

CITY OF KIMBALL

FROM MAYOR TAMMY

On January 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy gave his now famous inaugural speech, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country?"

While I totally agree with this patriotic view, I see it more from a local level and that is why I am very proud to represent our community as your Mayor. I have been very fortunate to have worked the past two years with a young energetic group of council people that share not only a love for this community and its people but a vision for the future.

We have been very busy involving the community in our comprehensive plan that is currently in its final stages. Kimball will have a plan in place for the future generations to use as a tool for any possible growth in an effective manner that will be suitable for our community. We will present the final draft to the community sometime this fall and welcome all input from our citizens. We started off as a new council with a goals meeting and twice a year we meet to address these goals and refresh ourselves on their importance to the community. A comprehensive plan was one of the top priorities on our list and now that we have that in progress it is kept our goals list and will continually be revisited.

We made a goal of making Kimball a more positive place, as a council it has to start with us. We have implemented meeting with Maine Prairie Town-

ship supervisors twice a year and working to promote a good relationship where we can work together to achieve both of our goals.

We have also extended that relationship with our school district. Kimball is very fortunate to have the school facilities and educators that we have and it is a reflection on the values of our community how we support our schools.

We also value our business people. They are the backbone of the community, and they are so very generous when it comes to donations to everything, yet they also are burdened the most with taxes.

Our faith based community is vital to our community and extended families needs such as, the food shelf, senior dining, and our youth group programs. Our local volunteers and organizations have made our community shine with pride as we see the positive changes they have made all over our city. That helped us with another of our goals to beautify our community.

We are working with our businesses to address the cigarette butt issue on our sidewalks as this has been a major concern for some of our citizens.

These goals are easily obtainable as a council. Our major goals which have monetary value are not as easy to obtain and are being carefully budgeted for. These projects are, streets; sidewalks; sewer and water. We are

looking as a council to try to come up with a fair solution to these problems without burdening our taxpayers in a tough economy. We need to get businesses to come to town with good paying jobs. With the growth we have to be concerned with our aging waste water treatment plant and the capacity levels. We are working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to address these issues and work for a comparable solution for our city that is affordable.

We continue to work close with our local representatives and are letting them know the disheartenment we feel when Kimball is overlooked for funding or grant moneys. Kimball needs to be more proactive and let our voices be heard. We may not be the biggest city in Stearns County, but we are just as important. I encourage everyone to attend a council meeting and get involved with our City. We cannot find a solution if we are unaware if there is a problem.

I would like to personally thank Dianne Robinson for her 27 years of service to the City of Kimball, as Clerk Treasurer. I also need to thank Chris Jeppesen, who came out of "brief" retirement, and Eileen Thomes, who came out of retirement from the City of Richmond, to help us out until the new person takes over. Both ladies have been busy with budgets, elections and new computer system. Thank you all very much.

The office is open from 8a.m.-noon, Monday thru Friday.

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF JIM

WINTER PARKING NOTICE

THE KIMBALL POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDING ALL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF KIMBALL, THE WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE 515.01 RESTRICTIONS

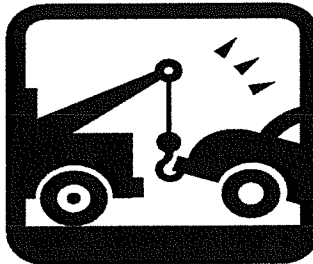
No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the city between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 6:00a.m., on any date that falls between 12:01 a.m. November 1st and 11:59p.m. April 30th of the following year

515.02 TOWING VEHICLES

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.

515.03 PENALTY

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. It should be noted the fine amount for a vehicle parked in violation of this Section is \$30.00.



REMINDER NOTICE

Minnesota Statute 160.2715 states:

“Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract,...

It shall be unlawful to obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon.”

—Please don't plow or shovel snow onto any highway, street, or

roadway.—

Jim Frilstad, Kimball Police Chief

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC LOEWEN, COUNCIL MEMBER

RAIN BARRELS

Did you know that a 30 X 30 house with a 5 1/2 roof pitch will collect 540 gallons of water with one inch of rainfall? Also, did you know that Kimball has in Willow Creek one of six urban trout streams in the State of Minnesota? Currently much of the storm water runoff in the city flows directly to the stream and is degrading the stream water quality and is also damaging the ditch by Willow Creek Park. One of the goals of the City is to create a storm water management plan that mitigates the detrimental impact of the storm water runoff. There are several things that a home owner can do to help reduce storm water impact.

- Don't have gutter downspouts drain on driveways or city streets/sidewalk
- Install a rain garden. For more information go to <http://maplewoodmn.govoffice.com/> and search for rain gardens
- Install a rain barrel to capture runoff to use on gardens, yards, and flowers. For more information see <http://studentweb.stcloudstate.edu/frjo0603/rainbarrel.html> or http://lid-stormwater.net/raincist_home.html. Most of the supplies can be picked up at Fleet Farm or similar stores.

Additionally the City is doing several things in this area as well:

- We are partnering with the Clearwater River Watershed and the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses storm water Runoff.
- Applying for grants to assist residents and businesses in purchase of rain barrels, install rain gardens and other storm water management devices.
- Working with the DNR to maintain and upgrade trout habitat.
- Looking at options to control runoff in the ditch by Willow Creek Park.

Look for a campaign in the spring of 2009 to encourage homeowners to disconnect downspouts, install rain barrels and rain gardens. Until then if you want more information, please contact City Councilor, Eric Loewen at 320-398-2143 or clive02@meltel.net.



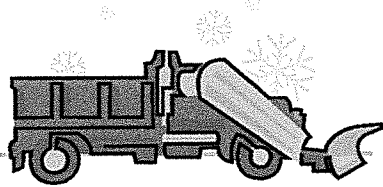
FROM THE DESK OF PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY IN KIMBALL

With winter just around the corner, comes the issue of snow removal.

Snow Plowing and Ice Control Policy for the City of Kimball. Some of the major points are:

- Snow accumulation must be over 2 inches before the plowing operation starts.
- Priority streets are plowed first.
- Plowing operations start at 4:00a.m.
- The sand & salt mixture will be minimized to certain areas.
- When cleaning snow off of private property, DO NOT push snow back onto the street.
- Cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the residents' responsibility. The City will get as close to the curblin as possible.



WINTER SIDEWALK CLEANING POLICY

Please keep in mind that your sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hours after a snowstorm of 2 inches or more or snow blown in by the wind. It is the property owners responsibility to clear the abutting sidewalk to their property. If your sidewalk isn't cleared within the allowed amount of time, you will be sent an abatement form.



STREET LIGHTS

If you see street lights are not working, you may :

- Call Xcel energy at 1-800-960-6235 for outdoor lighting
- Contact Xcel Energy at www.Excelenergy.com



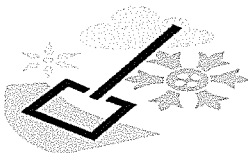
FROM THE DESK OF ERIC LOEWEN, COUNCILOR

In the fall of 2007, Kimball started working on its first ever thirty year comprehensive plan. A volunteer citizens committee has been working with a consultant hired by the city to bring the plan to completion. The committee has reviewed the first draft of the plan and is looking to present a completed draft plan to the city in October 2008. Once the city receives the plan, there will be a thirty day public comment period and a public hearing held for the public to speak for or against the plan. There will be copies of the plan available for review in the city office and also available on the city website. We may also have copies on reserve at the library as well. After the public hearing a final draft will be presented to the city in November/December of 2008 for adoption.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS ON HAVING A VISIONING SESSION

WATCH FOR UPCOMING DATE IN TRI COUNTY NEWS

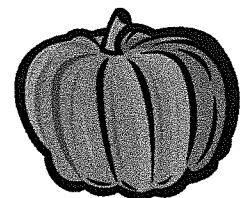
PLEASE KEEP A PATH TO YOUR WATER METER CLEAR OF SNOW THIS WINTER. THANKS, CHAD & ED



THE LAST DAY THAT YOUR COMPOST WILL BE PICKED UP IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



DOG LICENSE'S DUE

JANUARY 1, 2009

All dogs (even those kept indoors) over the age of six(6) months must be licensed annually License's must be renewed by January 1, 2009 at Kimball City Hall, 1 Main St N. The cost of the license is \$10.00 per dog. After February 15, 2009 the fee is \$30.00.

You can do this renewal by mail by sending the licensing fee, proof of rabies vaccination and completed dog license application form (see below) to the City at P O Box 238, Kimball MN 55353. Your license, dog tag and proof of vaccination will be mailed to you or you may come to the office to pick up your license. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the City office at 398-2725. You may pick up a copy of the ordinance at City Hall.



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ZONING AND UTILITY BILLS-CHRIS JEPPESEN-398-2725

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Date _____

OWNERS NAME _____

DOGS NAME _____

DOGS COLOR _____

DOGS AGE _____

DOGS BREED _____

DOGS SEX MALE _____ FEMALE _____ UNSEXED _____

SPECIAL MARKINGS _____

ATTACH PROOF OF RABIES VACINATION AND \$10.00 LICENSING FEE FOR EACH DOG. AFTER FEBRAURY 15, FEE IS \$30.00

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE.



MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL

AT THE

CAFETORIUM AT HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

5:30P.M.-6:30P.M.-SOCIAL TIME

6:30-7:30-COUNTY CANDIDATES

7:30-8:30-STATE CANDIDATES

8:30-9:30-LOCAL CANDIDATES

SPONSORED BY KIMBALL AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



REMEMBER TO VOTE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2008

CITY OF KIMBALL

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THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, 2009