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The Great Life News

MONTHLY CITY NEWSLETTER

9/11

Commemoration

The Gretna Fire and EMS Department volunteers participated in the 9/11 commemoration events in Sarpy County.

We thank these volunteers for their service!



ELECTION

The elections are coming up on November 8th. There will be national, state and local elections on the ballot plus a few special ballot questions. If you plan to vote, we suggest you go to Sarpy County's Election Commissioner's site at www.sarpy.com/election/. This site offers a wealth of information including where you vote. They can also map it for you.

Don't forget to Register to Vote!

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

The new Fiscal Year for the City of Gretna begins October 1, 2016. Through the past several months, the Mayor, City Council and staff have been developing the budget which will guide us through September 30, 2017. The City is holding our property tax rate to approximately .46 per \$100 of assessed value. We have held to this rate for at least the past nine years. The City has several initiatives taking place for next fiscal year. The following are a few.

- The reconstruction on 216th Street plus a trail from Angus to Gruenther.
- Investigation of two new water wells.
- Ash tree removal as necessary.
- Begin construction of a new public works building.
- Begin construction of the South Sewer Project.
- Complete the Community Center/Library Study.
- Update the municipal software package.
- Fire truck purchase.

GRETNA SOUTH SEWER PROJECT

For several years, there has been a desire in the community to extend sewer service to the south including the south side of Interstate 80. Development in Sarpy County has followed sewer extensions and with a major asset, which in the interchange of Highway 31 and I-80, it is believed that it's the right time to make the investment. This investment will be supported through the connection fees within the new sewer area. Many of the property owners in the area have been contacted and are very supportive of the sewer extension. The City has received a few contacts concerning potential developments in the area now that a sewer system will start being constructed this winter.

CURB CUT / GRINDING

Permits are required for cutting or grinding of any curb within the City of Gretna for a driveway, addition to a driveway or for a sidewalk.

The permit application requires the exact location that the cutting/grinding is requested and marked so that the Street Superintendent can approve the permit.

All cuttings will be done with a "saw cut" unless the applicant receives written permission to use a different method.

All work will be done under the supervision of the Street Superintendent.

If the work is not completed in a timely manner the City Council, at its discretion, can order the Street Superintendent to do the work of cutting and closing the paving and charge the costs to the party who obtained the permit.

The applicant is to maintain and keep in repair the place where the pavement, curb, or sidewalk is cut to the satisfaction of the City for a period of one year after the completion of the work.

RESIDENTIAL FENCES

A fence: Is an enclosure or barrier, used as a boundary, means of protection, privacy screen or confinement. A fence includes retaining walls over four feet in height.

The finished surface of any fence must face toward adjacent properties and street frontages, except for shadow fences or any fence finished on both sides.

All fences must be located inside the boundaries of the property and must be constructed of wood, chain-link, PVC/resin, stone, or masonry materials only and must be maintained in good repair.

Building permits for fences are required for the Zoning Districts of R-1, R-2, R-3, RE and RE-A

Any fence taller than 48 inches cannot extend past the front of the house.

Fences in the front yard must contain openings constituting no less than 50 % of the surface area and must be situated or constructed in such a way as not to obstruct the vehicular traffic or otherwise create a traffic safety hazard (example: chain-link).



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FENCE HEIGHTS:

Front Yard Maximum	48"	Fence placed on lot line, 50% open
Rear Yard Maximum	6 ft.	Fence placed on lot line, any type of acceptable fence
Side Yard Maximum	6 ft.	Fence placed on lot line, any type of acceptable fence
Street Side Yard Maximum	6 ft.	Fence set back 15 ft. from side yard lot line
Street Side Yard Maximum	4 ft.	Fence placed on lot line 30 ft. back from intersecting curb

IT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF LOT LINES AND COVE-NANT RESTRICTIONS OVER AND ABOVE THE CITY ZONING REGULATIONS.

Any questions or additional information needed for a permit call 402-332-3336

BEFORE YOU DIG: CALL DIGGERS HOTLINE 1-800-331-5566 OR 811 TO LOCATE BURIED UTILITY LINES.