

City of Kasson Newsletter – January 2021

Tree City USA

Cold Weather Rule:

Helps protect your heat from Oct 15 through April 15 and is available for residential customers only. The link below provides more information. Disconnects will continue through winter as normal for non-payment if the primary heat source is not affected.

<https://mn.gov/buc/consumers/help/shut-off-protection/>

If you'd like to help a neighbor, a friend or anyone that may need some extra help paying for heat, please check out HeatShare by Salvation Army.

www.heatshare.org

SEMCAC'S ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

may be able to help you with winter energy bills. (Eligibility is based on household income.)

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.



More than 100 snowplows are working in our region to improve state highways for your winter travel.

Do your part by slowing down, staying back from snowplows at least 10 vehicle lengths and consulting www.511mn.org before you travel.

Happy
New Year

Gift certificates and daily pass books for the Aquatic Center are now available at City Hall for the 2021 season!

Kasson Liquor Holiday Hours

December 31 - 9am to 9pm

January 1 - Closed



All City Offices will be closed Friday January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day and Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

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!

The drop box that was temporarily at the Liquor Store has been moved back to Hy-Vee grocery store by the entrance as it was when it was Erdman's County Market.

Keep grease out of sinks and wipes out of pipes

This holiday season, do yourself and other taxpayers a favor by keeping grease from turkey and ham dinners out of sinks and other drains. And while you're at it, stop flushing disposable wipes down the toilet, even if the label claims "flushable." Sewer workers everywhere dread this time of year when the problem of "fatbergs" – clogs of fats, oil, grease, and wipes – worsens, leading to backups and costly repairs. Disposable wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down. Cities across Minnesota report costly repairs and upgrades after wipes clog their pumps and pipes.

Here's how you can help:

- Dispose of fat, oil and grease by pouring them onto newspaper or other paper items in the trash, or into a non-recyclable container and then into the trash.
- Another idea: Soak up grease with pieces of crusty bread pieces, and then put the bread on bird feeders for wild critters.
- Wipe greasy pans, pots and other dishes out with a paper towel before washing.
- Place disposable wipes in the trash too.

KASSON LIBRARY IS OPEN

Come visit the Library Monday through Friday from 10-5 or Saturdays from 9-12. Masks are required. If you still prefer curbside checkout, please let us know by calling 634-7615.

Livestreamed Author Talk

Listen to local author Pernell Meier as she discusses her new book *In Our Bones* on Thurs., January 14 at 1:00pm. Look for the link on our website.

"Take and Make" Craft Kits

Stop by the library to pick up a free craft to assemble at home. Limit 1 per person. Enjoy!

Online Storytimes

The library posts a new online Storytime every Friday. Find the YouTube link on our website or Facebook page to view. Enjoy!

For More Information

Please visit our Facebook Page or our website at: www.kasson.lib.mn.us

HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 24: **OPEN 9-1** Dec. 25 & 26: **CLOSED**

Dec. 31: **OPEN 10-5** Jan. 1 & 2: **CLOSED**

BUILDING PERMITS

Are you building a home? Deck? Garage? Finishing off the basement? Reroofing? Are you replacing windows?

Building Permit applications are located on the City of Kasson website at www.cityofkasson.com/permits

or call 507-634-6324.



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



Stay bright!
The days are only getting longer from here!

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

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