

## HEAT THE STREETS RUN & WALK SETS NEW FUNDRAISING RECORD

Runners, walkers, volunteers and other supporters came together in March to raise a record amount of money for families struggling to pay their utility bills.

Preliminary figures show the 19th annual Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth raised \$277,000, surpassing the fundraising goal of \$250,000. The event raises money for energy assistance programs run by Omaha Public Power District and Metropolitan Utilities District.

In 2025, Heat the Streets raised \$226,000 to support local families via M.U.D.'s Home Fund and OPPD's Energy Assistance Program. The Home Fund distributed a total of \$324,388 in bill assistance last year



to 845 households, while the Energy Assistance Program provided a total of \$366,221 to 963 households across OPPD's 13-county district.

The Dollar Energy Fund, a registered nonprofit, distributes assistance to households through the utility's programs.



## MASSIVE NEW TOWERS WILL HELP HARDEN OPPD GRID



OPPD is one step closer to installing the most significant transmission structures in the utility's history to support reliable power throughout eastern Nebraska.

Contractors recently installed eight tube-shaped rebar cages into foundation holes near the Platte River in Louisville.

The tall, sturdy cages will provide a strong foundation for the 347-foot PyraMax transmission towers. They will be by far the largest towers in OPPD's service area.

Once installed, the structures will carry three different voltage types and stand taller than the Union Pacific Center in downtown Omaha and almost as tall as the Nebraska

Capitol in Lincoln.

The structures are engineered and tested to harden the grid by withstanding wind speeds up to 150-175 mph.

Each new tower will support two high-voltage transmission lines and one distribution line across a half-mile span of the Platte River, between Louisville and Springfield. The towers are part of the Cass to Sarpy Transmission Line project, which runs between OPPD's Cass County Station and Turtle Creek Station.

### JUNE BOARD MEETINGS

#### All-committee meeting:

Tuesday, June 16

#### Regular board meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 5 p.m.

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

### NO JULY BOARD MEETINGS

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).

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

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

## HOW TO IDENTIFY A LEGITIMATE OPPD WORKER

OPPD has issued alerts about phone scammers who pretend they're with a utility to steal customers' money. But some impostors may be bold enough to show up at your door.

There are a number of reasons you might see a legitimate OPPD employee or contractor at your door. Metering, collections, forestry workers and field and streetlight crews frequently work in residential neighborhoods and interact with customers.

OPPD workers occasionally make unscheduled visits, but such instances are rare. Possible reasons may include outages, equipment or pole inspections, or meter readings that can't be captured remotely.



### IDENTIFYING A LEGITIMATE UTILITY WORKER

**Check badges:** Utility workers' clothing may vary, but all OPPD employees carry badges. Ask to see identification.

**Call about contractors:** Contractors may not carry OPPD identification, but they can describe the work they're doing. Customers are welcome to call OPPD at 402-536-4131 or toll-free at 877-536-4131 to verify work being done in the area.

**Utility work rarely requires inside entry:** If OPPD workers arrive, most of their work will take place outdoors. Occasionally, technicians may need inside access. Before allowing a worker into your home, ensure they have proper credentials and don't hesitate to call OPPD to verify the work.

## PARTICIPATE IN OPPD'S INTEGRATED SERVICE PLAN

OPPD is inviting the public to attend Integrated System Plan workshops that will help guide future development. The 2026 workshops offer a chance to give input on a high-level roadmap for OPPD's work over the next decade. **OPPDCommunityConnect.com/isp** is your go-to source to register for workshops or watch workshop recordings, learn more and provide feedback.



## CHANGE TO OPPD'S PAYMENT REMITTANCE ADDRESS

OPPD's transition to its new payment remittance address is almost complete. **Starting July 1, 2026, customer payments must be mailed to P.O. Box 6051, Omaha, NE, 68106-9919. Be sure to update your records or payment systems (such as online bill payment services) with the new address to avoid permanent delays. Your payment will be returned if not sent to the correct address.** Customers who use ACH or other automatic bill-pay systems should update their payment information before the end of June. Please note: **After June 31, OPPD will no longer receive mail at P.O. Box 3995 and 3065.** Any payments sent to those addresses will be forwarded and may delay processing of your bill.

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