

# City of Kasson Newsletter • May, 2015

## Tree City USA

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A BACK FLOW  
PREVENTER?** If so...watch for upcoming  
information about a city program.

### DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAX VALUATION?

Your opportunity to question the valuation of your  
Kasson property is at the County's Board of Appeal and  
Equalization Open Book meeting.

This will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 PM in the  
Dodge County Boardroom  
Dodge County Courthouse  
Mantorville

**KASSON AQUATIC CENTER**  
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS  
AND PASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT

[www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

AQUATIC CENTER OPENS JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
(With limited hours Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> from Noon-8:00 PM  
and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from Noon-6:00PM)

AQUATIC CENTER WILL CLOSE ON  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>.

## JUST PICK IT UP!

Have you ever walked along a sidewalk, saw trash lying there and picked it up? If so, you've helped clean up the environment and make the world a little bit better! We would like to ask you to help us in our litter campaign; "JUST PICK IT UP!"

May 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be picking up litter in the City of Kasson. The Girl Scouts will be picking up and beautifying the Veterans' Memorial Park. We would like the help of residents to clean up our town. We will start at 8:00AM and go until noon. Bags will be provided at the fire hall that day. Areas of interest will be the fire hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE by the ice rink and Sunset Trail along 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. The bags will be picked up and taken to the land fill.

We ask that you only put trash in the bags and any other items you find along the roadside may be left with the bags.

**PLEASE HELP KEEP KASSON CLEAN!**

## KASSON COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS are located at St. John's Lutheran

Church at

301 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

Cost is \$5.00 for a 10 X 10 plot.

Questions? Contact Paula at

507-634-6641 or email [pmrud@umn.edu](mailto:pmrud@umn.edu)



A record percentage of Minnesotans buckle up - 94% - yet, each year more than half of the motorists killed in crashes aren't belted - translating to more than 150 deaths and more than 400 serious injuries annually.

**BUCKLE UP, MINNESOTA!**

## MAY 2015 IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

*During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May - and during the rest of the year - drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe.*

*Share the road with motorcycles* 

**CLEAN UP WEEK...**begins on May 4<sup>th</sup> until pickup has been completed. Items must be on the curb by 7:00AM. There will be only one pass per home and a maximum of one load per household. Yard brush, leaves and grass clippings only. No dog or cat waste. No junk. No tires. Brush must be a maximum of 10 feet in length and must be piled parallel to the curb. No complete trees. Yard clippings must be in a plastic bag; limit of 15 bags per household and no heavier than one person can carry. Tires can be taken to Dodge County Landfill. Call 634-7875 for times and rates.



**CITY WIDE  
GARAGE SALES  
ARE:  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
And  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!**  
<http://www.facebook.com/KassonMN>

**KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

Friends of the Kasson Public Library will host a book sale at the Library April 30-May 4. Please stop by for great bargains on used books, DVDs and videos. All money raised returns to support the library.

It may only be May, but the Kasson Public Library is already planning for summer. Our theme for the **SUMMER READING PROGRAM THEME WILL BE "HEROES"**, and we will be highlighting community heroes, history heroes, kid heroes and searching for the hero potential in each person.

Registration will begin on May 19<sup>th</sup> in the library and on the website. Call 634-7615 with questions and stay tuned for fun!

The Kasson Library is in need of gently used T-shirts for our summer reading program. We are looking for white or bright colors, adult sizes L or XL; please drop them off at the library at any time.

Please join us at the Kasson Library for a program called "Forests, Farms and Floods," on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, to be presented by Kevin Strauss of the Zumbro Watershed Partnership. As early as the 1880s, local governments and settlers began changing the landscape in the Zumbro River Valley, and some of their policies created a river prone to flooding. Learn how humans have changed the landscape, and how we can "Slow the Flow" for cleaner water and fewer floods.

**Thank You!**

**Load Management Controllers**

Under the City of Kasson, Electric Load Management Plan, the City manages an electrical controller system which is installed on residential and commercial central air conditioning units. This controller allows the electric power provider to interrupt the central air conditioner unit (7.5 minutes every 30 minute interval) during periods of high summer peak demand; usually on hot, humid summer days in the late afternoon or early evening. When the controllers are activated, the AC unit will cycle off at brief intervals much like your thermostat; the fans will continue to circulate cooled air helping maintain your comfort. By participating in this program you can save money on your electric bill and help the City "level out" energy use during peak demand periods when the cost of electricity is the highest.

The City of Kasson has always and will continue to pay for the installation of the Load Management Controllers for residential customers and for businesses. Kasson Public Utility residential customers with load controllers will receive a 10% discount for four (4) billing periods generally designated as May 16 through September 15 on their electric usage.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this program contact Krista today at (507) 634-7071 or email [cityhall@cityofkasson.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofkasson.com)

**HYDRANT FLUSHING  
WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKS OF:**

**May 11-15  
May 18-22  
May 25-29**

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**MONDAY  
10:00AM TO 7:00PM  
TUESDAY  
10:00AM TO 6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY  
10:00AM TO 7:00PM  
THURSDAY  
10:00AM TO 6:00PM  
FRIDAY  
10:00AM TO 5:00PM  
SATURDAY  
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

**CITY OF KASSON  
EMERGENCY  
NUMBERS**

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**Emergency 911**  
**Non-Emergency  
Police  
634-3881**  
**Water/Sewer  
993-7697**  
**Electric  
259-6661**  
**(Nights and  
weekends)**