



## A Message from the Mayor



What a great summer with all the outdoor activities!

The Western Nebraska Pioneers Baseball Team put on great shows again this summer with more home games coming for 2024. Youth baseball and softball kept Oregon Trail Park very busy with great attendance with family and friends. Oregon Trail Park saw the new addition of six

Pickleball courts to go with the swimming pool, disc golf and the skate park. Oregon Trail Days, as always, delivered a good time with the parade, chili cook-off, carnival and concerts. Monument Shadows Golf Course was in great shape from all the rain and made for fun in the sun. The Father's Day Classic Car Show was well-attended with participants from several states. The Old West Balloon Fest and Monument Marathon were hits again, and the 2023 USA Cycling Gravel National Championships had over 500 cyclists with many more likely next year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and employees of the City of Gering for all of their hard work during all of these activities that make Gering such a great place to live, play, and raise a family.

- Kent Ewing, Mayor



With fall approaching, it's a good time to make energy efficiency upgrades for cooler temperatures. The City of Gering, in partnership with its wholesale electric power supplier, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, provides a financial incentive for upgrading attic insulation to residential homes. The Attic Insulation Program provides cash incentives of \$0.15/per

square foot with a maximum incentive of \$300 per existing residential dwelling for attic insulation.

The program is among a suite of five energy efficiency programs offered through the City. Each program provides cash incentives for homeowners to make energy efficiency upgrades.

The other programs include: **High Efficiency Heat-Up Program** which provides cash incentives from \$400 to

\$3,000 to residential homeowners who are installing a new heat pump system to their residential single-family dwelling.

**Smart Thermostat Program** which provides a cash incentive of up to \$100 paid directly to residential customers to help cover the cost of installing a qualifying smart thermostat.

**Cooling System Tune-Up Program** that provides a \$30 cash incentive to residential homeowners who have their cooling system tuned up by a HVAC contractor, regardless of what type or age of cooling

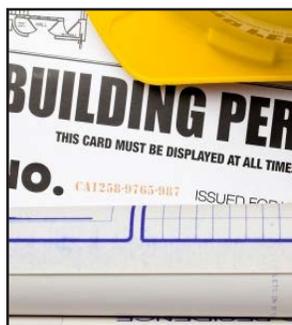
system (air conditioner/air or water source heat pump).

**Commercial LED Lighting Program** that provides cash incentives paid directly to commercial customers to help cover the cost of lighting upgrades and replacements.

For more information on each program go to [mean.nmppenergy.org](http://mean.nmppenergy.org) to download program guidelines and application forms.



Please contact the City to obtain a building permit prior to beginning work. Call the Building Inspector at 436-6813 if you have questions.



### REMINDER

With your City of Gering utility bill, you have a free dump pass to the landfill each month!

**ELECTRICAL  
DISTRIBUTION STUDY TO  
BEGIN IN OCTOBER**

In light of unexpected power outages in recent months, the City of Gering is working with RVW Incorporated for an Electrical Distribution Study. RVW will conduct a thorough review of the City's existing electrical distribution system including substations, transformers and distribution lines to assess their condition, capacity and reliability.

"City officials had a kick-off

meeting with RVW on October 16. They will be going through the City's distribution system and substations to help figure out what's going on." Stated Annie Folck, City Engineer. "It will be roughly a six-month process for the entire study, but it shouldn't take that long to determine reliability issues. Our first priority will be trouble shooting and identifying the cause of the power outages." she added.

City Administrator, Pat Heath, stated "City staff and elected officials are fully aware of and appreciate the frustration and

inconvenience that power outages cause for our citizens. City Electrical staff have conducted thorough inspections of the distribution system and have determined causes for some of the issues. However, RVW Engineers have the expertise to evaluate the system more extensively to help discover and mitigate the problems."

Three new substations have been built since 2017 in preparation for a voltage upgrade conversion. In doing this, City staff have replaced tens of thousands of feet of old lines.

Gering officials respectfully request everyone's patience during this process. Staff are doing everything in their power to help prevent future unexpected outages.



**EMERGENCY  
Emergency Snow Routes**

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- 10th Street from "J" Street to "U" Street
- 10th Street (Scottsbluff/Gering Highway) from "U" Street to the river bridge
- "M" Street/Old Oregon Trail from the cemetery road east to Hwy. 71 bypass
- Kimball Avenue from Five Rocks Road to "J" Street
- Five Rocks Road from Robidoux Road to Country Club Road
- "U" Street from Five Rocks Road to 10th Street
- "U" Street from 7th Street east to city limits
- "S" Street from 10th Street to 7th Street
- 7th Street from "M" Street to Country Club Rd.
- Country Club Rd. from 10th Street to 7th Street
- Lockwood Road from Hwy. 71 to M Street
- 21st Avenue from M Street to the North Platte River bridge

**ORDINANCE NO. 2053  
AMENDED  
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**When a Snow  
Emergency is declared,  
please move vehicles  
that are parked on  
Emergency Snow  
Routes. Vehicles that  
are not moved may  
be towed.**



**ORDINANCE  
2059**

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

**PET Tips**

With winter approaching, please keep in mind that



pets can succumb to frostbite and hypothermia. It's important to provide a warm, dry shelter for pets to get out of the elements. Remove snow from between their toes to prevent frostbite and make sure they have plenty of fresh drinking water at all times. Keep pets away from hazards like antifreeze, poinsettias, lit candles, cords, decorations and chocolate.

**PLEASE** Keep your pet on a leash when not confined on your property and keep your pet under control from running away from you. Keeping your pet restrained not only protects your pet but other people and animals as well. Please pick up after your pet when on public or private property (§ 96.04 RUNNING AT LARGE)



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SAVE LIVES**