

Village View

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Welcome to

STERLING



NEBRASKA

SMALL TOWN... BIG HEART

Christmas Yard of the Month

Decorate your yard, porch, or home exterior for the holidays. The winner will be announced at the SVFD Santa Event on December 20th.

The award will include having the yard of the month sign displayed at your home, be featured in the newsletter, & a social media shout out. Best of all is ultimate holiday bragging rights! You may nominate a yard by texting YOM and the street address to 402-696-5070, by e-mail, or by voting at the village office.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS DECEMBER 17TH

OTHER DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

6th - First Bank of Nebraska Open House from 8-11:30 am

7th - SCA-Holiday Tour of Homes from 1-5 pm (\$20/Ticket available at First Bank of NE)

Followed by:

SCA Tree Lighting and SYA Soup Supper at the Community Building from 5-7 pm (Free Will Donation)

20th-SVFD Santa and Sterling NE Ruritans Soup Luncheon at the Fire Hall from 12-1 pm (Free Will Donation)

The Chairman's Corner

December is here and it is beginning in a cold and windy fashion! Hopefully it will warm a little in the coming weeks. Remember to celebrate Pearl Harbor Day, Hanukkah, First Day of Winter and of course Christmas Eve and Christmas. Also, an announcement: the Village's Utility Superintendent will move to a new job on January 1st, 2026. So, if you see Spencer around wish him well and thank him for his time with the Village. Also, if you know anyone who might be interested in working for the Village, let them know. There also will be some water main work going on around the Village, so be patient! When we do get snow, please park your vehicles off the street if you can, that helps tremendously in clearing the streets.

God Bless,

John Keizer, Board Chairman

SIGN-UP FOR VILLAGE NOTIFICATIONS BY TEXTING JOIN TO 402-696-5070.

In This Edition/Upcoming Meeting:

- ◆ Planning Commission Meeting- December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Regular Board Meeting - December 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- ◆ Now Hiring/Vacancy
- ◆ Rate Increase

Contact Information:

- ◆ Office 402-866-4545
- ◆ E-mail: village.sterling@gmail.com
- ◆ Website: www.sterlingne.com

Village Personnel:

- ◆ Samantha Gordon - Clerk/ Treasurer/Zoning Administrator
- ◆ Spencer Pagel - Utility Superintendent
- ◆ Becky Kennedy- Librarian 402-866-2056
- ◆ Denise Horstman - Cemetery Secretary 402-866-6659

Board Members:

- ◆ John Keizer-Chairman
- ◆ Ralph Wusk-Pro Tempore
- ◆ Steve Lempka
- ◆ Tom Nieveen
- ◆ Dan Fraley

NOW HIRING: FULL TIME UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT

Join Our Team & Help Keep Sterling Running Strong!

The Village of Sterling is seeking a motivated, skilled, hands-on Utility Superintendent to maintain and operate village utilities, streets, parks, and public facilities. A complete list of job duties is available at the village office.

IDEAL CANDIDATE:

Experience with municipal maintenance or utilities and working with the public. Ability to obtain Lagoon Wastewater License & Grade 4 Water Operator License (or currently certified), CDL Class B Driver's License (Class A if trailer is towed), Commercial Applicators License, and FEMA Incident Command IS100, IS200, and IS700. Strong work ethic, good communication, and reliability. Comfortable working outdoors in all conditions.

Applications are available at the Village of Sterling Office - 140 Broadway Street

DEADLINE TO APPLY: DECEMBER 5, 2025

NOTICE OF VACANCY-PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons of one vacancy on the Planning Commission, of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska. Any person selected will serve until December, 2026 and then be up for reappointment. Any person interested in such vacancy must be residing within the Village of Sterling zoning district. All persons interested in being considered for such vacancy should submit their name in writing to the Sterling Village Clerk at P.O. Box 309, Sterling, Nebraska 68443.

NEW SANITATION AND RECYCLING RATES

You may have noticed an increase in your November utility billing. The village board reviewed the sanitation and recycling rates and voted to increase them to \$27.50 per month for sanitation and recycling services and \$13.50 per month for rural recycling customers. This increase is to account for inflation and the increased costs associated with such services.

For questions regarding this increase, contact a board member or the village office.

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT/QUESTION/CONCERN?

The Village View can advertise local non-profit upcoming events. If a local organization has an event that they would like included in the Village View, email: Samantha Gordon at village.sterling@gmail.com. To sign-up for village notification text "JOIN" to 402-696-5070. Once signed up, this is a great way to keep in the know and send questions or concerns.