



2018 Annual Report





The Mission of the City of Norfolk is to “provide quality public services in an effective and efficient manner to enhance the common good and quality of life including citizen involvement.”

In 1881, the Village of Norfolk was organized. The settlers proclaimed “North Fork” to be their permanent post office address, named after the river, but suggested “Norfolk” as the simplest compounding of “North Fork.” Postal authorities, thinking the word had been misspelled, changed the spelling to “Norfolk.” This is why you may hear some Norfolkans pronounce it Nor-fork. Whichever way you decide to say it, know that we are glad to have you here.

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Josh Moenning
Mayor

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Dear Friend:

Norfolk is growing, and 2018 was a critical year in our efforts to promote growth while maintaining consistent city services.

Infrastructure investments and quality of life enhancements were top priorities, and completed projects reflect progress on both fronts. While not headline-grabbing, expansions of utility lines are accommodating new housing developments and new businesses in areas they couldn't go before. To address a backlog of needed street repairs, we've embarked upon an unprecedented level of street improvements and continue planning for projects big and small. Examples include complete reconstructions of Braasch Avenue and Benjamin Avenue, among others, and plans to at last pave all remaining gravel roads.

The library renovation project was completed. The outcome is one of the best libraries in the state and the expiration of a half-percent sales tax that paid for it. We made park improvements and added new park space, a new splash pad, and new trails. More community recreation projects are to come, and we are partnering with state and local entities to pay for them. State tourism and community development grants are funding a needed renovation of our skate park and the creation of a downtown public plaza. All the while, our committed public safety officers again upheld our distinction as one of the safest cities in Nebraska.

New growth in our community is helping fund and expand city services. As you'll see in the budget portion of this report, our city relies most heavily on sales taxes for revenue. This year we saw historic growth in local economic activity, our summer months averaging 12-13 percent increases in sales tax receipts over last year and resulting in a total increase of nearly 6 percent over the previous year. The stronger our sales tax receipts, the more we're able to hold property taxes low.

We want to continue the momentum, and we want to hear from you. This is your community. Please review the following annual report and join us in the new year as we work together to build a better Norfolk.

Sincerely,



Josh Moenning
Mayor





Mayor and City Council

The City of Norfolk has a Mayor/Council form of government. The Mayor and eight council members are elected on a non-partisan ballot.

The Norfolk City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month in the City Council Chambers at 309 N. 5th Street, Norfolk, Nebraska.

The Mayor and City Council have the following subcommittees: Public Works, Public Safety, Planning and Community Development, Culture and Recreation, and Economic Development.

New Representation

On November 6, 2018, voters elected Shane Clausen to succeed Dave Fauss, who chose not to run for Ward 2 re-election. Fred Wiebelhaus declared a three-vote victory over Jarad Dahlkoetter for Ward 4 after a recount was triggered.

Outgoing Councilmen
Effective December 2018



Dave Fauss
Term end 12/2018



Jarad Dahlkoetter
Term end 12/2018

Ward 2



Jim Lange
Council President
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Term expires 12/2020

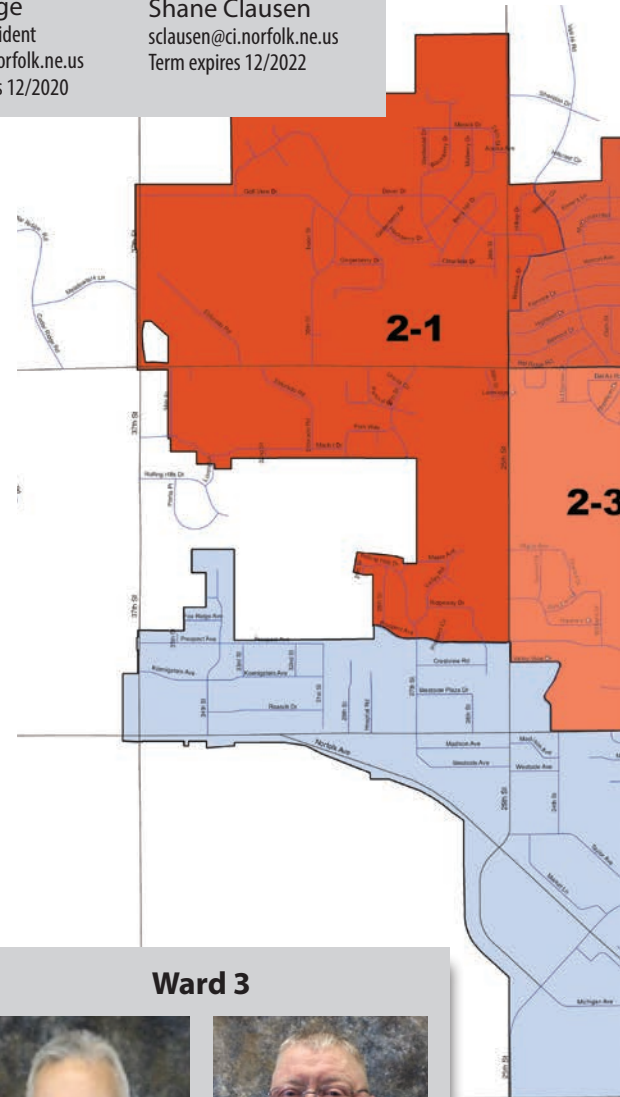


Shane Clausen
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Term expires 12/2022

Mayor



Josh Moening
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Term expires 12/2020



Ward 3

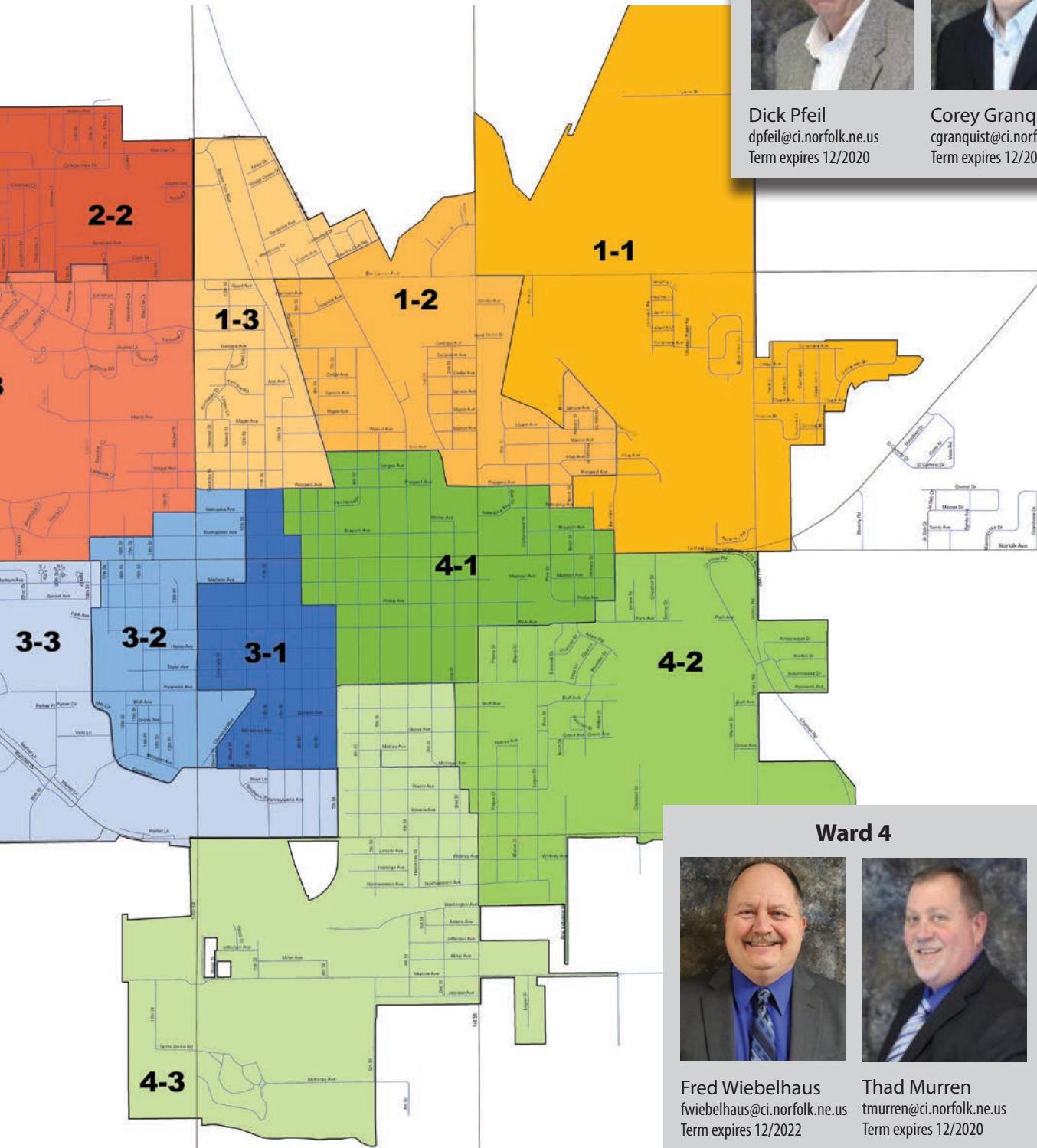


Rob Merrill
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Term expires 12/2022



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2019 Norfolk City Council Representatives



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Ward 4



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Thad Murren
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Term expires 12/2020

Grants Awarded



Concept of the Braasch Avenue redevelopment

2017 & 2018 Grants Awarded

Source	Type/Activity	Award
DED CDBG	Downtown Revitalization - Facades & River Point Square	\$ 350,000
DED CDBG	Tourism Development - Miracle Skatepark	\$ 425,000
DED CDBG	ED - Continental ContiTech Expansion	\$ 700,000
DED SBDF	Continental ContiTech Expansion	\$ 300,000
DED CDBG	Comprehensive Development - Braasch Avenue	\$ 350,000
DED CDBG	Comprehensive Development - Braasch Avenue	\$ 460,000
Lower Elkhorn NRD	River Restoration	\$ 1,031,701
NE Game & Parks	Victory Road & Benjamin Avenue Trails	\$ 250,000
Norfolk Sanitary District	River Restoration	\$ 250,000
Total Awards		\$ 4,116,701

Grants under \$100,000

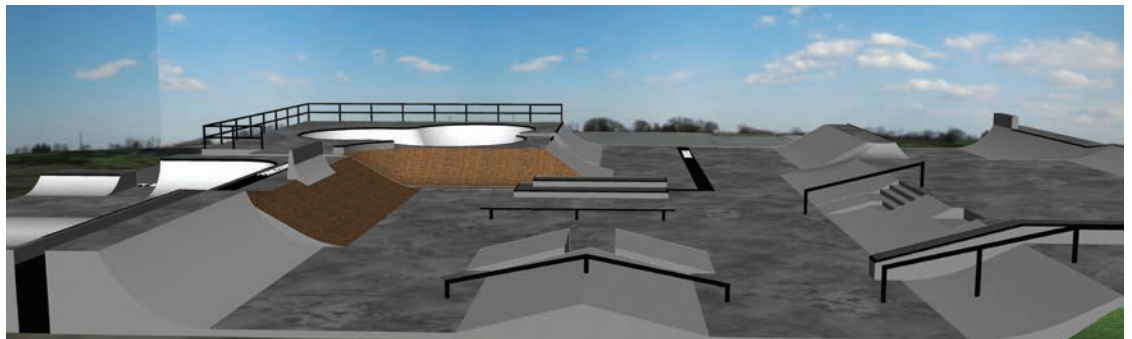
- » Library MakerSpace Tools » Tree grants » Bullet Proof Vests » Evidentiary Breath Testing Instrument » West Nile Virus Testing
- » Emergency Management Performance Grant » State Homeland Security Grant » Community Forestry » Mayors Diversity Council
- » Norfolk Community Theatre Architectural & Structural Study » Library Innovation Studios Internship » Alcohol Compliance Checks
- » Library Youth Grants for Excellence » Madison County Housing Study*

DED - Nebraska Department of Economic Development, CDBG - Community Development Block Grant, SBDF - Site & Building Development Funds, LENRD - Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District

* Collaborative grant between the City of Norfolk, the City of Madison and the Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation



Concept of River Point Square



A concept of what Miracle Skatepark may look like after extensive renovations are complete



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Council members sworn in after elections

On Monday, December 3, 2018, Shane Clausen (Ward 2) and Fred Wiebelhaus (Ward 4) began their terms on the Norfolk City Council after being elected on November 6, 2018. The new councilmen replaced Dave Fauss (Ward 2) and Jarad Dahlkoetter (Ward 4).

Fauss had been a Ward 2 councilman for the past 20 years and chose not to run for re-election. Dahlkoetter served as a councilman for Ward 4 in 2018 replacing Shane Clausen who resigned before moving to a new ward. Fred Wiebelhaus declared a three-vote victory over Councilman Dahlkoetter after a recount was triggered due to the closeness of the race.

Incumbents Corey Granquist (Ward 1) and Rob Merrill (Ward 3) ran unopposed and retained their seats on the City Council. Granquist first joined the City Council in 2014 and Merrill has been a member since 2010.

The Honorable Judge Ross Stoffer oversaw the swearing in of Granquist, Clausen, Merrill, and Wiebelhaus. Councilman Jim Lange (Ward 2) was reappointed to serve as Council President.

Norfolk City Councilmen do more than just attend the bi-monthly City Council meetings, they also sit on subcommittees, research various projects, and field phone calls from citizens within their respective wards.

Norfolk City Council meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. every first and third Monday evening in the City Council Chambers located at 309 North 5th Street (use the northwest door). Council meetings are also live-streamed on the City website as well as cable television. Every quarter, there is "coffee with the council" where citizens are invited to stay and visit with the mayor and council members after the meeting.

New Council Members



Shane Clausen
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Fred Wiebelhaus
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Public Works

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DID YOU KNOW...

Norfolk used a total of **1,413,220,000** gallons of water in 2018.

That equals **3,817,836** gallons/day

Water Pollution Control Plant receives overhaul

As Norfolk continues to grow, it's no surprise that enhancements to City services are required to meet new demand.

The Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant was established in 1959 with the construction of Norfolk's first wastewater treatment facility. At that time, the City was generating 1 million gallons of wastewater per day. Today, 3.5 million gallons of wastewater are received per day!

The WPC Plant can point to a long list of accomplishments over the past year, including the first overhaul of the #1 Primary and #1 Thickener first installed in 1979. It was also the first time since 1994 that the heavily worked mechanisms were repainted.

These two pieces of equipment in particular run 24/7 and are about

20 feet deep. The Primary removes the incoming solids and floatable grease – in fact, it removes about 30% of the solids. Meanwhile, the Thickener thickens the solids removed from 1% to 4% and sends the thickened solids to the belt filter presses for further processing.

The solids produced in the WPC plant are then converted to biosolids through various treatment processes. The solids eventually make their way onto a truck for soil application. Each truck load has about 70 pounds of nitrogen to be applied to crop ground! The WPC crew has to make sure that all of the solids used for application to land meet stringent regulatory requirements to assure the safe reuse of the material.

City recognized with multiple awards

Both the Water/Sewer and Water Pollution Control (WPC) Divisions brought home awards from the 2018 American Water Works Association (AWWA) Fall Conference held in Kearney on November 8th.

The Nebraska fall conference is an event combining the American Public Works Association (APWA), Water Environment Association (WEA), and AWWA chapters. Other Nebraska cities participating include Beatrice,



Photo courtesy of Daryl Kottwitz Photography

Todd Boling, WPC Superintendent, receives award on behalf of the City's wastewater team

Nebraska City, Lincoln, Auburn, Grand Island, and Aurora.

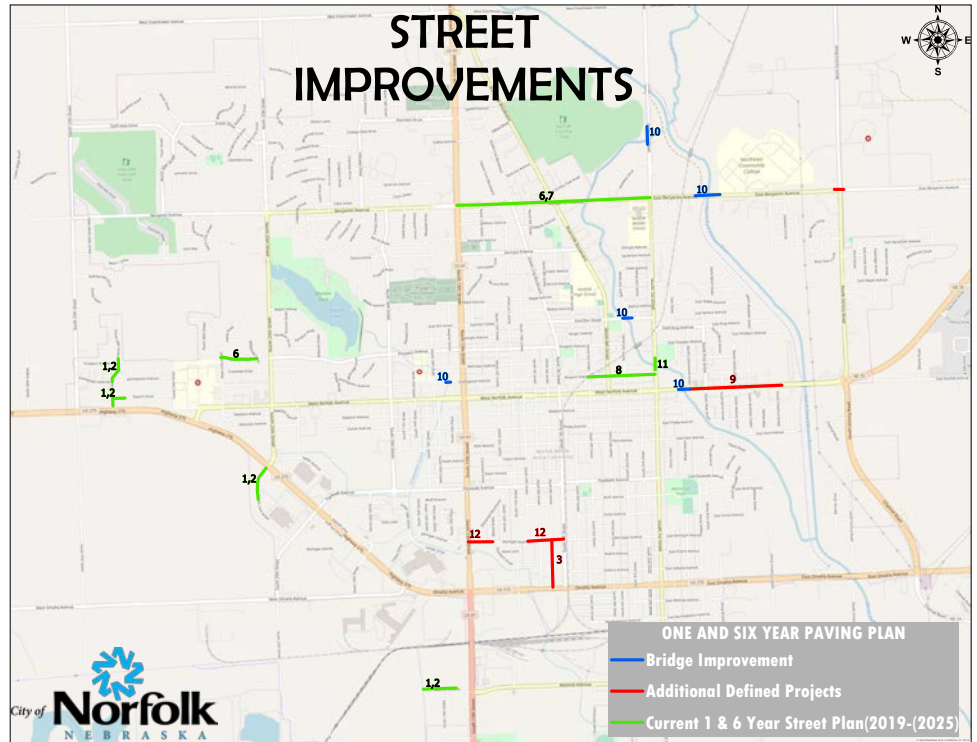
For the past 14 years, the WPC Plant has received the Nebraska Water Environment (NWEA) Scott Wilbur Outstanding Facility Award for medium sized plants. This award recognizes exemplary operations and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities in the State of Nebraska. On top of that, they have also received the NWEA Gold "Safety Award" for excellence in accident prevention, and the promotion of safety in their facilities for the past 14 years as well.

This year the divisions also received the Water Environment Federation (WEF) George W. Burke Jr. Facility Safety Award. This recognizes the excellence of the active and effective safety program and safety record. The award is given to participants who previously obtained the NWEA Gold Safety Award for three consecutive years. Todd Boling, WPC Superintendent, also received the WEF Service Award for his outgoing service as the national WEF Delegate at Large for the past three years, representing Nebraska and National WEF Members. In this role, Boling was the Chair of the House of Delegates Nominating Committee. He also served on the WEF National Nominating Committee.

The Water/Sewer Division also brought home a Certificate of Achievement Safety Award. They were one of three Class 3 cities to receive the award.



City staff member Chad Robers presents a safety award to colleague Jesse Nitz



Tackling Street Needs Big and Small

To address a backlog of needed street repairs, elected officials and city staff have formulated aggressive plans to increase the amount of repair and reconstruction work completed annually, reducing infrastructure deterioration and the added costs that comes with it.

For example, two large projects are currently being planned for reconstruction. Braasch Avenue, from 5th Street to 1st Street, will be fully reconstructed this year. This is a critical project not only because the street is in desperate need, but also because the project will mean wider sidewalks, improved drainage, better lighting, and improved pedestrian safety in the downtown area. Reconstructing and widening Benjamin Avenue, from 13th Street to 1st Street, is also a large, top-priority project. City engineers have started the planning and design process and construction is projected for 2020.

Street planning involves projects large and small. In 2018, city officials and staff hosted three

public forums to talk to Norfolkans about how better to plan for and complete projects throughout the community. The public input helped set priorities for the years to come. You can find the city's one and six-year street plans at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us under engineering. One outcome was the goal of paving all remaining gravel roads in the city. In 2018, 15th and Hayes was completed. In the coming year, Georgia Avenue from 1st to 3rd and Square Turn will be completed. Other key improvements in 2018 were major overlay projects on Benjamin Avenue, First Street, West Norfolk Avenue, and Monroe Avenue.

Funding for street maintenance primarily comes from an annual allocation of state gas tax revenues. The Public Works team is working creatively to fully leverage that funding, while securing supplemental grant support, to get street work done more quickly and more comprehensively – so Norfolk streets do a better job of holding up for years to come.



Public Works *reliability. right at home.*

City Updates Snow Removal Plan

Reforms have been made to snow removal practices within the city - to ensure reliable means of transportation are possible in inclement weather.

In a snow event of more than two inches, plows begin with major streets and emergency routes before moving into residential areas. The Snow Emergency system was planned so very few residents have to go more than a few blocks to get to a plowed street. For residential plowing the city is divided into 11 sections, with each section divided into three areas, and each area is in rotation as to which is cleared first. Crews would continue until all residential streets were cleared.

In order to improve the snow removal process, an enhanced plan was put into action in December. The enhanced plan is enacted when the snow forecast is six inches of snow or greater. Once it has been determined that the enhanced plan will be activated, a second shift of workers is deployed. An additional thirteen city employees from

various divisions have been trained as snow plow operators in order to provide snow removal around the clock until the streets have been cleared.

The goal of the enhanced plan is to deploy plows earlier on the snow and emergency routes - with plowing operations starting as soon as there is enough snow to plow, rather than waiting for the snow to stop or the winds to die down.

Not only was the snow plan enhanced, but snow communications were improved with the implementation of a new Norfolk Emergency Alert system. By texting norfolkalerts to the number 81257, residents can receive a text when an emergency is declared. Information is also shared via Facebook, Twitter, local media, City e-newsletter, City electronic signs, and the website. Along with improved communications is improved enforcement of parking bans on Emergency Snow Routes, cul-de-sacs, and vehicles parked on the odd side of the street.

Infrastructure Updates

This year, the City installed and replaced more than 14,500 feet of water and sewer utility lines throughout the community.

For the first time, a water utility was installed south of the Elkhorn River. Approximately 12,000 feet of 12-inch water main was installed to serve an area from 13th Street and Ta-Ha-Zouka Road to south of the Elkhorn River, east to First Street, and north to Monroe Avenue.

Along with this water main project, the City installed approximately 2,000 feet of 21-inch sewer line that ran from 1st Street and Washington Avenue to 500 feet south of Jackson Avenue. This installment was the replacement of a 21-inch sewer line that showed up on a 1890s map!

The City also installed water and sewer to a development southeast of 37th Street and Highway 275 as well as numerous subdivisions around Norfolk.

Economic Development

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Weiland Door held a grand opening to celebrate its expansion south of Norfolk

New tool available for those investing in Madison County

Economic development staff have the opportunity to serve citizens through business retention and expansion efforts, downtown development assistance, grant writing, community marketing, business recruitment, community development, property development/redevelopment, entrepreneurial and small business support, workforce development, and more. One of the ways we endeavor to assist local businesses is by serving as an intermediary for financing tools that might be available through local, state, or federal opportunities.

In 2018, the economic development office had an opportunity to apply to receive designation for a new tool investors can use under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. An application was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) requesting this designation for two eligible tracts in Madison County.

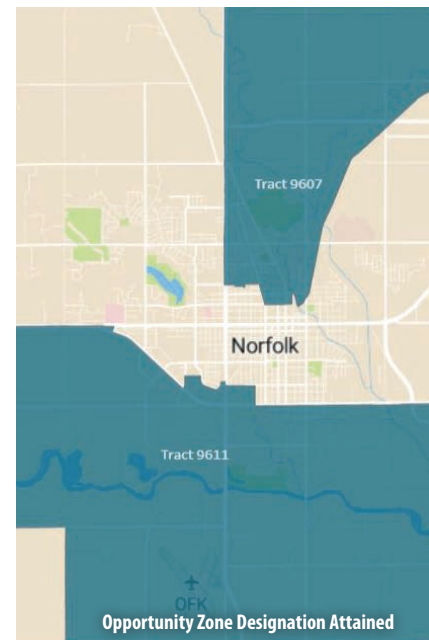
DED received 34 program applications from across the state comprising of 107 eligible census tracts. The recommended zones were referred to Governor Pete Ricketts for review and approval. The Governor submitted final tract nominations to the U.S. Treasury Department, which approved 44 tracts

for official designation. Both of the tracts that were applied for in Madison County received designation.

What does this mean? Opportunity Zones are designed to spur economic development by providing tax benefits such as capital gain deferral opportunities to individuals or businesses that invest within a designated opportunity zone tract. A map of the Opportunity Zones in Madison County is available for review at our newly revitalized website at www.NorfolkNebraskaED.com.

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the opportunities we have for businesses in the Norfolk area.

This past year also provided another opportunity to promote shopping small through our Small Business Saturday promotion. This was our fifth year as designated Neighborhood Champions through the Norfolk Area Small Business Resource Team (SBRT), a partner-focused initiative created to streamline services for entrepreneurs and small businesses. SBRT partners distributed Small Business Saturday merchandise throughout the county in an effort to promote small businesses and all they do for our economy.



Small Business Saturday



Embrace Park Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting
Photo courtesy of the Norfolk Daily News

Parks & Recreation



Embrace Splash Pad Opens

Following the completion of the Embrace Park playground in 2017, a splash pad and multi-purpose field were added to the park in 2018. Construction of the 1,853 square foot splash pad began in March.

The splash pad has many fun features, including: an Aquadome, dumping buckets, directional jet, geyser, a spray loop, and more! The splash pad is on a timer which runs from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and can be activated by hitting the “play” button in the center of the pad. Once activated, the water will run for four minutes and can be reset by pushing the “play” button again.

The splash pad’s operational period runs from Memorial Day through September 30. Funds for the splash pad were raised by the same volunteers who raised money for the Embrace Park playground equipment. The Lion’s Club of Norfolk donated a drinking fountain with a plaque near the splash pad.

A dedication and ribbon cutting was held on Thursday, July 12.

In addition to the playground and splash pad, a multi-purpose field and parking lot were also added to the park. The 59,200 square foot multipurpose field will be able to host numerous sports including football and soccer. The field was hydro-seeded during the late summer and should be ready for use by the upcoming spring.

In order to accommodate patrons who are now utilizing the once vacant field, 60 parking spaces have been added around the Embrace Park Area. The next phase of the Embrace Park Project is to add ADA restrooms and landscaping. A landscape bed donated by the Norfolk Public Schools Junior Optimist, Optimist International Club will be installed in front of the splash pad. Members of the club will design the bed next spring.

Community collaboration and fun certainly go hand in hand in Norfolk. In 2018, the City of Norfolk was able to partner with many businesses and organizations to promote healthy living, music, and recreation. Whether it's temporarily blocking streets, assisting with traffic, or helping to secure the necessary permits, City staff are working behind the scenes in some way to make local events run as smoothly as possible.

AquaVenture Waterpark

37,900 people enjoyed AquaVenture's 310 foot Raft Slide, 235 foot Body Slide, Wave Pool & Play Station with 20 features this past summer.

Music in the Park

4 awesome concerts
+ 1,000s of attendees
= One amazing summer
at Skyview Lake in Norfolk

Boomfest

Skyview Park was once again home to the largest single-day event in Northeast Nebraska with a state-of-the-art pyrodigital system providing you a world class fireworks show, food vendors, and kayaking on the lake.

Park Amenities

1,500 games were played on the athletic fields in 2018. The fields are nestled in more than 420 acres of parks for visitors to enjoy.

Christian Cross Festival

The Christian Cross Music Festival, a two day event that attracts thousands to Norfolk, will celebrate it's 15th birthday in 2019. This free event features music, ministry, camping, fireworks, and more!

Saltdogs Professional Baseball

In May, the Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball Team, with the Central Division of the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball, faced the Sioux City X's at Veteran's Memorial Field.

National Night Out

In August, more than 450 people joined the Police Division for the 35th Annual National Night Out held at Central Park.

Oktoberfest

More than **10,000** people celebrated with us at Oktoberfest this past fall. Events included a pancake feed, parade, the Rad Tour biking event, dancing, Husker games, wiener dog races, bucket pong, masskrugstemmen & more!!

Downtown Christmas Festival

In November, eight city blocks were filled with people sporting cozy scarves and mittens, riding in horse-drawn carriages, and sipping hot chocolate at the Downtown Christmas Festival.

The Place To Be!

In 2018, the Visitors Bureau recorded **84,720** participants and spectators for the many events held in Norfolk throughout the year.



Oktoberfest fun



Kayaking at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park



Christian Cross Festival at Skyview Lake



Northeast Community College Lady Hawks play at Ta Ha Zouka Park



Norfolk Public Library ribbon cutting with Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley

Norfolk Public Library

During the last fiscal year,
134,607
 people visited the library.

Did you know...
 there are more than
76,225
 items in the library for patron use

May 2018 Ribbon Cutting

After years of planning and months of construction, the Norfolk Public Library celebrated the completion of its first major expansion and renovation since opening in 1977. The project added 16,000 square feet to the library, which is expected to satisfy the library building needs for the next 20 years.

On Tuesday, May 29, 2018, the Library staff hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley. About 200 people attended the grand re-opening which included tours every hour, a free library tote bag for the first 500 visitors, and a free photo-booth and face painting.

The project added three community conference rooms and numerous study rooms for patrons to use. It also added an outdoor area with tables, chairs, and landscaping as well as an indoor fireplace in the adult section. A special children's section was also a part of the project.

Aftershock Book Club

The Norfolk Public Library was one of 19 libraries to receive a Youth Grants for Excellence award from the Nebraska Library Commission. Through this grant, the library formed a partnership with Aftershock, an after-school program, to bring a new book club to Norfolk Jr. High School.



Aftershock Book Club

We are Makers

Norfolk was one of 30 community libraries in Nebraska that received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to give citizens a trial run with a "makerspace." The Library Innovation Studio arrived in Norfolk on August 28 and an open house providing an overview of the equipment, training, and schedule was held on September 10.

A makerspace is a collaborative work space designed for making, learning, exploring, and sharing by using high-tech to no-tech tools. The purpose of this unique area is to provide hands-on learning, sharpen critical thinking skills, and boost self-confidence. It is designed to help establish critical skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

The makerspace hosted numerous stations and kits, which included: a laser cutter, an embroidery machine, a heat press, a laminator kit, audio/music kit, button maker kit, and twelve other stations/kits! So far, 108 training classes have been offered from September through December. The most popular station has been the laser cutter.

Lots of positive feedback has been gathered and more than 450 hours of equipment usage was logged by December 31, 2018. After the trial period, library staff will analyze the most popular stations/kits and consider permanently adding them to the library's resources.



Citizen using the laser cutter machine in the maker space



The remodeled children's area offers multiple reading areas as well as several tactile learning opportunities

Police, rescue and lifeguard personnel who participated in the 2018 life-saving rescue of an eleven year-old girl at AquaVenture



Public Safety

In 2018, the
**Norfolk Police
Department**
handled more than
19,784
calls for service

&

the
**Norfolk Fire
Department**
responded to
2,442
emergency calls - an
all-time high for the
department

Life of rescued girl celebrated at AquaVenture

On Friday, August 10 a crowd of about 30 people met at AquaVenture to celebrate the rescue efforts of twelve City employees, and the life of the girl who was rescued from the water during the park's opening weekend.

"We are here to celebrate your second chance at life," said Fire Chief, Scott Cordes. "You were meant to go on and do great things."

The girl spent the morning handing out plaques and thanking those who played a role in her rescue. She recognized four lifeguards: Allyson Hoff, Cameron Waddington, Jacob Mrsny, and Brenna Anderson; two police officers: Corporal Richard Frank and Officer Cody Lanagan; and six firefighter/paramedics: Nate Wortmann, Brock Soderberg, Ryan Goodman, Scott Hoffman, Nick Bentz, and Kevin Kneifl (reserve).

"From the time that Allyson jumped into the water until Cameron started CPR was less than two minutes. These kids are just a few years older than the

girl, but because of their quick and calm action, she was able to celebrate another birthday," said AquaVenture Facilities Manager, PJ Evans. "I can't say enough about these young adults. They did an outstanding job in a timely manner."

During this ceremony, there were lots of happy tears shed and encouragement shared. Cordes gives credit of her recovery to the continuum of care that she received during her accident.

"From the rescue and start of CPR performed by the lifeguards, to the police officers and rescue responders who took over, to the care that she received from the paramedics, to the care she received after, she has made a full recovery and has been able to celebrate another year of life."

"These kids did an amazing job and deserve to be recognized as well as the fire and police crew that took over CPR and aided in saving her life. We had this outcome thanks to these folks and their training," said Evans.



Chief Mizner with citizens at National Night Out



National Night Out - Firefighter Course

Chief Bill Mizner retires after 31 years of service to Norfolk



After 44 years in law enforcement, Norfolk Police Chief Bill Mizner announced that he would be retiring at the end of December 2018. He served as

Norfolk's Chief for over 31 years.

support personnel as well as the creation of six special units.

He also worked with the Norfolk Public School District to begin the Junior/Senior High School Resource Officer Program, writing the federal grant application to fund the first three years of the program.

Chief Mizner began his career with the Norfolk Police Division on August 24, 1987, when he became the 26th Chief in the Division's history. During his tenure, he accomplished many things including adding more sworn officers and

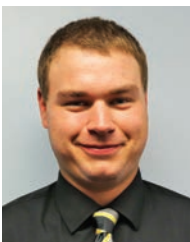
"It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as Norfolk's Chief of Police," he said. "I am very proud of the men and women of the Norfolk Police Division and the work they do. It has been a privilege to work with them and I will miss them tremendously."



National Night Out - CPR Demonstration

2018 Police & Fire Division Recruits

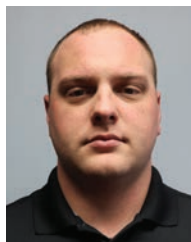
Those pictured below, with the exception of the School Resource Officer, were hired to fill vacancies within the divisions.



Logan Jurgensmeier
Police Officer



Susan Westerhaus
Police Officer



Justin Lindsay
Police Officer



Chris Kneifl
Firefighter



Brent Tietz
Police/School
Resource Officer



Trev Bode
Police Officer



Jordan Mason
Police Officer



Jorge Rodriguez
Police Officer



National Night Out - Water Fights



National Night Out - Mosquito Larvae Presentation



Planning & Development

Department Responsibilities

- Zoning changes & verifications
- Comprehensive Plan
- Plats
- Conditional Use Permits
- Floodplain Administrator
- Assist developers, contractors, and citizens
- Future land use & growth
- Building addressing
- Contractor registration

Restructured City department strives for efficiency

In order to make things more streamlined and efficient for citizens, developers, businesses and contractors – as well as City staff – the Prevention Bureau and the Planning and Zoning Department were reorganized by code in August 2018 to create the new Planning and Development Department.

The Prevention Bureau, previously housed at the fire station, and the City Planner, housed in the Administration Building, at times created challenges due to the space between them. Now a citizen seeking the services of planning

and codes staff will be able to walk into the administration building to discuss a project, having the convenience of all of the resources needed under one roof.

Construction is currently underway at the Administration building to prepare offices for the incoming Building Services employees. In time, all of the staff will be under one roof. In preparation of the department being in the administration building, new office hours of the Building Services beginning January 1, 2019 will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Employees

Val Grimes
Director of Planning and Development

Brianna Duerst
Planning Commission Secretary

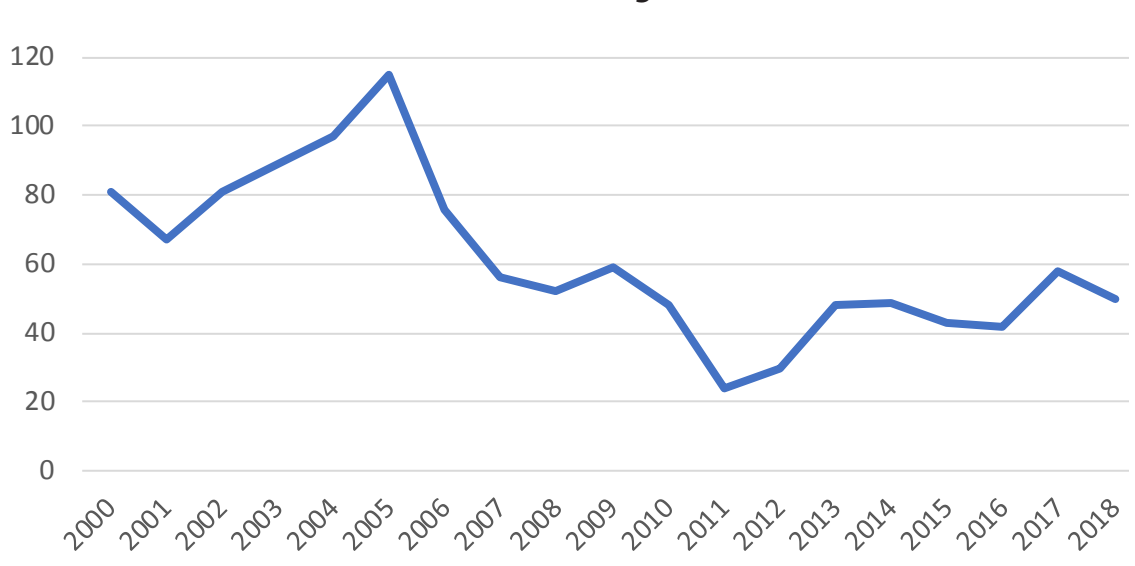
Steve Nordhues
Building Inspector

Willie Nelson
Electrical Inspector

Paul Serres
Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector

Bobbi Risor
Permits Technician

Residential Building Permits





Medelman's Lake, a new lakeside housing development south of Norfolk, was one of five areas annexed by the City in 2018

Planning for future growth

The City of Norfolk is ahead of the game when it comes to preparing for the growth of the community. Currently, an annexation study is underway, which will act as a tool to help elected officials make annexation decisions in the future.

The act of annexing is incorporating new territory into the limits of a city. In the past couple of years, five different areas have been annexed into Norfolk city limits:

- **Medelmans Lake**
(8-7-17, south of town)
- **Fountain Point**
(4-17-17, 37th and Norfolk Avenue)
- **East Knolls**
(10-2-17, east side of town)
- **Victory Village**
(6-18-18, Channel Road)
- **Midwest Bank**
(7-16-18, near 25th and Hwy 275)

Each of these annexations were voluntary and requested by the developers.

The annexation study is the exploration of the expansion of city limits and a planning document to help guide elected officials. This study looks at the impact that potential annexation will have on each division. There are many factors to consider when it comes to annexing land, such as: current infrastructure, future infrastructure needs, capacities, the potential need for additional personnel and equipment.

The annexation study will highlight some of the information that elected officials need when considering annexation as well as numerous examples of where and how the city limits could grow. But growing the city is much more than just expanding the city limits, it expands the extraterritorial jurisdiction as well.

The extraterritorial jurisdiction is the area of land within two miles of the city limit lines. As the city limits grow, the extraterritorial jurisdiction grows as well. All of these are important factors for officials to consider when it comes time to expand our city.

Planning Commission

The Norfolk Planning Commission meets at 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The meetings take place at the City Council Chambers at 309 N. 5th Street. The public is welcome to attend.

Norfolk Planning Commission (2018)

Chairman, Dan Spray

Vice Chairman,
Frank Arens

Members:
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Zack Gangwer
Matt Gilmore
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Fair Housing Update

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Presenter Sara McCue at the Northeast
Nebraska Fair Housing Conference



Housing *opportunity. right at home.*

Did You Know...

The Norfolk
Housing Agency
assisted

222 per
month
families in 2018

&

owns and
maintains

95 rental
units

Norfolk Housing Agency tells story of Fair Housing

April 11, marked the 50th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which outlines a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens. The Mayor signs a Fair Housing Proclamation every year in the month of April which is considered "Fair Housing Month."

The City of Norfolk Housing Division and Norfolk Housing Agency have held the Northeast Nebraska Fair Housing Conference for the past three years at the Lifelong Learning Center with the 4th annual conference planned for April 2, 2019. This conference educates the public, landlords, housing agencies, property managers, and others that deal with equal housing opportunities for all citizens.

Approximately 100 attendees have attended this conference each year in the past three years.

Subjects presented at previous conferences included assistance animals, the Violence Against Women Act, reasonable accommodations, legal evictions, current issues of the Nebraska Fair Housing Act, protected classes, and criminal history.

In the past, speakers included an Omaha attorney specializing in Landlord-Tenant Law and Fair Housing Litigation, an attorney with Legal Aid of Nebraska, an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, State of Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, and an attorney that specializes in the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

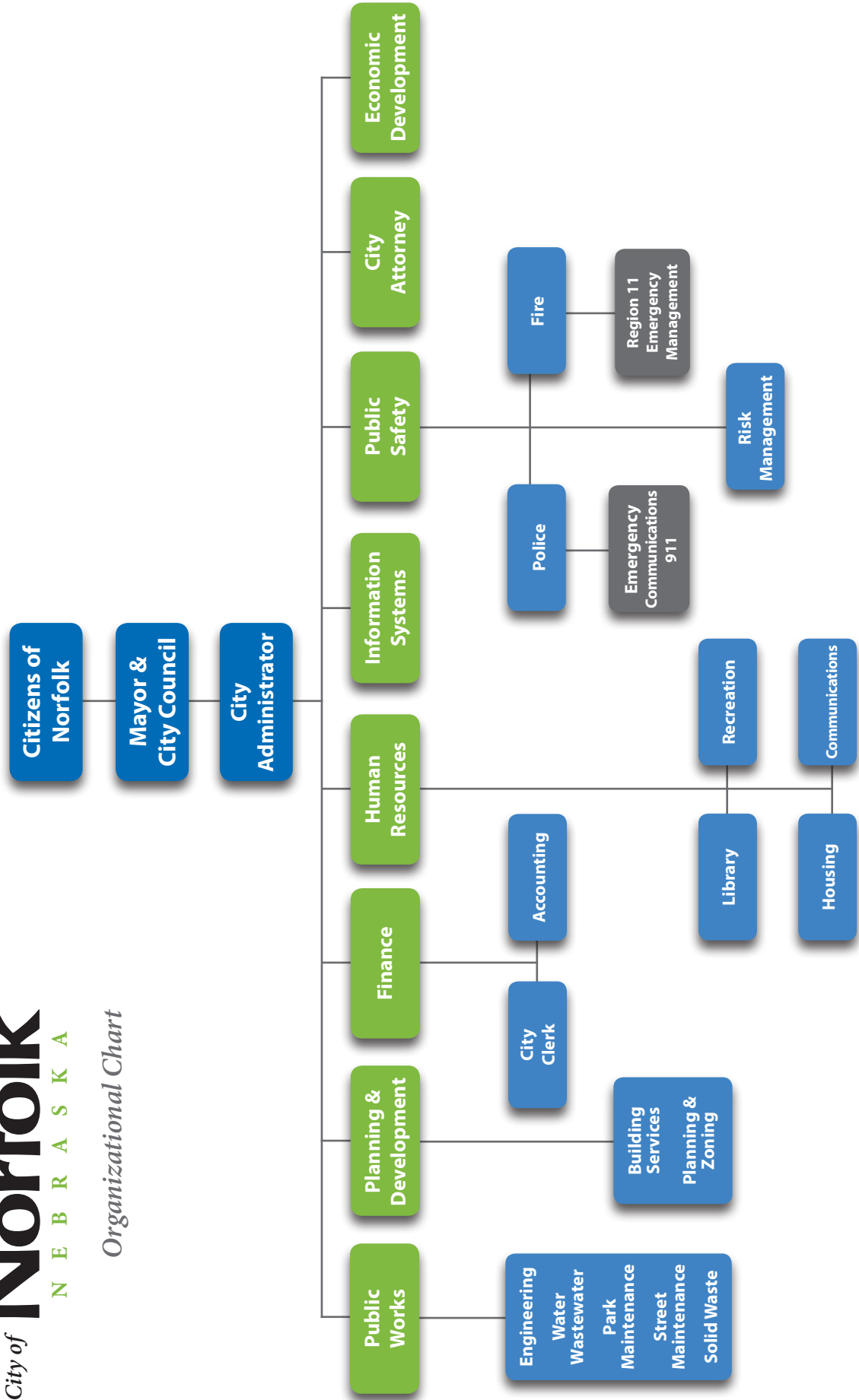


Attendees of the Third Annual Northeast
Nebraska Fair Housing Conference





Organizational Chart



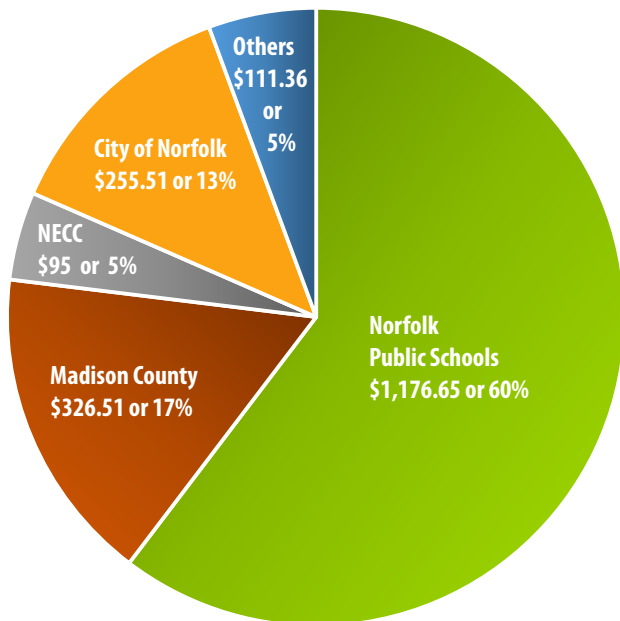
Property Tax Breakdown

Where Your Property Tax Dollars Are Spent

City of Norfolk Your Tax Dollars at Work

On a \$100,000 home, your property taxes for 2018 are \$1,965.03.

Norfolk Public Schools.....	\$1,176.65
Madison County.....	\$ 326.51
Northeast Community College.....	\$ 95.00
City of Norfolk.....	\$ 255.51
Others.....	\$ 111.36



Property Tax Dollars

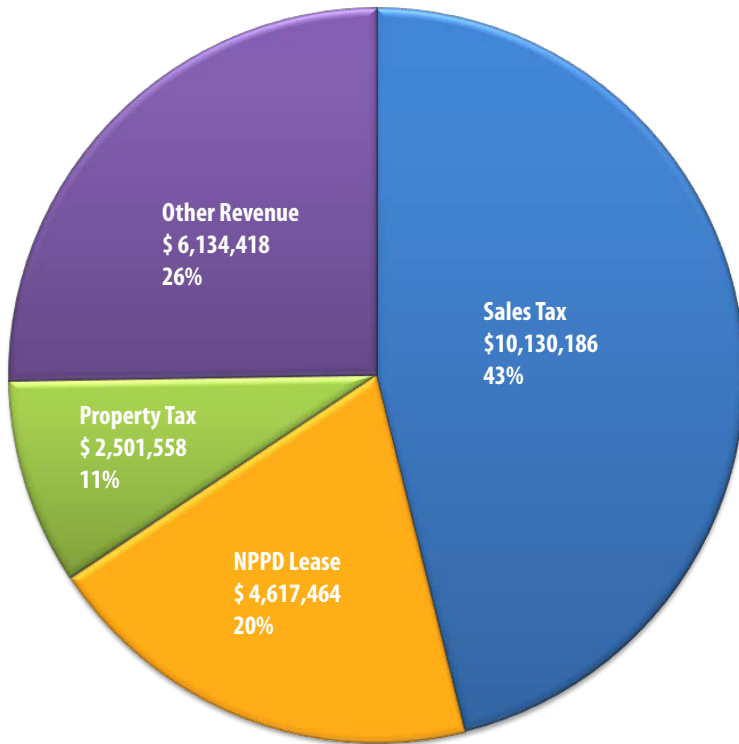
On a \$100,000 home, your property taxes for 2018 are \$1,965.03.

■ Norfolk Public Schools	\$1,176.65	60%
■ Madison County	\$ 326.51	17%
■ Northeast Community College	\$ 95.00	5%
■ City of Norfolk	\$ 255.51	13%
■ Others	\$ 111.36	5%
	<u>\$ 1,965.03</u>	

Revenues & Expenditures

General Fund Revenues

FY 2017-2018



General Fund Revenues

FY 2017 - 2018

■ Sales Tax	\$ 10,130,186	43%
■ Nebraska Public Power District Lease	\$ 4,617,464	20%
■ Property Tax	\$ 2,501,558	11%
■ Other Revenue	\$ 6,134,418	26%
Total Revenue	\$ 23,383,625	

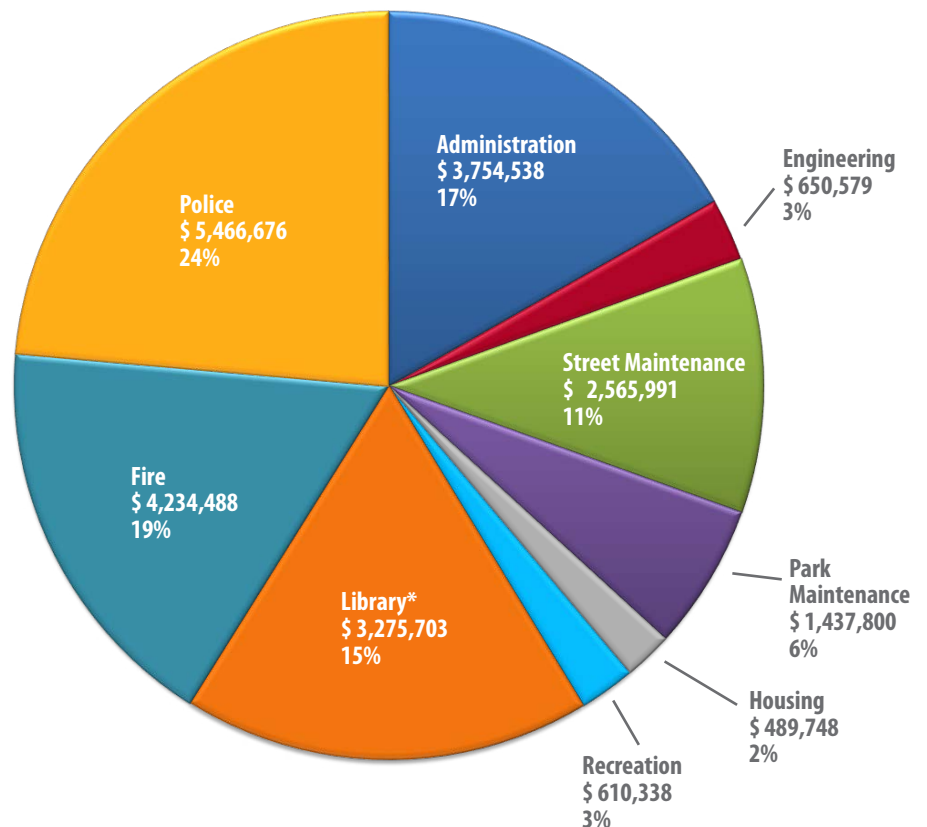
General Fund Expenditures

Distribution by Division or Function
FY 2017-2018

General Fund Expenditures

Distribution by Division or Function
FY 2017-2018

■ Administration	\$ 3,754,538	17%
■ Engineering	\$ 650,579	3%
■ Street Maintenance	\$ 2,565,991	11%
■ Park Maintenance	\$ 1,437,800	6%
■ Housing	\$ 489,748	2%
■ Recreation	\$ 610,338	3%
■ Library*	\$ 3,275,703	15%
■ Fire	\$ 4,234,488	19%
■ Police	\$ 5,466,676	24%
Total	\$ 22,485,861	



* Much of the 2017-2018 library budget includes costs of the expansion project.



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Fire & Police - emergency	911
Fire Division - non-emergency	402-844-2050
Police Division - non-emergency	402-644-8700
Administration	402-844-2000
Building Services	402-844-2060
Housing Division	402-844-2080
Library	402-844-2100
Planning and Development	402-844-2280
Solid Waste - Transfer Station	402-844-2231
Street Division	402-844-2180
Water and Sewer Maintenance & Emergency Service 24x7	402-844-2210
Snow information	402-844-2299

For emergency alerts text: "NorfolkAlerts" to 81257.
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Moving In? Welcome to Norfolk!

NPPD - Electricity	877-275-6773
Black Hills Energy - Gas	888-890-5554
City - Water	402-844-2000
Auto Licensing	402-454-3311
Animal Shelter	402-750-4665
Norfolk Public Schools	402-644-2500
Norfolk Public Transportation	402-379-4595
Area Agency On Aging	402-370-3454
Meals on Wheels	402-371-8626

Family Fun

Norfolk Public Library	402-844-2100
AquaVenture Waterpark	402-844-2270
Elkhorn Valley Museum	402-371-3886
Norfolk Arts Center	402-371-7199
Madison County Museum	402-992-1221

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