

City of Kasson Newsletter –December 2019

Tree City USA

Kasson Liquor Holiday Hours

December 24 - 9am to 4pm

December 25 - Closed

December 31 - 9am to 10 pm

January 1 - Closed



Daily Pass books and gift certificates for the Aquatic Center are now available at City Hall for the 2020 season!

Breakfast with Santa

December 7, 2019

8:30am- 9:45am

KM Comm Ed Bldg

\$2.00/person for light breakfast while you visit with

Santa. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Holiday craft activity, Christmas books, Christmas sensory tables, At 9:45 Santa and Mrs. Claus will climb into a Kasson fire truck for a special ride downtown to begin the great activities for "Christmas in Kasson".

It's that time of year again!

The Kasson Police Department (19 E. Main Street) is a drop off location for new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. Please consider donating today! Toys can be dropped off 24/7 at our office; however if you find the office is locked (during non business hours) please call the number on the front door and an officer will meet you to take your donation. Donations will be accepted November 22 - December 13.



2019 Christmas in Kasson



Scavenger hunt, live reindeer, photos with Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, write letters to Santa or the Troops overseas, S'mores & warm drinks, kids crafts and much more! Come join in the fun **December 7th from 10am-1pm!!**

CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS

Please clear in front of and on both sides of the hydrant if you have one located on your property. The firemen and your neighbors appreciate it!

KASSON PUBLIC UTILITIES REBATE FOR TIER 2 POWER STRIPS

What is phantom power electricity? Phantom load, also known as standby power or vampire power, is the electricity consumed by an electronic device while it is turned off or in standby mode. It is the power that maintains your TV settings and keeps the clock going on your VCR and microwave, but this power comes at a price.

The use of Smart Strips can help eliminate phantom power. Go to cityofkasson.com for a rebate form for Tier 2 power strips.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020 7AM-11AM

KASSON AMERICAN LEGION

\$6.00 PER PERSON (KIDS UNDER 5 EAT FREE)

Menu: Biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and juice.

Sponsored By: FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911.....Non-Emergency Police 634-3881

Water/Sewer 993-7697.....Electric 259-6661

Kasson Public Library

(Now open Saturdays 9am-1pm)

Coloring Club for All Ages

A Coloring Club for all ages is held **Mondays from 5-6pm** at Kasson Library. Join us on Dec. 16 at 5pm to make a ginger bread house to take home.

Free and fun for all!

Storytimes at the Library!

Mondays at 6:00pm – *Read with Runner, a reading therapy dog.*

Fridays at 10:00am – *Storytime with David.*

Kasson Public Library – please stop by!

We opened our new doors at 607 1st Street NW in August 2016. Come by to visit, use a computer, pick up a good book, a favorite DVD or audiobook to take home. Laptops and Chromebooks are also available for checkout for those 18 or older.

Questions? Call us at 634-7615 or visit:

www.kasson.lib.mn.us

Holiday Hours at Kasson Library

Dec. 24 – Open 9am – 1pm

Dec. 25 – Closed

Dec. 31 – Open 9am – 1pm

Jan. 1 – Closed

All other days have normal hours - Monday:
10am-7pm;

Tuesday through Thursday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-5pm; Saturday: 9am-1pm

SEMCAC'S ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
may be able to help you with winter energy bills.
(Eligibility is based on household income.)

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.

Cold Weather Rule:

Helps protect and reconnect your heat from Oct 15 through April 15 and is available for residential customers only. The link below provides more information. Disconnects will continue through winter as normal for non-payment if the primary heat source is not affected.

<https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/help/shut-off-protection/>

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 snow plow 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.

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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Christmas Tree Safety

Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source.

Remove the tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Ask about recycling Christmas trees in your community.

Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Make sure your home has working smoke alarms and test them at least once a month.

National Christmas Tree Association



nfpa.org/holiday

KASSON FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE - RESCUE - EMS 101 E MAIN ST

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