

Time to Heat the Streets

Sign up to support energy assistance.

There is still time to run, walk or “virtually” participate in the Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth on Saturday morning, March 3.

This year, OPPD’s signature event for the Energy Assistance Program moves to a fun new venue: Werner Park at 12356 Ballpark Way in Papillion.

All funds raised go directly to people who need help with energy-related expenses. Having heat and light in your home is a basic need that none of us should take for granted.

Walk, run or go virtual

- Sign up or volunteer to help with the event at heatthestreetsomaha.org
- Registration ends Feb. 28
- Kids under 12 walk for free, but must register
- Check-in starts at 7 a.m.
- The 5k runs starts at 9 a.m., with the walk immediately following

If you prefer to support the cause as a virtual participant, click on Register at heatthestreetsomaha.org, enter an individual or team name and sign up for \$15. Every dollar helps.

You also can support the Energy Assistance Program by making a one-time or monthly pledge on your OPPD bill.

Heat the Streets has raised approximately \$934,500 over the years through sponsorships and registration fees.

Thanks for your support!



When: Saturday, March 3, 7 a.m. race check-in

Where: Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion

Visit: heatthestreetsomaha.org

MARCH BOARD MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday, March 13, 8:30 a.m., Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m., same location. Hearing-impaired may call 402-636-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Both meetings will be livestreamed online at oppd.com

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Storm & Outage Center keeps you in the know

OPPD's Storm & Outage Center blog, stormandoutage.com, is your one-stop website for OPPD power outage information and weather-related news and tips.

This site can keep you in the know and safe during Nebraska's unpredictable weather. Since going live in 2015, about 134,000 have visited the site, viewing nearly 870,000 pages.

Here is a quick tour of what the site has to offer:

- At the top of the site, you can get updates on outages. When there are no sizeable outages, we will refer you to other content.
- Scroll through our lively weather and energy news stories. Topics include timely news, updates and safety tips.
- Check the outage map, updated every 15 minutes. Click on "See Larger Map" to view the Outage Map page and see the number of affected customers.
- You can find topics or report an outage via the tabs on the top.
- Access the site via a mobile device; 77 percent of users have accessed the site this way.
- Connect with OPPD via various social media channel updates.

Caring for the community

From mentoring to donating coats, employees reach out.

OPPD has been a sponsor of Partnership4Kids (P4K) for 10 years by allowing employees to serve as goal buddies and group mentors for underserved students in the metro area.

In addition, a group of OPPD employees coordinated a company-wide coat drive for P4K students in December. The group collected 126 coats, 74 pair of gloves, 50 hats, 10 hat/glove/scarf sets, six scarves, five headband ear warmers, five sets of earmuffs, five pair of snow pants and four pair of snow boots.

"Despite their own personal and professional loads, they took the time to do this for our students," said Neris France, recruitment, community & family advocate at P4K. "Their goal was to make sure no student starts winter without a coat."

This outerwear went to kids at Field Club Elementary in Omaha. France expressed her appreciation for the generosity of the employees who collected and donated the items. And with sub-zero temperatures setting records, the gesture came at the right time.



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