

December is slipping away, the Holidays are knocking at the door and so is 2023! Seems like not long ago we were getting excited for Gretna Days & making trips to our favorite fall venue at Vala's. As we wrap up the year and look towards 2023, I wish for you and your family Happy Holiday's, Merry Christmas and a very healthy and happy 2023!

Mayor Mike

Winter's Here!

Speaking of slipping away, winter is here along with its challenging weather. Our public works staff does an excellent job of maintaining our streets, but we need your help too. Make sure when winter weather happens, adjust your driving habits to that of the road conditions. It can take up to ten times longer to stop on icy or wet roads, versus dry pavement. Give the plows some room and let's get through the winter safely. When a snow emergency is declared, please have your vehicles off the street during the hours listed.

Thank You & Welcome!

At the December 6th City Council meeting we thanked Jason Stahr for his 12 years of service as a Councilman for our community. Jason has been a fantastic leader and representative of Gretna.

During his tenure Gretna has accomplished so much and he was a big part of it. Due to redistricting, his seat was consolidated and his term expired.

Thank You Jason for your commitment to making Gretna the Great Life!

With Mr. Stahr's departure we welcome Councilman Jeremy Westengaard to his City Council position where he represents Ward 4. Looking forward to Jeremy's representation and service to Gretna. Councilman Bill Proctor was also sworn in for another term for Ward 2.

New Business

After years and years of driving into Omaha for everything from dinner to doctors, many businesses are realizing Gretna is the place to be. While we have opened over a 100 new businesses in our area over this last year, more fantastic businesses are looking towards Gretna to set up shop. Please do your best to support all our local businesses. Keeping the Green in Gretna supports a neighbor's business, creates employment for our citizens and provides revenue for the city, reducing reliance on property tax.

Gretna Crossing Park

Thanks to everyone who provided us feedback on the park's branding and wayfinding. We are very excited to put it to use. The contractors continue to make great progress towards the opening next year! The opening date will not be determined for a couple of months, right now it is schedule for early fall 2023.

Holiday Lighting & More

A big thank you for the many organizations and people who organized, supported and worked to make a special day in our downtown and at Peterson Park. I really enjoyed seeing the horses stroll through downtown, watching children go through the library and the Grinch running around our park! It takes many people to volunteer their time to create these events and make our community the special place it is. A big shout out to our City Staff and Parks team. The lights look great, especially the addition of the Big Tree!

Merry Christmas...*from Scotland!*

I always enjoy receiving Christmas cards from friends and family that we do not see as much throughout the year. This year my favorite has been an email wishing us "*Merry Christmas from Gretna Community Council in Scotland*". It read "On behalf of all residents of Gretna and Rigg in Scotland (Dumfries & Galloway), we would like to wish you and your community a very Merry Christmas". It was great to hear from our namesake. I let them know we value our heritage and wished their community Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas from Gretna, NE USA.