

June 2020



The City's 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is Online

Annually the City is required to issue results of monitoring done on its drinking water. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

The City of Kimball provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 48 to 59 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Water Table aquifer. Kimball works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people.

To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2019. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

You may view this entire report at <http://www.ci.kimball.mn.us/consumerconfidencereport>



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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

June 2

July 7

August 4 & 18

September 1 & 15

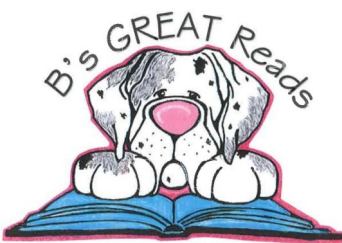
October 6 & 19

November 10

December 1 & 15

June Recycling Weeks:

2nd, 16th, 30th



Registered Little Free Library

120 Magnus Johnson St N
Kimball, MN

OPENING JUNE 1, 2020

If you have any books that you could donate to this community read and share library please call:

Kristen (612) 387-0413 or Brooklyn (210) 293-9515 to arrange a pick up or drop off.

A message from the Mayor

James Stewart, a famous American actor once said, "I wouldn't give two cents for all your fancy rules if, behind them, they didn't have a bit of plain, ordinary, everyday kindness and a little lookin' out for the other fella too..." I sat back and reflected on this unique little statement that I felt summarized what we as Minnesotans and our country have been going through for the last almost 80 some days.

Our lives and our businesses as we knew where drastically changed or forced to shut down on Sunday, March 15, 2020. We found ourselves watching daily updates from Governor Tim Walz as we all were in shock of what was happening and what our next moves would be. We suddenly added new words to our vocabularies with our everyday conversations such as essential workers, essential businesses, Personal Protection Equipment, social distancing and of course Zoom.

We will be starting Phase Two of Governor Walz's plan Monday, June 1, 2020. In this plan, our restaurants will be able to open with limited outdoor seating as will our salons and barbershops at twenty five percent capacity. Our Faith community will be opening with limited capacity but we will be able to worship again. Our new normal will be very different for now and we do not know what the future will hold for us and our businesses. I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to continue to get in and continue to support these businesses. I am hoping this phase will be a success and we can move on to Phase Three.

We all have different opinions on this pandemic and whether it is working or not working. We are looking forward to getting our hair done, visiting with friends in a local restaurant, having a day of shopping and going with a group to work out in the gym. When we are able to continue on we will have a new outlook and appreciation for all that we may have taken for granted.

We will feel the effects of COVID-19 for years and we will talk of this generations to come. We will have gained on thing from James Stewart, kindness and lookin' out for the other fella. We have witnessed so many acts of kindness and compassion and our community working together to make this the great place it is to live. Stay Safe and remember to support your local businesses.

Tammy Konz, Mayor



After much discussion and deliberation the Kimball Days Committee is sad to announce the difficult decision to cancel the Kimball Days 2020 event. We had many factors that lead to this difficult decision including the on going spread of Covid-19, the liability for the City and the financial burden on our very generous businesses that are always willing to help make Kimball Days a successful community event every year. Other factors are the people that are willing to work for the entire week of Kimball Days, they are valuable to make this event happen and we must think of their safety.

We also made the decision that our current Little Miss Kimball royalty will remain the same for the 2020-2021 season. These young ladies were not given a chance at their community events and parade's before the end of their rein. We are hoping they will be given that opportunity in the near future. While we are very disappointed and have weighed all areas, the Kimball Days committee will continue to meet to make plans for 2021 Kimball Days. Our hope is to make it bigger and better so everyone can come celebrate what our community is about. We welcome any new ideas or member to be apart of the committee. We will meet again on June 10th at 7pm. Message our Kimball Days Facebook page for details. We are Kimball Strong and will come back bigger and better than ever.

Storm Sewers are NOT for Grass Clippings

The City asks residents to please mow your lawn AWAY from the streets so your grass clippings do not end up in the City's storm sewers. We also ask that you not let leaves and mulch find their way into the streets and down the storm drains. Yard waste is filled with phosphorous - both artificial and naturally occurring - that feeds the algae. Algal blooms can cause health problems for humans and wildlife, and create some seriously unsightly and foul-smelling water bodies. The only thing that should be going into storm drains is water from rain and snow melting. Keep your grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste out of the streets and gutters.

One way to prevent grass clippings from entering the street is when you are mowing, make the first few passes blowing the grass clipping into the lawn, not the street. If there are grass clippings that land on the street, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. DO NOT use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drain.

Keeping your grass clippings and leaves out of our streets will have a significant benefit on our local waters!



Severe Weather

Severe weather normally refers to any dangerous weather event with the potential to cause the loss of life or injuries, significant damage to structures, or any serious disruption to communities. Forms of severe weather events shall vary but all types can be potentially hazardous. Storms, including tornadoes, high winds, hail, lightening or excessive precipitation, are the most common types in Minnesota. While severe weather can't be prevented, there are some simple steps everyone can take to stay safe and protected themselves and their homes whenever severe weather threatens.

⇒ **Make a Plan:**

-Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family.

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family communication plan?

-Step 2: Discuss your responsibilities and how you can assist each other.

Keep in mind some of these factors:

1. Different ages of members within your household.
2. Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment.
3. Pet and service animals.
4. Disabilities or access and functional needs.

-Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan.

-Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household.



Types of Warnings:

-Advisory: is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely.

-Watch: means the weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur. In other words, a "watch" means watch out for what the weather could do, and be ready to act accordingly. When a watch is in effect, it means you should look for signs of dangerous weather and maintain access to the latest information. Sometimes things can happen so quickly that warnings can't be issued.

-Warning: means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the defined warning area and that people need to take shelter as soon as possible.

A reminder on "Public Nuisances"

With the summer months here and people out and about, complaints on public nuisance problems become a bigger concern for residents and their neighborhood.

Common nuisance complains the City receives are:

- ⇒ Junk in yards including but not limited to household appliances, automobile bodies, trash and debris situated in a manner as to constitute a fire, health or safety hazard.
- ⇒ Garbage cans left on a sidewalk for longer than 24 hours after pick-up day.
- ⇒ Noxious weeds such as Canadian thistle and grass longer than 8".
- ⇒ Placing and/or throwing glass, nails or other items which may injure any person, animal or vehicle passing over the item.
- ⇒ Inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicles.
- ⇒ Animal feces that owners do not pick up in the public right-of-way and any dog that repeatedly and habitually barks, howls, bays or whines.
- ⇒ Building Materials should be stacked or stored in a neat and orderly fashion and manner so as to avoid presenting any danger to the general public during construction or repair of property.



Brush and Compost Pick-Up

Tuesday Mornings - All brush and compost must be placed by the curb by 6:30 am.

Rules to Follow:

- ⇒ Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundled and tied.
- ⇒ Compost not to exceed 50 pounds. **ONLY** corn-based self-composting bags will be picked up. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them.
- ⇒ Biodegradable bags and regular bags are **NOT** accepted and will **NOT** be picked up! **COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY!**
- ⇒ Residents have the option to bring brush and compost to the City's compost site on their own by appointment only.



Please contact Chad (320) 980-4906 or Travis (320) 557-3244 with Public Works for additional information.