

Mayors Quarterly Update

Feb 2022

I hope you and your family's 2022 is off to a great start! I am looking forward to winter winding down. The sun is popping up a bit earlier, sticking around a little later and the temperatures are on the rise.

I suspect winter has some surprises for us, but Spring is around the corner.

As we head into 2022, Gretna has much to look forward to. Whether it's visiting one of the many new businesses, seeing our new park come to life or enjoying our traditional celebrations I am excited in what this year has in store.

It's been a very busy winter at City Hall. With all the activity and growth in our community, comes a lot of work; taking care of additional roads, putting holiday lights and banners up around town, repairing water mains in the cold, working with developers and planning for our future. I want to thank all our staff for their work and service to the community as Gretna continues to grow.

I also want to thank you for being part of this great community and *not to mention how proud we are of the Gretna Football team!*

Mike Evans
Mayor, City of Gretna

Coming Soon

The mild winter has allowed contractors to continue their work on a number of projects in and around town. As the buildings are being completed, the next steps for these new businesses will be to fill the insides with products and people bringing more jobs and services to Gretna.

Some of these business looking to open this spring are: Fareway, AutoZone, Casey's, The Good Life Sports Bar & Grill, Noli's Pizzeria, Stories Coffee, and Heavy Brew Microbrewery

More to Come

Not only did the above businesses decide to invest in and open businesses in Gretna, two big brands have decided that Gretna is the place to be as well.

Hy-Vee is moving forward with opening a full service grocery store in Gretna this fall. It will be one of the largest Hy-Vee stores in our state with many new features. We are looking forward to supporting this excellent Midwest Company and thank them for their investment in our community.

Nebraska Crossing owner, Rod Yates, announced that Recreational Equipment, Inc., commonly known as REI, an American retail and outdoor recreation services corporation is opening a store this year at his project. REI is very popular and nationally known for their sporting goods, camping gear, travel equipment, and clothing. It also offers services such as outdoor-oriented vacations and courses.

While REI has many store across the US, this will be the only store in Nebraska.



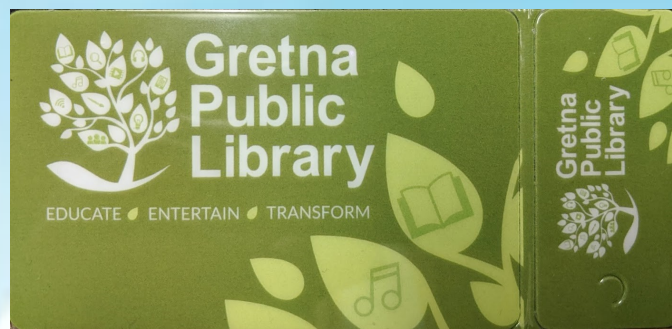
Gretna Crossing Park

Old man winter's mild punch this year has also been very helpful in the construction of our new community park. All the pools have been dug and the walls of the recreational center are going up. While we continue to work through cost increases on the project, we are applying for grants and will work with other companies to be sure we deliver a park that everyone will be proud of and enjoy for generations!

As the park takes shape, later this year we will give a target for the 2023 grand opening. Until then follow the progress by visiting the Gretna Crossing Park website (GretnaCrossingPark.com) and click the two "Updates" tabs to see pictures of the progress.

There's A New Look

The library is introducing new cards that will feature their new logo and branding. We are looking forward to both these new cards and other changes with our library system to keep serving the community.



Looking forward

Our work with various partners continues as we refine the vision and planning needed to manage our community's growth. This study will help us define transportation corridors, develop master plans and identify ways to keep Gretna the special place to live, work and play for generations.

Willing To Serve

One of the best parts of Gretna is the willingness for so many residents to be involved in keeping our community the great place it is. We have a new City Council ward open with much of this area part of our newly annexed area. If you are interested in running for city council reach out to the Sarpy County Election Office at 402-593-2167.

Let's Do this

Speaking of getting involved, are you or your group interested in helping begin a new Gretna tradition? After all the renovations done to downtown, I think it would be a perfect place for a Farmer's Market on weekends during the summer/fall. We are looking for groups or individuals that would like to be involved in this. If you or someone you know has interest, email Tammy at Tammy@cityofgretna.com.