

City of Kasson Newsletter – August 2019

Tree City USA

Berne Wood Fired Pizza Summer Concert Series

August 7th

*Berne Alphorn Quintet
Bavarian Musikmeisters*

Artisan Market Night

August 14th

*Parks & Kleist
FABBAulous*

August 21st

*The Reunion Band
The Local Hooligans*

August 28th

*Ventura Highway
Branded: Hot Country*

*Opening Band 5 PM
Headliner 6:30 PM*

Contact the Kasson Police Department at 634-3881 to let them know if you are planning a neighborhood gathering on August 6, 2019.



As in the past, the Emergency Services Personnel will try to have members of their respective departments stop by those hosting events.

JUST A REMINDER...City Hall summer hours have started and will go through August 30th.
Monday–Thursday will be 8:00am to 5:00pm.
Friday will be 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

Festival in the Park Events

Monday, Aug 5th –

Medallion Hunt- all week until Medallion is found

Tuesday, Aug 6th –

National Night Out (join your neighbors for a neighborhood party!)

Thursday, Aug 8th –

7PM - Miss and Master Pageant, Pie Auction, Dance Team Clinic (KM Middle School)

Friday, Aug 9th –

Big Cup Golf Tournament 10am
Windsor Chop Dinner at Am Legion 5-7pm
6-8pm – kids activities/games, register for Festival Run / 7pm Eating contest / 9pm Movie in the Park

Saturday, Aug 10th -

8am - Festival Run, Kickball Tournament
Treasure Hunt, Car Show, Helicopter Ball Drop,
Rib cook-off, Pedal Pull, Obstacle Course,
Bingo, Ambassador Ceremony
Free Concert in the park: Brooke Eden
Diesel Drive on stage at Fire Hall (21+)
Fireworks! - 945pm

Sunday, Aug 11th –

Craft show, food vendors, Grand Parade, Free Family Dance (Trouble Shooter) @ Fire Hall

<https://www.kassonfestivalinthepark.com>

2017 Street Project- Sod

If you had sod laid as part of the street project, please put your mower on the highest setting until late fall or even next spring as this will allow it to grow properly.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Veterans Memorial Park at dusk
(approximately 9:00 P.M.)

Aug 9th - Shrek
Sponsor: Kasson Chamber of Commerce

Aug 16th - Dennis the Menace
Sponsor: Kasson Parks & Rec

The Kasson Electric Utility reminds residents not to plant bushes, shrubs and flowers closer than 6 feet in front of and 3 feet from the sides of any electric transformer or pedestal (a pedestal is a green box in front of or behind your house.) Plants may be removed, without replacement, to allow the Electric Department staff to access the facilities. If the information is missing from a transformer or pedestal, please contact 507-634-6330 and leave a message with your address so a new sticker can be provided.

In the event of a power outage, please text your address to the Electric Department after hours at (507) 259-6661. On-call staff responding to an outage will be actively locating and repairing the issue. We appreciate your patience during any outage.

Upcoming Events for Festival in the Park Weekend

Sat, Aug 10th - ANNUAL FIREMENS DANCE
Music by Diesel Drive... 21+ only event, 9pm

Sun, Aug 11th - ANNUAL FREE FAMILY DANCE (Fire Hall)
Immediately following the parade. Music by Trouble Shooter.

SPORTMANS' RAFFLE – During the Family Dance

As Always – Kasson Fire Department and its Relief Association are greatly appreciative of the support of the community. We look forward to seeing you and saying THANKS in person... See you in a few short weeks!

Animal License Program

The City of Kasson moved to a new pet identification system in 2017. All pets are registered with PetHub.com at no additional charge to you for the LIFETIME of your pet. To obtain a license, stop into the Police Department during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm). You are required to provide a current rabies vaccination certificate and pay a one-time license fee of \$25 (cash or check). Animal registration is a city ordinance. If your animal is not licensed, you could receive a citation. Contact Krista at the Police Department (634-3881) with questions.

1. It's the law: In the City of Kasson, it's actually required that animal owners license their pets.
2. It proves your animal is properly vaccinated.
3. The City of Kasson no longer has contracts with local vet clinics for animal impound, so it's even more important for your animal to be licensed for proper identification and higher probability of being returned to you in a timelier manner.

LOAD MANAGEMENT CONTROLLERS

Receive a 10% discount on your electric usage for the months of June, July, August and September by signing up for a load controller. This controller allows the electric power provider to interrupt the central air conditioner unit during periods of high summer peak demand for residential customers. There is no cost to the customer.

Call (507) 634-7071 or email cityhall@cityofkasson.com to sign up for installation

Would you like your bill earlier each month? Check out E-Statements to get your bill 5 days earlier than regular mail. Sign up at www.cityofkasson.com!

2018 Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water is available at City Hall or online.

There is a link available on the City's website towards the bottom of the page. www.cityofkasson.com

Hard copies will be available by request at City Hall.

Produce at the Prairie
Farmer's Market every Wednesday night beginning July 24th at Prairie Meadows 3pm – 6pm

VETERANS' PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

To reserve any of the shelters in Veterans' Park for your use, please call City Hall at 634-6301 to check availability and make your reservations.

Rates are generally \$30.00 and are reserved only on weekends and holidays from May 1st through October.

LAWN MOWING REGULATIONS

Section 51.02 of the Code states (in part) that: "All open areas and parts of the premises shall be maintained and kept in a reasonably clean and neat condition." It further states that: "Any weeds or tall grass growing upon any lot or parcel of land in the City of Kasson are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and good order of the City."

"If the owner or occupant thereof fails, within five days after the posting by first class mail of a notice to abate a public health hazard contained on the property, the City by and through its authorized personnel may enter upon any such property and abate the public health hazard by any reasonable means, including contracting with a private person to do so."

Please help keep our City attractive and avoid substantial penalty by keeping your lawns mowed and neat.

Thank You.

Minnesota law will require drivers to put their phones down and go hands-free while driving effective Aug. 1. This will make Minnesota the 19th state, along with Washington, D.C. to enact laws regarding hands-free while driving.

Remember that hands-free is NOT distraction-free!

Here are some DOs and DON'Ts to remember:

- DO use your phone in hands-free, one-touch or voice-activated mode for calls, texts, navigation, music and podcasts.
- DON'T compose or read texts or emails; make video calls, play games, look at videos or anything else that requires to hold your cell phone.
- DON'T type or scroll while driving or part of traffic – that includes when you're at a stop light or stop sign.
- DO take steps now to make sure you know how to adapt your device and your vehicle to hands-free use.

Long story short – When in traffic (and that includes stop signs and stoplights) cell phone functions can only be used hands-free – no typing, scrolling or holding the device.

Kasson Public Library

Used Book Sale at Kasson Library August 13-16

The Friends of Kasson Public Library will hold a used book sale at the library August 13-16. Gently used books, DVDs and puzzles will be for sale. Come for great bargains! All money made returns to benefit the library.

Textile Recycling Returns on August 20

Kasson Public Library raises funds for special programs by recycling used clothing and fabric. *NEW*- we can now accept all usable clothing, INCLUDING coats, hats, shoes, belts and purses. In addition, the library will continue to accept old clothes or household textiles, even if they are too worn to sell at a garage sale. Just bag and bring clean items to Kasson Public Library anytime on Tuesday, August 20. Questions? Call 634-7615. Many thanks!

Laptops and Chromebooks for Checkout

A technology initiative at the library allows adult patrons to checkout either Laptops or Chromebooks to take home. Checkout time is for 2 days. Stop by to fill out minimal paperwork and enjoy technology at home. Call the library at 634-7615 with any questions.

Crayons for Cancer

Your old broken crayons can be re-purposed to help others! Just drop them off at the Kasson Library and they'll be given to Crayons for Cancer, a non-profit organization which helps children with cancer. They are melted and formed into decorative art. Please don't throw, just pass on to help. For more information, go to: www.crayonsforcancer.org

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EMERGENCY 911.....Non-Emergency Police 634-3881
Water/Sewer 993-7697.....Electric 259-6661

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