

City of Fremont Update

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

City to Reopen Ronin Pool, Playgrounds, and Library in Phases

Following the State's new Health Directive, the City will slowly begin to reopen many of the City's facilities in phases through the month of June. After getting the okay from the Board of Health, here is an overall picture on the efforts to reopen City parks, Ronin Pool, Keene Memorial Library, and Christensen Field.

City Parks: Splash pads and playgrounds are currently open, but are not being sanitized. Non-contact team sports began practices this week and games can begin on June 18.

Ronin Pool: Set to open June 15, for swimming lessons and adult lap swimming. Check the City's webpage for online registrations. Open swimming is tentatively scheduled to begin July 1.

Keene Memorial Library: The computer area in the library is open for 1-hour sessions from 10 a.m. to Noon and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The circulation desk is scheduled to be open this week too.

Christensen Field: Bookings are being taken, however gatherings inside or outside the arenas are limited to 25% of rated capacity (not to exceed 3,000) as long as individual groups are less than 6 individuals and the 6-foot social distancing is maintained.

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
15,117 positive cases — 99,705 negative tests — 186 deaths

Dodge County **531 positive cases (Ninth highest in State) — 2,384 negative tests**

United States The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
1,842,101 cases — 107,029 deaths <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

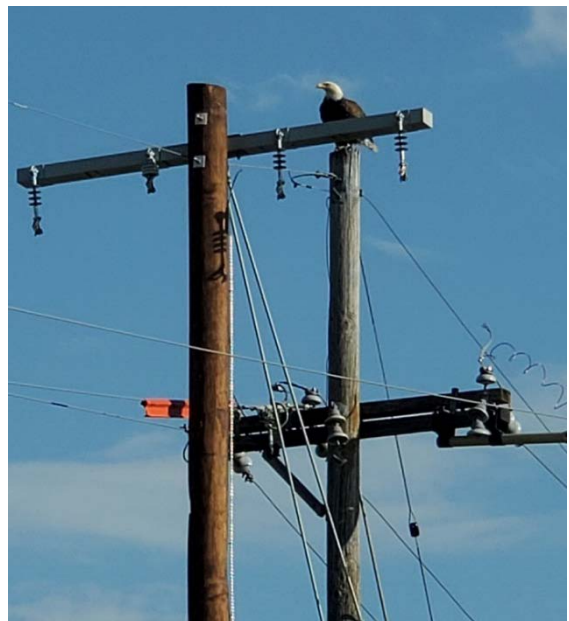
Globally World Health Organization Situation Report
6,416,828 cases — 382,867 deaths

Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Dashboard
6,663,729 cases — 391,656 deaths

Watchful Eye

In the picture on the right, a bald eagle is sitting atop an electric pole keeping a watchful eye on some of the electric work being done for the new SE Beltway. City crews have started the work of making ready the pathway for the new beltway, including removing the overhead lines and burying electrical lines in conduit at five different locations, and capping a 30-inch water line—all before the beltway is built. All costs related to this work will be reimbursed by the State Dept. of Transportation.

The State has awarded the contract for the SE Beltway to Graham Construction, who will start in the next couple of months.



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Next Stimulus Package May Include Aid for Local Governments

In an effort to provide aid for local governments, the House passed another stimulus bill (HEROES Act) that includes \$915 billion in aid for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, including funds to offset revenue shortfalls. While the Senate has not taken up the bill, there are efforts underway to grow republican support for the bill.

There is history in providing local government aid as in both 2003 and 2009, Congress recognized that it needed to assist states in order to offset budget shortfalls and stabilize the economy. In 2003, the states received \$20 billion. One-half was for Medicaid and the other half was in the form of flexible block grants. In 2009, under the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, states received \$154 billion in flexible funding. In both cases, the stimulus package reduced unemployment and helped stem an economic decline.

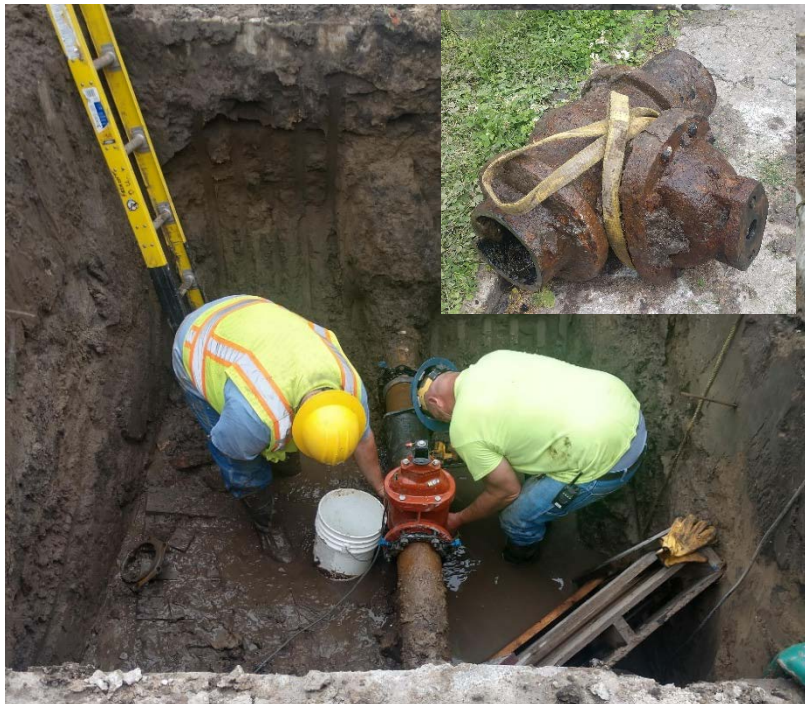
COVID-19 Expenses Eligible for FEMA and State Reimbursement

Certain qualified COVID-19 expenses are eligible for FEMA reimbursement under Category B – Emergency Protective Measures, which covers up to 75% of the expenses. Eligible expenses include personal protective equipment, sanitizing products, medical equipment, and temporary emergency staffing and overtime costs. Once the expenses are deemed eligible by FEMA, the City can also apply to the State for the payment of the remaining 25% local match. So far, the City has anticipated claims of \$50,000 through April 30, for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses.

Water Valve Replaced on Platte Street

In an effort to exercise all of our water valves on an annual basis (that way we know they will work when we need them), a six-inch valve on Platte Street failed to work (shown in the upper picture on the right), so it was replaced. John Dowty and Kevin Shallberg, shown in the bottom picture, are putting the finishing touches on the new replacement valve.

Unfortunately, several other valves failed in the area as well, so the City will be notifying customers of additional water outages in order to replace the bad valves.



News in Numbers

\$9 million – The amount that the GoFundMe account has raised in five days to support George Floyd's family in the wake of his death. Over 345,000 donors have contributed to the fund.

25% - The proportion of Americans who have little interest in getting a coronavirus vaccine, according to a Reuters Polls. Forty percent reported that the vaccine would be riskier than the disease itself.

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