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City Hall Hours

- ◆ Monday 8:00am to 4:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 8:00am to 6:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday: 8:00am to 1:00pm
- ◆ Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
- ◆ Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Upcoming Council Meetings

February 4
March 10
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4 & 18
September 1 & 15
October 6 & 19
November 10
December 1 & 15

City Hall will be closed:
February 17th

February Recycling Weeks:
11th & 25th



CORRECTION

In January's Newsletter is stated that the new sewer rate would be increasing from \$28.50 for the first 1,000 gallons to \$30.00 for the first 1,000 gallons, that is incorrect. **The sewer rate will increase from \$28.50 to \$31.00 for the first 1,000 gallons.**

Utility Rate Adjustment

At their December 17, 2019, meeting the City Council enacted a rate increase that will become effective with usage starting January 1st. (you will see change on February bill).

Sewer Rates:	
Base Rate (minimum charge) includes first 1,000 gallons	\$31.00
Additional Units (duplexes, apartments, etc..) minimum charge per un-metered unit	\$8.00
Charge for each 1,000 gallons over the base rate	\$5.00
Un-metered Units	\$31.00
Water Rates:	
Base Rate (minimum charge) includes first 1,000 gallons	\$29.50
Additional Units (duplexes, apartments, etc..) minimum charge per un-metered unit	\$8.00
Charge for each 1,000 gallons over the base rate	\$5.00
Un-metered Units	\$29.50

Refuse & Recycling Service

Here are some important things to remember:

- Pick up will remain on **Tuesdays**
 - **Carts need to be out and on the curb by 7 AM**
 - Extra trash collection needs—contact Waste Management directly
- EXAMPLES:**
- Extra bags of trash that do not fit in your cart
 - Large Items: furniture, mattress, doors, grill, etc.
- Damaged Cart—Contact Waste Management directly

Waste Management Contact Information:

Phone 1-888-960-0008

Effective January 1, 2020 Refuse rates will be as follows (will see change on February bill)

32 gal cart : \$12.41/each
 64 gal cart : \$13.27/each
 96 gal cart : \$14.07/each

Effective January 1, 2020 Recycling rates will be as follows (will see change on February bill)

32 gal cart : \$6.12/each
 64 gal cart : \$6.12/each
 96 gal cart : \$6.12/each




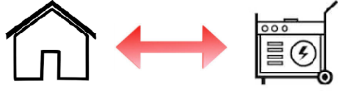




Don't forget to License your Dog!

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed annually and shall wear a dog tag. Bring or mail the following to City Hall:

- ⇒ Proof of rabies vaccination
- ⇒ \$10.00 Licensing Fee (after February 15th the fee is \$30)

Happy Valentines Day

Home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart.

 <p>Half of all homes heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	 <p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	 <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplace, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>	 <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>
 <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	 <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>	 <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	 <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home.</p>

Common Distractions are the Reason Inattentive Driving Accounts for One in Four Crashes In Minnesota

Phones - Phone conversations pull your focus off the road, whether hands-free or not. Turn ringers off and put phones out of reach to avoid the urge to answer or dial, or have passengers handle calls. It is illegal for drivers with learning permits or provisional license to use a cell phone while driving.

Texting - It is illegal for all drivers to read or compose text/emails, and access the Web on a wireless device while the vehicle is in motion or part of traffic. Violations are up to \$300.

Adjusting Controls - Set music, air and mirrors before driving. Ask passengers to handle the Controls.

Eating and Drinking - Avoid eating and reaching for food or drink.

Reading - GPS devices, as well as maps, newspapers and books are all serious distractions. Pull over to study a map, and know trip directions in advance.



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Keep Yourself and Your Neighbors Safe - Clear a path Around Your Neighborhood Fire Hydrants

A reminder to residents that it is very important to keep hydrants free from the obstruction of snow and ice. When shoveling or pushing snow off driveways, take time to clear the snow from around neighborhood fire hydrants, clearing at least a three-foot radius. During a fire, seconds count. The extra time spent removing snow around fire hydrants may save your neighbor's home or your own.

Severe Weather Reminders

Please remember all snow & ice needs to be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours after the precipitation has ceased to fall. It is the property owners responsibility to clear the abutting sidewalk to their property. If your sidewalk is not cleared within allowed amount of time, the City will follow the abatement process.

Snow Plowing & Ice Control Policy: Snow accumulation must be over 2 inches before the plowing operation begins. Priority streets are plowed first. The sand and salt mixture will be minimized to certain areas. When cleaning snow off of private property, **DO NOT** push snow onto the street or on to another property. This is a violation of MN Statute 160.2715. Any one violation this statute will be guilty of a misdemeanor. Cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the resident's responsibility. The city will get as close to the curb as possible.

Winter Parking Reminder: No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the City between the hours of 10pm & 6am, on any date that falls between Nov. 1 (12:00 am) and April 30th (11:59 pm) the following year. The city of Kimball may, in it's 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. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.



Just a friendly reminder....The City will no longer be hanging door hangers for water shut offs. Utility Bills are due the 28th of every month. Payments can be made at the City office during business hours, placed in the drop slot, mailed or pay online (follow the links on the City of Kimball website). The City of Kimball also accepts credit cards in person or over the phone.