

City of Kasson Newsletter • October, 2013

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CITY HALL HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ATTENTION AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASS HOLDERS!

Please keep your season pass identification card with barcode for use next season.

Thank you!



FESTIVAL IN THE PARK CHILI COOK-OFF AND BLOODY MARY MIX COMPETITION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
AT KASSON AMERICAN LEGION
DURING THE VIKING'S GAME

WINE TASTING at EVENTS

November 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm

TO BENEFIT THE DODGE COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

\$20 IN ADVANCE OR \$25 AT THE DOOR

(Advance Tickets may be purchased at the Kasson Liquor Store or Daniel's restaurant.)



THE CITY OF KASSON
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
WILL COVER-UP OVERHEAD
ELECTRIC SERVICES FOR ROOFING
OR SIMILAR PROJECTS AT NO
COST TO THE HOMEOWNER.
CALL 507-634-6330

BOOKS & BEYOND

Kasson Friends of the Library Program
Presents

Kevin Strauss is the Education Coordinator of the Zumbro Watershed Partnership. On Monday, October 14th, at 7:15pm, Mr. Strauss will provide a crash-course on the 4.5 billion-year-history of the Zumbro River Valley. His presentation explains how Minnesota went from a mountain range to tropical forest and finally to glaciers that covered the state. You will discover how glaciers formed the Zumbro and how recent events are changing the river.

This is a free event and refreshments will be provided. More info is available at Friends of the Kasson Public Library website:
www.fotkpl.com

ALSO...ON THURSDAY
OCTOBER 24TH AT 6:15 P.M.

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL HOST AUTHOR DAVID HOUSEWRIGHT. DAVID IS AN EDGAR AWARD AND THREE-TIME MINNESOTA BOOK AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR. PLEASE JOIN US!

Community Energy Services and Winterization Presentations:

Home Winterization Tips
Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall (401 5th St. SE)

Don't miss this terrific presentation by one of the area's foremost experts. Join us at City Hall with Ed Cohen, local energy and conservation expert, for a fun evening with learning tips and tricks to prepare your home for the upcoming winter. This presentation is free but pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Please RSVP to 634-6321 or
634-7071 at your earliest convenience.

There will be door prizes.

Childcare and refreshments provided.

Community Energy Services Presentation
Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Childcare and refreshments provided.

or

Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
at Daniel's Restaurant
Refreshments provided.

Attend one of these two workshops on how to save on your home energy with an expert from C.E.E. (Center for Energy and Environment)

For your information, staff from the City of Kasson will be out visiting with neighbors on Thursday, October 10th between 5 and 8pm.
All staff will have a City of Kasson ID Badge.

Questions from the Fair:

1. **Why don't you sell the 1918 school? Especially since you have a buyer.** If we truly had a buyer with a feasible business plan, we would certainly entertain the sale of the property. However, there is no current offer on the table and the last person who contacted the City never pursued it any further. The City Council is very mindful of the importance of the whole property to the community and doing what is best in the interest of the whole community is key. Selling a whole block of city property for \$1 and then having to provide close to \$1,000,000 in city subsidies and direct cash investment does not appear to be a prudent decision for the City. This is based on the last, actual proposal provided to the City.
2. **Why do we have three sirens a day, every day?** Good question. Part of it is tradition – noon whistle to tell people it's lunch time, 5:30 supper and 10:00 for curfew. It has been bantered about to cut back on the sirens but then we get people who say #3 below!
3. **Keep the sirens- its great!** In regards to this comment and Question #2 the City likely will need to discuss if having three sirens a day, every day makes sense for the community moving forward. The biggest concern is that people now tend to ignore the siren, even in an emergency situation. Testing the sirens and lesser schedule would give more importance to the sound when we are in an emergency.
4. **Why does the Kasson government website not have directions to the city hall?** We can fix that. We've actually been looking at different website options, but have stayed with our current design/layout due to costs. We can easily add a link for directions to City Hall but, hopefully, in the future we will have a more streamlined and easier to navigate website.

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.

**PLEASE! FLUSH ONLY TOILET
PAPER AND HUMAN WASTE;
NOTHING ELSE!
FLUSHABLE
DOES NOT MEAN
BIODEGRADABLE!**



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

**THE CITY OF KASSON WILL ACCEPT CREDIT AND
DEBIT CARDS FOR UTILITY TRANSACTIONS ONLY.**

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

SOUTHWEST

Monday, Oct. 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Lions Park parking lot.

(If inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to City Hall.)

5TH AVENUE NORTHWEST

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

One Block North of 5th St & 5th Ave NW

*(If inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to First
Presbyterian Church.)*