



# The Great Life News

MONTHLY CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Downtown Study & Upcoming Open Houses

The study of our Downtown began this month. The project is estimated to take about six months and will ultimately provide a Downtown Revitalization Plan that will serve as the basis for improvements within the downtown.

The Downtown Committee includes business and property owners located downtown, as well as councilmembers and city staff. Their goal is to build on the downtown's previous successes and to preserve the character of the area.



The completed plan will:

- Examine existing and future infrastructure needs;
- Examine the building condition and character;
- Consider existing building and design codes for the downtown that affect the character of the downtown and make recommendations;
- Propose a streetscape design; and
- Identify project costs and sources of funding.



On **June 14<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a visual preference open house to ask citizen's and stakeholders to express their desires for the downtown. This input helps to drive inspiration and frame the concept for downtown. This meeting will be held at the Turtle Doves, located at 706 Angus Road, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

A second open house will be held on **July 26<sup>th</sup>**, location yet to be determined, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the public to review the proposed concept plan and projects that may be undertaken as part of the downtown improvements.

Please watch the City's website for additional information.

## FIREWORKS

No person shall sell, hold for sale or offer for sale any fireworks in the City of Gretna, without obtaining a retail license from the City.

It is illegal to purchase fireworks from another state and bring them back to Nebraska to discharge.

Permissible fireworks may be discharged from June 25 through July 5 as part of the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. Times allowed for discharging are from 8:00 am through 10:00 pm daily, except on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, when 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight is allowed.

**Think Safety:** The highest group of injuries from fireworks in Nebraska occur with young people ages 5 to 9, followed by children 10 to 19. (Nebraska Safety Council)

**Think Neighborly:** Please take into consideration where and when you discharge your fireworks to limit impacts to the neighborhood.



## COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY STUDY

The Steering Committee for the Community Center and Library Study has finalized their work. The Library Board and the City Council will be reviewing and approving the final report from our consultant, JEO Consulting. The Steering Committee discussed comments received from the public open house. The Committee realizes that the project size will need to be evaluated based on the funding. The Gretna Library Foundation plans to conduct a survey of the community and potential donors to understand better the funding available for this project. From those results, the layout for the facility will be adjusted.



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