

***The Great Life, of Gretna.*** One of the very best parts of being Mayor of Gretna, is interacting with and watching so many of our citizens making a difference. Just over the last few months, I've seen the community raise funds for the school's mental health program, citizens leading charities that are making an impact throughout the metro area, donating funds to the YMCA for their Cancer Survivor program and a citizen led group giving graciously to our new water feature in Peterson Park. These are just a few ways I see our community supporting each other, getting involved and helping make Gretna the special place it is.

While the size of our community continues to grow, it's even more exciting to watch the size of our community's heart grow as well. Thank you all for being such a caring and supportive community. Together we will continue making Gretna, the Great Life. ***Enjoy your Spring!***

***Mike Evans***  
***Mayor, City of Gretna***

#### Community Complex

It's been fun watching the community complex rising next to our water tower. This facility, along with the surrounding mixed-use development, will offer our community resources we never had, spaces we have long needed and a new place to build community. ***Here*** are links to see more about the building and the progress. We look forward to welcoming you to this new space in February of next year. Watch for more news on the mixed-use development and other exciting features of your community complex.

#### Cooling Off in Peterson Park – Honor the Past, Build the Future

Thank you to everyone who is part of this incredible fund-raising effort that will bring an exciting amenity to our community. Because of the very generous and caring citizens of Gretna, Peterson Park will have a wonderful place for people of all ages to enjoy and cool off. Look for more information on the schedule and the project on the ***City's website & Facebook page.***

#### Road Construction

The next 2 years will see some of the most significant road improvements in Gretna's history. In the next 24 months there will be miles of roads paved, along with the completion of a new interchange at 192<sup>nd</sup> St and I-80. The area most affected will be 192<sup>nd</sup> St from Hwy 370 to the new interchange, Schram Road, Capehart and 204<sup>th</sup> Street. The planned work will greatly improve these roads, relieving traffic on Hwy 370 and Hwy 6/31 through Gretna. These road projects also provide much safer roads and increase connectivity throughout our community.

### Farmer's Market of Gretna

We are excited to provide another year of a popular and growing tradition in Gretna's downtown. The 2026 season begins on June 6<sup>th</sup> and will be from 8:00am till 12:00pm every Saturday through September 12<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on the happenings by following their Facebook page [here!](#)

### More Events!

The City and Chamber have a number of great events coming up. Check them all out on the City's Facebook page or just click the link!

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Puzzles & Pie Competition at Heavy Brewing on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration closes Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. Come watch a great event and enjoy the fantastic pizza and drinks from Heavy Brewing! Registration link [here](#).
- State of the City – May 7<sup>th</sup> at Journey Church  
The Gretna Chamber hosts this event full of news and updates about your community. Superintendent Lightle will be there talking about the schools. Nebraska's Director of Economic Development, Ms. Maureen Larson, will be highlighting updates on all things Nebraska. I will be there with a special guest to share updates on our community and what's coming to Gretna. To register, contact the Gretna Chamber of Commerce (Info@GretnaChamber.com).
- Paws at the Park  
Bring your dogs to Gretna Crossing Park, Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be vendors and give aways between 11am – 2pm. Facebook event [here](#).
- Music at the Crossing Summer Concert Series  
Starting Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup> bring your family and lawn chairs to enjoy live music, food trucks, games and a beer garden by Heavy Brewing. Check out the Facebook event series [here](#).

### Buc-ee's

We were excited to announce that America's favorite travel center is coming to our community. Bringing this exciting user to Nebraska has taken the support and efforts of many entities working together. Plans are going well and I looking forward to having Buc-ee's a part of Gretna and serving travelers across our state and the region.