

# City of Kasson Newsletter – May, 2016

## Tree City USA

### NOTICE

**THE CITY OF KASSON 2016 ELECTRIC REBATE PROGRAM... WILL END ON MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>!! ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PURCHASES RECEIPTED THROUGH THIS DATE MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE BY THE END OF THE DAY ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT. OTHER RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY. CONTACT KRISTA AT (507) 634-7071 or at [cityhall@cityofkasson.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofkasson.com) with questions.**

**CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS WILL BEGIN ON MAY 27, 2016 and go through SEPT 2, 2016.**

**MONDAY – THURSDAY  
8:00 AM until 5:00 PM  
FRIDAY  
8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

### **KASSON AQUATIC CENTER SINGLE AND FAMILY PASS...**

Forms are available on line at [www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com) as well as the swim lesson forms which need to be turned in by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Funbrellas are also available for group rentals. Watch for announcements about pictures to link with your season passes. The pool will be opening officially on June 8<sup>th</sup> with limited hours two weekends prior. Check the city website for additional information.

**DODGE COUNTY FAIR  
KASSON - MN**

**JULY 13-17**



*Stephen Siller*

**Tunnel to Towers Foundation**

TUNNEL2TOWERS.ORG

**FREE PUBLIC VIEWING**

**9/11 NEVER FORGET EXHIBIT**

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**MAIL DONATIONS TO KASSON FIRE RELIEF  
ASSOCIATION (911 EXHIBIT), 101 MAIN ST E, KASSON**

### **DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAX VALUATION?**

**Your opportunity to question the valuation of your Kasson property is at the County's Board of Appeal and Equalization, Open Book meeting.**

**This will be held on Thursday, May 5th at the Government Service Building in the old Mantorville School (Mantorville).  
6:00 PM**

### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
May 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES**

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
And  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **CITY OF KASSON EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Emergency 911**

**Non-Emergency  
Police  
634-3881**

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

**And  
Electric  
259-6661**

## KASSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Recycle Your Old Clothes to Help the Library!

Kasson Public Library will be raising funds for the new library 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: 1) clothes with tears, holes and stains and 2) used household items like sheets, towels and blankets. No need to remove zippers or buttons. Just bag and bring to Kasson Public Library, Erdman's or the Kasson Variety Store between April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 11th. Questions? Call 634-7615. Many thanks!

### Looking Ahead to the Summer Reading Program...

Join the Kasson Library this summer to "Read for the Win!" Our Summer Reading Program will be held June 13 – July 22. All ages from 1-18 are invited, and new this year will be a program just for adults. Great speakers and special programs are planned. Register in the library or online at [www.kassonsummerreading.weebly.com](http://www.kassonsummerreading.weebly.com), beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stay tuned for fun! Call 634-7615 with any questions.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

<http://www.facebook.com/Kasson Minnesota>

**The two seconds it takes to buckle a seat belt reduces the chance of injury or death in the event of a crash by almost half.**



# BUCKLE UP!



## SHARE the ROAD, SHARE the RESPONSIBILITY!

Bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians get along better when they show courtesy and consideration. Sharing the road and the responsibility will make your trip a safe one!



### Bicyclists

- Follow the law - obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be predictable - maintain a straight course and avoid weaving between parked cars.
- Communicate your intent - look, yield to traffic and signal before turning or changing lanes.
- Use extreme caution near commercial vehicles - pass only on the left and recognize drivers' blind spots.
- See and be seen - wear bright colors, reflective gear and use head and tail lights.
- Protect yourself - wear a helmet.
- Stick to roads and trails - sidewalk riding puts you at risk for a crash at driveways and intersections. Always yield to pedestrians.
- Avoid distracted bicycling - put away mobile devices and headphones.

### Motorists

- Be patient when passing a bicyclist - slow down and pass only when it's safe. Allow clearance of at least three feet.
- Look before you merge - check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.
- Be on the lookout - watch for and yield to bicyclists before making a turn.
- Use extra caution around young bicyclists - children's movements can be unpredictable.
- Be respectful - don't speed past a bicyclist to make an upcoming right turn. It's easy to misjudge how fast bicyclists are traveling.
- Exit your vehicle safely - look for bicyclists before opening your car door.
- Think before you honk - honking may startle a bicyclist and cause a crash.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving - put away mobile devices, food and makeup.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: TORNADOES

## Safety Basics...

A tornado's path of destruction can be more than one mile wide and 50 miles long and can devastate a neighborhood in seconds. You may have little warning, so preparation and planning are key to reducing injuries. It's important to know what to do before, during, and after a tornado:



## Before...

Know a safe place: Know the safe places at home, work and at school. Locate local shelters and be aware of the tornado risk in your county.

- Practice tornado drills at home and school.
- Have a plan for how family members will contact one another during an emergency. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Prepare a family disaster supplies kit. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack.

## During...

During a **TORNADO WATCH**:

- Remain inside, away from windows and doors.
- Listen to the radio or TV. Keep a battery-operated radio or a NOAA Weather Radio.
- Make sure your family disaster supplies kit is complete.
- Be alert during a thunderstorm watch. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes. Being prepared will give you more time should the weather turn severe.

During a **TORNADO WARNING**:

- Listen to the radio or TV for weather updates and instructions from local officials. Quick action and planning ahead can save your life! If you get caught in a tornado, know what to do: take shelter immediately; stay away from windows, corners, doors and outside walls; be aware of flying debris. Crouch on the floor near an interior wall or under a heavy object, such as a table. Bend over and place your arms on the back of your head and neck (which are injured more easily than other parts of your body).

During a **TORNADO**: Make sure you **DUCK**

**D**OWN - GET DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL

**U**NDER - GET UNDER SOMETHING

**C**OVER YOUR HEAD FOR PROTECTION

**K**EEP IN THE SHELTERED AREA UNTIL THE STORM HAS PASSES

## After...

Continue to listen to the news and weather updates. Stay away from power lines and broken glass. Be aware of the possibility of broken gas lines and chemical spills. If you smell gas or chemical fumes, immediately evacuate the area and contact authorities. Stay out of damaged buildings and return home only after authorities have issued an all-clear signal.



**KASSON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
FIRE & RESCUE - 101 E. MAIN STREET - KASSON, MN 55944

