

City of Kasson Newsletter – October 2021

Tree City USA



Community Halloween Trick or Treat (Free)
Trick or treat starts at 2pm as you and your child begin the 'adventure walk' going door to door outside Community Ed building and Elementary School. Trick or treaters are welcome between 2-330pm. FUN surprises will be waiting for you! No registration needed. In event of poor weather, the event will take place inside.

The Kasson EMS Committee is hosting a facilities Open House at the Fire Hall on October 5, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. This review is for residents to evaluate options for potential facility improvements over the next 2+ years. Please join them to check out the options presented.

Cold Weather Rule:

Helps protect your heat 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 507-6347-6325 or email utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com

City Council has revised its schedule and will have only 1 meeting in November on the 10th.

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

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.

Would you like your bill earlier each month? Check out E-Statements to get your bill 5 days earlier than regular mail. Sign up at www.cityofkasson.com!



OPEN HOUSE



Vision screening for children ages 6 months - 6 years old, however all school age children are welcome.

FREE

<https://lionskidsightusa.org/>

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 6TH 6-8^{PM}**

*Come see fire trucks, police cars and ambulances, along with equipment, officers, fire fighters and paramedics

*Refreshments Provided



Kasson Police Dept ~ 19 E. Main St
Kasson Fire Dept ~ 101 E. Main St

10th Ave NE was reclaimed September 23 and is now open. There will be some closures in the near future when the new storm sewer is installed.

10th Ave NE will also be repaved and the storm water pond will be excavated to provide better run off mitigation. When construction dates are available, they will be posted on social media.

City Hall hours have changed back to Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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

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

§ 154.31 FENCES AND WALLS.

(A) General.

- (1) Fences, hedges, walls and other landscaping shall be located entirely upon the property which they serve. Fences, hedges, walls and other landscaping obstructing a utility or drainage easement or extending beyond the legal property boundary may be removed at the owner's expense. For purposes of this section, a WALL is made of non-living material, typically brick, concrete or stone, and may be used for screening in addition to grading retention ("retaining wall").
- (2) Barbed wire or above ground electric fences shall not be permitted, used or constructed, except in industrial districts or where livestock are permitted.
- (3) All fences shall be maintained and kept safe and in a state of good repair and the finished side or decorative side of a fence shall face adjoining property and provide a clearance for maintenance without entering upon the neighboring property, except as provided in division (B)(3) below.
- (4) All fences, walls, and hedges shall comply with the clear sight triangle regulations provided in § 154.271.
- (5) No fence or wall shall exceed six feet in height, as measured from the finished grade, unless required by the city for screening, buffering or safety.
- (6) No portion of a fence or wall projecting into the front yard of a property shall exceed 36 inches in height unless one or more of the following is met:
 - (a) The height is required by the city for screening, buffering or safety;
 - (b) The transparency of the fence is 50% or more.
- (7) The area between a fence and property line shall be maintained in an attractive condition at all times.
- (8) Screening or fencing shall not be erected any closer than three feet from the property line, except as allowed with a conditional use permit as seen in division (B)(3) below.
- (9) Where the property line is not clearly defined and located, a certificate of survey may be required by the Zoning Administrator or City Administrator to establish the property boundary prior to issuance of approval.
 - (B) Approval required.
- (1) Fences on properties with three or more unit residences or nonresidential uses shall require a site plan review application and approval with the city, as described in § 154.066.
 - (2) Retaining walls measuring four feet in height or more shall require a building permit application and approval.
 - (3) *Property line screening or fencing.* A conditional use permit (CUP) shall be required for placement of screening or fencing closer than three feet to the property line.
 - a. Applicants will follow the process for a CUP, as described in § 154.067.
 - b. An access agreement on adjacent property may be required to ensure the ability to maintain the fence without trespassing on neighboring property.
 - (C) *Temporary fences.*
 - (1) Fences erected for the protection of planting or to warn of construction hazard, or for similar purposes, shall be clearly visible or marked with colored streamers or other such warning devices at four foot intervals.
 - (2) Such fences shall comply with the setback requirements set forth in this chapter.
 - (3) Temporary fences shall not be erected for more than 45 days.
 - (D) *Nonconforming fences.* Any fence existing on the effective date of this Code of Ordinances and not in conformance with this section may be maintained, but no alteration, modification or improvement of said fence shall occur, unless installed in conformance with this section.

(Ord. 879, passed 10-28-2020; Ord. 8.1-2021, passed 8-11-2021)

DRIVE SOBER. DRIVE SMART!



AUTHOR MIKE ECKERS AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Kasson Library as author/historian Michael Eckers speaks on Wed., October 27 at 10:30am on *"Teddy Roosevelt and the National Parks."* Many local readers might be familiar with his books, especially *The Boys of Wasioja*, which traces the story of the brave men who answered the call to fight in the Civil War. All are invited to this free event sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Have a blast looking for clues around town and around the library. Pick up a clue sheet at the library or look on our website. Solve the limerick, come read it to us at the library and win a sweet treat. Back by popular demand!

STORYTIMES AT KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytimes are back! Drop in at the library for these Storytimes, led by library staff. Fun times await!

- Mondays at 5:15 with Miss Pat (begins October 5)
- Thursdays at 10:30 with Mr. David

STITCH GROUP RETURNS

Stitch is a needle-crafters group, and all are invited to bring their own project – sewing, crocheting, needlepoint, knitting, etc. – to work on, or come to gain a new skill. Sewing machines are available, and ALL skill levels are welcome! This group meets the 1st Monday of the month from 1-4pm, and the next meeting is October 4. Drop in or stay the whole time!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: 10:00 – 6:00
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 – 5:00
Saturday: 9-12

Saturday, October 30

Mantorville, MN



9:00am 5K | 10:00am 1 Mile

Register through October 22:

<https://raceroster.com/>



Dodge County Public Health Flu Clinics

Dodge Center Fire Hall (130 Hwy Street, Dodge Center)

Thursday, September 30th, 230-430pm / Tuesday, October 12th 230-430

Tuesday, October 26th 230-430

For most up-to-date info, visit:

www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/public_health.php



Highway 57 Reconstruction Open House

Community members are invited to an Open House meeting for the Hwy 57 reconstruction project. MnDOT District 6 and the City of Kasson will be hosting this informational meeting on September 30, 2021.

It will be held at the Public Forum room at KM High School from 6-7 p.m.

To find more information ahead of the meeting, please see: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/.../hwy57.../index.html>