

City of Fremont Update

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

Community Survey – Fire Department Master Plan

The consultant the City hired to complete a master plan for the fire department (Matrix Consulting Group) is conducting an online community survey. I encourage everyone to please take the survey to help us plan the future for the fire department. Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FremontFD>

Chamber Coffee Held at Library

The picture on the right shows the nice crowd that attended the Fremont Area Chamber's Coffee at the Keene Memorial Library. Shown on the winding staircase are Mayor Spellerberg and Library Director, Laura England-Biggs welcoming the attendees and highlighting some of the things planned in the upcoming addition and remodel of the Library. Pictures of the proposed addition were displayed throughout the room for everyone to see.



Fundraising efforts to augment the \$2 million bond that was approved by City voters in 2018 is moving along with several millions of dollars being pledged by private donors. Numerous applications for grant funds have been submitted to various foundations and the City is hopeful that we will receive several million more in grants.

New Fire Engine being Built

Fire Chief Todd Bernt and firefighters Alan Atkinson and Rich Osterlow, recently drove to Wyoming, Minnesota to Rosenbauer's facility to inspect what will be the chassis for the City's new fire engine. The picture on the right shows the chassis, which is custom-built by Rosenbauer for fire engines.



The City budgeted \$570,000 for the new fire engine. The chassis alone is nearly one-half of the total cost of the fire engine. Chief Bernt said the next steps will be mounting the body, water tank, and pumping equipment on the chassis before he and several firefighters will make another trip to Minnesota to inspect the fire engine before it is delivered to Fremont. He said Rosenbauer hopes to deliver the fire engine sometime in late October or early November.

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Thieves Stealing Water in Drought Stricken California

Water thievery across California has hit record levels. Bandits in water trucks are backing up to rivers and lakes and pumping free water they sell on a burgeoning black market. Others, under cover of darkness, plug into city hydrants and fill up. Thieves also steal water from homes, farms and private wells, and some even created an elaborate system of dams, reservoirs and pipelines during the last drought. Law enforcement officials across the state are employing satellite imagery and drones in high-tech stakeouts to track water diversions. But the thieves are brazen, no longer confining themselves to nighttime water raids. Los Angeles County supervisors have allocated more than \$250,000 for enhanced sheriff's patrols, hunting for water trucks.

City Lagoons Swelling with Methane Gas

The hot temperatures are creating a lot of hot air, especially in the City lagoons at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The picture on the right displays the bulging covers on two of the three anaerobic lagoons at the plant. Keith Kontor, the City's WWTP



Manager, said the hot temperatures exacerbate the decomposition process that naturally occurs in the lagoons. As temperatures rise, the anaerobic bacteria work faster to breakdown the industrial waste, which in turn creates methane gas. Currently the methane gas is being flared (burnt off) until a soon to be scrubbing system is brought online. Kontor said the scrubber is going through the commissioning process and should be up and running next month.

Progress Across the City

The pictures on the right are photos of two exciting construction projects currently underway in the City. The top picture is the demolition of the old processing building at Wholestone Farms. The building is being razed to make way for the new multimillion processing building to accommodate a second shift. The bottom photo is the 505 Building on the corner of Main and 5th Street. This historic building is being completely revitalized for apartments on the upper four floors. 5th Street between Main and the alley is closed, so the contractor (Lund Ross) has room for equipment.



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