

City of Kasson Newsletter – February 2022

Tree City USA

Cold Weather Rule:

Helps keep your heat on from Oct 1 through April 30 and is available for residential customers only. Disconnects will continue through winter as normal for non-payment if the primary heat source is not affected.

For payment plans with the City of Kasson, please call 507-634-6325 or email utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com

Follow the link below for more information.
[Shut-Off Protection / Public Utilities \(mn.gov\)](https://www.mn.gov/shut-off-protection)

SEMCAC'S ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM may be able to help you with winter energy bills. (Eligibility is based on household income.)
Serving Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona Counties

Call SEMCAC!
800-944-3281 or 507-864-8248

*SEMCAC is now accepting applications for past due water accounts and water crisis situations whereas in the past has been electric accounts only.

The Energy Assistance Program is funded by the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce through a block grant from the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

All City Offices will be Closed Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of President's Day.



KASSON AQUATIC CENTER 2022 SEASON UPDATE

Registrations for Swimming Lessons, Seasonal Memberships, and other Aquatic Center services will be available on-line around **March 1, 2022.**

NEW FOR 2022:

- We are pleased to announce that Abbie Root will be the Aquatic Center Manager for the 2022 season. We welcome back returning staff and new recruits!
- We are also pleased to announce that all registration will be on-line this year, and that the Aquatic Center will be going entirely cashless. This is in response to member and customer demand over the last few years. All payments will be made on-line through the use of debit or credit cards.

Watch for details in our next newsletter.

Red Cross lessons will be offered during these weeks: June 13-17, June 27-July 1, July 11-15, July 18-22 and July 25-29.

Tiny Tots lessons will be offered during these weeks: June 20-24 (two morning sessions) and July 18-22 (two evening sessions).

If you have any questions, please email the new email address: kassonaquaticcenter@cityofkasson.com.

SNOW EMERGENCIES: No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any street or alley during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency is defined as any time the quantity of snow warrants the deployment of snow plows. During snow emergencies, no parking shall be allowed on the road or alley until the snow and ice plowing has been completed the full width of the roadway. Citations shall be issued to vehicle owners parked in the path of a snow plow on the first pass. Any vehicle violating this article will be towed without notice to the property owner, at the owner's expense.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS: No owner or occupant of a property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall allow snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk longer than 24 hours after snow has ceased to fall. After that time, the City may remove the snow or ice and bill the responsible party for costs incurred.

PILING OF SNOW: Persons shall not push or deposit snow or ice into a street or alley from private property or public boulevards. Do not pile snow at street corners or at the ends of public drives so it interferes with the view of the traveling public. Property owners will be charged removal costs if such piles must be removed by City staff or other agent of the City.
-Thank you

CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS
EMERGENCY 911.....Non-Emergency Police 634-3881
Water/Sewer 993-7697.....Electric 259-6661

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

<http://www.facebook.com/KassonMinnesota>

Online Payments Reminder

Our new payment portal is intended to be used on a full web browser, not a mobile device. If you choose to use it on a mobile device, you may experience issues such as being unable to edit the amount. The payment portal and ACH directly through City Hall are 2 separate systems, should you choose to use both, you may experience issues as duplicate payments or possible fees from your financial institution. If you have questions, please call 507-634-6325

CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS & ELECTRICAL BOXES

It is the citizen's responsibility to clear in front of and on both sides of the hydrant and electrical box if you have one located on your property. Keeping these cleared allows access for emergency access, repair and maintenance.

The City is not responsible for replacing landscaping/personal items around these areas should they need access. The firemen, utility workers and your neighbors appreciate it!

Kasson Electric Dept. personnel will be changing out electric meters as part of establishing a more robust, informative and accurate modern electric grid. Personnel will attempt contact prior to changing the meter out IF a small, 5 minute or less outage is necessary to swap the City of Kasson's old electric meter with a new one. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in advance



Would you like your bill earlier each month?
Sign up for E-Statements at www.cityofkasson.com.

A concert poster for "THE K-M PERFORMANCE SERIES PRESENTS". The main title is "WHAT'S GOING ON?" in large, bold, white letters. Above it, in smaller text, is "THE FABULOUS ARMADILLOS PRESENT". Below the title is a photograph of three men playing acoustic guitars. To the right of the photo, it says "SONGS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR ERA" and "A LIVE CONCERT EXPERIENCE". The date and time are "APRIL 2 @ 7PM". Below that, a white box says "TICKETS \$40". At the bottom, it lists "Kasson-Mantorville High School" and the website "www.komet-tickets.com". The poster is framed by two vintage-style microphones. At the bottom center, there is a logo for "Minnesota WiFi PERFORMING ARTS CENTER".

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

3D PRINTER WORKSHOP AT KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Interested in learning modeling and printing on a 3D printer? Come to the Kasson Library on Sat., January 29 at 9:30am. Design and print an object for free! All materials supplied. For ages 10 & up.

KARST AND WATER POLLUTION INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT AT KASSON LIBRARY

This exhibit examines the challenges for keeping groundwater clean in SE Minnesota and will be at the Kasson Library February 21 – March 18. It explores sources of water pollution and what can be done to ensure clean water. This exhibit is presented by the MN Department of Education and the MN Pollution Control Agency.

SAVE THE DATE - Go on a Blind Date with a Book!



Come to the Library on **Thurs., February 3 at 7:00pm** to go on a "blind date with a book!" You can choose a brown-paper wrapped book with a brief description on the front describing the book. Please read it, then return on **Thurs., February 24 at 7:00pm** to tell us how you liked it. You'll have adventurous reading fun, served with laughs and refreshments! Large-print and audiobooks will also be available for selection. All adults are welcome and warmly invited to go on this **Blind Date with a Book!**

*Medical Emergency Forms

Minnesota law requires a utility to reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requires electricity to sustain life. Emergency Medical Forms are available online at cityofkasson.com under Resident Information tab or at City Hall upon request. These forms need to be updated yearly for accurate records. Please provide a note from a medical professional explaining your medical condition and how it would be affected or how an emergency could arise with the loss of service. You may submit forms via mail to:

City of Kasson

Attn: Cassie

401 5th St SE

Kasson, MN 55944

Or Fax to: 507-634-4737

Email: utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com