

City of Kasson Newsletter – January, 2016

Tree City USA

2016 Utility Rates

As part of the 2016 budget process, the Kasson City Council approved utility rate changes that will increase customers' monthly charges for electricity, water, wastewater and storm water. Since these public services are not funded by tax dollars, they are supported by utility rates and fees paid to separate "enterprise funds."

Utility rates are increased in most years to maintain service levels as the costs of various materials and services (such as electricity and construction materials) escalate. The 5 percent utility rate increases will be effective with the January 2016 billing.

Library 'Hot Reads for Cold Nights'

Join us in reading a great book for our "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" program, called *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson.

Please come to 3 sessions at the Kasson Library:

- Thurs., January 7 at 6:30pm – We will discuss this exciting nonfiction book!
- Thurs., January 14 at 6:30pm – Mary Ann Bucher of Dodge County Historical Society speaking on "Lincoln's Funeral Train".
- Thurs., January 21 at 6:30pm – Documentary Film on Lincoln's assassination
Call 634-7615 or stop by the library to get your copy of the book today.

KEEP UPDATED ON THE KASSON LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Please check the "Construction Page" on the Kasson Library website to see photo updates of our construction at: www.kasson.lib.mn.us Kasson Library's official Facebook page also has photo updates at: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKassonPublicLibrary>

FREE ONLINE COURSES OFFERED THROUGH KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Kasson Public Library now offers FREE online instructor-led courses. All you need is a library card! For more detailed information about how to sign up for your choice of hundreds of courses offered, go to the Kasson Library website at: www.kasson.lib.mn.us

ALL YOU CAN EAT BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 9th, 2016

7:00AM to 11:00AM \$6.00 PER PERSON

Kasson American Legion

Menu: Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Milk and Juice

SPONSORED BY: FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

SERVING UPSTAIRS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO GO DOWNSTAIRS

SNOW EMERGENCIES: No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any street or alley during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency is defined as any time the quantity of snow warrants the deployment of snow plows. During snow emergencies, no parking shall be allowed on the road or alley until the snow and ice plowing has been completed the full width of the roadway. Citations shall be issued to vehicle owners parked in the path of a snowplow on the first pass. Any vehicle violating this article will be towed without notice to the property owner, at the owner's expense.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS: No owner or occupant of a property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall allow snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk longer than 24 hours after snow has ceased to fall. After that time, the City may remove the snow or ice and bill the responsible party for costs incurred.

PILING OF SNOW: Persons shall not push or deposit snow or ice into a street or alley from private property or public boulevards. Do not pile snow at street corners or at the ends of public drives so it interferes with the view of the traveling public. Property owners will be charged removal costs if such piles must be removed by City staff or other agent of the City.

Thank You.

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<http://www.facebook.com/KassonMN>

**WELCOME
2016**

PLEASE...

***Do not place garbage
containers in the street.***

Thank You!

City of Kasson
Emergency
Numbers
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency
Police 634-3881

Nights &
Weekends
Water/Sewer
993-7697
And
Electric 259-6661

**Need help paying your
ENERGY BILLS?**



Semcac's Energy Assistance Program
may be able to help you with winter energy bills.
(Eligibility is based on household income.)

Serving Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona Counties

**Call SEMCAC!
800-944-3281**

The Energy Assistance Program is funded by the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce through a block grant from the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

**2016 ENERGY REBATES AVAILABLE
ON-LINE JANUARY 1st FOR RECEIPTS DATED IN 2016.**

HOME ENERGY AUDITS

*...another way to reduce energy and save
dollars!*

**The City of Kasson Public Utilities,
partnering with Minnesota Energy
Resources can help.**

**You pay only \$50, which is applied to
your Minnesota Energy Resources billing.**

**The City and Minnesota Energy will
cover the rest of the cost.**

**Sign up now by calling
1-800-376-0517**

***THE CITY OF KASSON WILL
BE PROVIDING AN
ADDITIONAL PAYMENT
OPTION FOR OUR
CUSTOMERS IN THE VERY
NEAR FUTURE.
PLEASE WATCH OUR
NEWSLETTER FOR MORE
INFORMATION.***