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City of Kenyon Chronicle

The Boulevard of Roses



Sanitary & Storm Sewer Rate Increases

The Kenyon City Council approved sanitary and storm sewer rate increases effective January 16, 2024. This will be reflected on the February billing.

SANITARY SEWER

	Current Rates	New Rates
Usage Rate/M Gal	\$6.61	\$7.40
Base charge 1" or less	\$23.44	\$26.25
Base charge 1.5"	\$75.06	\$84.07
Base charge 2"	\$112.32	\$125.80
Base charge 3"	\$199.80	\$223.78

STORM SEWER (MAINTENANCE FEE)

	CUR-	NEW
Residential	\$4.03	\$9.00
Non-Residential	\$8.05	\$18.00
Multi-unit - 1/2 residential rate times number of units	\$2.01	\$4.50

From City Hall

- ◆ The **Kenyon Park & Rec Committee** has two vacancies. Interested persons should contact City Hall.
- ◆ The **Kenyon Trail Committee** is looking for new members. The goal of the committee is to provide a user-friendly trail system that encourages residents to enjoy the open spaces and parks in Kenyon. Contact City Hall if interested.
- ◆ Kenyon Municipal Utilities welcomed **Joshua Johnson** (left) and **Austin Fitch** (right) as the new linemen/ water operators. Joshua started his new position on November 2, 2023. Austin started on January 2, 2024.
- ◆ Kenyon Police Department now has body worn cameras (BWC). These cameras are used to capture evidence, help ensure transparency, hold officers accountable, reduce false accusations against officers, and many more benefits. A donation of \$12,600 from the Kenyon Snowdrifters provided the initial funding for the BWC project.



Mark Vablsing, City Administrator

Presidential Primary Election

All 2024 Elections for the City of Kenyon will be held at the Kenyon Fire Hall located at 620 Centennial Drive.



- ◆ The Presidential Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2024. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.
- ◆ Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the ballot. (Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.)
- ◆ Each participating major party have a separate ballot.
- ◆ A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential primary.
- ◆ **Absentee voting is NOT available in Kenyon.** All in-person absentee voting is at the Goodhue County Government Center in Red Wing.

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Utility Bill - New Payment System/Options

KMU implemented a new online payment system called Paya in October. Customers are now able to view their current and past bills online and are able to see their current balance due. You can set up your account on the city website www.cityofkenyon.com using the "Pay Utility Bill" link. New options available include:

- ◆ E-Billing - Receive your bills online by enrolling for paperless billing
- ◆ Text & Pay - Receive bill notifications and pay directly via text message
- ◆ Auto-pay - Set up your bills to be paid automatically every month.



[Pay Utility Bill](#)

All payments made using your Credit/Debit card are now charged a 2.75% processing fee. ACH payment from your bank account made online through Paya are charged a \$1.10 fee.

Other payment options still available:

- ◆ Pay in person or use the drop box located in the alley behind city hall or in the city hall lobby. We accept cash, checks, money orders, or credit/debit cards (2.75% fee applies)
- ◆ ACH payment - sign up at City Hall for your payment to be deducted automatically from your bank account on the 10th of each month. This option is FREE.

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Shoveling Driveway Openings

The City requests that residents wait until the public works trucks have completed plowing the streets before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge the snow to the sides of the road and cannot "skip over" driveways. Shoveling the snow from the bottom of the driveway to the right as you face the street will help lessen the amount of snow that will be deposited in the end of a driveway during the next plowing.



Wayne Eibrich, Public Works Director

Trash/Recycle Bins

Reminder from the Public Works Department and Flom Disposal: To avoid damage to your trash receptacles and recycle bins, please keep them out of the street and place them at the end of your driveway. The receptacles must be brought back up to your house after trash and recycling is picked up each week.

ATTENTION: All KMU WATER Customers!

Customers are urged to take the temperature of their water and then continue monitoring it for the next two months even if we get several days of warmer weather.

You should immediately start running a continuous pencil lead-width stream of water from a faucet:

- If your water temperature is below 36 degrees Fahrenheit
- If you notice rusty or below-normal flow of water

A frozen water service repair could cost between \$800-\$1000 or more. The cost to run a constant pencil lead-width stream of water to avoid a frozen water line is much less (\$50-\$60 per month including sewer fees). Frozen pipes can occur in any structure regardless of its age.

Randy Eggert, KMU Operations Superintendent

Round Up Program Supports Food Shelf

As a customer of Kenyon Municipal Utilities, you have an opportunity to help support a program which provides financial assistance to the All Seasons Community Service Food Shelf located in Kenyon.

For those who participate, KMU rounds up your monthly utility bill to the next dollar amount and donates the spare change to the food shelf. This is a great way to help families in need in our community. The maximum donation for each account per month is \$.99 or less. 100% of the funds received are donated to the food shelf. **In 2023, the round up program raised \$3,049.58.**

If you would like to participate and support the food shelf in Kenyon, please call City Hall at 789-6415.

Food Shelf



Winter Parking Regulations

Changes to Ordinance No. 94 regarding winter parking regulations and penalties took effect December 16, 2020. Revisions to the ordinance make it unlawful to park a vehicle on a street or highway after a continuous or intermittent snowfall **that requires mobilization of City snow plow crews**, and until all snow, ice, and similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street or highway. The police dept. is authorized to ticket and/or tow vehicles that are in violation. The fine for violation is \$50 if paid within 48 hours, \$100 if not paid within 48 hours but within a week, and \$200 if paid after one week.



Kenyon Police Department

Sidewalk - Snow Removal

Property Owners: All ice and snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the 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 hrs.

REMINDER: When removing snow from your property, it cannot be put onto city streets, alleyways or your neighbor's property.

Jeff Sjoblom, Police Chief

KANS For Kenyon

The Rose Fest Committee continues to collect aluminum cans as a fund raising effort. You can contribute by depositing your empty aluminum cans in the trailer located in the parking lot at 98 Gunderson Blvd. All proceeds will be used to sponsor Rose Fest events. **In 2023, the donation of cans raised \$1,413.** The Rose Fest Committee thanks you for your support!



License Your Pets:

Kenyon City ordinance requires ALL cats and dogs over the age of 6 months to be licensed every year. Current rabies information is required to obtain the license. **Licenses are available at City Hall, 709 2nd Street.**

Cost: \$5 (spayed/neutered)

\$10 (not spayed/neutered)

Starting March 1, add \$2.

There is a \$40 fee for a pet at large without a current pet license.



Fire Hydrants

REMINDER from Kenyon Fire Department:

If a fire hydrant is located near your property, we ask that you clear the snow away from it as you shovel. Precious minutes could be lost if firefighters need to dig out hydrants in the case of fire.



Wayne Eibrich, Fire Chief

UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- FEB. 13 & MAR. 12: CITY COUNCIL MTG. AT 7 P.M.
- FEB. 20 & MAR. 19: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 4 P.M.
- FEB. 6 & MAR. 5 PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6:00 P.M.
- Feb. 19 - Holiday - Office Closed
- FEB. 6 & MAR. 5: LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:00 P.M.