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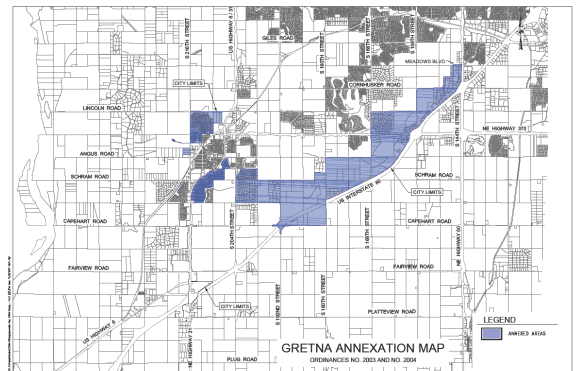
The Great Life News

THE CITY OF GRETNA'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ANNEXATIONS STAYED

The City of Gretna's proposed annexations have now been postponed by a lawsuit filed by the Sarpy County Attorney. Because of this suit being filed, the City of Gretna cannot move forward in several areas. These include:

- ◇ 33% utility bill reduction of Gretna supplied utilities of water and sewer service will not take place.
- ◇ The City will not assume road maintenance and snow removal.
- ◇ Property taxes and SID taxes will not be adjusted or eliminated in the proposed annexed areas.
- ◇ SID and HOA supplied water and sewer systems will continue their operation and maintenance.
- ◇ The City will not assume SID park and property maintenance.
- ◇ The City will not assume zoning, construction inspection or building permits in any areas not in the City's current zoning jurisdiction.
- ◇ The City will not assume the areas for zoning and code enforcement.



The City cannot proceed with becoming a "city of the first class" which would have added two additional City Council positions and an additional election ward. The City will also lose the opportunity to receive federal funding for road improvements.

The City of Gretna will hopefully prevail in this lawsuit, but we are prevented at this time from moving forward with all the appropriate annexation actions. We perceive that this will definitely take several months and possibly up to two years to resolve.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

The City is planning 3 major street reconstruction projects starting next spring. The first project will be the concrete paving of 216th St. from Angus to Gruenther. The second project is the concrete paving of 204th St. from Glenmore to Covington Blvd. The final project is the concrete paving of Angus Rd. west of 204th St. Angus Rd. and 204th St. will be built with 3 lanes. A trail system will be included in these projects to provide more connectivity to the current trail system as it expands.

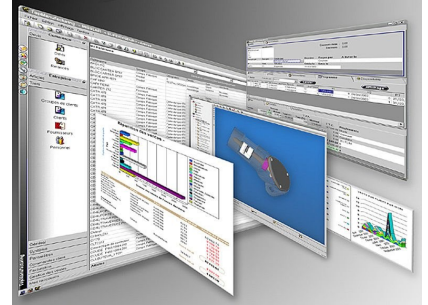


Message boards will be erected a few days before the street closings occur so that persons using these streets can determine alternate routes during construction. We realize the inconvenience during construction, but the plan is not to close any segment of these streets until school is dismissed for the summer.

SOFTWARE UPDATE

After many years utilizing the same software without updates, the City is now in the process of installing and training on new software. The process to review various software products for municipalities started two years ago. Several software packages were evaluated for their capabilities, ease of use, and cost. The Company BS & A was selected. This software will maintain the building permit information, payroll, timesheets, utility billing, cash receipting, general ledger, accounts payable and receivable. There are additional features which you may notice in the coming months. Utility bills will have a UPC symbol on them so that payments can be recorded quickly and more accurately, if you include your payment stub with your payment. Starting the first of the year, we will be able to start taking any payment to the City by credit card. Credit Card transaction fees will be added to the credit card user for this service. We will accept Credit Cards only in person at City Hall.

The two biggest benefit to the City are the need to have software written on a current language and the ability to update the software as needed. With a growing community, we need to be in a position to better accommodate our customers including the capacity to grow the system and offer more services. BS & A Systems gives us this benefit for the future.



HOLIDAY LETTER

Greetings,

As this letter reaches your residences, it most likely finds you actively preparing for the holidays. At times those holiday related trips to the local malls, grocery stores, and seasonal events can create opportunities for individuals looking to take advantage of our holiday preparations. Therefore, I would like to take a moment and provide you with a few holiday crime prevention reminders:

- Garage doors closed, especially at night.
- Lock residential doors.
- Keep your car doors locked.
- In your vehicle keep packages, purses, book bags, gym bags, etc. out of sight or locked in the trunk.
- Secure residential delivery packages ASAP. This can be accomplished by monitoring the tracking numbers or having them deliver to an occupied address.
- Be cautious of holiday phone/internet scams.
- Do not send money or provide credit/debit card information to anyone you do not know.

The men and women of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office would like to wish each and every one of you the best during this holiday season. We hope that this time of the year brings you joy and happiness, as well as a time to reflect on the past and an opportunity to look towards the future.

Sincerely,

[If you see anything suspicious, call Sarpy County Communications at 402-593-4111 \(non-emergency\) or 911.](#)

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