

City of Fremont Update

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

Kids/Adults Enjoy Big Trucks Event

The Library had another successful Big Trucks in the Parking Lot event this year thanks to City employees who showed off their trucks and equipment to those in attendance. The pictures on the right are but a few of the happy faces that we saw on employees, kids, and adults at the event. As always, the police cruiser and fire truck were the most popular trucks.



City employees: (top to bottom) Police Lieutenant Ed Watts and Firefighter Captain Jamie Meyer

City Received Three Grants for LifeHouse

The City was notified that all three of the grant applications that were submitted by the City on behalf of LifeHouse were approved. Each grant is for \$450,000 for each project. Here is an overview of the three projects:

Remodel of Emergency Homeless Shelter

LifeHouse saw a greater demand for emergency shelter services, but due to the pandemic had to decrease the number of people served at the shelter in order to meet social distancing requirements. This remodel will provide for greater capacity.

Remodel of the Food Pantry

LifeHouse saw an increase in needs at the pantry, but did not have storage space for enough food to meet the demand. The remodel will greatly improve their efficiencies, capacity, and ability to serve.

Food Security Program

LifeHouse received free food supplies from two area food banks, but it has ended. This grant will provide the necessary funds to procure food, plus purchase food for the school's weekend food program as well as food for the "take-home boxes" provided by the hospital.

The funding source for the three grants is from the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Relief (CDBG-CV) fund. These grants require the City to be the applicant on behalf of LifeHouse.

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US Census Redistricting Data

The U.S. Census Bureau has provided an update on when the census data for the upcoming redistricting will be released. Under the law, each voting district (federal, state, and local) must be redrawn every 10 years once the Census Bureau releases new population figures for all 50 states. Generally, the standard is that all districts, precincts, and wards be nearly equal in population.

The Census Bureau said the “legacy” data (the data that has been used for redistricting for decades) will be released by August 16. These data will include the population by county, city, and census block, which is NOT what the City and County will need to true up the precincts and wards. Unfortunately, the data we will need from the Census Bureau will not be available until September 30. This later release of data will be posted on the Census Bureau’s website under data.census.gov.

Work Begins to Reopen Hormel Park

As shown in the photo on the right, Hormel Park, located just west of Broad Street on Ridgeland Avenue, suffered extensive damage this winter during the monthlong ice jam. Many of the trails in the park were undermined by floodwaters, covered by mountains of sand, and buried in piles of tree debris. The park has been closed to the public since the damage occurred in January and February. Recently, the Parks Department has begun the task of getting the park reopened to the public and hope to have it open by the end of the month.



City Sends Tree Crew to Help OPPD

After sending City utility crews to Omaha last weekend to help OPPD restore power to thousands of customers, this week OPPD asked for tree crews. The picture on the right is the City tree crew led by Matt Styskal using a City backyard machine to clear branches from OPPD utility lines. Like Fremont, Omaha has a lot of mature trees in many parts of the City that are susceptible to damage from high winds. Unfortunately, most of these trees are located in backyards and only accessible by a portable backyard bucket lift like what is shown in the picture. That is why OPPD requested assistance from the City—we have two backyard bucket lifts.

Javier Fernandez, OPPD’s CEO, recently reported that all of OPPD’s customers had power restored in 6½ days, which is excellent considering they had nearly 200,000 customers without power after the storm. He thanked Fremont and all of the utilities that furnished more than 600 lineworkers to help OPPD restore power.



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