

City of Fremont Update

Date: July 2, 2020

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

Please have a Safe Fourth of July!

Also, please don't forget that fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight on July 4. And if you blow it up, please pick it up.



City Reopening Efforts Continue

City Parks: Splash pads and playgrounds are open, but are not sanitized, so use is at one's own risk.

Ronin Pool: Ronin opens today. Anyone wanting to swim must register online at: https://fremontrecreation.activityreq.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs. Admission is \$2 per day.

Keen Memorial Library: The library is now open to adults and teens Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Christensen Field: Indoor gatherings are limited to 50% and outdoor gatherings are limited to 75% of rated occupancy (but cannot exceed 10,000). Groups cannot be larger than 8 individuals and the 6-foot social distancing separation must be maintained.

COVID-19 statistics. Please note that each underlined title is a hyperlink to that organization's website. Dodge County dropped to seventh from fourth in the state with amount of positive cases this week. Three Rivers Public Health Department's COVID-19 Dashboard contains additional statistics:

<https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org/Coronavirus-Updates>

Nebraska [Department of Health and Human Services Dashboard](#)
19,310 positive cases — 163,352 negative tests — 276 deaths

Dodge County **687 positive cases — 3,643 negative tests (seventh in state with positive cases)**

United States The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#):
2,624,873 cases — 127,299 deaths <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>

Globally [World Health Organization Situation Report](#)
10,357,662 cases — 508,055 deaths

[Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
10,729,336 cases — 517,052 deaths (U.S. ranks first, followed by Brazil in cases)

Virtual Preconstruction Public Meeting – SE Beltway

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has announced that a preconstruction meeting for the SE Beltway, south of Fremont, will be held virtually from Thursday, July 2, 2020 through Saturday, August 1, 2020. The link to the virtual preconstruction meeting can be found on the NDOT website (<https://dot.nebraska.gov>) under Projects in Planning and/or Design, and Fremont SE Beltway. The information will provide the public with an overview of the schedule, phasing of the project, and upcoming road closures.

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

Board of Realtors Donate to Fire Department

Members of the Board of Realtors are shown in the picture on the right giving Fire Chief Todd Bernt a check for \$500 to assist in purchasing smoke detectors. Each year, under the “change your clock, change your battery” program, the Fire Department will test, replace and/or install smoke detectors for elderly and disabled residents in Fremont. Between 100 and 125 residents will have us check their smoke detector each year.



Estimated Municipal Equalization Aid to Increase

The Nebraska Department of Revenue released the projected eligible aid to municipalities for the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year. As shown in the table below, Fremont’s share of state aid is projected to increase a little more than \$62,000. The table shows the top ten cities receiving state aid.

The Nebraska Municipal Equalization Fund was created in 1996 with the passage of LB1177. The fund provides state aid to equalize property taxes of incorporated cities. The equalization formula is based upon average property tax levied (less levies committed to principle and interest payments) and the current population.

City Name	Final Eligible Aid FY 2019-20 = \$27,006,831.08	Eligible Aid FY 2020-21 = \$30,929,428.84
Bellevue	\$ 1,429,223.74	\$ 3,101,017.92
Hastings	\$ 1,171,768.12	\$ 1,313,695.18
Lexington	\$ 1,118,606.34	\$ 1,201,802.50
Grand Island	\$ 825,262.21	\$ 1,201,090.21
Fremont	\$ 815,643.25	\$ 877,958.85
Schuyler	\$ 449,895.31	\$ 846,263.14
South Sioux City	\$ 763,245.53	\$ 835,249.68
Beatrice	\$ 684,810.45	\$ 750,031.43
Crete	\$ 657,733.70	\$ 741,153.57
Wayne	\$ 519,372.99	\$ 577,108.12

Fremont’s aid over the past few years has been \$930,960.99 in 2018-2019, \$894,576.91 in 2017-2018, and \$847,115.79 in 2016-2017.

Preliminary 2020 Census Response Rate

So far, the national response rate to the 2020 Census stands at 61.8%. The current level of responses from Nebraska is 67.9%, which is higher than the national response, but still lower than the level of 71.1% for the 2010 census. Responses from Fremont residents is currently at a level of 68.9%. Again, this rate is higher than the state response rate, but still less than the response rate of 75.3% rate achieved for the 2010 census.

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