

## City of Fremont Update

Date: October 2, 2020

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

### NENEDD Releases Annual Report

In the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District's (NENEDD) annual report, the City and several local businesses were reported as receiving seven grant and loan awards. Here are the seven grants and loans awarded during 2019-2020:



- Community Development Block Grant – Planning (Levee System Evaluation) - \$60,000
- Community Development Block Grant – Emergent Threat (Flood Control) - \$485,000
- Northeast Economic Development Regional Business Revolving Loan Fund – S2 Rolloffs - \$202,250
- Northeast NE Economic Development District Regional Housing Loan Fund – Gesell Enterprises - \$200,000
- Northeast Economic Development Regional Housing Revolving Loan Fund – Owner-occupied Rehabilitation - \$24,963
- Northeast Economic Development Regional Housing Revolving Loan Fund – Del Peterson & Associates - \$200,000
- Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity Owner-occupied Rehabilitation - \$500,000

Fremont had seven grants and loans awarded, totaling \$1,762,213; Norfolk received six awards totaling \$1,467,500; Wayne received four awards totaling \$842,000; and Columbus received four awards totaling \$291,490.

### Free Internet for Eligible Households

Charter Communications reminds residents that they continue to offer free Internet for 60 days to eligible households. The program will provide internet to K-12<sup>th</sup> graders, college students and/or educators who need access during the pandemic. Charter also offers free internet service to eligible low-income households and seniors too.

### KnowBe4 Training Reminder

Anyone tied to the City's network or using a City email address is reminded to complete the KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training as soon as possible or their account may be discontinued or their access denied. The City subscribes to KnowBe4 to teach employees and users how to recognize suspicious activities, including phishing and ransomware attacks.



### Busy Hurricane Season

True to form, the National Hurricane Center's forecast for a busy storm season has come true with a record-breaking storm season that has—to date—seen nine total storm landfalls. Last week saw another hurricane impact, this time primarily impacting Alabama and a small portion of the Florida panhandle. The public power Mutual Aid Working Group has responded by requesting crews be sent to the hardest hit in Florida and Alabama.

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## October 4-10 is Public Power Week!

Each year we celebrate Public Power Week, a national event to showcase public power, by highlighting some of its advantages. Fremont is one of 2,000 cities across the U.S. that own, operate, and serve the community with electric power. Fremont, like these other cities, provides reliable electric power at the lowest cost and with all of the proper protections for our environment.



Nationwide, customers served by public power utilities pay rates ten percent lower, on average, than those served by investor-owned utilities. They also experience fewer outages and when there is an outage, the outages are shorter.

## Temporary Scaffolding Setup in LDW Unit #8

Unit #8 at the Lon D. Wright Power Plant was taken offline last week for its scheduled annual outage for inspection and maintenance. The picture on the right is the temporary scaffolding that has been erected inside the Lon D. Wright Unit #8 boiler to conduct the boiler life study. The life study is conducted at a 10-year interval to determine the useful life of the boiler tubes and internal components. The Unit #8 boiler is approximately six stories in height and the inside of the fire box is square, approximately 20 by 20 feet. The walls of the boiler are covered with pipes (tubes), which circulate water that absorbs the heat generated from burning coal or natural gas and converts it to steam. The round openings in the lower part of the picture are 6 of the 9 coal / natural gas burners on the front wall of the boiler that combust the pulverized coal that is blown into the boiler.



The unit will be brought back online after maintenance is complete later this year.

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