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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 10
December 1
December 15

November Recycling Weeks:
3rd & 17th

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

City Hall will be CLOSED:
November 11th
November 26th & 27th

Thank You Veterans



November 2020

Kimball Days is Celebrating 40 Years!

In Honor of Kimball Days celebrating their 40th year in 2021, the Kimball Days Committee will be holding a new logo contest. We are looking for help from community members to design and create a Kimball Days 40th year logo. The logo will need to be in digital form and the only requirement is that the logo contains "Kimball Days 40th Year" wording. Entry's need to be submitted to Trista Kramer, at Trista.kramer@ci.kimball.mn.us by December 15th, 2020. The winner will receive \$100 Kimball cash.

The Kimball Days committee along with Backyard Garden Creations of Watkins will be hosting a painting party fundraiser from November 1st through December 1st. Proceeds will be used to fund the Kimball Days 40th Celebration in August. Flyers listing the designs are available at the City Hall, Kimball Days Facebook page, the City website or on the Backyard Garden Creations Facebook page. For more details feel free to call Backyard Garden Creations (320) 764-4304 or one of the Kimball Days Committee members.

Kimball Days Committee will also be putting together a 40th Year Cookbook. Please consider sharing your favorite or family recipes. All recipes will need to be typed or hand written and handed into City Hall by January 31, 2021.

Thank you,

Kimball Days Committee

Tammy Konz, Patty Decknatel, Teresa Schiefelbein and Heidi



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.

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 pay online (follow the links on the City of Kimball website). The City of Kimball also accepts credit cards in person and over the phone.

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).



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Brush & Compost Pick Up **Depending on the weather will determine when the last day of pick-up.**

Rules to follow:

- Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundle and tied.
- Compost - not to exceed 50 lbs. **ONLY** corn-based self-composing bags will be picked up. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a 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 bags are **NOT** accepted and **WILL NOT** be picked up!

COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY!

- All brush and compost must be placed to the curb by 6:30 am.
- 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 Departments for additional information or for an appointment at (320) 980-4906.

Are You Ready For Winter?

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

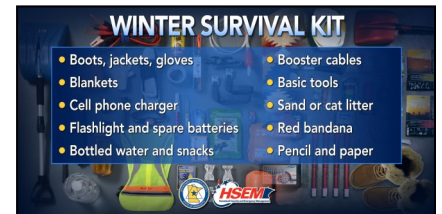
At some point, it will snow and temperatures will drop below zero. There will be ice on the roads. High winds will raise the risk of being outdoors from hazardous to life-threatening. The best way to avoid the hazards is to stay warm and cozy indoors, but it's tough to stay cooped up for months — and even staying indoors for long periods carries risks. Problems can arise with indoor air, and fire risks increase dramatically in the winter. 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.

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.



****SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS****

The City of Kimball would like to remind all snow removal operators and property owners that per Minn. Stat. §160.2715 it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to trunk high-ways, county state-aid highways, municipal state-aid streets, county highways, and town roads. Snow removal operators and property owners are prohibited from plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto said roadways. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roadside. Furthermore, per City Ordinance 505 – Traffic and Parking Regulations no person shall remove snow from private property and deposit the same on any public street or parking lot. Any snow so deposited may be removed by the city, and the cost of the removal shall be assessed and charged to the person in violation of this section.

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Also remember per City Ordinance 400 – Nuisances 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.