



NEWSLETTER

November 8, 2024

Here We Grow



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Monday, November 11 was Veterans Day, and we want to honor and thank our staff members who have served in the United States military, and those who continue to serve. We are grateful to all veterans for their dedication and sacrifice in protecting our nation.

The City of Fremont participated in Operation Green Light, a nationwide initiative to show visible support for veterans by lighting buildings green from November 4–11, 2024. We joined by lighting our Municipal Building in green!



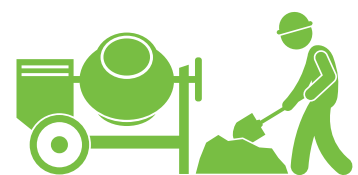
STREETS DEPARTMENT

The Street Department has been tackling various essential maintenance and improvement tasks to keep Fremont running smoothly and ready for the changing seasons. Here's a look at what they've been up to:

- Ditch Maintenance & Beaver Dam Removal: Our crews have been removing beaver dams from ditches and carrying out ditch maintenance to ensure proper drainage and prevent flooding issues.
- Street Sweeping
- Concrete Work on Main Street: After a water main break on Main Street, the team has poured nearly 100 yards of concrete to restore the affected area.
- Winter Prep - Snow Equipment Maintenance.
- Cleaning Basins & Inlets

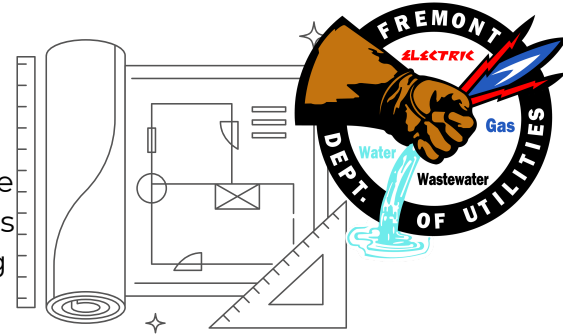


Keeping Fremont Streets Clean and Safe!



FLEET MAINTENANCE

Fleet Maintenance, Utility, and City Staff recently attended a pre-construction meeting for the new Streets-Parks-Fleet Maintenance Building. The contractor plans to begin groundwork on the site this month. Also the Contractor and JEO are meeting with the building vendor for final production drawings.



HR



HR Staff recently completed NDOT-required training on drug and alcohol reasonable suspicion for the Transit program. They have also submitted additional information to the NDOT as part of the recent Transit program audit.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Our GIS Coordinator, Noah Berkowitz, recently developed an interactive map showcasing Fremont's precincts, along with valuable information about our mayor, council members, and polling locations. Released on October 30, just in time for Election Day, the map has already been accessed over 1,600 times!

LON D. WRIGHT POWER PLANT

Units Schedule and Status:

- U6 & U7: Currently online.
- 50T (Combustion Gas Turbine): is Available
- U8 is offline.



Our Staff is currently focused on U8 outage inspections and calibrations, with a planned start-up on November 15, 2024.



Coal shipments for the year have wrapped up, with 334,081 tons unloaded from March to November. The winter natural gas season began on November 1 and runs through March 31, with staff actively monitoring and coordinating daily and long-range gas schedules with suppliers.

FINANCE

The Finance team is in full swing preparing for the annual audit, uploading essential documents for the auditors. In addition, they are working on the Medicare Ambulance reporting due in November and responding to multiple public records requests.



STRENGTHENING EMS IN FREMONT: KEY STEPS TO MEET NEW MEDICARE DATA COLLECTION STANDARDS

The Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System (GADCS) is a new initiative designed to collect data on ground ambulance services across the U.S. to improve healthcare delivery, reimbursement policies, and service efficiency. The City of Fremont is taking proactive steps to ensure its Fire Department is fully compliant with this program. In addition to the fire department's efforts, the city's Finance Department is gathering the necessary data and compiling detailed reports. To further ensure compliance and accuracy, Fremont has contracted with the Public Consulting Group (PCG), a consulting firm with expertise in healthcare data systems. PCG is assisting the city in making sure all collected data is properly entered into the system and that reporting requirements are met. This collaborative approach reflects Fremont's commitment to providing high-quality, efficient emergency medical services while also improving transparency and reimbursement processes.

FREMONT CREATIVE DISTRICT

The Fremont Creative District submitted a Development Grant application to the Nebraska Arts Council last week. If funded, Fremont will become a Member Community of the Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska program and the grant will support a two-year art walk program in the Fremont Creative District. Funding will also support a comprehensive, professional marketing campaign to promote the sculpture walk and Fremont Creative District. Applications will be scored beginning in January 2025 and grants will be awarded in March 2025.



KEENE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The KML was just that their PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive Grant application was accepted by the committee! Keene Memorial Library was awarded this grant, which is provided by the Public Library Association in partnership with AT&T to support libraries in offering technology courses to patrons. They'll be receiving \$5,000 to use towards presenting digital literacy workshops in English and Spanish, along with providing attendees with small incentives like flash drives to save their projects on. In the acceptance letter, the committee noted, "This was a very competitive process. The selection committee was extremely impressed by your proposal and felt it exceeded all criteria. You should be very proud of this accomplishment!"

Leading this project is Library Technology Specialist Dan Moenning, with Library Director Laura England-Biggs providing administrative support. Executive Assistant/Grant Coordinator Angie Olson also provided valuable insights, helping us polish the final proposal.



KML has been invaded by the Dinosaurs again for Dinovember! As you can see, they used teamwork to get back into the newly renovated library. Check out the Keene Memorial Library Facebook Page for their ongoing adventures

FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$120,000 THROUGH THE MUTUAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE ACT

The Fremont Fire Department has received \$120,000 in funding through Nebraska's Mutual Finance Assistance Act. This program is dedicated to strengthening fire departments, and Fremont's participation enables us to better support Rural Fire Departments throughout Dodge County. The funding is available because of the collaboration with the Mutual Finance Organization (MFO), which consists of members from rural and urban fire districts in Dodge County. These districts work under a unified tax rate to provide fire services across their communities. Managed by the State Treasurer's Office which encourages all eligible rural and suburban fire districts to apply, ensures that Nebraska's more rural areas receive critical support for their fire protection and emergency services.



FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEW HEAVY RESCUE TRUCK HAS ARRIVED!

After just over two years of anticipation, the Fremont Fire Department has received its brand-new Heavy Rescue Truck! This impressive addition will be on display for the public and City Council members at the upcoming City Council meeting. If you'd like a closer look, join us outside the library at 6:45 PM, where Chief Bernt will be showing the truck!

