



## Environmental Services

### PLEASE RECYCLE

The Environmental Services Department would like to encourage residents to participate with recycling in the City of Gering. The City has gained landfill space because of the people who are currently recycling in Gering; City Officials applaud their efforts and participation! If interested, please call 436-7568 for information on recycling carts.

#### REMINDER!

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

**Weekly yard waste pick up will run through October 6!**



### GERING LANDFILL

200531 West 'U' Street,  
(308) 436-7568

#### Hours of Operation:

Mon. - Fri., 6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

No hazardous or liquid wastes accepted.

## What's new at the Gering Public Library?

May is Mental Health Month. Join us at the library May 22 at 7:00 p.m. to make a vision board and learn some stress reducers and ways to anchor yourself in a storm of busyness.

The theme for summer reading this year is "All Together Now." This summer, we will explore the ways the library brings our community and our world together through art and music and fun.



Summer reading kicks off with a bang on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Legion Park from 3-5 p.m.! Sign up the whole family and enjoy games and activities with our local partners. Come prepared to get wet! We have lots of fun activities planned for this summer. Our youngest friends can join us for themed story time and activities; elementary schoolers can learn about different instruments and native flowers; and teens can create artwork for a charity auction and join us for an anime movie night. We also have several family events planned, including juggler Peter Brunette!

Summer reading isn't just for kids! In June, adults can scratch off "Library Lotto" tickets to win prizes when they check out items from the library. Local businesses have donated over 50 items so we can give out prizes every day in June. The Friends of the Gering Library even donated a hot air balloon ride for a grand prize.

We also have some great adult programs lined up for this summer. Learn about wines from Alexandria Schluter of the Emporium Express. "I want to make wine more approachable to everybody - it shouldn't be intimidating," says Schluter.



Explore your crafty side and make a vintage-looking scrap journal out of a paper lunch bag with Traci Bates. According to Myra, "These are the cutest things I've seen!"

Enjoy an "edutainment" concert by drummer Michael Fitzsimmons of Omaha. His program has been called, "dynamic," "inspiring," and "one of the best library programs I've been to." Michael Fitzsimmons and his "Drums of the World" program is sponsored in part by the Nebraska Arts Council. We scheduled two concerts, one for kids and one for adults.

That's just the beginning – join us at Legion Park on May 31<sup>st</sup> or sign up at the library any time in June to learn more!

## All Together Now

### Property Owners and Sidewalks

City Officials would like to remind citizens that sidewalks along and contiguous to lots and pieces of land must be in good and proper repair, and in condition reasonably safe for all travelers. With nicer weather just around the corner, more people will be out walking. Please assess the condition of your sidewalk and contact the City if you have questions about how to proceed with getting repairs made.

- Jeff Vance, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement



**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!**

# Seasonal Reminders

Remember to put only grass and leaves in yard waste containers. Branches under 1" in diameter are allowed at no more than 4' in length. Larger branches can be taken to the Landfill.

Be mindful about what goes in storm drains! Properly dispose of oil and other hazardous materials. Only rain in the drain!

Please trim your trees in alleys to allow sanitation trucks to pass through easily!

REMEMBER

**Working**

**SMOKE ALARMS**

**SAVE LIVES**



Gering Police Officer, Brennen Martinez, and Rosco passed narcotics certification and began working on patrol certification in April.

## PLEASE MAINTAIN GROWTH OF WEEDS, GRASSES & WORTHLESS VEGETATION



The City of Gering would like to remind residents about City ordinance pertaining to weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation. Per Chap-

ter 94 of the Municipal Code: *The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground within the municipality shall keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining streets and alleys free of any growth of weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation.*

It is also a public nuisance to permit inoperative vehicles, junk, stag-

nant water, litter, noxious weeds or unlicensed vehicles within the corporate or jurisdictional limits of the city. For a complete list of noxious weeds, please contact the City of Gering.

City officials are requesting cooperation from Gering residents in controlling these issues and mitigating public health and safety con-

cerns. Please direct questions to City of Gering Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, Jeff Vance, at (308) 436-6813.



## Commonly asked Questions about City Government:

### When does the Gering City Council meet?

Answer: Regular City Council meetings, by ordinance, are scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. unless they fall on a holiday or if Council votes to cancel the meeting or change the date. The Council may also schedule special or emergency meetings when deemed necessary.

### When does Council review/discuss the proposed upcoming fiscal year budget?

Council holds a Budget Work Session, that is open to the public, in July or August of each year. The date/time of the work session is published in the Star-Herald.

It is also posted on the City's website: [www.gering.org](http://www.gering.org).

### How do I contact the Mayor or Council Members?

Mayor and Council Members' email addresses are available on the City's website, they are also shown below:

#### MAYOR

Kent Ewing - mayorewing@gering.org

#### WARD I

Rebecca Shields - rshields@gering.org  
Susan Wiedeman - swiedeman@gering.org

#### WARD II

Michael Gillen - mgillen@gering.org  
Pam O'Neal - poneal@gering.org

#### WARD III

Ben Backus - bbackus@gering.org  
Julie Morrison - jmorrison@gering.org

#### WARD IV

Cody Bohl - cbohl@gering.org  
Troy Cowan - tcowan@gering.org

Mayor and Council Member phone numbers are available on the City's website.

### May I address the City Council at a meeting?

The public may address Council during the open comment section of a City Council meeting (fourth Monday Council meeting). However, because it is considered unscheduled business, Council cannot take action or discuss the issue. If you wish to put a specific item on a Council Agenda, you may complete a "Request for Future Agenda Item" form. Staff will review the completed form and determine if the matter should be placed on a Council agenda or if it can be addressed by staff.

**Public Hearings:** For certain items of business, Council must (by statute) conduct a public hearing. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend public hearings to state their support or opposition on various matters such as the annual budget, zoning changes, TIF and other matters that require a public hearing.

If you have questions about Gering City Government, please contact City Administrator, Pat Heath, or the City Clerk's Office at (308) 436-5096.



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