIF statistics for selective communities across the state.

Here are definitions for the columns in the chart:

- Taxable Value \$ – Total taxable value of property in City before TIF projects
- Amount TIF'd \$ – Total TIF amount approved by City Board/Council
- Total Valuation \$ – Total taxable value of property in City after TIF projects
- % TIF of Total Valuation – The percentage of TIF projects to total value of City
- Projects # – The number of TIF projects approved
- Res % – The percentage of TIF used for residential projects
- Com % - The percentage of TIF used for commercial projects
- Ind % - The percentage of TIF used for industrial projects

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City Name	Taxable Value \$	Amount TIF'd \$	Total Valuation \$	% TIF of Total Valuation	Projects #	Res %	Com %	Ind %
Fremont	1,680,644,627	146,831,447	1,827,476,074	8.03%	10	0	1	99
Norfolk	1,646,634,328	17,220,347	1,663,854,675	1.03%	10	38	62	0
Hastings	1,456,037,884	20,020,839	1,476,058,723	1.36%	23	26	74	0
North Platte	1,603,827,589	11,396,521	1,615,224,110	.71%	6	33	77	0
Columbus	1,676,798,300	8,497,865	1,685,296,165	.50%	6	0	100	0
Omaha	37,607,866,945	1,906,633,005	39,514,499,950	4.83%	246	2	30	68
Valley	352,276,510	185,197,320	537,473,830	34.46%	17	93	7	0
Ralston	386,010,995	54,999,700	441,010,695	12.47%	10	18	80	2
Gretna	406,832,786	87,193,228	494,026,014	17.65%	4	0	100	0
Lincoln	23,266,889,209	603,508,115	23,870,397,324	2.53%	69	10	89	1
Grand Island	3,229,775,920	129,233,030	3,359,008,950	3.85%	55	33	76	1
Kearney	2,851,078,792	79,798,400	2,930,877,192	2.72%	40	1	99	0

Please notice that Fremont has grown its total property valuation by \$147 million. That is the investments businesses and industries have made in Fremont. Along with these investments also come jobs and new housing growth.

Valley outgrew Fremont in total valuation dollars, but it did so with new housing developments. Fremont, like Columbus and Gretna, has not used TIF for residential projects. Instead, Fremont and Omaha primarily use TIF to attract new business and industrial development.

Again, TIF is an economic development tool used to attract business and industry to our community. And, like the 140 cities in the state that use TIF, we use it to grow Fremont!

Work Progressing on Johnson Road

After taking the winter off, Luxa Construction, the contractor awarded the bid to pave Johnson Road from Jack Sutton Drive to Morningside Road, has started back to work again. The picture on the right is a look at a portion of the fill work that is underway. The picture also depicts how the new road curves slightly to the west, rather than what was a straight road to Morningside Road. The project is expected to be completed this summer.



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