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## Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

December 4th & 18th

December Recycling Days:  
December 5th & 19th

**City Hall will be closed:**  
**December 25th**  
**January 1st**

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

For those of you who have rental properties, your application for 2024-2025 is due ASAP. Please connect with City Hall if you have not returned your paperwork.



# December 2023



## Are You Ready For Winter?

### Winter Driving

Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather.

Stay safe while on the road in the winter:

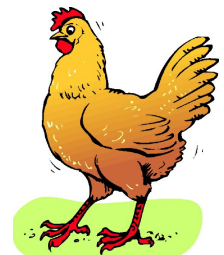
- ◆ Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are too poor.
- ◆ Buckle up, and make sure child restraints are secured tightly. It is recommended to use bulky clothes and blankets on top of the child restraint harness, not beneath, to ensure harness restraints fit properly.
- ◆ Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for plenty of travel time.
- ◆ Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.
- ◆ Use extra precautions when driving around snowplows by keeping at least five car-lengths behind plows.
- ◆ If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.
- ◆ Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.
- ◆ Headlights must be turned on when it is snowing or sleeting.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads.
- ◆ Equip vehicles with a scraper/brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blankets, heavy boots, warm clothing and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or energy bars.
- ◆ Be sure cell phones are charged for long trips, and inform family of destination plans and schedule.
- ◆ If stranded, stay in the vehicle.
- ◆ Parents of teen drivers should make sure new motorists experience snow and ice driving in a safe environment, such as an empty parking lot.



## **Backyard Chickens within City Limits**

The City Council has **approved** residents to start raising chickens within their property. All of the details are listed on the City website  
**Ordinance 650 Section 07**

**PERMITS & PAPERWORK ARE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING APPROVED OF HAVING SAID CHICKENS**



### Sidewalk Cleaning

Please keep in mind that sidewalks need to be cleared within 48 hours after a snow and/or ice event. It is the property owner's responsibility to clear the abutting sidewalk to their property. If your sidewalk isn't cleared within the allowed amount of time, the city will follow the abatement process. This means the City will clear your sidewalk for you and send you a bill.

### Winter Parking Reminder

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., on any date that falls between 12:01 a.m. November 1st and 11:59 p.m. April 30st of the following year.

The City of Kimball may, in its sole discretion, tow any vehicle parked in violation of this section to an impound lot. The cost of the tow and impound fee shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle prior to the vehicle being released from impound.

### Snow Plow Safety Tips from MnDOT

- Driving too close to snow removal equipment can be extremely dangerous!
- Yield to snowplows. They travel slower than posted speeds.
- Give snowplow drivers plenty of room to do their jobs.
- Slow down! Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.
- Stay Alert! A snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car. In a crash, occupants of a car are much more likely to be seriously injured.
- Be patients. Follow at a safe distance. Allow at least 5 car lengths between your vehicle and a snowplow.

For Current Road Conditions:  
Dial 511 or visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org)  
MN Relay Service: 1-800-627-3529, TTY or  
ASCI



### Snow Removal Policy

Snow accumulation must be over 2 inches before the City will commence plowing operations. Priority streets are plowed first. The sand and salt mixture will be minimized to certain areas. Cleaning adjacent to and in front of mailboxes is the resident's responsibility.

### Central MN Foster Grandparent Program

CALLING ALL volunteers age 55+!!! You have many opportunities to make a difference in the life of the children within the Kimball public schools by volunteering in multiple locations within the schools.

#### Help children succeed

- Only 260 hours per year
  - Tax-free stipend
  - Travel reimbursement
  - Training provided

Contact Sue at 320-229-4589 or email at [sue.feliciano@ccstcloud.org](mailto:sue.feliciano@ccstcloud.org) for more information.

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