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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

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



The Kimball City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 3rd, 2018

September Recycling Weeks:
September 11th & 25th

Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. However, the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in the winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15th to April 15th. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirements:

- (1) Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- (2) The customer has declared inability to any on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance," including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
- (3) The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- (4) The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you're going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact utility company ahead of time to try to work out a payment schedule.



Annual Notice for Military Personnel

Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements military service personnel in the following situation. If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment or change in duty station and the residential customer meets specific income criteria, the City of Kimball must not disconnect the utility service of that qualifying residential customer.

An application must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. The City of Kimball may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by *Minn. Stat. § 325E.028*.

If you would like a copy of this law, please contact Kimball City Hall.

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!

Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps income eligible households with paying a portion of their home heating cost.

- ◇ Households who are at or below 50% of the state median income are eligible
- ◇ Size of grant is based on household size, income, fuel type and energy usage
- ◇ Federally funded through U.S. Department of Human Services
- ◇ Funds are available for renters or homeowners

Services Include:

- ◇ Provide direct payment to the energy supplier
- ◇ Educate consumers to use home heating energy efficiently and safely
- ◇ Advocate with energy suppliers and human service providers on behalf of consumers
- ◇ Crisis help for utility disconnections or necessary fuel deliveries
- ◇ Emergency heating system repair or replacement



Local Energy Assistance Program helps eligible households living in:
Benton, Stearns, Sherburne and Morrison Counties:

Tri-Cap

1210 23rd Ave S

P.O. Box 683

Waite Park, MN 56387

(320)251-1612 or 1-888-765-5597

Watch Out for School Buses

In Minnesota, school buses make at least 10,000 school bus trips daily. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are the safest mode of transportation for children - children are eight times safer riding in a bus to school than any other vehicles.

Danger in the “Danger Zone”

Most children are killed outside of school bus than they are as bus occupants. Motorists must anticipate children in school bus “danger zone” - the area around a bus where most injuries and deaths occur.



School Bus Safety Tips for Children

- When waiting for the bus: Be patient, stand back from road and no running or rowdy behavior.
- When on the bus: stay seated, listen to the driver and use quiet voices.
- It's important for parents to discuss and demonstrate pedestrian safety with their children and reinforce safe crossing after exiting a bus:
 - When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road).
 - Before crossing the street, take five “giant steps” out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen.
 - Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.

School Bus Safety Tips for Motorists

- Motorist must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or its stop is extended when approaching from the rear and from opposite direction on undivided roads.
- Red flashing lights on buses indicates students are either entering or exiting the bus.
- Motorists are not required to stop for a bus if the bus is on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, ect.) - but they should remain alert for children.
- Watch for school crossing patrols and pedestrians. Reduce speeds in and around school zones.

This information is from the Department of Public Safety's website.