

City of Kasson Newsletter – October, 2015

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NFPA Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

firepreventionweek.org

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The Kasson Fire Department will be hosting activities on Wednesday evening, (Oct 7th) during Fire Prevention Week, to promote “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!” There will be educational materials available and family-oriented activities. Residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom, as well as take the opportunity to interface and meet the firefighters and ask questions regarding their equipment and fire apparatus.

To learn more about smoke alarms and this year’s important theme, “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!” visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org and www.sparky.org/fpw.

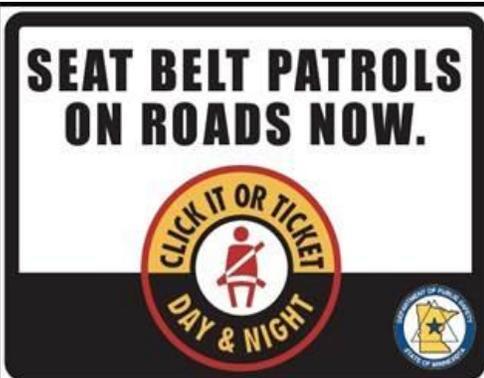
OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION: October 7th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Kasson Fire Hall, 101 Main St E, Kasson, MN 55944

KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS...

Visit the KPL Website (Kasson.lib.mn.us) and like us on Facebook to view daily updates on the new library!

SHARING THE ROAD IN FARM COUNTRY AT HARVEST TIME

Departments of transportation or highway patrols in several major agricultural states are warning motorists of an annual “share the road” challenge—making way for farm equipment to move in and out of roadways during summer and when autumn brings harvests of corn and soybeans. DOT’s or police are reminding motorists how to be safe at harvest time. Drivers need to be aware that farm rigs can be on the roads at any time, and may bring mud or other debris onto roads as they move directly from fields. Farm equipment operators should have slow-moving vehicle emblems, use flashers and consider using a helper “follow” vehicle, especially at night.



MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL CONDUCT EXTRA SEAT BELT PATROLS
OCTOBER 9th-25th.

LACK OF SEAT BELT USE IS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN ABOUT HALF OF ALL MINNESOTA FATALITIES. IN A THREE YEAR PERIOD (2012 – 2014), NEARLY 50% OF THE 823 PEOPLE KILLED IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES WERE UNBELTED.

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, KASSON LIQUOR WILL MOVE TO WINTER HOURS:
 MON – WED 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM AND THUR – SAT 9:00 AM TO 10:00 PM (Closed Sunday)**

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!

*Just a reminder...You cannot rake leaves into the street. They must be gathered up and taken out to the landfill.
 Thank You!*

PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOU DRY!

Dried leaves, grass clippings and other debris blocks the grates and prevents storm water from entering the storm water system. City personnel will get to them eventually but you can help yourself by keeping them clear. Please do not push grass clippings or rake leaves into the street. We ask that you please help clean out the storm sewer grates on your block.

Thank You!

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.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

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

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.

**City of Kasson
 Emergency Numbers**

Emergency 911

**Non-Emergency
 Police 634-3881**

**Nights & Weekends
 Water/Sewer
 993-7697**

**And
 Electric 259-6661**

**THE CITY OF
 KASSON HAS
 RESUMED
 NORMAL
 BUSINESS
 HOURS:
 8:00 AM to 5:00
 PM
 MONDAY
 THROUGH
 FRIDAY**