

## City of Fremont Update

Date: June 12, 2020

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

### City Reopening Efforts Continue

City Parks: Splash pads and playgrounds are open, but are not sanitized, so use is at one's own risk. Games for non- and limited-contact team sports (swimming, baseball, softball, volleyball, flag, or touch football) are scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 18.

Ronin Pool: Starting Monday, June 15, (pending completion of leaking pipe) Ronin will be open for swimming lessons and adult lap swimming. Space is limited. Registrations must be done online at: <http://www.fremontne.gov/485/Online-Registrations>.

Keene Memorial Library: The computer area in the library is open for 1-hour sessions from 10:00 AM to Noon and 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. We hope to open the circulation desk next week as soon as repairs to a broken drainpipe is completed.

Christensen Field: Scheduling of events are underway; however, gatherings are limited to 25% of rated capacity (not to exceed 3,000) as long as 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](#)  
16,315 positive cases — 114,458 negative tests — 212 deaths

**Dodge County**      611 positive cases — 2,749 negative tests (ninth in state with positive cases)

**United States**      The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#):  
1,994,283 cases — 112,967 deaths <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

**Globally**      [World Health Organization Situation Report](#)  
7,273,958 cases — 413,372 deaths

[Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Dashboard](#)  
5,540,679 cases — 421,948 deaths (U.S. ranks first, followed by Brazil in cases)

### Police Officers Work with Protesters

As the nearly 200 protesters began their walk from the sidewalk in front of the Mall on 23rd Street to the Dodge County Courthouse, Sergeant Brady (pictured on right) helped lead the group while other officers stopped and directed traffic along the route. In addition to Sergeant Brady, Lieutenant Bottorff and Dodge County Officer Frank worked with the protesters to make sure the event was peaceful.



### U.S. Renewable Energy Consumption Surpasses Coal

In 2019, the annual electricity consumption from renewable energy sources in the U.S. exceeded consumption of electricity from coal for the first time in over 130 years. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), this continues the trend in decline in the amount of coal used for electricity production over the past decade and the growth in

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renewable energy, primarily from wind and solar. Compared with 2018, coal consumption in the U.S. decreased nearly 15% and total renewable energy consumption increased by 1%. This the fourth straight year renewable energy consumption has set all-time highs. It is also the first time in history that electricity produced by wind surpassed electricity produced by hydro-electric generators.

Approximately 90% of U.S. coal consumption is in the electric power sector, and the remaining 10% is used by the industrial sector. Renewable energy, however, is more broadly consumed in nearly every section (residential, commercial, and industrial) in the U.S. About 56% of the energy produced by renewable energy is used to electrify homes and businesses in the U.S.

### **Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing Underway**

City employees started flushing fire hydrants on June 7 and will continue flushing until Thursday, June 18. This year we started flushing hydrants east of Bell Street during the first week and will finish with hydrants west of Bell Street this weekend and into next week. Here is the flushing schedule slated for the weekend and next week:

- Sunday, June 14: South of 1st Street, west of Bell Street
- Monday, June 15: 1st Street to Military, west of Bell Street
- Tuesday, June 16: Military to 16th Street, west of Bell Street
- Wednesday, June 17: 16th Street to 23rd Street, west of Bell Street
- Thursday, June 18: 23rd Street to 32nd Street, west of Bell Street

### **Department of Natural Resources Conducts Community Assistance Contact Virtually**

Fremont's most recent Community Assistance Contact (CAC) assessment was conducted virtually on May 12 by Chuck Chase, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Manager. Chase asked how the March 2019 flood was handled, specifically how the City determined the extent of damage, how we documented the damage, and the process we used to complete substantial damage determinations. He complimented Don Simon, the City's Chief Building Inspector and Floodplain Manager, for his exceptional knowledge of floodplain rules and for his response of implementing a process for inspections and permitting.

The assessment is required to remain in good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In order for homeowners to be eligible to purchase flood insurance, Fremont must participate in NFIP. The City joined the National Flood Insurance Program on February 1, 1979. As of April 2020, homeowners had 860 flood insurance policies in force and there have been 531 paid losses. Other flood loss information includes: total cost of paid flood losses: \$7,432,247, and total flood insurance in force: \$148,918,000.

### **Old Walk Removed from Front of the Municipal Building**

City Street Department employees Travis Pelo and Joe Walkenhorst are shown removing an old walk from the front of the Municipal Building. The walk, once used to access the building, led people to believe they could enter the building from Military Avenue. Removing the walk will greatly reduce this confusion.



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