

# ***FIRTH MUNICIPAL NEWS***

## ***Summer 2020 - Edition***

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***The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on current issues regarding the Village of Firth and the surrounding community. It is the hope of the Board that this will be a positive communication tool between the local government and you.***

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### [www.firth.nebraska.gov](http://www.firth.nebraska.gov)

You will find lots of interesting information including upcoming events, community activities, Village Board projects, various applications and forms, Firth history, and the municipal code, and more. Check it out!

### **Annual Firth Fireworks Show – June 20**

The annual Firth Fireworks Show will be Saturday June 20 at dusk at the ballfields. The show will be put on by Pyro Magic Fireworks. The Village Board asks that those watching from the ball fields practice social distancing. (Sponsored by the Village Board).

### **COVID-19 Response**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Village Board has been monitoring local, state and federal health guidelines as well as heeding the advice of the Village attorney and the League of Nebraska Municipalities. At times this has led to some difficult and unpopular decisions. The Board has worked very hard to make wise decisions for the health and safety of Village residents, Village employees, and the Firth community. The Board understands the frustrations with this abnormal year and asks for your patience and understanding as there is most often more to these decisions than it appears.

### **Firth Park**

At this time the park equipment and restrooms remain closed. CDC guidelines for opening park equipment and public restrooms call for disinfecting the equipment at least several times each day. Firth does not have the staff to disinfect equipment and clean restrooms several times a day or on evenings or weekends. The Village Board understands this is an unfortunate situation and that everyone wants to get back to normal. The Board will continue to re-evaluate the park situation on an ongoing basis.

### **Firth Splash Pad**

The Village Board has decided to keep the splash pad closed for 2020. There is no way the Village can monitor crowd size or social distancing. Having the splash pad open would also draw large crowds from other communities which could potentially bring a greater opportunity for the spread of COVID-19 to the Firth community. With the potential health issues due to COVID-19, the decision has been made leave the splash pad closed for 2020.

### **Firth Ball Fields**

Beginning June 3, the Village is allowing the NT Softball league to use the ball fields. NT is responsible for all cleaning and disinfecting of restrooms and equipment and monitoring group size and social distancing while ball fields are in use. Every person involved with NT or a competing team must sign a waiver regarding COVID-19 issues before being allowed at the ball field. This is the suggested statewide policy due to COVID-19. All other leagues or teams not playing with NT Softball are not allowed to use the fields.

### **Firth Fun Day Rescheduled for 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 situation, and the health and safety of the Firth community, FACET has made the difficult decision to reschedule Firth Fun Day to 2021. The plan is to make the day bigger and better than ever!! Watch for more details! FACET is always looking for people to join in the planning of upcoming community events! For more information, please email [firth.facet@gmail.com](mailto:firth.facet@gmail.com)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Virtual Scavenger Hunt – July 5-12**

Be sure to check out the FACET Facebook page for how to be part of the Firth Virtual Scavenger Hunt! Fun for kids of all ages! Grand, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes will be given. (Sponsored by FACET)

### **Firth Spirit Week – August 3-7**

Be watching the Firth FACET Facebook page for information on how to be a part of the Firth Spirit Week. It will be a fun way to get the kids involved! (Sponsored by FACET).

### **Firth Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade – December 5**

Due to the COVID-19 issue, FACET has decided to try an Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade this year. Watch for more details in the coming months. Santa will lead the parade and we hope to have lots of holiday floats. The annual community tree lighting will end the event. (Sponsored by F.A.C.E.T)

### **Firth Holiday Lighting Contest – December 5**

Open to Firth residents - Make plans to have your house decorated by December 5. Winners will be announced on the FACET Facebook page on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be given. Let's plan to light up Firth! (Sponsored by F.A.C.E.T)

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### **Village Board of Trustees – November Election**

Three Firth Village Trustee positions will be on the ballot for the November general election. If you have questions, or wish to place your name on the ballot, please contact the Village Office (# above) or the Lancaster County Election Commission. (402-441-7058). The term for a Village Trustee is 4 years. Village Board meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and are required for all Trustees to attend. You must be a resident of the corporate limits of Firth and be a registered voter in Lancaster County to be a candidate for Village Trustee.

### **Firth Zoning Code update**

The Planning Commission is currently working with FiveRule Rural Planning to update the Village Zoning ordinance. The committee is currently reviewing the final zoning document draft. There will be a public hearing on the final document at the July 28 Planning Commission meeting and the August 4 Board meeting. It is anticipated the updated zoning ordinance will be adopted in August 2020.

### **Firth History Display**

The Village would like to create a Firth History Display in the entryway of the community center. This would be a permanent display to chronological important history of the Village. If you have old photos you would be willing to donate or allow the Village to copy, or if you have Firth memorabilia you would be willing to lend or donate, please call the Village Office (# above). If you have interesting Firth stories please let us know!

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Saturday, June 20 – Firth Fireworks Show** – Firth ballfields at dusk (please practice social distancing)

**July 5-12 – Virtual Scavenger Hunt** – Watch for details on Firth FACET Facebook page

**August 3-7 – Firth Spirit Week** – Watch for details on Firth FACET Facebook page

**Saturday, December 5 – Firth Old Fashioned Christmas Parade** – more info to come

**Saturday, December 5 – Holiday Lighting Contest deadline**

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