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# City of Kasson

Tree City USA

Phone  
number:  
507-634-7071

## HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

Kasson Public Utilities are updating our records and would appreciate it if you could provide us with your latest contact information. You can call us at 507-634-7071, email us at [utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com](mailto:utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com), or stop in City Hall **IF** there are any changes.

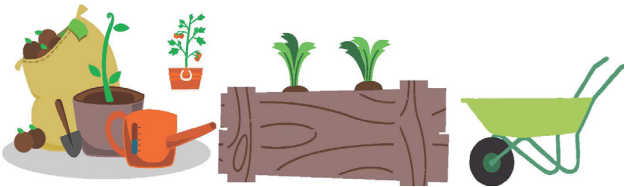
## DODGE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDENS

LOCATED IN KASSON, DODGE CENTER AND WEST CONCORD.  
10' X 10' PLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 PER PLOT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW OR CONTACT:  
DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
507-635-6325 / [MNEXT-DODGE@UMN.EDU](mailto:MNEXT-DODGE@UMN.EDU)  
SPANISH: 507-261-4277

[Z.UMN.EDU/DODGECOMMUNITYGARDENS](http://Z.UMN.EDU/DODGECOMMUNITYGARDENS)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
EXTENSION  
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



## Afternoon Tea at the Library



An Invitation to Tea!  
Kasson Public Library  
607 First Street NW, Kasson, MN  
Sunday, May 5, 2024  
2-4 p.m.

Enjoy an elegant Afternoon Tea, a special event in honor of the library's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Featuring a delicious menu, complete with an assortment of traditional tea sandwiches, scones, desserts and of course, tea. There will also be fun displays of fashions through the decades. So gather your friends — make a date with your Mom, and feel free to dress as fancy as you like!

Tickets: \$40  
Space is limited so buy your tickets early.

Available for purchase starting March 25 at the library.  
Cash and checks only please.

Library Hours:  
Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9-12 a.m.  
Sunday: Closed

Questions: 507-634-7615



## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday–Thursday will be  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
Friday will be 8:00am to 1:00pm.

City Hall Will Be Closed  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, In Observance  
Of Memorial Day.



**KASSON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

## BICYCLE HELMET SALE

Toddler to Adult sizes available



Helmets can be ordered at the:

**Kasson-Mantorville community Ed**



## Bike Rodeo

**May 13, 5-7pm**

**KMtelecom stadium parking lot**

Assistance will be available to measure for correct sizing.

**Phone & mail-in orders also accepted.**

Order form available on City of Kasson website.  
Mail w/pymt to Kasson PD at 19 E Main St.  
call 634-3881 (opt 2) for info or to order by phone.

Cash/check: \$15.00 per helmet  
Credit card: \$15.70 per helmet

Helmets will be  
ordered May 17.

## City of Kasson Emergency Numbers

EMERGENCY 911  
NON-EMERGENCY POLICE  
507-634-3881

After hours, please call  
833-342-1158 for Water/Sewer &  
Electrical Issues



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

## City of Kasson

Public Works will be flushing Fire Hydrants throughout the city during April into May. This can have an impact on the color of Residents water, it may become yellow or rusty color. KPW asks for your patience and understanding while they clean the system.

## Kasson-Mantorville Bike Rodeo

- Bike Safety Checks
- Rules of the Road
- Obstacle Course
- Helmet Fitting and Ordering With Kasson PD
- Community Bike Ride
- Concessions and Prizes

**May 13th  
5pm to 7pm**



## City Of Kasson Spring Cleanup

The City of Kasson Cleanup week  
begins Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and continues  
until pick-up is completed.  
Items MUST be on the curb by May 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00am

- Only one pass per home and a maximum of one load per household.
- The City of Kasson will pick up branches and limbs this year.
- Maximum of 10ft length brush and must be piled parallel with curb.
- NO complete trees.

**\*NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE  
PICKED UP\***

Medical Emergency Forms: Minnesota Law requires a utility to reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requires electricity to sustain life. Emergency Medical Forms are available on the City of Kasson website under departments, Kasson Public Utilities 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 from the loss of service. In the event of an outage, you are responsible for having a backup source of power. You may submit forms via mail to:  
City of Kasson

## Kasson Aquatic Center

The Kasson Aquatic Center is now  
accepting sign-ups for swimming lessons  
as well as payments for season passes.

Visit the City of Kasson website, under  
departments you will see the Kasson  
Aquatic Center, you can select  
[KassonPool.com](http://KassonPool.com)

The Kasson Pool will be open on May  
25<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>, then June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
through August 18<sup>th</sup>.

# Employee Spotlight

## Meet Charlie Bradford, Public Works Director

### Charlie, can you tell us about your position and the services you provide to the community?

In my position as Public Works Director, I plan, manage, and continually evaluate all public works/utilities functions. I perform administrative work which includes planning, organizing, and directing streets, parks, stormwater, utility water and wastewater utility, electrical utility, ice arena, and the cemetery.

### What, in your opinion, is the most challenging part of being the Public Works Director?

The most challenging part of working as a Public Works Director is trying to please everyone, while managing the budget.

### What, in your opinion, is the most rewarding part of being the Director of Public Works in Kasson?

The most rewarding part of being a Public Works Director is completing job tasks and projects, along with working with residents and finding solutions to issues. It is rewarding to leave work at the end of the day, knowing that you are working to make Kasson a better place.

### What do you consider the most important traits of being a successful Public Works Director?

The most important traits are communication, delegation, respect, and flexibility. You must be able to communicate with residents and city staff on a variety of issues daily. You must delegate work and know the staff will complete the work. You need to respect your staff and residents of the community as well as remain flexible because no days are the same.

### Can you tell us about the path you took to become a Director for Public Works?

I worked in the City of Kasson in the Park Department for 6 summers while attending high school and college. After college, a full-time Street Department position opened in 2000 and I was hired for the position. I worked in the Street Department for 2 years and then a Water/Wastewater Department position opened. I moved to the Water/Wastewater Department for 15 years. I was promoted through the positions of Operator I, Operator II, Lead Operator and finally becoming the Water/Wastewater Supervisor in 2012. Then in 2017 the Public Works Director position opened, and I was promoted into the position.

### Do you have any advice for students who are interested in getting into this field?

If you think you want to work as a Public Works Director or in the public works/utilities field, ask to shadow a city employee. We work with high school students regularly that need to job shadow for part of their class.

