

# City of Kasson Newsletter –January 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](mailto:utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com)

Follow the link below for more information.  
[Shut-Off Protection / Public Utilities \(mn.gov\)](#)

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.

*Happy  
New Year*

*From all City Staff*

Gift certificates for the Aquatic Center are now available at City Hall for the 2022 season!

### **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.*

*The Electric Dept. wishes you a safe and Happy Holiday season.*

**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>



Snowplows are working across our region to improve roadways for your winter travel. Do your part by slowing down and staying back from snowplows at least 10 vehicle lengths.

Sign up to receive [MnDOT text messages and/or email alerts](#) during significant winter weather events affecting state roads in southeast Minnesota and consult [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) for road conditions, traffic incidents, weather information, camera footage and more.

**Please remember to Stay Alert, Slow Down, Stay Back, Be Patient. Make your New Year's resolution to Drive Smart in 2022!**

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COMMITTEE

**FREE EVENT!**

## DEVELOPING YOUR MENTAL TOUGHNESS & GRIT IN SPORT AND LIFE

### About the Speaker:

In this community presentation, Dr. Cindra Kamphoff will discuss how we can use strategies and tools to increase our mental toughness and grit in athletics, school and life. Mental toughness and grit are traits we can develop in ourselves and has been connected to enhanced success in sport and school. She will also discuss research-based strategies for parents to positively support their child's mental toughness and grit.

Dr. Kamphoff is a keynote speaker and certified mental performance consultant who has worked with elite athletes including the Minnesota Vikings and the United States Olympic Track and Field Team as well as businesses and executives. She is the author of the bestselling book, *Beyond Grit*, and is the current President of the National Speakers Association-Minnesota.



**RESERVE YOUR TICKET**

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**17 JANUARY 2022  
6:00 PM**

KASSON-MANTORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
PIZZA DINNER INCLUDED STARTING AT 5 PM

### KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Used Book Sale at Kasson Library January 18-22

The Friends of Kasson Public Library will hold a used book sale at the library January 18-22. Gently used books, DVDs and puzzles will be for sale. Come for great bargains! All money made benefits the library.

#### STITCH!

Stitch is a fun group, and all are invited to bring your project – sewing, crocheting, needlepoint, knitting – to work on, or come to gain a new skill.

Sewing machines will be available, and ALL skill levels and ages are welcome. This group meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month from 1-4pm, and the next meeting is January 3.** Drop in or stay the whole time!

#### 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 a **Blind Date with a Book!**



**HOLIDAY HOURS**

**ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Friday December 31, 2021 in observance of**  
**New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr Day.**

**Kasson Liquor Holiday Hours**  
**December 31 - 9am to 9pm**



**Would you like your bill earlier each month?**  
**Sign up for E-Statements at**  
**[www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com).**

**The City of Kasson has contracted Ferguson Waterworks for water meter replacements.**  
**There is no cost but you are required to have the water meter replaced if you have received a letter or post card.**

**(Not all residences will need to have water meter replaced)**