

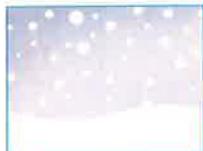
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Please see back cover for Emergency Snow Route Information



# TALK OF THE TOWN

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

First I want to take this opportunity to thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve our great city. It was only four short years ago that we rolled up our sleeves and got to work. Over that time we have focused on strengthening existing relationships, building new relationships, improving communication and transparency, and attracting great people to the City. In addition, we have also been planning for our future by positioning ourselves for growth and prosperity through economic development.

Gering has seen continued progress in our downtown revitalization efforts over the past few years and that will continue in 2019 as we look forward to the completion of the phase II construction on our Downtown Civic Plaza Project.

We continue to invest in sports tourism as we completed phase I of our Oregon Trail Park Renovation Project and opened our new Oregon Trail Park Stadium - home to the Western Nebraska Pioneers who were the 2018 Inaugural League Champions. When complete Gering will be home to one of the premier baseball and softball facilities in the

region.

In addition, Gering will also be the host site for the next three years to the National Hot Air Balloon Championships starting in August of 2019.

While we have had a lot of new to celebrate we have not forgotten our roots as we just finished helping the State of Nebraska celebrate its sesquicentennial...150th birthday. While that was exciting we will be celebrating another centennial birthday in 2019 with the Scotts Bluff National Monument and look forward to their visitor center expansion and renovation project.

Our vision for growing and building a stronger Gering doesn't stop there as we continue to focus on public safety, excellent schools, affordable housing, work force development, a vibrant parks system, economic development and infrastructure which all are vital components to our community and our future.

Gering is a great community and has outstanding community-minded people working every day to shape the vision of our community for tomorrow and beyond. To build and grow a community it takes all of us to make a difference. So, thanks to all of you for helping to make Gering stronger. Now let's focus on 2019 and continue to build and grow a better Gering!

Tony Kaufman  
Mayor, City of Gering



Have we got some exciting news for you - Details inside!

### SPECIAL NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS at the Gering Public Library

All Books (including audio!) checkout free for two weeks! Sale includes checkout of DVDs, magazines and cake pans **FREE** for one week! While supplies last.

- \*free Wifi access
- \*free computer use
- \*black and white printing only ¢10
- \*color printing only ¢50
- \*faxing only \$1 per page



**Simple Return Policy: bring the items back within the checkout time, no receipt necessary for complete refund of items!**

# Gering Public



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## Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

Many people skip the nonfiction section of the library when looking for a good book, and instead seek out tried and true authors like James Patterson and John Grisham from the best-sellers list. Checking out the non-fiction library might leave you surprised and with a pile of new books to read. Here are a few recently read and recommended titles:

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore tells how hundreds of girls working in factories painting clock faces who begin to fall mysteriously ill after exposure to the new miracle element, "radium."



Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann covers the investigation of the mysterious murders of over 20 members of



the Osage Tribe in the 1920s.

The Lost City of the Monkey God by Douglas S. Preston is a modern adventure: an absolutely true, eyewitness account of one of the great discoveries of the twenty-first century.



The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel tells of a man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years- not out of anger at the world,



but simply because he preferred to live on his own.

Our nonfiction section holds many fascinating stories. Dive in and find out how truth can be stranger than fiction.



Gering Public Library is displaying a beautiful throw quilt made and donated by Betty Steinwart. She used fabric designed by Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops for their shop hop during the Nebraska 150th Celebration in 2017. The quilt is being raffled off to raise money for the library. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, and an arm-span for \$20. It doesn't matter whose arm span, so if you know someone who has longer arms than you, bring them into the library! The drawing will be during National Library Week in April.

## LEAP Into Winter at the Gering Library

Need a valuable, fun, child-centered activity for the frigid winter months? The second session of LEAP (Learn. Explore. Achieve. Play), an early childhood math, literacy, and school readiness program for children ages 3-5 will begin January 8th. Registration for this free program will begin December 17th. Space is limited so call, email, or Facebook message the Gering Library to register. The program will run eight weeks with each session held every Tuesday evening from 6-7 p.m. Thanks to the Marthabelle "Tad" Schuemaker memorial a STEAM cart was added to this program with new activities focusing on science, technology, engineering, art, and math, including a light table and sand and water activities as well. Shown right is a peek at the fun that was had during the fall LEAP session.



## Book Bundles for Busy Families!

There is a new service at the Gering Library for families who attend our storytimes and LEAP program. Book Bundles is an easy and fun way to check out books for your kids. Anyone who attends the Tuesday LEAP program, Wednesday Toddler Story & Playtime, or Thursday Preschool Storytime can sign up to get a Book Bundle the following week. This is how it works. Sign up to get a Book Bundle when you attend a program, choose 5 or 10 books, and the Youth Services Librarian will pick them out, then check out the books to your library card and have them ready for you in a special library bag at the next program. All you have to do is take the bag home and enjoy the books. The regular two week check-out time still applies or you can return the bag of books at the next weekly program. If something comes up to prevent you from attend-

ing the program, no worries! The Book Bundle will be saved until the end of the week then checked back in if it is not picked up.

This service is intended to help busy moms and dads provide books and quality reading for their children and as a thank you for attending our youth services programs.

Book Bundles was started in October of this year and has been a wonderful success. "Book bundles are a life saver!" storytime parent Nicole Hanke exclaims. "It's so convenient to attend storytime and have books checked out ready-to-go in a bag. The books are age appropriate (even with our wide range of ages) and include a variety of topics." Hanke has four children, two preschool age and two younger. She explains, "My children love checking books



out but they have a tendency to pull books at random with no idea where to put them back. Book bundles save us from this chaos. They love carrying home our book bundles!" Convenience is certainly one of the main attractions to this new service. Michelle Moore, whose son

Maxtin attends LEAP asserts, "As a mom of four we wouldn't normally have the time to spend picking out five books. I love that they are picked out and ready to go for us and even better we get books that we may not have picked out on our own." Additionally, parents like

Mariah Betzold appreciate the diversity and surprise of the books that are picked for them. "There are so many great things to say about the book bundles", she reflects. "I think the biggest is my kids and I get excited on what kind of new books we can read together for the week. They're books I

wouldn't normally pick out but they end up being the most memorable!" Betzold continues, "With having someone pick out books for us and I can just grab and go it makes it so much easier on me especially since I'm a mom on the go all the time! We've discovered so many great new authors that it's opened mine and the kids' eyes to the art of good literature and imagination."

All programs at the Gering Library are free and open to the public. To register for the LEAP program or for more information on Book Bundles or any of the Gering Library's services or programs please call 436-7433 or email youth services librarian, Christie Clarke at cclarke@geringlibrary.org. You can also get information via Facebook messenger and if you like the Gering Public Library on Facebook you will receive up to date notifications on all programs. Finally, there is a calendar of all library events that can be accessed at the Gering Library website at [www.gering.org/library](http://www.gering.org/library).

## Mayor and Council take Oath of Office

Mayor Kaufman and Councilmembers O'Neal, Morrison, Smith and Holliday took the Oath of Office for a four-year term on December 10, 2018. Mayor Kaufman will be serving his second term. Smith has served as a Councilmember since 2009, Morrison since 2003, O'Neal since 2014 and Holliday since 2014.



*"I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, the laws of the municipality and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of City Council Member according to law, and to the best of my ability".*



### Your Gering City Council Members...

Left to right, Councilmembers Troy Cowan, Julie Morrison, Pam O'Neal, Susan Wiedeman - City Clerk, Kathy Welf, Mayor Tony Kaufman, City Administrator Lane Danietzuk, Councilmembers Phil Holliday, Ben Backus, Michael Gillen, Dan Smith. KNEB Courtesy photo

**A Key to the City was presented by Mayor Kaufman to outgoing Mayors Meininger and Greenwalt at the October 24, 2018 Chamber-sponsored State of the Valley event. Scotts Bluff County Commissioner Chairman, Mark Masterton, also received this honor for his many years of service.**



## PAWS 4 PAWS BY GERING CHARITY

Skipper's Cupboard, Inc. a 501C3 non-profit charity based in Gering, is producing Paws 4 Paws, a unique and exciting charity event that will raise funds to feed hungry animals and promote and strengthen community art.

Becky Hale, a director of Skipper's Cupboard, contacted Paws-itive Partners, an animal rescue in North Platte, NE that had produced a similar e-vent in July named "Paws on the Platte"

Becky felt that such an event would be a "good fit." She contacted the animal rescue and its directors enthusiastically provided a bountiful amount of procedural and marketing literature and offered their whole-hearted blessing and cooperation to Skipper's Cupboard.

An on-site meeting was held with the entrepreneurs who founded and operate Icon-Poly, a manufacturing firm in Gibbon, NE. It designed, molded, manufactured and sold the "poly-dogs," to Paws-itive Partners, which had raised the "up-front" cost of purchase with proceeds from the sale of event sponsorships. Selected artists painted the "poly dogs," and the dog rescue sold them at public auction.

The same "event template" is being followed by Skipper's Cupboard to produce Paws 4 Paws. And rightly so, as it has been successfully guided by non-profit groups in Nebraska as well as Chicago and Boston...to site just a few.

Besides raising funds to feed hungry pets, Paws 4 Paws will promote local artists and strengthen community art. As one source offered, "Community art brings together a variety of people and groups. It expresses peoples' life-experiences. Community art

makes one community different from another."

The "unpainted poly-dogs" (some 36" tall and others 16") will arrive in Gering in late January 2019. Event sponsors, artists, media, animal lovers, etc. will be invited to meet and greet them at a "Welcome to the Valley" reception; after which, pre-chosen artists will be given two months to paint the dogs.

Skipper's Cupboard will host a second public reception in late April at which the dogs, now having been beautifully painted, will be unveiled. Thereafter, they will go on "tour" for two months throughout Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming at sponsor locations, art galleries, etc.

Each dog will wear a "shield" that proudly bears the names of its sponsor and artist. The event will be widely promoted. The Scottsbluff Star-Herald has agreed to be the primary media sponsor.

In July 2019, the painted dogs will be sold at a benefit public auction. A four-color booklet/auction and memorabilia guide will be produced that features biographical information about each artist and recognizes each sponsor.

Weborg 21 Centre in Gering, NE, has graciously offered to be the site of each reception and the auction.

Skipper's Cupboard is still seeking "sponsors" for the event. In exchange, sponsors will enjoy a vast amount of positive promotional recognition; will receive complimentary passes to the receptions and auction; and receive the offer to display the painted dogs at their place of business/operation for public viewing.

**For more information about Paws 4 Paws contact Skipper's Cupboard at: (308) 672-5015, snickersdad80@gmail.com or Becky Hale on Facebook.**





# Ever Green House Update

By Carole Knaub

2018 at the Gering Ever Green Community Green House has been exciting. Keno funds have been a huge supporter over the last two years. With their tremendous support, the year started with the windows and wallboard replacement with insulation and new siding on the south side of the greenhouse and repair of the thermostatic vent on the top of the building and the ceiling fan.

With the new funds from Keno received in November we will be completing the 200' sidewalk and covered arbor on the south side. Dirt work has begun and the project will begin as soon as possible in the spring. Local master gardeners will be brought together to design specific flower beds along that walkway.

The Ever Green House received the Cultivating Health Our Way (CHOW) grant through Nebraska Extension in 2017 and 2018, totaling over \$7,000. Nebraska Extension's SNAP-Ed program awarded the grant funds to support the building and maintenance of the outdoor donation garden at the Ever Green House. The CHOW grant represents a partnership between Extension SNAP-Ed Assistants and Master Gardeners to connect with their community in order to build gardens and cultivate produce for donation to food pantries.

With the help of volunteers working in the garden and other local gardeners' personal donations, Extension's 2017 and 2018 CHOW grants to the Ever Green House have resulted in over 3,300 pounds of produce being donated with a dollar value of \$3,100. Produce was donated to the food

pantries at Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN) and First Baptist Church. Produce storage tips and budget-friendly recipes were included with donations to help recipients unfamiliar with certain vegetables.

The greenhouse grew these plants from seed and used volunteer hours to grow and harvest the crops. With that grant, we have been developing the north side of the greenhouse where we have built 14 raised gardening beds with drip irrigation and on five of the beds we have material for cold frames which will be used in spring 2019. This fall, the grant covered the new weed barrier and red gravel mulch on the north side between the raised beds.

Inside the greenhouse, the 30+ year old fig tree continues to have great harvests and the community enjoys the ability to purchase the delicious figs.

Other grants received this year include the Farm Bureau which provided a new storage shed and needed materials for produce production. A \$2,500 grant was received from a local group that will provide benches and solar pole lights for the expected arbor construction in the spring.

In October, our Volunteer Coordinator, Carole Knaub received the AARP Andreas Award for her outstanding community involvement at the greenhouse. Carole has been the driving force to bring the greenhouse back to its beauty in the City.

Local Boy Scouts have been busy with their Eagle projects at the greenhouse. A raspberry arbor was built this fall by Jackson Hamm and his group of scouts and supporters.

Many volunteers have been involved in the greenhouse these past two years to include the AARP, the National Guard, the Scotts Bluff County Detention Work Crew, Kiwanis Club, Board of Realtors, Master Gardeners, UNL, youth groups, elementary and

high school students and local community members.

We are especially excited about what 2019 will bring to our greenhouse. Plans are in place to develop five raised beds for veterans, two additional

beds for the donation garden and continued improvement and beautification of the grounds. It is the desire of the greenhouse to make more beds available for community use. We are excited to have more volunteers in 2019 and ask that volunteers contact us to be placed on a list. Please call Carole Knaub at 641-4169 or Tina Luz 631-7050.



# DOG PARK



Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Kaufman and Common Grounds Committee Members Stacey Fisher and Amber Schiltz.



SO MUCH FUN



Grand Opening, October 28, 2018



## Monument Dog Park Open to the Public

The Common Grounds Dog Park Committee and the City of Gering officially opened the brand new Monument Dog Park on Sunday October 28. The park is located at 2250 West U Street (SW Corner of Five Rocks Road & U Street). There was a ribbon cutting and much celebration as the group welcomed the community to the newly finished five acre fenced off-leash dog park.

"After over a year of fundraising and construction, we are so thrilled the park is finally open for the community and their dogs to enjoy!" said Stacey Fisher, Common Grounds Dog Park Committee President.

Last fall the committee broke ground on the new park, and has been hard at work putting up the fences, building signs, and constructing the new five-acre dog park for over a year. Monument Dog Park is officially open to the public seven days a week from dawn until 9pm, and will be maintained by the City of Gering within their parks system.

The park is completely fenced around the five acres of land, and has

separate sections for small dogs and timid dogs in addition to the large free play area. The committee also plans on adding an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant paved pathway along the inside perimeter of the park, and an American Kennel Club agility course in one of the sections, which will allow dog owners to not just exercise their dogs, but also teach them new skills. These second phase projects will likely be completed next spring with additional fundraising.

Monument Dog Park was funded by grants from the Oregon Trail Community Foundation, Gering Keno Funds, the Carol J. Fuller Foundation, and private donors. The park was constructed by the Common Grounds Dog Park Committee, and created in partnership with the City of Gering. The park is free to use and open to everyone, however to have the best experience and keep everyone safe, there are dog park rules that visitors must follow. All dogs visiting must be current on vaccinations, and no puppies under four months should visit the park until they've received all their required vaccinations. Please help keep the park beautiful and usable for all by cleaning up after your dog, there are multiple bag dispensers and trash receptacles

throughout the park. Visitors are asked to not bring dogs who are aggressive, and to promptly remove your dog if aggressive behavior is observed. Visitors are also asked not to bring in any food to avoid food aggression in visiting dogs. All visitors are legally responsible for their dog at the park. For more information on best practices when using the dog park, please see the rules sign at the entrance to the park.

Since its opening in late October, it's rare to see the park not being utilized by dogs running freely playing with their owners. "People are so excited to have this new community asset finally open. And dogs are loving it too! I've heard from many people how much they value the space already, and how they've incorporated taking their dog here into their daily routine," said Amber Schiltz, Common Grounds Dog Park Committee Member. So if you're dog is hounding you to go outside, bring them out to Monument Dog Park to play and have a tail-wagging good time!

For more information about the Common Grounds Dog Park Committee, you can find them on Facebook, or their website at [www.commongrounds-dogpark.com](http://www.commongrounds-dogpark.com).

### Responsible Pet Ownership begins with YOU! ...and, it's the law...



**Please remember to keep your pets' vaccinations current, protect pets from harsh weather conditions, make sure they have plenty of clean drinking water, obtain a license annually and don't allow pets to run at large - cats as well as dogs!**

**Please keep in mind that your pet can succumb to frostbite and hypothermia, no matter how dense their fur. It's extremely important to provide a warm, dry shelter for your pet to get out of the elements (by law a domestic animal must be provided with shelter), or keep them indoors as much as possible. Remove snow between your pets' toes to prevent frostbite and make sure they have plenty of fresh drinking water at all times.**

**Keep pets away from hazards such as antifreeze, chocolate and candles!**

**NEBRASKA**  
Tourism Commission

**2018 Outstanding Tourism Attraction - Oregon Trail Ballpark in Gering, NE**



The Outstanding Tourism Attraction Award was given to the Oregon Trail Ballpark – Home of the Western Nebraska Pioneers in Gering. In 2016, the City of Gering embarked on a major expansion project to add a new ballfield to the Oregon Trail Park. The goal was to improve the youth athletic facilities for local resident families and to increase opportunities for attracting tournaments and events with economic impact throughout Gering and the region. May 29, 2018 was the opening event at the Oregon Trail Ballpark Complex, the first home game of Gering's Western Nebraska Pioneers and the beginning of new growth in Gering's sports-recreation-tourism markets. Success started immediately with a strong community-wide support and an average of 936 people in attendance per game. Thirty percent of ticket buyers were from outside the Gering-Scottsbluff area and when they came they spent tourism dollars for tickets, food, fuel, lodging, souvenirs, retail expenditures and more. In its inaugural year, the Oregon Trail Ballpark successfully brought over 30,000 visitors to Nebraska.



Accepting the award for Gering was City of Gering Tourism Director, Karla Niedan-Streeks (center) with Governor Pete Ricketts (left) and John Ricks, Director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission



From left to right, Steve Wagner, President of the Expedition League and Myra and Chuck Heeman, owners of the Western Nebraska Pioneers.



The 2018 Pioneers Team - Expedition League Champions

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**



Oregon Trail Park stadium under construction in May, 2018



**What is Stormwater?** Stormwater runoff is water from rain, melting snow or irrigation water that "runs off" or across impervious surfaces instead of seeping into the ground. This untreated runoff flows in ditches, curbs, gutters, storm inlets and is then carried to the nearest waterway such as a pond, lake, creek or river. Stormwater pipelines are separate from wastewater pipelines, stormwater is not treated and does not flow through wastewater treatment plants.

**How does Stormwater Runoff Become Polluted?** Stormwater runoff can become polluted anywhere people are using or altering the land. People going about their daily lives are the main source of stormwater pollu-

tants, and they are unaware of it. Common examples of people contributing to stormwater pollution include: over fertilizing, excessive pesticide usage, not picking up pet waste, using salt or sand to de-ice driveways, allowing oil to drip out of their vehicles and, of course, littering. If these pollutants are not properly used or picked up, then rainfall or snow melt will wash these pollutants into the storm inlets where they discharge into nearby waterways.

**What Can I do to Prevent Stormwater pollution?**

If you own a car, maintain it, so it does not leak oil or other fluids and if you wash your car at home, be sure to wash it on the grass or at a car wash, so the dirt and soap do not flow down the driveway and into the nearest storm drain.

Do not over fertilize your grass and never apply fertilizers or pesticides before a heavy rain. If fertilizer falls onto the driveway or sidewalks, sweep it up and throw it away or place back onto the grass. Make sure mulch, leaves, and grass clippings are not blown into or left in the street. Be sure to pick up all yard waste and place into a yard waste container or use it as compost to prevent yard waste from entering into the nearest storm drain.

Other things you can do to prevent runoff on your property is to turn your gutter downspouts away from hard surfaces – instead point them into flower beds, grassy areas, or consider building a rain garden to contain the water. To avoid erosion, seed or place sod down on bare spots in your yard.

Pet owners should pick up after their pets and dispose of pet waste in the garbage. Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When it rains, any pet waste on lawns, parks or streets washes into the storm drain system and ends up in local waterways, resulting in high E.coli bacteria levels and making waterways unusable for swimming, boating or other activities.

Keep lawn and household chemicals tightly sealed and covered in a place where they will not get rained on. Never put anything down a storm inlet! Including paint and motor oil.

**And of course, do not litter!**



**City of Gering Environmental Services**



(308) 436-7568



**BLUE CONTAINERS**

Single Stream Recycling continues...  
- The City has residential carts available  
- North of "Q" Street is picked up on one week and South of Q Street is picked up on the other week.



Drop boxes at Northfield Church and at the corner of 9th & L are available for single stream Recyclables!

NO GLASS OF ANY KIND  
NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND  
DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Commercial size containers are also available!

**GREEN CONTAINERS - Yard Waste**

- Residential alley containers are for GRASS AND LEAVES ONLY!  
- If you have larger yard waste debris take it directly to the landfill

**LANDFILL**

Located at 200531 West 'U' Street, (308) 436-7568  
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 2:30 pm. No hazardous or liquid wastes accepted.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

We will be trimming trees in our right-of-way in alleys soon. ALSO, Free Dump Day will be held April 20, 2019, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Those wishing to dump items need to have a driver's license and utility bill with same address/name.

**THANK YOU!**

**BROWN CONTAINERS - Residential Waste**

Residential alley containers are for residential waste only, NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS. If you have construction debris take it directly to the landfill.

**PLEASE do not put plastic bags and glass in the recyclable containers at 9th & L Street and at Northfield Church.**

**THANK YOU!**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**PLEASE DO NOT** put garbage in the green yard waste containers.

Residents are also responsible for cleaning up alley-ways so vehicles can drive through them safely.

We would also like to add that Free Dump Passes for Gering are for residential use only and are good once per month. Landlords can not use them for their rentals, as rental properties are commercial businesses.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

# EMERGENCY Snow Routes

THANK YOU for your cooperation!

ORDINANCE No. 2053  
AMENDED DECEMBER 11, 2017

§ 76.06 VIOLATION OF VEHICLES PARKING ON EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES.  
A violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.

## Your Assistance is Needed

Please comply with City ordinances pertaining to snow removal

**Per City Ordinance - please clear public walks within 12 hours after the cessation of a storm. Thank you for your cooperation!**

ORDINANCE 2059 - PUBLIC WALKS; SNOW, ICE, SLEET AND MUD REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

AMENDED  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018

### SECTION 1. SNOW, ICE AND MUD.

It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any lot or lots, or the owner of any vacant lot or lots within the corporate limits of the City of Gering, Nebraska, to allow snow, sleet, mud, ice or other substance to accumulate on the sidewalk contiguous thereto, or to permit any hard trodden snow, sleet, ice, mud or other substances to remain upon said sidewalk; but such sidewalk shall be cleaned within twelve (12) hours after the cessation of a storm. In addition, any snow, sleet, ice, mud or other substance which remains on a sidewalk contrary to the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, in the discretion of Gering Transportation Superintendent or other agent of the City.

### SECTION 2. NOTICE TO REMOVE AND PENALTY.

Notice to remove such substance shall be made upon the owner or occupant of the premises, or their agent. If the person owning or occupying such premises be unknown or cannot be found, or if any reasonable service cannot be had

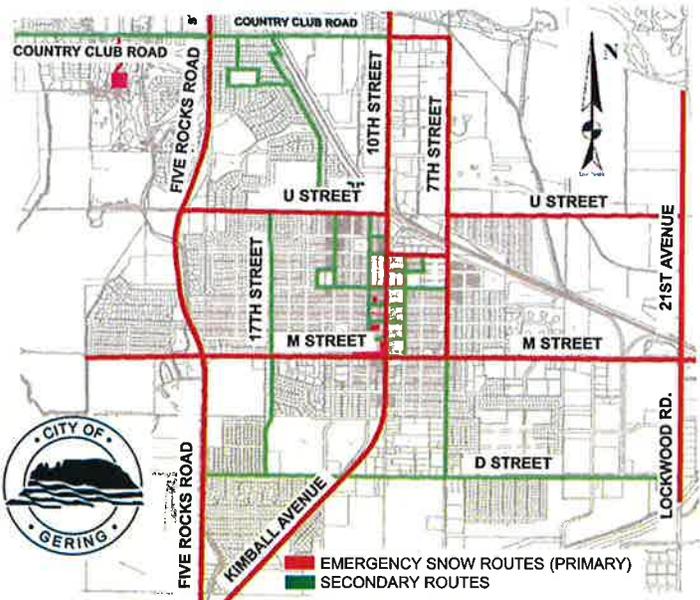
upon any such owner, agent or occupant within this City, then such service of said notice shall be made by posting a notice in a conspicuous place on the premises; and any owner or occupant who fails to clean off and remove ice, snow, mud, sleet or other substance which constitutes a nuisance as required herein, and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and shall be fined \$100.00.

### SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.

If the Transportation Superintendent or another agent of the City shall determine that an accumulation of snow, sleet, ice or mud is so unsafe, or is unsafe in a respect such that a delay in removal thereof would result in undue danger or other hazard to the public, he or she may declare in writing that there exists an emergency requiring that the snow, sleet, ice or mud be removed immediately and order the owner or occupant to remove the snow, sleet, ice or mud from public walkways and sidewalks.



Please do not pile snow on or around fire hydrants!



When a Snow Emergency is declared, please move vehicles parked on Emergency Snow Routes!

## EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

- 10th Street from "J" Street to "U" Street
- 10th Street (Scottsbluff/Gering Highway) from "U" Street to the river bridge
- "M" Street/Old Oregon Trail from the cemetery road east to Hwy. 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 City limits
- "S" Street from 10th Street to 7th Street
- 7th Street from "M" Street to Country Club Rd.
- Country Club Rd. from 10th Street to 7th Street
- Lockwood Road from Hwy 71 to M Street
- 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue from M Street to the North Platte River bridge