

# City of Kasson Newsletter – August 2022

## Tree City USA



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022**  
**AUGUST 2, 2022 6-9PM**

Contact the Kasson Police Department at 634-3881 (opt. 2) to let them know if you are planning a neighborhood gathering on August 2, 2022. As in the past, the Emergency Services personnel will try to have members of their respective departments stop by those hosted events.

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

**33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN THE PARK**

**FRIDAY**  
Kickball Tournament, Dazzling Dave YoYo Master

**SATURDAY**  
Corn Hole tournament, Obstacle Course Challenge  
Belly Flop contest, Free performance: The Whitesidewalls, Streetdance @ Firehall (Time Machine)

**SUNDAY**  
Grand Parade, Family Dance (Time Machine)

Go to [www.kassonfestivalinthepark.com](http://www.kassonfestivalinthepark.com) for times and more scheduled events

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS -AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7AM-8PM @ KMHS THE SOUTH GYM (ALL 3 PRECINCTS)**

Filing for the following positions opens August 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm - \$5 filing fee

Positions available: Mayor- 2 years; (1) Council member – 2 years; (2) Council member – 4 years

See Dodge County’s website for more info on sample ballots, absentee ballots, and candidate information.

Davey Resource Group will be GPS locating and mapping into a GIS system the entire electrical system in the City of Kasson starting in June. DRG staff will be in DRG and City of Kasson badged vehicles and have on DRG logo clothing. They will be accessing yards, equipment, poles, etc. in the course of their work for the City of Kasson. Please allow them necessary access and space to do their work. There will be no associated loss of power as this is primarily a data collection and GPS location project. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Electric Dept. Supervisor at [electricdept@cityofkasson.com](mailto:electricdept@cityofkasson.com). We appreciate your cooperation.

**CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
**EMERGENCY.....911**  
**Non-Emergency Police.....634-3881**  
**For all after hours .....833-342-1158**  
(Electric, Water/Sewer & Storm Related Issues)

**KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**USED BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY!**

The Friends of Kasson Library will have a book sale August 16-19 at the library. Gently used books, DVDs and puzzles will be for sale. Clip a coupon from the DCI and **get a FREE BOOK!** All money raised returns to benefit the library.

**STITCH!**

Stitch is a needlecrafters’ 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 August 1.** Drop in or stay the whole time!

**GET TO KNOW THE LIBRARY!**

Did you know the Kasson Library moved into its new building 6 years ago? We are located at 607 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, and currently **open 10am-6pm Mondays and Tuesdays, and 10-5 Wednesday through Friday.** We have more than 27,000 items available for checkout – books, audiobooks, and DVDs. With your library card, you may also download books and audiobooks to your device or cell phone. The best part is that it is all **free!** Stop by or call us at 634-7615 with any questions.

**Do not miss important updates! You can now subscribe to receive alerts (text or email) for City Council agendas and minutes when available. Sign up today at [www.cityofkasson.com/enotify](http://www.cityofkasson.com/enotify)**

### RECREATIONAL FIRES

- Cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter
- Flames cannot exceed 2 feet in height
- Must be enclosed by a ring
- Must be constantly attended
- Must have a minimum of 4-A rating fire extinguisher,
- have dirt, sand, or garden hose available
- Only burn untreated or unprepared - wood or charcoal
- Do not burn lumber, leaves, grass, paper, garbage, plastics, or other refuse
- Must be immediately extinguished when directed by a police officer, firefighter, fire warden or DNR officer
- No fires allowed when wind speeds exceed 15 mph

**\*\*PLEASE CHECK [WWW.DNR.STATE.MN.US](http://WWW.DNR.STATE.MN.US) FOR CURRENT BURNING RESTRICTIONS BEFORE STARTING ANY FIRE\*\***

### **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](http://www.cityofkasson.com) or call 507-634-6324.**

### **ORDINANCE REMINDER - 154.312 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, the Zoning Administrator or City Administrator may require a certificate of survey to establish the property boundary prior to issuance of approval.

**Check [www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com) for more information on ordinances.**

### **LAWN MOWING REGULATIONS**

Section 51.02 of the Code states (in part) that: "All open areas and parts of the premises shall be maintained and kept in a reasonably clean and neat condition." It further states that: "Any weeds or tall grass growing upon any lot or parcel of land in the City of Kasson are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and good order of the City."

"If the owner or occupant thereof fails, within five days after the posting by first class mail of a notice to abate a public health hazard contained on the property, the City by and through its authorized personnel may enter upon any such property and abate the public health hazard by any reasonable means, including contracting with a private person to do so."

Please help keep our city attractive and avoid substantial penalty by keeping your lawns mowed and neat.