

November 2018

Happy Thanksgiving



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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

November 13th

December 4th

December 18th

City Hall Closed

November 12th, 22nd & 23rd



Just a friendly reminder... Utility bills are due the 28th of each month. Payments can be made at the city office during business hours, placed in the drop slot, mailed or paid online. The City of Kimball also accepts credit cards in person and over the phone.

NO PAYMENTS, NO SERVICE!

November Recycling Weeks:
November 6th & 20th

Winter and Snow Reminders

We would like to remind all snow removal operators and property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street. Minnesota law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roadside.

This would also include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot. The snow from your property needs to remain on your property.

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

Also remember per City Ordinance all sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the precipitation has ceased to fall. If your sidewalk is not cleared within 24 hours the City is authorized to start the emergency abatement process.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Sidewalk Cleaning

Please keep in mind that your sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours after a snow fall of 2 inches or more or blown in by the wind. 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 it for you and send you a bill.

Snow Removal 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. Cleaning adjacent to and in front of mailboxes is the resident's responsibility.

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 30th 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.

Winter Hazard Awareness Week November 5-9, 2018

To help Minnesota residents minimize the risks of winter, the MN Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the National Weather Service and other State, Federal, and non-profit agencies, sponsors Winter Hazard Awareness Week each fall.

Monday, November 5: Winter Weather Overview—Ice storms, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, winter weather watches, warnings and wind chill.



Tuesday, November 6: Outdoor Winter Safety—Safety on ice, snowmobile safety, hypothermia and frostbite.

Wednesday, November 7: Winter Fire Safety—Winter and Holiday fire safety, alternative heat sources, smoke detectors, cooking safety, candles and decorations.



Thursday, November 8: Indoor Winter Safety—Carbon monoxide, radon, mold and general home care.

Friday, November 9: Winter Driving—Auto safety, snowplows, road conditions, using 5-1-1, winter driving tips and car survival kits.



Detailed information on each day can be found at the website below:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/winter-hazard-awareness-week.aspx>

Winter Safety Tips

Pay Attention

Did you know? Drivers speeding and not paying attention are the main causes of work zone crashes. Follow these safe winter driving tips:

- Call 511 or visit www.511mn.org before leaving on your trip to get current road conditions.
- Turn on your headlights and wear your seat belt.
- Turn off your cruise control.
- Slow down; allow at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and the plow.
- Stay behind the snowplow. The road behind a snowplow is safer to drive on.
- Watch for snowplows that turn or exit frequently, and often with little warning.
- Never drive into a snow cloud.

Snowplows

Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads. The driver's field of vision is severely restricted behind the truck, and the driver must rely on mirrors to see the rear and side of the truck. Remember to:

- **Be patient**, and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.
- **Stay back** at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and the plow.
- **Stay alert** for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- **Slow down** to a safe speed for current conditions. Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.

Don't forget to license your dog... **by January 1st**

Dog owners living within the City of Kimball are required to purchase a dog license every year. Failure to license your dog each year may result in a citation. If you own a dog, please follow the instructions below to avoid a citation.

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed annually and shall wear a dog tag. License must be renewed at City Hall by January 1st, of each year. Bring or mail the following to the City Hall:

- Proof of current rabies vaccination
- \$10.00 Licensing fee (After Feb. 15th the license fee is \$30)