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LIGHTING THE WAY



Southern Power District Redefines Its Vision & Mission

Southern Power District's Board of Directors conducted a strategic planning session in early 2018. This is a process in which they brainstormed a number of issues pertaining to the service provided by Southern Power District. Numerous goals were established in this process, and among those goals, the Board sought to revise its mission statement. In June, the Board approved TWO statements that will guide its employees and elected leadership in all of the decisions and actions to be taken in providing service to our customers. A new mission statement was developed, along with a vision statement to accompany this important statement.

WHAT IS A VISION STATEMENT?

A vision statement is an aspirational description of what we would like to achieve and accomplish in the long-term future. Its purpose is to serve as a guide for choosing future courses of action in all aspects of our service to our customers.

WHAT IS A MISSION STATEMENT?

A mission statement is a short statement of our core purpose and unlike our vision statement, it defines what our purpose is right now, in the present.

VISION

Powering a new and brighter future for our customers and communities while supporting public power in the State of Nebraska.

MISSION

To safely provide our customers with highly reliable and competitively priced electricity, superior customer service and innovative energy solutions.

Sights & Experiences: Fort Kearny, Historical Park & Recreational Park

The Fort Kearny Historical and Recreational Parks are located just south of I-80 Exit 279. From the exit, travel 3 miles south on Highway 10, then 2 miles west on "V" Road. These two sites are located within two miles of one another, as shown on the map.

HISTORICAL PARK

After 1842, the growing emigration of settlers to Oregon prompted the need for military posts to protect travelers. Fort Kearny was the first post established, and was in service by the spring of 1848. Its location was, according to records, "near the head of the Grand Island" along the Platte River. The post was first named Fort Childs, but in 1848 it was renamed Fort Kearny in recognition of Stephen Watts Kearny.

Fort Kearny was a noted way station, or a "rest stop" for travelers at that time. The site included a sentinel post, supply depot, and a message center for 49er's en route to the California Gold Rush, and other travelers to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. By the 1860s, Fort Kearny was a significant stage and freighting station and was a station for the Pony Express. During the Indian Wars of 1864-65, a small stockade was built. Although Fort Kearny never came under attack, it did serve as an outfitting depot for several Indian campaigns.

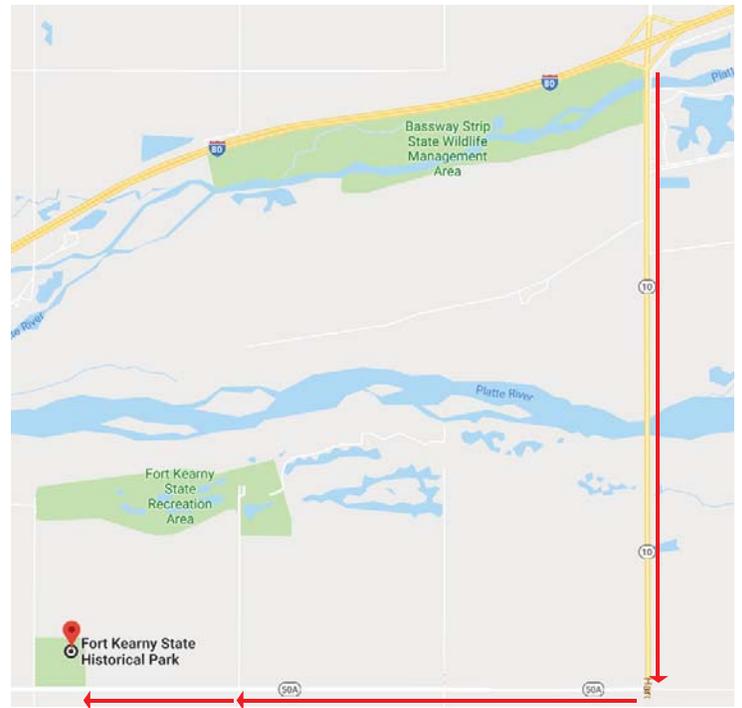
One of the final purposes of Fort Kearny was the protection of workers for the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1871, two years after the completion of the transcontinental railroad, the fort was discontinued as a military post.

RECREATIONAL PARK

Just to the north of this park along 30 Road is the Fort Kearny Recreation Area. This park offers many amenities for those who love the outdoors, including fishing, camping, hiking, swimming and no-wake boating.

To learn more about the Fort Kearny Historical Park and Recreation Area, visit outdoornebraska.gov. Their site includes a detailed map of the various lakes within the recreational area as well as camping sites.

Source: outdoornebraska.gov



Higher Bills Common with Higher Temperatures

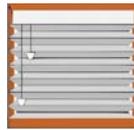
As temperatures rise outdoors, so does your electric bill! While Nebraska is known for wide fluctuations of temperatures during the summer, it seems as though the month of June has brought us a heat wave similar to what we typically see in August. Add to that, if you have children at home for the summer, there is more activity in your household that is adding to your electric bill.

Often during these times of high usage, we receive calls from our customers concerned about bills that are higher than anticipated. There are some simple steps you can take to alleviate your summer bills, and tools you can use to stay on top of your usage.

MINIMIZE YOUR COOLING COST



Set your thermostat as high as is comfortably possible with a programmable thermostat. Try 78° instead of 72°.



Draw your curtains or shades during the day. Lighter-colored treatments will better deflect the sun's rays than darker ones.



Clean or replace your AC filters once per month. Doing so will lower the units consumption by 5 to 15 percent.



Use ceiling or circulating and you will feel much cooler. But don't forget, when you leave the room, shut it off.

MONITOR YOUR ONGOING USAGE



With the tools available to you on our SmartHub Account Management application, you have all of the information you need to see the direction your usage is going for the current billing cycle. In fact, you can compare your usage to the high, average and low temperatures experienced every day of the week. Keep track of your usage during periods of extremely warm weather--it may help you to identify and adapt your own usage habits.

To sign up for SmartHub, visit our website at www.southernpd.com and follow the registration process. You may also scan the QR codes for Android and iOS downloads.

SmartHub also provides the portal which allows you to make payments on your Southern Power District account(s).

If you have any questions about SmartHub, please contact our Customer Services Department at 800-579-3019.

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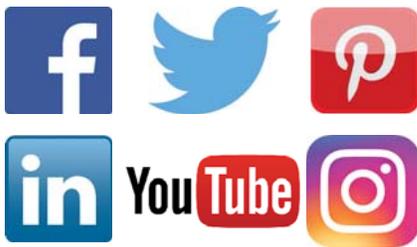
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Hotline Demonstrations

Here at Southern, we feel that summer time is a GREAT time to learn new things, and we enjoy teaching both kids and adults about electrical safety. We would love to come to your community and share lifesaving information about the dangers of electricity. If you have an event this summer, such as a fair, safety camp, or other community event, we would love to be a part of your activities!

Contact LeAnne Doose or Todd Bailey at Southern Power District to schedule a Hotline Demonstration.



SLOW COOKER BRISKET

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 lb. beef brisket
- 1 small white onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
- 2 c. low sodium chicken stock
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS:

Place all ingredients in slow cooker and season with salt and pepper. Cover and cook 6 to 8 hours, until brisket is completely tender. Remove from slow cooker to slice. Serve with jus.