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Honoring the Past, Building the Future – Help Raise Funds for Gretna’s New Interactive Water Feature

Gretna, Nebraska, January 28th, 2026 - For generations, Gretna’s community pool was more than a place to swim - it was a gathering space where kids played, families connected, and memories were made in the heart of our community. While the pool has reached the end of its life, that spirit does not have to end.

The City of Gretna is working toward creating a new, free, interactive water feature and gathering space at Peterson Park. This thoughtfully designed space will be accessible for all ages and abilities and will include water elements, seating, shaded areas, and interactive features - creating a welcoming place to cool off, relax, and connect.

That vision is what inspired a powerful challenge match.

Thanks to the generosity of longtime Gretna supporter Randy Sump, donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$150,000, helping double the impact of every contribution. Randy shared, “When I was a kid, the Gretna Swimming Pool in Peterson Park and the Gretna Bowl were really the only places in town for kids to hang out. The Gretna Bowl has been gone for a long time, so when I saw the Gretna Swimming Pool being torn down, a sense of sadness set in. I immediately hoped there was a way to honor the memories of old Gretna while giving current and future Gretna kids a free, central place to meet, have fun, and make memories of their own, just like so many of us did 50 years ago.”

To support this project, all funds raised will go directly to the Gretna Community Splash Pad Fund, a designated fund of the Gretna Community Foundation, an Affiliated Fund of the Midlands Community Foundation.

As planning continues, the community will have opportunities to learn more about the vision and proposed designs. We truly could not do this without the support of our residents, businesses, and partners.

Thank you for helping bring back a central gathering place for all ages and abilities - and for investing in a future where Gretna continues to grow, connect, and thrive.

This is Gretna. The Great Life.

Donations can be made through the Gretna Community Splash Pad Fund at the link below. Project updates will be shared on www.gretnane.org and the [City of Gretna, Nebraska Facebook page](#).

<https://midlandscommunity.org/fund/gretna-community-splash-pad-fund/>

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