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Message from the Mayor

I hope this short note finds you and your family healthy and happy. I would like to thank all of you for your patience during the last couple of months due to the weather conditions in our area. All of the staff and departments have been affected by these conditions and are working very hard to provide the best services to you, the citizens of Gering. I would like to take this time to personally thank the members of the City of Gering for their attention and hard work during this time. I am looking forward to spring as much as most of you, to get outside and complete projects that we left undone in the fall.

Kent Ewing - Mayor, City of Gering

Watch for Water Leaks!

City of Gering Public Works Department

The City of Gering has over 70 miles of water mains buried under streets and alleys and in utility easements. Water leaks can and will happen anytime of the year. Over the last several years, the City has experienced water leaks where the street, sidewalk and yard have settled causing extensive damage and expensive repairs. The City is asking Customers to help prevent these costly repairs. If you see any settlement in your lawn, driveway or a street, call the City Utility Office at (308) 436-6800 to report a possible leak. The City does not charge to check for leaks, even after hours.

What to look for to determine if there is a water leak

Outside the home:

- Water bubbling up from underground in the lawn, sidewalk or street
- Sudden settlement of curb, sidewalk, driveway, street or lawn
- Slow settlement of curb, sidewalk, driveway, street or lawn
- A sound inside the home of water always running but the water meter is not turning
- Check for water hoses left running
- If an area of your grass is greener and growing substantially faster than the rest of the lawn (the grass may be soft and spongy)

Water leaks may begin leaking days, weeks or months before the leak will surface. Water leaks should be repaired immediately to prevent damage to structures, lawns and pavement. Water can travel along the pipe and under the home and cause costly repairs that insurance companies may not cover. The City recommends that property owners check with their insurance companies to verify if they have or can get coverage for the cost of damages and repairs from water leaks.

Inside the home:

Look for your water meter. Once you've located your water meter check the low flow indicator to see if it is moving (low flow indicators are a red triangle, black triangle, red needle or on digital meters it is a small circle with + flashing inside the circle to indicate flow). If the triangle or needle are moving or the + is flashing in the circle you have water flowing through the meter. Make sure all faucets and appliances that use water are turned off. Again check the low flow indicator on the water meter, if the indicator is moving then water is still running through the water meter and you may have a leak.

Common water losses in the home:

- Leaking toilet, (most common)
- Underground sprinkler system valves or pipe leaking
- Leaking faucets
- Leak under a concrete floor



Environmental Services

REMINDER!

PLEASE do NOT put plastic bags and glass in the single stream recycle containers at Northfield Church and south side of Fresh Foods locations. Thank you!

Weekly yard waste pick up begins April 3 through October 6!



Please call the Landfill at (308) 436-7568 if you have questions.

If you're building a garage, putting up a fence, installing a furnace, etc., don't forget to come to City Hall to get a permit!



SNOW REMOVAL



Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks is not a favorite winter activity. However, please keep in mind that City ordinance requires walks to be cleared 12 hours after the cessation of a storm. Additionally, many citizens use sidewalks to get to school, work or other activities. The City respectfully requests that everyone do what is necessary to clear walks or make arrangements to have them cleared in a timely manner.

Please clear public walks within 12 hours after the cessation of a storm.

ORDINANCE 2059

SECTION 1. SNOW, ICE AND MUD

It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any lot or lots, or the owner of any vacant lot or lots within the corporate limits of the City of Gering, Nebraska, to allow snow, sleet, mud, ice or other substance to accumulate on the sidewalk contiguous thereto, or to permit any hard trodden snow, sleet, ice, mud or other substances to remain upon said sidewalk; but such sidewalk shall be cleaned within twelve (12) hours after the cessation of a storm. In addition, any snow, sleet, ice, mud or other substance which remains on a sidewalk contrary to the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, in the discretion of Gering Transportation Superintendent or other agent of the City.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO REMOVE AND PENALTY.

Notice to remove such substance shall be made upon the owner or occupant of the premises, or their agent. If the person owning or occupying such premises be unknown or cannot be found, or if any rea-

sonable service cannot be had upon any such owner, agent or occupant within this City, then such service of said notice shall be made by posting a notice in a conspicuous place on the premises; and any owner or occupant who fails to clean off and remove ice, snow, mud, sleet or other substance which constitutes a nuisance as required herein, and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and shall be fined \$100.00.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.

If the Transportation Superintendent or another agent of the City shall determine that an accumulation of snow, sleet, ice or mud is so unsafe, or is unsafe in a respect such that a delay in removal thereof would result in undue danger or other hazard to the public, he or she may declare in writing that there exists an emergency requiring that the snow, sleet, ice or mud be removed immediately and order the owner or occupant to remove the snow, sleet, ice or mud from public walkways and sidewalks.



Please do not pile snow on or around fire hydrants.

Exciting News!!!!

Construction will begin on the new pickleball courts in Oregon Trail Park March 15, 2023 if weather cooperates! The new pickleball courts, funded by Gering KENO dollars, will be located directly south of the playground. The construction will begin with removal of sod and soil which will be stored at the cemetery for later use. The site contractor will set the sub-base and then Renner Construction will install the post-tension concrete courts. This is the industry standard in court construction ensuring long lasting, high-quality pickleball/tennis courts. The courts will be lit with automated LED lights from Musco lighting. A later phase of the project will include a parking lot along the east side of Geil Elementary to accommodate the parking needs of Dome Rock Diamonds users, the school and pickleball court users. A big THANK YOU to the Gering Keno Committee for their support of this project!



Disposing of Paint and Paint Thinner

1. For a small amount of paint:

a. Remove lid. Let paint can sit in a well-ventilated area until liquid is dry to a solid state.

2. When dealing with larger quantities of paint, or to speed up the drying process:

- Stir in an absorbent material such as kitty litter or paper.
- Let the can sit in a well ventilated area until liquid is in a solid or almost solid state.
- Place the can in sealed bag; dispose of in garbage dumpster for collection.

Another Option:

For large quantities of paint take an old piece of carpet, lay it out, and pour the paint on the carpet. Allow the paint to dry completely, roll up the carpet and dispose of it at the landfill.

Paint Thinner

1. If there is less than 1/8 amount left in can, leave the can open in a well-ventilated area to allow vapors to disappear. Dispose of can in a bag for collection. 2. For more than 1/8 amount in a can, pour remaining paint thinner into a glass bowl; place it away from children and pets. Allow the liquid to evaporate entirely. Wrap the crystal remnants in paper and place in the trash.



THANK YOU for your cooperation!