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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 1

July 6

August 3 & 17

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

December 7 & 21

June Recycling Weeks:

1st, 15th, 29th



The City's 2020 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 (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/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>

Print copies of the report can also be requested by contacting City Hall.

Adopt - A - Flower- Pot

Please join the City of Kimball this year as we carry on the beautification of Kimball by "Adopting A Flower Pot" They are concrete pots that will be brought to your location of choice. When you decided to Adopt a Flower Pot you agree to the following:

- Watering
- Weeding
- Soil/Feeding
- Deadhead (pinching off the flowers that fade)
- Trimming

The city of Kimball is not responsible for take care of the plants once adopted. Once you agree to "Adopt A Flower Pot" you agree to take 100% responsibility for the flower, soil, water and feeding.

If you would like to Adopt A Flower Pot, please call Trista at City Hall or stop by to get your application by Tuesday June 15th. Public Works will bring the Flower Pot to your requested location. Keep in mind, pots CAN NOT be place on the sidewalks along Highway 15. Flower Pots are allowed on CR 44/Hazel Ave as long as they are not on sidewalks and DO NOT interfere with motorist sight lines or wheelchairs.



Brush & Compost Pick-Up

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

Rules to follow:

- ⇒ Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundled and tied.
- ⇒ Compost not to exceed 50 lbs. **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. If you don't see them, ask an employee at the store.

Biodegradable bags and Regular Garbage bags are NOT accepted and will NOT be picked up! COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY!

Residents also have the option of bringing brush and compost to the City's compost site on their own by appointment only!

Please contact the Public Works Department for additional information or an appointment at (320) 980-4906 or (320) 557-3244.

Adopt - A - Fire Hydrant

The City of Kimball is please to announce Adopt A Fire Hydrant Program. Fire Hydrants throughout Kimball will be available for those residents that are interested to paint. Paint will be provided from the City.

Program Details

How can I participate?

- ⇒ Fill out application and design proposal
- ⇒ Please be sure to include the location of the hydrant you would like to paint.
- ⇒ Submit the application and design proposal no late then June 15th to the City of Kimball.
- ⇒ The City of Kimball will let you know when your application and design is approved.

How should I begin painting after receiving approval?

- ⇒ Remove all dirt, mud and debris from the hydrant before painting.
- ⇒ Protect the immediate area around the hydrant from paint stains.
- ⇒ Painting will be allowed from June 16th through August 9th. Painting will be judged August 12th.

What is prohibited on the hydrants?

- ⇒ No profanity, advertisements, religious, inappropriate or political messages.
- ⇒ Glued or attached times.
- ⇒ Camouflage or designs that significantly reduce hydrant visibility. Avoid using dark colors or a lot of white as they reduce hydrant visibility.

Once I have finished painting my hydrant, what should I do?

- ⇒ Sign the hydrant with your name.
- ⇒ Take a picture and email it to the City of Kimball: Trista.kramer@ci.kimball.mn.us
- ⇒ Notify the City of Kimball that your painting is completed: 320-398-2725.



Nuisances

With spring here, complaints on public nuisance will begin to occur. City Ordinance, Chapter 4 Public Health and Welfare. Section 400 deals with nuisance. Residents and business owners should know these ordinances to avoid public nuisance complaints.

Common nuisance complaints received by the City 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; 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 don't pick up and any dog that repeatedly and habitually barks, howls, bays or whines.

Residents should also be aware of the fact that during construction or repair of property, building materials should be stacked or stored in a neat and orderly fashion and in a manner so as to avoid presenting any danger to the general public.

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, lightning 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.