

FIRTH MUNICIPAL NEWS

Fall 2018 - 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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The Village website is updated regularly. 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, just to name a few. Check it out and visit often!

Village Board thanks Peg Reutzel

Due to personal commitments Peg Reutzel resigned from the Village Board effective in June. The Board is extremely grateful for Peg and her service on the Board for the past 3 years. She has been a great asset to the Board on many village projects and issues. She will be greatly missed. The Board thanks Peg for her dedicated service and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors.

Village Board thanks Phil Tenhulzen

Phil was appointed to fill a board vacancy in June of this year. Due to taking a new job position Phil will be moving out of Firth which necessitated his resignation from the Board. The Board is grateful for Phil's willingness to serve and wishes him well in his new job.

Village Board welcomes two new trustees

The Village Board is happy to announce two new board members who have agreed to fill vacant terms which run through December 2020. Amanda Eisenhauer and her husband live in North Ridge Addition with their two children. Jason Cooper, his wife and their children have lived in Firth for several years. The Board looks forward to working together with Amanda and Jason to ensure a strong and vibrant Firth Community well into the future. Thank you to Amanda and Jason for serving the community in this important role!

Firth Old-Fashioned Christmas - Saturday December 1, 4:00-6:00pm – Firth Community Center

Come and start off the Holiday season by joining with your community friends and neighbors for refreshments, kids' crafts, caroling and the annual community tree lighting. This year will feature live reindeer and Santa with his sleigh! Be sure to bring your camera to get a picture of the kids with Santa and his reindeer! **Everyone** is welcome! Both restaurants will be offering dinner specials so make plans to spend the evening in Firth! (Sponsored by F.A.C.E.T.)

Firth Holiday Lighting Contest – December 10

FACET is sponsoring a Holiday Lighting Contest for residents within Firth Village limits. Have your lights up by December 10. Winners will be announced December 11. First Place - \$75 Firth Bucks. Runner Up - \$50 Firth Bucks. Firth Bucks are good at any Firth business. (sponsored by F.A.C.E.T.)

Firth Valentine's Night Out – February 14

Mark your calendar for Thursday February 14 and plan to spend the evening in Firth! Check out the Valentines dinner specials at both Firth restaurants. Whether you choose to eat in town or not, be sure to drop by the Firth community center and enjoy fancy desserts and music in a romantic atmosphere – plus a flower for all the ladies. Bring your Valentine or your friends. It's a great evening without having to drive to Lincoln!! Be watching for more info! (Sponsored by F.A.C.E.T.)

2019 Firth Fun Day/Fireworks – Saturday June 29

Saturday, June 29th is the date!! You won't want to miss the festivities! F.A.C.E.T. is already planning for the 2019 Firth Fun Day. If you would like to be part of the planning team for this exciting event, please email firth.facet@gmail.com or contact the Village Office (# and email above). **Everyone** is invited to be a part! (Sponsored by F.A.C.E.T.)

Season's Greetings !!

FACET – Firth Area Community Enrichment Team

The Firth Area Community Enrichment Team is made up of members of the Firth community. The F.A.C.E.T. mission statement is: “to encompass the many facets of Firth by creating quality opportunities for people to invest in the area through community events, business development and fostering community pride... F.A.C.E.T. – preserving the past, embracing today, envisioning the future...” If you would like more information about the many ways to get involved in F.A.C.E.T. please send an email to firth.facet@gmail.com or contact the Village Office (# and email above.)

2018 Strategic Plan approved

The Firth Village Board approved the updated Strategic Plan at the September 4, 2018 meeting. The strategic plan highlights short term and long-term goals for the Village for the next 5-10 years. The 2013 Strategic Plan was a very helpful tool in moving Firth forward in many areas and the Board now looks forward to implementing many of the goals in the 2018 Strategic Plan as well. If you would like to view the 2018 Firth Strategic Plan please contact the Village Office (number above.)

Firth Comprehensive Plan update

The Village has contracted with Olsson Associates and Five Rule Planning to update the 2008 comprehensive plan. Firth looks much different than it did in 2008, especially with the North Ridge housing development, and the needs of the village have changed. The comprehensive plan is a valuable tool in helping a municipality manage growth in a way that benefits the community and makes it stronger. Public input has been gathered and stakeholder interviews have been conducted. The consultants are currently working on the housing component of the comprehensive plan. The updated comprehensive plan will be ready for approval in the spring 2019.

Please complete the Firth Housing Study Survey

Part of the comprehensive plan update includes a current housing study. The Village highly values your opinion and invites you to complete a short survey regarding housing issues in and around Firth. You can access the survey at www.futureoffirth.com. The survey is short and the information you provide will help to point Firth in the right direction moving forward. Survey deadline is November 30. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this important survey.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, December 1 – Annual Community Christmas and visit from Santa – 4:00-0:00pm at Community Center – 311 Nemaha

December 10 – Holiday Lighting Contest – Make sure your lights are up by December 10

February 14 — Valentine’s Night Out – Dinner specials at restaurants plus fancy desserts and music at the community center

Saturday, April 13 – Annual Firth Easter Egg Hunt – Time and Place TBA

Saturday, June 29 – Annual Firth Fun Day/Fireworks

A Word from the Chairman of the Board

On behalf of the Firth Village Board, I wish you all a Happy Holiday season! We are very blessed to live in such a great community. So many people, all working together, to make Firth and the surrounding area a great place to live! There are lots exciting things happening in Firth. We invite you to get involved in our events, teams, and planning opportunities. If you have ideas to make Firth even better, please let us know! The Village Board meetings are always open to the public and we are here to serve you!

Sincerely, Dave Hobelman, Village Board Chair

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