

City of Fremont Update

Date: November 13, 2020

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

Honoring our Veterans!

We pay tribute to the men and women who took the oath swearing their allegiance to support and defend the Constitution against enemies both foreign and domestic. Here are the City employees that we honor for their service:

Scott Anderson – Water
 Steve Behring – Police
 Nick Brand – IT
 Ed Brohimer - Power Plant
 Steve Carnahan – Gas
 Don Chromy – Street
 Kodi Classen – Police
 Jim Dockerty – Police
 Tyler Hancock – Police
 Jeff Heldt - Power Plant
 Adam Justice – Power Plant
 Dan Menard – Electric
 Dan Nemecek – Power Plant
 Thomas Stamper – Stores
 Royce Walter – Inspector
 Shane Wimer – Police



Jim Butts – Police
 John Chromy-Wastewater
 Triston Clary - Street
 Doug Depue - Stores
 John Dowty – Water
 Brad Hansen – Police
 Shawn Jacobs – Customer Service
 Rick Leriger – Electric
 Joe Murphy – Electric
 Tim Petersen - Power Plant
 Zach Swahn – Street
 Brett Wilbur – Power Plant

Ice Storm Hits Fremont

Fremont residents woke up Tuesday morning to rain and most of it was coating everything above the ground with ice, including power lines and trees. By the time the rain ended, later in the day, everything was coated with up to one-half inches of ice. Heavy-laden trees and branches began falling across power lines, homes, driveways, and streets all across town. At one point in time, nearly 2,000 customers were without power because of the ice.



The picture on the right, is one of the two line crews from Grand Island that were called in to help restore power. The crews spent a long day on Wednesday helping City crews restore power to many customers. (The City is part of a mutual aid agreement that gives us access

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to get help with crews and material from other utilities across the state. Per that agreement, the utility providing the help is able to be reimbursed for all of their costs—transportation, material, and labor—involved with providing the aid.)

The picture on the right is exactly what it looks like—a large tree broke across the top of an electric pole. Although it knocked out the power, when the tree fell on the pole, it didn't break the pole or the wire. Very lucky!

Thanks to all the hard work by our line crews, power was restored to nearly all customers by later Wednesday afternoon. The remaining customers were without power, approximately 50, because they were waiting for an electrician to fix their service before our crews could turn the power on.

A BIG thank you to our utility crews and customer service employees for working the long hours to answer calls and restore power. I got many calls from customers thanking you for your dedication and hard work. So, on behalf of our customers, thank you! Not only were you quick to get the power back on, but you did it safely too.



Phone Scams on the Rise

Phone scams come in many forms, but they tend to make similar promises and threats, or ask you to pay certain ways. Here is how to recognize a phone scam,

- 1) If you are “selected” for a prize, but you have to pay to get the prize.
- 2) If you are threatened to be arrested, fined, or deported if you don't pay.
- 3) If you are pressured into making a quick decision.
- 4) If you are asked to wire cash, send a gift card or prepaid card, or transfer money.
- 5) If you are asked for your social security number or credit card number, even if they say they are from the government or IRS.

Scams can be reported to the Federal Communications Commission, online (<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>) or at **888-225-5322**. The FCC also provides consumer guides to numerous phone scams and improper practices. Also, visit the Do Not Call Registry website (www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0108-national-do-not-call-registry) or call 888-382-1222 to register your number or report illegal robocalls.

Protect yourself from scams

#StopScams #PublicPower

If someone calls threatening to cut off your power if you don't pay, hang up. This is a scam.



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Governor Announces Changes to Directed Health Measures, Effective Nov. 11

In an effort to curb the rising number of COVID-19 cases across the state, Governor Ricketts announced on Monday some changes to the statewide Directed Health Measures. Here are some of those changes that took effect on Wednesday:

- Six (6) Feet Separation Rule and Masking
 - Six (6) feet of separation between parties is required in all instances; includes, gyms/fitness centers, health spas, restaurants, bars, gentlemen and bottle clubs, weddings, funerals, indoor gatherings, and churches.
 - For churches, weddings, and funerals, parties are considered household members only.
 - Masks are required for staff and patrons at salons, barbershops, massage therapy, bowling alleys, pool halls, body art establishments, and any other indoor businesses where staff and patrons are within six (6) feet of each other for 15 minutes or more.
 - Bar patrons who are participating in games such as pool, darts, shuffleboard, etc. are required to wear a mask when not drinking or eating.
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Fan attendance for all indoor youth extracurricular activities is limited to household members of participants only.
 - Extracurricular activities include both school and club sponsored events.
 - Six (6) feet of separation required between household units.
- Bars & Restaurants
 - Restaurants, Bars, Bottle Clubs, and Gentlemen's Clubs remain open for dine-in.
 - Patrons will be required to be seated while on premise unless they are placing an order, using the restroom, or playing games.
 - 100% of rated occupancy, but six (6) feet of separation required between tables.
 - Bar seating is permitted but six (6) feet of separation must be maintained between parties.
 - Maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables).
 - Self-serve buffets and salad bars are permitted.
- Churches & Places of Worship
 - No limit on occupancy but must maintain six (6) feet of separation between household units.
- Gatherings
 - INDOOR Gatherings will be limited to 25% of rated occupancy (not to exceed 10,000).
 - OUTDOOR Gatherings remains at 100% of rated occupancy.
 - Gatherings include but are not limited to Indoor or Outdoor Arenas, Indoor or Outdoor Auctions, Stadiums, Tracks, Fairgrounds, Festivals, Zoos, Auditoriums, Large Event Conference Rooms, Meeting Halls, Indoor Theaters, Libraries, Swimming Pools, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.
 - Groups shall be no larger than eight (8) individuals.
 - Six (6) feet separation between groups required.
 - Carnivals and dances held indoors are prohibited.

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- Dancing at wedding receptions is permissible if individuals remain at their tables/seats and keep social distancing between groups.
- Dance recitals are permitted but must follow the Gathering requirements.
- Plans for reopening or expanding to new capacity limits must be submitted to the local health departments and approved for all indoor and outdoor locations/venues that hold 500 or more individuals (1,000 or more in counties over 500,000 population) before reopening is permitted. The reopening plan must contain planned number of guests, how the location will meet social distancing guidelines, and sanitation guidelines.
- Gyms, Fitness Centers/Clubs, Health Clubs, & Health Spas
 - Six (6) feet of separation between customers is required.
- Salons, Barber Shops, Massage Therapy Services, & Tattoo Parlors/Body Art Facilities
 - Six (6) feet of separation between customers is required.
 - Both workers and patrons are required to wear masks at all times.
 - An exception will be made for all services performed on faces. Patrons will be permitted to remove their mask while receiving services directly. The mask must be worn by the patron at all other times while on the premise.
- Wedding & Funeral Reception Venues
 - Maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables).
 - Dancing at events is permissible if individuals remain at their tables/seats and keep social distancing between groups.

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