

# REGISTER NOW FOR HEAT THE STREETS RUN & WALK FOR WARMTH

OPPD and Metropolitan Utilities District are once again encouraging you to give the gift of warmth and safety this year by registering for the **Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth**.

The 19th annual Heat the Streets will take place **March 7, 2026, at Zone 6 in Aksarben Village, 1911 S. 67th St. in Omaha**. Registration opened Black Friday and offers the community a meaningful way to support neighbors in need. The event raises money for important utility bill assistance for customers experiencing hardships.

From October 2024 through September 2025, M.U.D.'s Home Fund distributed \$281,294 of bill assistance funding to 704 households. OPPD's Energy Assistance Program distributed \$355,654 in funding to 930 households.

Heat the Streets is the single largest fundraiser of the year for these programs. The 2025 event raised \$226,000, benefiting more than 580 households across both utilities' service territories.

This year, the goal is to register at least 1,500 participants and raise at least \$250,000 to support customers in Burt, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties.



Featured events include a timed 10K, timed 5K, untimed 2-mile walk and virtual run/walk. Prices and details are available at [heatthestreetsomaha.com](http://heatthestreetsomaha.com).

### Timed 10K

\$35 (Nov. 29 through Jan. 31)  
\$45 (Feb. 1 through Mar. 4)  
\$55 (Day-of registration)

### Timed 5K

\$30 (Nov. 29 through Jan. 31)  
\$40 (Feb. 1 through Mar. 4)  
\$50 (Day-of registration)

### Untimed two-mile walk

*Children 12 and under may register for free with a registered adult.*

\$25 (Nov. 29 through Jan. 31)  
\$30 (Feb. 1 through Mar. 4)  
\$40 (Day-of registration)

### Virtual run/walk

*Participants may complete a distance of their choice on the path of their choice, such as a treadmill, in their neighborhoods or a local trail.*

\$30 (Nov. 29 through Mar. 4)



**IN 2026, OUTLETS WILL PUBLISH ONCE EVERY OTHER MONTH.**

The publication months are January, March, May, July, September and November.

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETINGS

**All-committee meetings:**  
Tuesday, Feb. 17

**Regular board meeting:**  
Thursday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

(see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details).

## MARCH BOARD MEETINGS

**All-committee meetings:**  
Tuesday, March. 17

**Regular board meeting:**  
Thursday, March. 19, 5 p.m.

(see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details).

Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3515, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

## HELPING ELECTRIC VEHICLES POWER THROUGH COLD

Winter has arrived in Nebraska, and drivers of electric vehicles (EVs) may have noticed a seasonal dip in their driving range, slower charging and longer warm-up times.

But EV owners can take a simple step to stay ahead of the cold: battery preconditioning.

Preconditioning is the process of warming up your EVs battery before you drive or charge. It's typically managed through your vehicle's mobile app or dashboard settings.

When scheduled in advance, especially while the vehicle is plugged in, preconditioning uses grid power to bring the battery to its optimal temperature, preserving the vehicle's stored energy for driving.

For customers who don't

have access to home charging, preconditioning still offers benefits. Even a short warm-up before heading to a public charger can improve charging speed and efficiency. It can also maximize driving range in cold weather, speed up direct-current fast-charging sessions and improve cabin comfort without draining the battery.

OPPD encourages EV owners to explore their vehicle's battery preconditioning features before the coldest months arrive. Most systems allow drivers to set a daily departure time, ensuring the battery and cabin are ready to go without sacrificing range.

OPPD has more information about electric vehicles on its website, **oppd.com**.

## NEW MAP MAKES IT EASIER TO REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

OPPD customers just gained a new, high-tech way to report and track streetlight outages in their neighborhood.

A new map now available at **MyOPPD.com** will streamline the process and offer customers updates about a specific outage.

The service is available for all streetlights in OPPD's service area as well as the OPPD-owned private outdoor lights used by farmers and city dwellers to illuminate their property.

OPPD unveiled the tool as part of a larger technology rollout to empower customers with more information and stronger service. The utility recently unveiled a new regional map where customers can report and monitor outages in their neighborhood and surrounding areas, among other upgrades.

To see the new streetlight map, visit **MyOPPD.com** and click "Outages" near the bottom of the page. From there, click "Report a Streetlight Issue" to access the map. To view a specific light, click the "Search" button in the top-left corner of the page and enter a nearby address.

## NEW TURBINE ARRIVES AT TURTLE CREEK STATION



A new, 560,000-pound natural gas turbine recently made its way from Gretna to OPPD's Turtle Creek Station.

The Siemens F-Class dual-fuel combustion turbine unit arrived in Gretna after a weeks-long journey from Berlin, where it was manufactured. The unit is roughly as heavy as a fully loaded Boeing 787, compacted to the size of a school bus.

The turbine dodged two hurricanes on its transatlantic journey. Once it arrived by rail in Gretna, it was transferred to a heavy-haul truck and trailer half the length of a football field then delivered to the site.

This is the first of four new turbines - and 15 large-equipment deliveries in total - destined for Turtle Creek Station and Cass County Station. The equipment is part of OPPD's multiyear, multimillion-dollar capital investment plan.

The turbine crawled at 5 mph for the final stretch of its journey in November, escorted by law enforcement agencies. OPPD teams and partners were on hand to manage the move. Their duties included moving electrical wires and other barriers in the path of the truck.



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