

## City of Fremont Update

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

### September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and held annually in September, is a good reminder that natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time. It is important to have a planned response when you are at work, on vacation, at home, or on the road. In 2017, 59,985 weather-related events resulted in nearly 600 deaths and more than 4,000 injuries. Flash floods, tropical storms, and heat waves resulted in the most deaths.



The National Safety Council recommends the following general precautions that apply to many disaster situations:

- Download a FEMA app (<https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/app>) for resources, weather alerts and safety tips
- Make sure to have a family communication plan in place; all members of the family should review and practice the plan
- Have all family members' and other important phone numbers written down or memorized
- Have an emergency kit in your car and at least three days of food and water at home
- Be sure to store all important documents – birth certificates, insurance policies, etc. – in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box
- Assign one family member the responsibility of learning first aid and CPR
- Know how to shut off utilities

### Storm Sewer Line Installed

The picture on the right is Youg Construction installing a short stretch of storm sewer line on the north side of Morningside Road, just east of Luther Road. The 24-inch pipe will collect storm water from the area around Morningside & Luther Road intersection and flow the water east. The two small (18") pipes, shown in bottom left corner of the picture, were placed under Morningside Road several weeks ago. These pipes drain water from the south side of the road to the north side, where water will flow east in an open drainage ditch.



## Weekly Informational Series on Joint Law Enforcement Center Starting this Week

For the next 8 weeks, I will be attaching a weekly publication with information about the proposed Joint Law Enforcement Center. This week we begin the series with history about the Dodge County Sheriff and Fremont Police Departments.

Please note that so far two public meetings are scheduled for 6:30-7:30 p.m. on September 22 and October 22. The meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be in the Christensen Field Meeting Room, 1710 West 16th Street and the October meeting will be in the City Auditorium Community Room, 925 N Broad Street.

In addition, representatives from Sheriff and Police Departments will be at Hy-Vee on Tuesdays, Walmart on Wednesdays, and Bakers on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week during September and October to pass out information and answer questions about the proposed law enforcement center.

### Second Pulverizer Breaks Shaft

John Gibney and Scott Coufal are shown in the picture on the right disassembling Pulverizer "B" on Unit #8 at the Lon D Wright (LDW) Power Plant. The pulverizer failed on August 2, and like Pulverizer "A," that broke its shaft earlier this year, a broken shaft is again the cause.

The manufacturer, Babcock and Wilcox, claim abnormal wear on the upper and lower grinding rings stressed the shaft enough to cause it to break. Normally, a pulverizer can grind around 300,000-tons of coal before the grinding rings need replaced. This pulverizer broke after grinding only 100,000-tons.

The last time Pulverizer "B" was refurbished in 2019, it took 1,427 hours of labor and cost \$278,681 for parts and labor. This number does not include the additional costs of running Units #6 & #7, and power purchases.

Unit #8 has three pulverizers, which all must be running to achieve maximum output from the plant. That meant Units #6 and #7 were run a little harder this summer to make up for the reduction in output from Unit #8.

Also, this is the first time that LDW staff have completed a pulverizer shaft replacement without hiring a contractor to assist us. Hats off to the LDW staff!

**News in Numbers:** 34 - The number of states that allow election officials to begin processing absentee ballots before Election Day, in hopes of speeding up the determination of a winner as millions more Americans are predicted to vote by mail this year. Nebraska is a "no-excuse" state, so voters can receive and use an absentee ballot without giving a reason. Nebraskans can vote early in person at their county local elections office starting October 4.



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