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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 5
- November 19
- December 3
- December 17

October Recycling Weeks:

- November 5
- November 19

City Hall will be closed

- Nov. 11th
- Nov. 28th & 29th

Just a friendly reminder...Utility bills are due the 28th of each month. NO PAYMENTS, NO SERVICE!



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. 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.



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 result in a citation. If you own a dog 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 City Hall:

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



Brush & Compost Pick Up
Depending on the weather will determine when the last day of pick-up.
Any questions call, City Hall.

Attention City of Kimball Residents

The City of Kimball is asking residents to please locate where your curb stop is before the snow falls to make it easier to find should your water service freeze. To the right is what a curb stop looks like. If it is in your lawn, mark it with a flag. If it is in your driveway or sidewalk, mark it with spray paint.



****Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is coming!!**

Thursday, December 12, 2019.**

Details in Decembers Newsletter

Are You Ready For Winter?

Winter in Minnesota can be described in many ways, but unpredictable isn't one of them.

At some point, it will snow and temperatures will drop below zero. There will be ice on the roads. High winds will raise the risk of being outdoors from hazardous to life-threatening.

The best way to avoid the hazards is to stay warm and cozy indoors, but it's tough to stay cooped up for months — and even staying indoors for long periods carries risks. Problems can arise with indoor air, and fire risks increase dramatically in the winter.

Warnings and Alerts: Keeping Ahead of the Storm

Minnesotans should listen to a NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and television for the latest winter storm warnings, watches and advisories. The National Weather Service issues outlooks, watches, warnings and advisories for all winter weather hazards. Here's what they mean and what to do.

OUTLOOK: Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.

WATCH: Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Prepare now!

WARNING: Life-threatening severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Act now.

ADVISORY: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening. Electronic equipment is available to receive weather information: NOAA Weather Radio, radio, television, and cellphone.

Extreme cold

At some point every winter, temperatures in Minnesota drop below zero. Adding even a small wind can drive the wind chill effect down to dangerous levels for anyone exposed to it for very long. The best way to avoid any danger is to stay indoors, but if you do feel the need to venture outdoors, make sure to take proper precautions and know how to spot the signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

Winter Driving

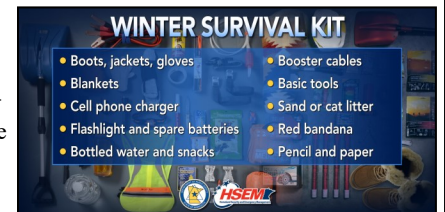
Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather.

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.

Winter Survival Kits for Your Vehicle

Each year, hundreds of Minnesotans find themselves stranded on the roadside. Winter weather can kill in mere minutes if an unprepared person exposed to the elements.



Snowplow Safety

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's snowplow operators are trained, experienced and prepared to assist motorists through another winter season.

Last year in Minnesota, there were 72 crashes involving vehicles that hit snowplows. This is typically caused by inattentive drivers, motorists driving too close to the plow or motorists driving too fast for conditions.

Operators have much to monitor and control, and their ability to see behind them is limited by side mirrors. Their vision can also be hampered by the snow clouds they create while plowing.

Safe driving means:

- ◆ Check road conditions at www.511mn.org or call 511; it takes time to get roads back to good driving conditions.
- ◆ Be patient and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.
- ◆ Stay back at least five car lengths behind the plow, far from the snow cloud. Snowplow operators will pull over when it is safe to do so to allow traffic build-up to pass.
- ◆ Stay alert for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They may also travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- ◆ Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions, and give yourself plenty of travel time. Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.
- ◆ Buckle up and ensure children are properly secured in the correct child restraint.
- ◆ Avoid unnecessary travel if road conditions are too poor.

