

December, 2025

Newsletter

Talk of the Town

Winter Reminder: Stock an emergency kit with food, water, first-aid supplies, a radio, prescriptions, flashlights, a whistle, sanitation items, cash, and other essentials.



www.gering.org

The single stream roll-off recycling container that was previously located near Fresh Foods has been moved to Overland Trails Road (11th Street south of J Street), west of the City's Park Maintenance building. Thank you.



(308) 436-5096

AMENDMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The Gering City Council recently passed an ordinance amending the Emergency Snow Removal Ordinance. The amended ordinance adds Secondary Snow Routes, shown right. The purpose of Secondary Snow Routes is twofold. First, most of these routes are located around schools.

By designating them as Secondary Snow Routes, City crews can clear snow more efficiently and quickly in these areas, improving traffic safety around schools. Additionally, the equipment used by the City's Street Department for snow removal is too wide to maneuver easily on side streets. Parked vehicles have been damaged when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

Provisions in the ordinance require that residents living on designated Secondary Routes must park on the odd or even numbered side of the street when a Snow Emergency is declared and until it is lifted. This will allow enough room for City crews and equipment to windrow snow and remove it prior to school resuming. When a Snow Emergency is declared, parking where normally allowed on both sides of a

street, will be limited to either the odd or even numbered side of the street on **all Secondary Emergency Snow Routes**. Citations may be issued to citizens who have vehicles or other property parked on the wrong side of the street.

The penalty for not removing parked vehicles or other property from Primary and Secondary Snow routes during a Snow Emergency has been increased to \$250. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

PLEASE NOTE!

During this coming snow season, when snow emergencies are declared, citations will **not** be issued to anyone on **SECONDARY Emergency Snow Routes**. During the first year of this amended ordinance, the City will focus on public education to help residents become familiar with the process. However, anyone who leaves vehicles or other property parked on a **Primary Snow Route** will be issued a citation if the vehicle is not removed after a Snow Emergency has been declared.

Primary Emergency Snow Routes shown on reverse.

Secondary Emergency Snow Routes are as follows:



SECONDARY EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

Street	Side of street on which vehicles shall be parked during a snow emergency
8th Street from R Street to S Street	ODD numbered side
9th Street from K Street to S Street	ODD numbered side
11th Street from N Street to U Street	ODD numbered side
14th Street from Q Street to R Street	ODD numbered side
17th Street from U Street to Kings Road	ODD numbered side
17th Street from D Street to M Street	ODD numbered side
17th Street from M Street to U Street	ODD numbered side
Flaten Ave. from Ponder Pl. to Pacific Blvd.	ODD numbered side
Ponder Place from Flaten Drive to Nelson Avenue	ODD numbered side
Chinoe Rd. from Country Club Rd. to Nelson Ave.	ODD numbered side
Q Street from 7th Street to 17th Street	ODD numbered side
D Street from Kimball Avenue to Five Rocks Road	ODD numbered side
K Street from 5th Street to 12th Street	ODD numbered side
12th Street from K Street to Q Street	ODD numbered side
13th Street from P Street to U Street	EVEN numbered side
R Street from 12th Street to 15th Street	EVEN numbered side
R Street from 8th Street to 9th Street	EVEN numbered side
Pacific Blvd. from U Street to Davis Avenue	EVEN numbered side
Nelson Ave. from Pacific Blvd. to Ponder Pl.	EVEN numbered side
Donna Dr. from Flaten Ave. to Nelson Dr.	EVEN numbered side

HOW TO KNOW WHEN A SNOW EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED

The best way to know if a Snow Emergency has been declared is by checking local media outlets, the City's website and the City's Facebook page. If a storm is coming, or if snow is accumulating, there is always a chance that a Snow Emergency could be declared. When a Snow Emergency is declared (or even if you think one might be) plan to move vehicles, trailers, campers, etc., off of Primary Snow Routes and off of the odd or even numbered side of streets on Secondary Snow Routes as shown above.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

If you have questions about Secondary Snow Routes, or would like a copy of the amended ordinance, please call the City at (308) 436-5096.

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PRIMARY EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

10th Street from J Street to U Street
10th Street (Scottsbluff/Gering Highway)
from U Street to the North Platte River Bridge
M Street/Old Oregon Trail from the
Cemetery road east to Highway 71 bypass
Kimball Avenue from Five Rocks Road to
J Street
Five Rocks Road from Robidoux Road to
Country Club Road
U Street from Five Rocks Road to
10th Street
U Street from 7th Street east to 21st Avenue
S Street from 10th Street to 7th Street
7th Street from M Street to Country Club
Road
Country Club Road from 10th Street to
7th Street
Lockwood Road from Hwy. 71 to M Street
21st Avenue from M Street to the North
Platte River Bridge

Your Gering Public

LIBRARY

Second Saturdays are Crafternoon. The Library will provide a hands-on craft, or bring whatever you are working on and enjoy a social hour. Times are 12 noon to 3 p.m. December 13 will be cookie decorating!

The Gering Public Library Foundation is having a quilt fundraiser raffle for a beautiful quilt made by Peggy Fegler and Sharon Armstrong. Tickets can be purchased at the front desk - \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6. The drawing for the quilt will be on April 25, 2026 during the Friends Annual Book Sale.

Mingle and jingle with the Friends of the
Gering Library on December 5 from 3 p.m. to
6 p.m. Enjoy homemade refreshments and
find out what's new at your library!

MINGLE
jingle



Winterize
sprinkler
systems
and backflow
preventers!

Clean gutters
to prevent ice
dams.
Trim tree
branches
and
inspect roof.

Disconnect
garden hoses
from faucets!



Step into the magic of the holidays at Gering Merchants' Santa Village at the Gering Civic Plaza! Open from Saturday, Nov. 29 – Dec. 31, 2025. Local businesses and organizations have created a charming Christmas village filled with hand-built cottages, twinkling lights, and festive cheer. Bring the whole family to stroll through the beautifully decorated plaza, take photos, and soak up the small-town holiday spirit - it's like stepping into a Hallmark movie!



MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER

How to help: Find the Donation Tree at Gering City Hall, take a tag from the tree and bring your tag and donation to the Gering Police Department; any donation amount helps! Every sponsored child has a budget of \$100 to shop for their family. Your generous support brings joy to kids in our community and builds lasting bonds with local officers.

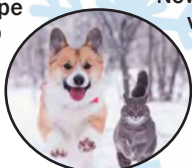
WINTER PET CARE

FEED AND WATER WELL

Give your pet plenty of food and fresh water; keeping warm outdoors takes energy.

CHECK PAWS - Wipe paws with a damp towel to remove salt. Also, remove snow from between toes to prevent frostbite.

SHELTER - If your pet must be outside, provide a draft-free shelter large enough to stand and turn



around in, yet small enough to retain heat. Use a layer of straw or bedding material for insulation. Bring pets inside during extreme cold spells.

Never leave your pet in a vehicle during cold weather.

SAFETY - Certain antifreeze is deadly, but tastes sweet. Wipe spills or drips to protect children and animals. Keep pets away from lit candles and Poinsettias.

Holiday Fire Safety

- Choose flame resistant or flame retardant decorations.
- Keep lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of reach of children and animals.
- Do not overuse extension cords or power strips.
- Discard damaged extension cords, power strips and light strands.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking

on the stovetop.

- Water live Christmas trees daily.
- Inspect light strands for damage.
- Make sure trees are at least three feet away from any heat source like fire places, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Always turn off tree lights before leaving or going to bed.

Source: NFPA



OREGON TRAIL-GERING CREATIVE DISTRICT Community Survey

Gering is working to create and establish a Creative District, and the committee is gathering community input to help shape future public art projects across the area. Your feedback will guide the themes, locations, and styles of upcoming public art. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and help us bring art that reflects the spirit of our community to life!



SCAN TO
TAKE SURVEY