

# City of Kasson Newsletter – January 2018

## Tree City USA

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As a part of the Kasson Upward 2040 comprehensive planning process feedback, opinions, and ideas were gathered at two community workshops and an online survey and mapping platform. This feedback along with a professional analysis of existing conditions in Kasson have lead to the creation of a draft set of vision and guiding principles, project ideas, and a future land use concept.

Please take a brief 10-15 minutes to review the draft set of vision and guiding principles, project ideas, and future land use concept. Thank you.

To learn more about Kasson Upward 2040 please visit the website here: <http://cityofkasson.com/kassonupward2040>

To take the survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kassonupward>.  
The survey will close on **January 2nd, 2018**, please complete the survey by then.



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](http://www.cityofkasson.com) !

### BUILDING PERMITS

Are you building a home? Deck? Garage? Finishing off the basement? Reroofing? Are you replacing windows?  
Building Permit applications are located on the City of Kasson website at [www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com) or call 507-634-6324.

### 2017 Chicken Permits Expiring December 31

Per City Ordinance, you must re-apply yearly to stay in compliance. Applications can be found online at [www.CityofKasson.com](http://www.CityofKasson.com) under the Ordinance tab. Please return all applications to the Kasson Police Department for processing.

### WINTER SAFETY BULLETIN

**Please be vigilant. Keep children away from snow piles on City property; including but not limited to cul-de-sacs, the fire hall, soccer fields, the liquor store, American Legion and Lions Park. Heavy equipment routinely adds or removes tons of snow in one scoop. Though personnel visually check for hazards BEFORE moving snow, these piles are off limits and dangerous.**

### 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!**

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

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

### CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

## KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### *Textile Recycling at Kasson Library*

Kasson Public Library raises funds for special programs by recycling old clothes and fabrics. We can accept old clothes or household textiles, even if they are too worn to sell at a garage sale or give to a thrift store. We can use: clothes with tears, holes and stains and used household items like sheets, towels, blankets. No need to remove zippers or buttons. Just bag and bring clean items to Kasson Public Library on Tuesday, January 24. Questions? Call 634-7615. Many thanks!

### *Used Book Sale at Kasson Library*

The Friends of Kasson Public Library will hold a used book and DVD sale at the library January 23-27. Come for great bargains! All profits benefit the library.

### *Mark the Day for a "Blind Date with a Book!"*

Mark your calendar for February 1 and 22, both at 7:00pm. Come to the library for some adventurous fun! Adults will choose a brown-paper-wrapped library book to take home and read. Come back 3 weeks later and tell us if you liked it! Door prizes and refreshments provided!

## Keep grease out of sinks and wipes out of pipes

This holiday season, do yourself and other taxpayers a favor by keeping grease from turkey and ham dinners out of sinks and other drains. And while you're at it, stop flushing disposable wipes down the toilet, even if the label claims "flushable." Sewer workers everywhere dread this time of year when the problem of "fatbergs" – clogs of fats, oil, grease, and wipes – worsens, leading to backups and costly repairs. Disposable wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down. Cities across Minnesota report costly repairs and upgrades after wipes clog their pumps and pipes.

### Here's how you can help:

- Dispose of fat, oil and grease by pouring them onto newspaper or other paper items in the trash, or into a non-recyclable container and then into the trash.
- Another idea: Soak up grease with pieces of crusty bread pieces, and then put the bread on bird feeders for wild critters.
- Wipe greasy pans, pots and other dishes out with a paper towel before washing.
- Place disposable wipes in the trash too.

**FYI... Holiday DWI Enforcement runs from Nov 22 –Dec 30. Plan for a sober ride!**

**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*

## ALL YOU CAN EAT BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

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**

# KASSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# FREEZE WINTER FIRES



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of



**Heating equipment** is involved in **1** in every **7** reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your home.**

**Install and test** carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10** feet from your home and any nearby buildings.



Keep anything that can burn at least

**3** feet from any **heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1** **heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

