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Boulevard of Roses

2017 Budget & Tax Levy

Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

In September, the City Council adopted a maximum preliminary 2017 levy of \$859,358. This represents a 7% increase over the 2016 levy. The preliminary levy is the maximum amount that can be approved. The council can reduce the preliminary levy before the end of this year. The final levy must be approved by the end of December. A public meeting on the proposed levy and budget will be held on Dec. 6th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Local residents and business owners are encouraged to attend!

Mark Vablsing, City Administrator

"Shops with Cops" Program

The Kenyon Police Department will again be sponsoring their "Shops with Cops" program. The purpose of the program is to take needy children shopping for holiday gifts. KPD will be selling t-shirts as a part of their fund-raising efforts to support this program. Watch for further details on the KPD Facebook page or call the department at 789-5214, or call City Hall at 789-6415.



Lee Sjolander, Police Chief

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Update on New Fire Department Facility

Since the last City newsletter article, I can again report that a great deal of progress has been made on the Fire Hall building project. Construction began on the facility in September. The footings have been completed. The large crane on the site is installing the precast walls. When completed, the new facility will have 10 truck bays and be approximately 12,000 square feet overall including meeting and office space. The project should be completed by Feb., 2017. Financing for the project is being provided by the USDA Rural Development.

John Lee, Fire Chief

Mark Vablsing, City Administrator

General Election Nov. 8th

Vote on Tuesday, November 8th

City Hall Council Chambers

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Local Offices on the ballot:

- ◆ Mayor
- ◆ 2 Council Members
- ◆ 5 School Board Members



HAUNTED HALLOWEEN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Sponsored by Kenyon Park & Rec.

5:30 - 8 p.m.

At Depot Park

Haunted Maze and Games

Ages: pre-K through 5th Grade



SAVE THE DATE: SAT., DEC. 3RD

CHRISTMAS IN KENYON

Sponsored by KABA

The annual Downtown Holiday celebration includes an Open House at Businesses, an appearance by Santa, and many other activities. Watch for future details on the KABA website:

www.kenyonkaba.com

Leaf Disposal and Storm Drains

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents that when you are raking your yards, do not place leaves and grass clippings into the gutter, or street areas.

There is a chain reaction that occurs when leaves and grass clippings are allowed to go down storm drains. This debris goes directly into our rivers. This will lead to algae overgrowth, which causes oxygen levels to be depleted in our waterways. Reduced oxygen levels make it very difficult for fish and other animals to survive.

City residents can dispose of yard waste at no charge in the designated area near the Public Works building located at 109 Gates Avenue.

Wayne Erich, Public Works Superintendent





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We're on the Web: www.cityofkenyon.com

Winter Heating Facts

Did you know that space heating accounts for more than 35% of the total energy used in commercial buildings, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. If your facility is not ready, winter heating costs can really impact your bottom line. Do not get left out in the cold, take the following steps to improve building comfort and keep your heating system operating at peak efficiency. (These same tips apply to residential buildings as well.)



- Heating system maintenance, as well as duct sealing and insulation can optimize system efficiency.
- Maintenance practices and efficiency upgrades can significantly reduce boiler fuel consumption.
- Proper insulation and weatherization can reduce heating costs and increase building comfort.

Online Payment for Utility Bills through Paypal

Another option to pay your KMU bill is online through Paypal with a debit or credit card. Go to the City of Kenyon website at www.cityofkenyon.com and click on the link to pay your bill online. It redirects you to the KMU PayPal site.

KMU also offers direct-pay for your utility bills. Call 789-6415 for more information.

Holiday Closings:

City Offices & Kenyon Public Library will be closed:
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving
December 26 - Christmas Holiday
January 2 - New Year's Holiday

Snow Ordinance

Winter Parking: It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been any accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow on any street, until all snow, ice & similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street (from curb to curb). All vehicles not removed will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Ordinance: Property Owners: All ice and snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall. All sidewalks abutting Hwy. 56 & 60 between Langford & Spring Streets must be clear of all ice and snow within 12 hours.

Kenyon Police Department

Historical Society Upcoming Events

Are you interested in decorating a room at the historic Gunderson House for the holidays? Call Rhana Olson 507-298-1127.



Christmas Cookie Sale

December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Cookies for sale at the Gunderson House

Open House with Refreshments

December 3rd - 1:00 p.m.
Contact Rhana Olson 507-298-1127

Holiday Dinner

Dec. 10th: Tours at 5:00 p.m.; Dinner to follow

Dec. 11th: Tours at 2:00 p.m.; Dinner to follow

Traditional holiday meal. House is decorated for Christmas, musical entertainment provided.

\$30 per person. RSVP Rhana Olson at 507-298-1127.

At the Library.....

Pre-school Story Time:



Story time is held in the library every Wednesday & Friday at 10:30 am from September through May unless otherwise noted. Story time lasts about one hour. All children ages birth and up are welcome to attend with an adult. Each week a different theme will be featured. All story time events are free.

Book Sale

All items are \$0.10 each and VHS tapes are free. The sale will end mid-November. Sale hours are regular library hours. Check out our website at kenyon.lib.mn.us or call 507-789-6821 for more information.

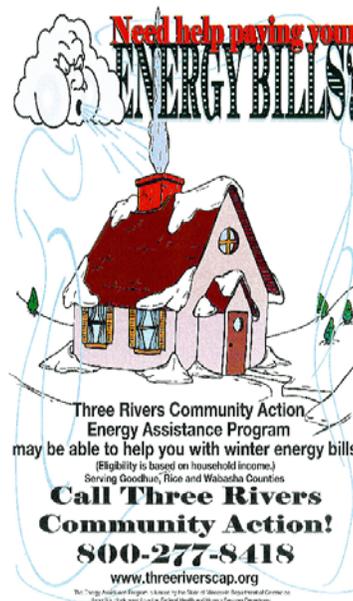


Michelle Otte, Library Director

About your pets.....

CITY CODE 900.13: CLEAN UP:

When any animal is walked on public or private property (other than the owner's), the owner must have in possession and must use a device to remove all fecal material from the animal and dispose of the material in a sanitary manner.



UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- OCT 28: PARK & REC HAUNTED HALLOWEEN
- NOV. 26TH: FIREMEN'S DANCE
- NOV. 15 & DEC. 13 @ 7 P.M.: CITY COUNCIL MTG.
- NOV. 16 & DEC. 21: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 6 P.M.
- NOV. 14 & DEC. 12: PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6 P.M.
- NOV. 15 & DEC. 20 LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:30 P.M.
- DEC 6: FIRE CONTRACT MTG. @ 6:00 P.M.; PUBLIC BUDGET & LEVY DISCUSSION @ 6:30 P.M.