

# Community Connections

Your hometown utility newsletter



## Village of Fairmont

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## Village of Fairmont Contacts

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Listed below are the assignments for each trustee. Trustees welcome constructive thoughts, suggestions for improvements and new ideas. Please feel free to contact them.

**Chairperson: Aaron Fintel..... 402-759-1640**

(Overall Village Operations)

**Trustees: Dave Seggerman..... 402-268-6841 (Police)**

**Tricia-Galusha Chapman .. 308-390-9643 (Parks)**

**Larry Klipp..... 402-268-3128 (Village Hall & Utilities)**

**Chris Grant ..... 402-366-5583**

(Maint. Dept., Streets, Alleys & Signs)

Village Board Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Village Hall 402-268-3341**

**Police Dept. 402-268-7611**

**Maintenance Shop 402-268-3251 Library 402-268-6081**

## Underground electric project set to begin this Fall

Some of you may be wondering what all the white, pink, blue, and yellow flags are for on the North side of town. The Village is going to start an underground electric project this Fall.

The electrical system upgrade will start on the north side and work south through town.

Why underground electric? Some of you in town already have underground electric to your homes from the distribution system running in the alleys. A few benefits to an underground electric system are: 1) Less outages from wind damage or trees falling on them. 2) Maintenance cost is cut significantly by not having to trim trees, replace poles and associated parts, and repair overhead

primary and secondary lines due to storm damage.

3) The Village will have less transmission line loss which results in less energy being purchased which saves ratepayers money in return. 4) It's aesthetically pleasing with a clean look with no overhead lines and numerous poles holding up electric lines.

We are working with other utilities that share the poles with us to get their lines in the ground with us helping reduce the cost of the project.

If you have questions or comments please feel to ask me. This will be a big step toward the future.

— Dan Slocum,  
Utility Superintendent

## Fairmont Public Library News

by Wanda Marget

The Fairmont Public Library will reopen Sept. 9 Wednesday from 6:30-9 p.m. following these rules:

- We are asking that patrons wear a mask, respect social distancing, and limit the number of people to four in their party who enter the library. Only two computers will be available for one 30-minute session/day. No children's computers or gaming at this time. No public bathroom will be available.

- The Library's internet will continue to be available from the parking lot. We will continue to offer curbside service. Call ahead (402-366-8012) or use our online catalog, <https://fairmont.biblionix.com/catalog/>, to reserve materials.

### Electronic resources available

Now is a great opportunity to take advantage of the Library's electronic resources. E-books and audiobooks can be downloaded from Overdrive. All you need is your library card number. Please call (402-366-8012) if you have questions about accessing these resources, or anything else, during this time.

### Hours starting Sept. 9

Mondays: 8 a.m.-Noon; 1-5:30 p.m.; 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays: 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays: 1-5:30 p.m. Saturdays: 8 a.m.-Noon.



## School-zone safety driving tips

With the new school year underway here are some tips to keep everyone safe during the school year:

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus

stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.

- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

### School bus stop safety

- Make a habit of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.
- Make sure your child stays out of the street and avoids excessive horseplay while waiting for the school bus.
- Be sure the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on/off.
- When riding the bus, make

sure your child understands they must always remain seated and keep their head and arms inside the bus.

- Do not shout or distract the driver.
- Do not walk in the driver's "blind spot" — this is the area from the front of the bus to about 10 feet in front of the bus.



### Village notes

#### Village Board meeting note

Effective with the Sept. 14, 2020 board meeting, Public Forum will no longer be listed as an agenda item. Any item brought before the board by the public will need to have a **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM** form completed and returned to Village Hall office at least 24 hours prior to a board meeting.

The public may speak on any item; however, the item must be listed on the agenda. The **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM** form is available at Village

Hall, Library or on the Village's web page: [www.fairmont-nebraska.us](http://www.fairmont-nebraska.us). A copy of the form is included with this newsletter.

#### Outage calls

If you experience a utility outage outside of normal business hour call or text Utility Superintendent Dan Slocum at (402) 646-5002 or Maintenance Technician Mike Scheil at (402) 759-0466. If no one answers please contact Trustee Chris Grant at (402) 366-5583 or Chairperson Aaron Fintel at (402) 759-1640.



### Senior Center Update

by Connie Jo Felton-Kuil

#### Senior Center continues to serve home-delivered, carry-out meals

Due to Covid-19 the Fairmont Senior Center is uncertain at this time when we will open for congregational meals and activities, however, we are continuing our home-delivered and carry-out meals. Call (402) 268-2831 by 9:30 a.m. to place your order. Menus are on the Village's webpage: [www.fairmont-nebraska.org](http://www.fairmont-nebraska.org). Please check the webpage for future opening information. Stay safe everyone!

#### Reminder: Keep grass clippings out of roads

The Village of Fairmont has a Village Code which makes it illegal to throw or deposit litter on any lot or place of ground within the Village.

The ordinance defines litter as including grass, leaves and worthless vegetation. When mowing your yards please throw the grass clippings on your lawn and not onto the road.