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City Auditorium Renovation

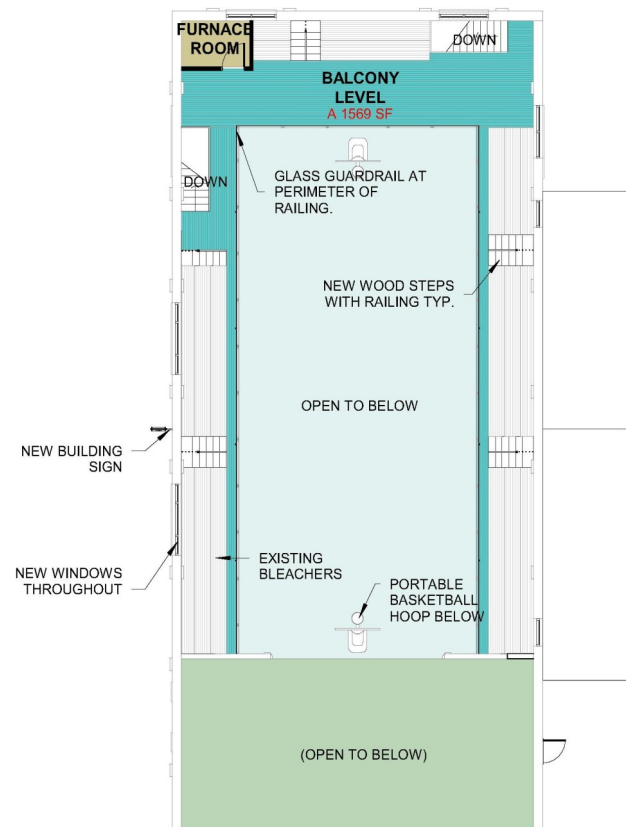
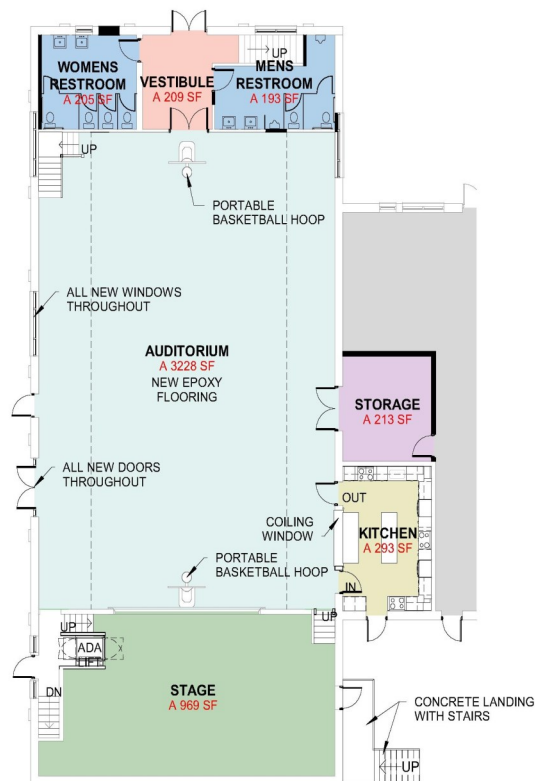
The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has announced the return of full funding for the CCCFF (Civic and Community Center Financing Fund) Grant. This is great news for the City of Alma! The City is applying for a construction grant in the full amount of \$562,000. The five criteria areas for this grant include: Retention Impact, New Resident Impact, Visitor Impact, Readiness & Local Public Support, and Project Planning. The grant also requires a 50% match with the matching funds in place at the time of application.

We are very thankful for the local public support thru the town hall meetings and surveys conducted in 2021 and the support of the Chamber of Commerce fundraisers for the auditorium renovation. The fundraising dollars will help with the 50% match and additional costs. This will be beneficial for our grant consideration as it is a very competitive grant.

Since the Feasibility Study was conducted in 2021, the costs for the renovation have risen. Today's anticipated renovation cost has increased from the 2021's amount of \$1.2M to \$1.9M. We will be looking at dividing the renovation project into phases and will continue with each phase as further funding is available. Additional grants are being researched to help assist with the increase in costs and the additional phases.

The proposed improvements preserve historic character while also increasing functionality of the building. Improvements to be made include Brick Tuckpointing, New Roof, Wheelchair Lift to Stage, Acoustics, Electric Services, Lighting, HVAC, Windows & Doors, Flooring, Kitchen & Appliances, Men's and Women's restrooms and Signage. The Kitchen and Restrooms will be moved to new areas to better utilize the functionality and space for each.

Upon award notification of the CCCFF Construction Grant in early April, our engineering firm of Miller & Associates will begin the formal bidding process with construction to begin as the awarded contractors time allows.



The CodeRED notification system sends important alerts and time-sensitive message to our residents, but you must sign up for it. Residents can choose several different methods of notification—landline, cell phone, email, text, TTY, or a combination of them. Visit our website www.almacity.com and click on the CodeRED phone symbol to sign up.

The Alma Community Clean Up is on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The pickup crews will make one pass per street beginning at 8 am. You must have your items out on the curb before 8 am. If you need help getting an item to the curb, please call the school at 928-2131. The volunteers will NOT pick up the following items: paint, concrete, batteries, remodeling castoff materials, tires, and shingles. Watch the marquee for more information!



Valentine's Day is right around the corner Don't forget your favorite sweetheart with a heartfelt gift purchased from one of the many wonderful businesses in Alma.

Shop Small—Shop Hometown

KNOW WHAT'S BELOW. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! DIAL 811



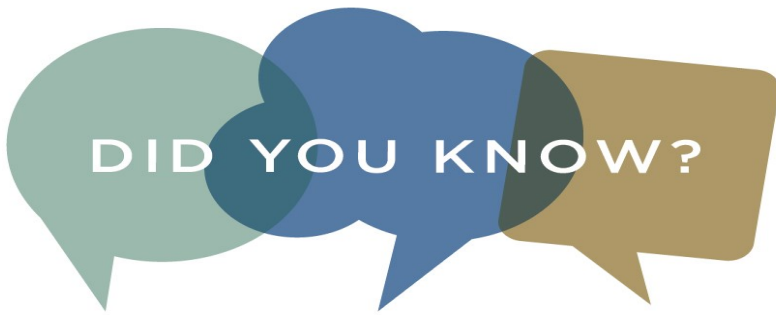
ALWAYS REVIEW EACH AND EVERY UTILITY BILL

It is a very good idea to review each bill and reference back to the previous bill. Is there a significant difference? We have had customers discover they have a water leak because their bill was huge. If they had only reviewed the prior bill, they may have avoided a huge water bill! Leaky toilets and broken water lines can be costly on your bill!

City Council

City Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted each Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall,

Hogeland's Market, Alma Post Office, and Trustworthy Hardware. If there is an agenda item of particular interest to you, the Mayor, City Council and City Staff encourage you to attend the meeting.



Leaky faucets add up

- 10% of homes with leaks waste 90 gallons daily.
- A leaky faucet can waste 3,000 gallons per year
- A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons a day

Did you know that parking on the street in a residential area needs to be either on the north side or on the west side of the block?

No motor vehicle shall be parked or stand on any street for longer than 48 continuous hours.

NORTH



Black indicates where to park. Red indicates where **NOT** to park.

Workforce Housing Land Development Grant

The City of Alma has applied for a \$1M Workforce Housing Land Development Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. The components of the program utilize funding provided through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). On April 3, 2022, Governor Ricketts signed LB1014. Section 42(2) of the bill appropriated funds to the NDED in grants pursuant to the purposes of preparing land parcels in accordance with the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act and does not require any matching funds. Acceptable uses to prepare land development include rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities; demolition or deconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings; laying of drinking water transmission lines on these parcels; costs associated with acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties and other costs to position the property for current or future use for the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act.

The City Council and staff have spent many hours identifying vacant and/or abandoned properties in Alma that would qualify for the Land Development Grant. This project will entail new life to these parcels through the purchase, clearing of debris, rehab/maintenance to secure vacant residential structures, demolition of dilapidated structures, site repair, and environmental inspections & abatement as necessary. The parcels, once purchased, will be redeveloped for Rural Workforce Housing.

If awarded and upon completion of the project, the City will offer future redevelopment including rehabilitation of residential structures for sale to landlords or owner-occupants, vacant parcels for new construction of single-family housing and townhouse units for housing within Rural Workforce Housing Guidelines. The transformational impact of this grant would provide mechanisms to create incentives to build or rehabilitate affordable housing for the type of employees needed by our community.

The City of Alma has a **Fair Housing Ordinance** that is designed to prohibit discrimination in housing. It is the declared policy of the City of Alma that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing, regardless of sex, race, color, handicap, religion, national origin, sex or marital status of the person maintaining a household, lawful source of income, age or ancestry. The ordinance is deemed an exercise of the police powers of the City for the protection of the welfare, health, peace, dignity and human rights of the people of this City. For more information regarding Fair Housing, please visit https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint.



HOW CAN I PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM CROSS CONTAMINATION?

1. Check your water softener or other in-home treatment device to insure that any drain lines have proper air gap prior to entering the sewer line. The floor drain is considered a sewer line and there should be an air gap if the drain line runs into the floor drain.
2. Check all faucets where a hose might be connected and install a hose bib vacuum breaker to protect these connections.
3. Install a Pressure Vacuum Breaker on your underground sprinklers and have it tested annually when the sprinklers are turned on for the season.
4. If you have a boiler for home heating, make sure to fill them so the water level is higher

Sanitation Guidelines

- Bag and tie trash bags
- Place trash toter with lid opening facing the street
- Do not place toter in the street
- Please position toter close to the curb
- Place toter 3 feet away from any obstructions
- Never place hot coals or ashes in your toter
- Construction debris, paint and chemicals will not be accepted
- Place your toter the night before or by 7:00 am
- Trash may not be sticking outside the container
- If you need an extra pickup—call the city office

Goodwill Donation Drive

**Monday, March 27th—
Monday, April 5th**

Virtually anything in your home or garage that you no longer use is accepted; clothing, household items, shoes, boots, purses, belts, hats, books, computers, printers, monitors and computer accessories can be placed inside the Goodwill trailer. Due to limited storage space, furniture, televisions, mattresses and large appliances are not accepted. Receipts for tax deductions are available.

For questions please contact Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc. at (308) 384-7896





HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PAGES FROM HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LOCATED IN THE CITY PARK

*The Library is open:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Friday from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. &
Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon*

*Phone: 308-928-2600
Email: almalibry@gmail.com
Webpage: <https://libraries.ne.gov/alma>*



WELCOME!

The library welcomes all people to use the library. Along with fiction and non-fiction books for children through adults, audio books on CD, large print books, and DVDs, there are 5 public computers, printers, a copy machine, an AWE computer with educational games for preschoolers to use, a microfilm reader, and an ONYX Deskset HD CCTV (electronic video magnifier) provided by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Children may use the public computers, but those under 14 **MUST** have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian before being allowed to do so. They must follow the same rules as everyone else – signing in when getting on, no downloading games or other things, taking good care of the headphones, signing off when done, etc. We are in the process of getting the permission forms up to date, so if a child comes in and doesn't have one, or theirs is older than 2 years old, they will be bringing a new form home to be signed in order to get on the computer. Thanks for your assistance.

SUMMER READING.....

will be here in the blink of an eye! This year the theme is "All Together Now". Keep an eye out for more details as it gets closer to May. We are hoping to try another Bingo card, or something similar, for pre-teens/teenagers and adults again this summer, as reading should be fun for all!

Sign-up starts the day after Alma school dismisses for the summer.

Goals of the summer reading program are to motivate children to read, to enable children to maintain their reading skills during summer vacation, to develop positive attitudes about reading and books, and to encourage regular use of the library.



Golf Membership Types and Rates for 2023

Junior Fee: \$125.00 A person registered in school or a minor person whose family is not a member of the golf course. College students do qualify for this membership.

Single Fee: \$471.50 ANNUALLY. Monthly payments may be arranged. This membership is designed for an individual adult golfer. **Discount** rate of **\$450.00** if paid on or before **April 1**. (prices include tax)

Family Fee: \$546.50 ANNUALLY. Monthly payments may be arranged. A person who is married or single with unmarried dependents living at home or are registered in school, including college. If only one in a family wants to join, a single membership is available. **Discount** rate of **\$525.00** if paid on or before **April 1**. (prices include tax)

First Time Members: First time members can join. Price reduction applies to any membership: family of \$350.00 or single of \$300.00 (includes tax). Payment must be made in full at the time of joining; monthly installments will not be accepted for first time members.

Franklin Golf Course Members - Special Rate - Golf at ALMA all year Fee: \$150.00

Guest Passes Fee: \$75.00 Members may purchase a book of 5 passes for \$75.00. This is designed for members guest. Please do not abuse. Contact Jordy Slocum at (308) 928-2341 by phone or personally at the course.

Green Fees: \$15.00 for 9 holes / \$25.00 for 18 holes

Additional Information: All memberships are **due March 31st** or billed monthly through the City Office. Members who choose to make monthly installments may cancel their membership and receive a full refund if they request the cancellation by March 1st. Otherwise, payment is due for all months leading up to the month of cancellation.



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308.920.1047

City Hall
308.928.2242

City Hall Office Hours
Mon-Wed-Fri
9 am-4 pm
Tues & Thurs
9 am-3 pm

Compost Site Hours
Wednesday & Saturday
9 am to 3:30 pm

Library Hours
Tues-Wed-Thurs
10 am-8 pm
Fri- 10 am-5 pm
Sat- 9 am-12 pm
Sun & Mon - Closed

Golf Course
928.2341
Library
928.2600
Sheriff
928.2147
School
928.2131
Hospital
928.2151

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Superintendent**
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Library Director
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Golf Superintendent
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