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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 6:00pm
- ◆ Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Upcoming Council Meeting

October 2nd
October 15th
November 13th
December 4th
December 18th

The Fire Department will be coming around with calendars & batteries on Oct. 10th

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!

**October Recycling Weeks:
October 9th & 23rd**

October 2018



Fire Prevention Week

October 7-13, 2018

“LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere”

Three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

“LOOK” for places a fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

“LISTEN” for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. GO to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

“LEARN” two ways out of every room and make sure all door and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org



Fire Facts

- U.S. fire departments respond to an average of one home fire every 86 seconds.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home-fire injuries.
- According to an NFPA survey, only one in every three American households has
- actually developed and practiced a home fire-escape plan.
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of them have practiced it.
- Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire, giving people additional time to escape.
- Three in every five home-fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (38%) or no working smoke alarms (21%).
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead. Dead batteries caused one-quarter of the smoke alarm failures.



Safety Tips

- Make a home escape plan and discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home and in the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced when they are 10 years old.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towel or curtains—away from your stovetop.

Brush & Compost 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-composting 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.

Last Brush & Compost pick up day is October 30th...weather permitting.

MnDOT asks motorists, farm equipment operators to safely share the road during harvest season.

Motorists traveling on Minnesota highways this fall need to be aware of large farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"Harvest season is getting in full swing across the state and farmers and their equipment are out on the highways," said Ray Starr, acting state traffic engineer. "Motorists need to be prepared to encounter slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane roads."

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. The equipment also makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line. In addition, farm vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors can cause serious crashes.

From 2015 to 2017, there were six fatalities and 386 crashes involving at least on farm vehicle, according to the Department of Public Safety's crash data. Of the six fatalities, three were farm vehicle riders. Of the 166 injuries, 56 were farm vehicle riders.

"Most of all farm equipment crashes and fatalities are distraction-related," Starr said. "Other factors are speed-related and alcohol-related."

Motorists should:

- ◆ Pay attention at all times when driving.
- ◆ Watch for debris dropped by trucks hauling crops. It is safer to brake or slowly drive through debris than to veer into on-coming cars or off the road.
- ◆ When approaching farm equipment, slow down and use caution. Put additional space between your vehicle and the farm equipment ahead. Don't assume the equipment operator can see you.
- ◆ Be patient and wait for a safe place to pass.
- ◆ Wear seatbelts.
- ◆ Drive with headlights on at all times.

Farm equipment operators should:

- ◆ Use light and flashers to make equipment visible
- ◆ Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.
- ◆ Drive slow-moving vehicles in the right-hand lane as close to the edge of the roadway as possible.
- ◆ Consider using an escort vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night and if the equipment is large enough that it may extend across the center line.
- ◆ Avoid encouraging or signaling motorists to pass. Pull over when safe, and let traffic pass.
- ◆ Pick up any debris left on the highway by the equipment or contact MnDOT to remove it.
- ◆ Plan routes so wide equipment will not hit or damage signs, guardrails, light poles and other roadway structures.



Halloween Safety Reminders for Parents & Kids

- * Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- * Make sure to look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- * Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- * Always walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- * Make sure mask holes are large enough for your child to see through.
- * Take a flashlight along for dark streets.
- * There is a safety in numbers - the bigger the group the better.
- * Make sure children cannot be tripped by loose costumes.
- * Do not eat unwrapped candy or fruit until your parent have inspected them.
- * Wear bright reflective colors so cars can see you when it is dark.



***** Have a fun and safe night of Trick and Treating! *****