

City of Kasson Newsletter • August, 2013

Tree City USA

CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS: Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 5:00; Friday 8:00 to 12:00

2013 KASSON FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

August 9-11, 2013

For a calendar of events, visit our website at: www.kassonfestivalinthepark.com or watch the DCI for details. You can also find us on Facebook @Kasson Festival in the Park. If you wish to volunteer, please call Chris at 507-398-4824.

Donations for the fireworks are also being accepted!

MAKE WEDNESDAYS YOUR FAMILY NIGHT IN THE PARK!

Family swim at the KASSON AQUATIC CENTER is from 5:00 TO 9:00PM and KASSON PARK BOARD is having movie nights on the following Wednesdays at 8:30PM

JULY 31ST

'THE INCREDIBLE MR LIMPET'

AUG 21ST

'AN AMERICAN TAIL'

AUG 28TH

'MATILDA'

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AQUATIC CENTER.

KASSON COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

A recent federal study showed that over 1,200 Kasson residents travel to Rochester on a regular basis. Are you one of them? Help the City of Kasson and Rochester City Lines learn how to serve you better by participating in a local transportation survey. The 12 question survey takes only a few minutes to complete and everyone who participates will be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate to Daniel's Restaurant. Take the survey on line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KassonBusSurvey> or stop by City Hall or Kasson Public Library for a paper copy. For information about the current bus schedules, call Rochester City Lines at 507-288-4353.

Beginning August 26 and through September 2, 2013, the Kasson Aquatic Center hours will be 11:00 AM – 5:00PM Daily

Thank you!

THE CITY OF KASSON ACCEPTS DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS FOR UTILITY TRANSACTIONS ONLY.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 6TH

Contact the Kasson Police Department at 634-3881 and let them know if you are planning a neighborhood gathering. As in the past, the Police Department will try to have officers stop by those hosting the event.

Here is a link for ideas to help set up for National Night Out along with some handouts.

<http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/reg.html>

FREEDOM WALK

★ AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU ★  ★ SEPTEMBER 11 ★

Join us for the

Kasson, MN 6TH Annual

America Supports You Freedom Walk

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Free hamburgers will be served at Kasson American Legion from 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Then join us at the Kasson Fire Department At 7:00 PM

We will walk ½ mile to Veterans Memorial Park (There will be a short program at the park.)

Walk is open to all at no charge

Register at Fire Hall September 11 at 6:30 PM

For more information or to send a donation for

The Wounded Warriors Project,

Please contact:

Jim or Mary Mollert

jmeagle@charter.net

507-269-9639

MOWING SAFETY

By Mark Hottel, MMUA Safety Coordinator

Like many things in life, machine guards can sometimes be a compromise. Such is the case with lawn mower discharge chute guards. These guards are often just a piece of formed plastic and may be solidly attached or spring-loaded/hinged to the deck of a push mower or rider type mower. They are intended to deflect objects which are hurled by the blade(s) harmlessly downward to lessen the chance of injury to people or pets, and to reduce the potential damage to property like cars and houses. The trouble starts when users encounter wet grass such as we saw frequently in the first half of our mowing season. Wet grass notoriously cakes up everything inside the mower deck including the discharge chute. Users may discover that removing the guard (or wiring it up out of the way) will give them less chance of the engine stalling and better results overall in performance. The compromise to this effect is that it simultaneously increases the chance of hurting someone or something. We are aware of many accidents related to the practice of altering or removing deck guards. Blade velocities are capable of expelling hidden metal pieces, stones, or wood at speeds fast enough to cause severe injury or death. I personally know people who have injured pedestrians and one man who lost vision in an eye from a ricochet of a small object as he was riding a mower. The solution to having a preventable incident is simply mow when the grass is dry. Earlier this season that was way easier said than done. Some folks were mowing in the rain because they couldn't find time when it wasn't wet. A potentially workable trick that some have employed is to attach a wire or cord to the guard that can be reached from the seat of a rider. The guard can then be left down normally and a pull on the cord can lift it (if hinged) to allow for clearing. While mowing near a street or sidewalk, it's a good idea to pause while a pedestrian or car passes. That reduces the chance that you'll hit a projectile and send it flying into someone. Always keep your own kids and pets in the house or in a safer area outside while you mow. Take a couple of minutes to walk the area you plan to mow. Hitting hard objects in the lawn is not only risky; it's bad for the equipment. And finally, wear safety glasses whether using a walk behind or rider...there's no reason not to!

More Surprising Energy Drains

Recording the Show: According to research by the Natural Resources Defense Council (www.nrdc.org), DVRs and other set-top boxes cost American consumers more than \$3 billion per year and only \$1 billion of that is when the box is actually in operation. This is because they are "always on" devices, using energy nonstop. Some estimates put this waste at 446kWh per year, more than the energy consumed by a 21 cubic foot energy efficient refrigerator.

Information taken from Fall 2012 eco@home newsletter...

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

CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Police Non-Emergency
634-3881
Water/Sewer
634-7302
(Nights and weekends)
Electric
259-6661

BUILDING A HOUSE? DECK? GARAGE? REMODELING? REROOFING? WINDOW REPLACEMENT?

Building permit applications
are located on the City of
Kasson website
www.cityofkasson.com

Call Linda at
634-6324
with questions.



WE ARE A 2ND STEP
GREENSTEP CITY!

ENERGY SAVING
CLASS COMING
SOON!
WATCH FOR THE DATE!

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

CLOSED ON
SATURDAY