

City of Fremont Update

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

Ronin Pool Opens

Attendance at Ronin Pool has been steady as kids and parents adjust to the City's new registration requirements. So far, the attendance on the first day, July 2, has been the most at 232, although Monday, July 6, was close at 229 swimmers.



Anyone wanting to reserve a time slot in

advance should go to the City's website to register. <http://www.fremontne.gov/282/Aquatics>

COVID-19 statistics. Please note that each underlined title is a hyperlink to that organization's website. Three Rivers Public Health Department's COVID-19 Dashboard contains additional statistics: <https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org/Coronavirus-Updates>

Department of Health and Human Services Dashboard

Nebraska 20,623 positive cases — 180,391 negative tests — 284 deaths

Dodge County 706 positive cases — 3,955 negative tests (7th highest with positive cases)

United States The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19): 3,047,671 cases — 132,056 deaths <https://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.

Globally [World Health Organization Situation Report](#)
11,874,226 cases — 545,481 deaths

[Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
12,292,678 cases — 555,493 deaths (U.S. ranks first, followed by Brazil in cases)

Nebraska Legislature Set to Resume Session July 20

Nebraska Unicameral Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk announced in May that he will call senators back into session on July 20, 2020. Scheer said the July date was based upon the belief that Nebraska will have reached the peak of COVID-19 cases by then and will not have experienced a resurgence in cases. Under the new calendar, the session will end on August 13.

Cities & Villages to Get COVID-19 Help from FEMA Public Assistance Program

The Governor has directed the FEMA Public Assistance Program as the primary source for state and local entities to recoup costs associated with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is part of the Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Funds received by the State.

For Counties, Cities and Villages, and Public Utilities, the funds can be used to meet the 25% cost share requirement for FEMA Public Assistance projects. For expenses not deemed eligible for FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement, the State, through its contract

with Deloitte, will establish a process to determine eligibility for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund reimbursement.

Northbound Traffic on Johnson Road Temporarily Closed

The City Water/Sewer Department is starting on a rehabilitation project on the lift station at the corner of 16th Street & Johnson Road this week. To facilitate the work, northbound traffic on Johnson Road from Military Ave to 16th Street will be temporarily closed.



The traffic disruption is expected to last through Friday, July 17.

The rehabilitation project will involve installing a new control panel and spraying on coating on the inside of the lift station. While the lift station is being worked on, sewage will be pumped through a bypass pipe, which will be placed in the northbound lane of Johnson Road on the east side of the roundabout (shown in the picture above).

New City Revenue Projections

According to a report presented at last week’s City Council meeting, the City is no longer projecting a shortfall in receipts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, Jody Sanders, the City’s Finance Director, is projecting a slight increase in the overall revenue. Sanders reviewed the report shown below that shows the original estimated deficit of nearly \$1 million and an updated estimate of the revenues expected. As shown, we now project a surplus of \$222,000 by the end of September when the City’s fiscal year ends.

Despite the hardship that COVID-19 is having on federal, state, and many local economies, Fremont’s economy is proving to be quite resilient to the virus.

City Key Revenue Estimates (Does not include Utility Receipts)				
Revenue Sources	Original Estimate	Original Estimated Reduction in Receipts	Updated Estimate	Updated Estimated Reduction in Receipts
Occupational taxes	(\$90,000)	(20%)	(\$43,000)	(10%)
Tipping fees	(\$150,000)	(75%)	\$70,000	0%
Sale tax	(\$270,000)	(5%)	\$455,000	12%
Gas tax	(\$160,000)	(10%)	\$0	0%
Keno proceeds	(\$270,000)	(90%)	(\$260,000)	(45%)
Year-end Estimate	<u>(\$940,000)</u>		<u>\$222,000</u>	

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