



# City of Kenyon Chronicle

*The Boulevard of Roses*



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## Kenyon Tree Ordinance

Kenyon Ordinance No. 97 regulates the species and types of trees to be planted, their placement, maintenance and removal. Copies of the City code and the approved tree species list are available at [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com) or the Kenyon City Office.



### City Planting Restrictions:

- Only allowed species may be planted under or within 10 lateral feet of overhead utility wire.
- No trees closer than four feet to any curb or sidewalk.
- No tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet to any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curb lines.
- No tree shall be planted closer than 15 feet to any fire hydrant.
- No tree shall be planted closer than five feet from any driveway.

*Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator*

## Kenyon Community Garden

Community Garden plots can be rented at a cost of \$10 for the growing season. There are 5 raised boxes near First Lutheran Church in addition to the 12 - 5 ft. x 20 ft. plots near Trondheim Park. Contracts are available at City Hall. Plots are available, one per family, on a first-reserved/paid basis.



For more information, contact

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## Kenyon Volunteer Fire Department

Due to uncertainty with future possible Covid-19 restrictions, the Kenyon Volunteer Fire Department **will not** be hosting their annual smelt feed in April, or dance in June this year. It is very difficult to plan for future events that may be limited in capacity or that could be cancelled. This could cause the Fire department financial strain. The fire department will still be sponsoring a **RAFFLE DRAWING** to be held on June 26. If you would like to continue to support your local fire department, please seek out a firefighter to purchase a raffle ticket or call 507-789-6415. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support!



*Lee Skillestad, Fire Chief*

## Municipal Swimming Pool

Currently the pool is scheduled to open on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Season passes and lesson registration available at the pool starting June 7<sup>th</sup>.



Visit our website page at [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com) for the most updated information and schedule for the upcoming pool season.

*Cheryl Dahl, Pool Manager*

## Upgraded City Web Site and Community Channel

Be sure and check out the upgraded City of Kenyon web site. [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com). The new layout is easier to navigate. The new Community Access channel is also online. It is available through Mediacom Cable, the City web site and soon through a streaming app. It shows city information, Council and County Board meetings.

*Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator*

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## Kenyon Public Library 2021 Summer Learning Program

**"Tails & Tales" is the theme for the 2021 Summer Learning Program.**

Toddlers, Tweens, & Teens are encouraged to participate!

Book reports, challenge sheets, and boredom busters will be available starting June 4.

**STEM Stations** will be held Wednesdays in June beginning June 9 through June 30 for kids aged 8 and up. Kids can stop in any time between 10 am and 4 pm to complete a STEM station challenge. Prizes will be awarded for completed activities.

Two **story times** will be offered in June, one on June 4 at 10:30 am and the other TBD.

SPECIAL PROGRAM! The **Jolly Pops** Friday, June 25 @ 10 am in Depot Park (Target audience 3-8 years old but all ages welcome!)

No registration is required for any event and all programs are FREE!

Call the Library for further information: 507-789-6821 or go to [Kenyon.lib.mn.us](http://Kenyon.lib.mn.us)



*Michelle Otte, Library Director*

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## Proper Disposal of Grass Clippings

As a reminder, the maximum allowable grass height for all properties is 8 inches. When mowing your lawn or boulevard, please make sure that no grass clippings, leaves or other vegetative materials are deposited into the street. When lawn clippings and other organic materials end up in the storm sewer, they create high phosphorus levels which must be remediated. City of Kenyon residents may dispose of leaves, grass, garden waste, branches, shrubs, and trees behind the Kenyon Public Works Shop located at 109 Gates Avenue.

Wayne Ebrich, Public Works Superintendent

## Rose Fest is Back!

The Rose Fest celebration will be held on August 20-22, 2021. The Muni will have the "Local Hooligans" playing on Friday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and "The Dad's" on Saturday night. Other events are also being planned. If you can help with Rose Fest, please email: [kenyonrosefest@hotmail.com](mailto:kenyonrosefest@hotmail.com).

## Code Red Notification System

The City of Kenyon is currently using the Code Red notification system. The system allows the City to notify residents via text, phone, e-mail, social media or through the Code Red application. Notifications are made for items including power outages, street work, emergencies, and other related items. Go to [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com) to sign up.

Mark Vablsing, City Administrator

## Sump Pump Discharge

Now that Spring is here, our Public Works Department would like to remind you that your sump pump discharge should be switched to your yard or to the storm sewer system. No sump pumps should be discharged into the City sewer system. Any questions, please contact the Public Works Department.

Wayne Ebrich, Public Works Superintendent

## City Ordinance Reminder

Any accumulation on private property of unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles, household furniture, appliances or trash is in violation of City Code 2010.05. Please do your part to keep our City clean.

Mark Vablsing City Administrator

## Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Kenyon Area Historical Society Annual meeting will be on June 7, 2021 at the Gunderson House:

6:00 pm Meal-furnished/hosted by the KAHS Board  
7:00 pm Short meeting  
7:30 pm Program

All members and prospective members are welcome.

### Annual dues are:

\$5 - Senior Citizen    \$7.50 Individual  
\$10 - Family    \$25 - Business    \$100 - Lifetime Membership



## Household Hazardous Waste Pickup

Goodhue County Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Kenyon Municipal Pool Parking Lot



Items accepted: Paint, stains, etc.; pesticides/herbicides; automotive products; household products; exotic batteries; mercury devices; aerosol cans  
(NO longer accepting Fluorescent Tubes)

Questions? Call the HHW Hotline: (651) 385-3107

## About Your Pets.....

The City of Kenyon requires all cats and dogs, six months old or older, to be licensed annually. The fee is \$5 for spayed/neutered animals, and \$10 for all others. **After May 1, 2021, a \$2 late fee will be assessed.** Licenses are available at the Kenyon Police Department. (Rabies vaccination info is required.)

**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.

Lee Sjolander, Police Chief

## Golf Cart Permits:

Annual golf cart permits are now available. They are required for any golf cart that is operated on city streets/alleys.

To obtain a permit you will need:

- Valid Driver license
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Proof of Insurance on the golf cart.
- Slow-moving vehicle sign affixed to the rear of the vehicle.



Apply at the Kenyon Police Department:

New License Fee - \$30  
Annual Renewal Fee - \$10

Lee Sjolander, Police Chief

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- MAY 11 & JUNE 8: CITY COUNCIL MTG. AT 7 P.M.
- MAY 18 & JUNE 15: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 2 P.M.
- MAY 4 & JUNE 1: PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6:00 P.M.
- MAY 18 & JUNE 15: LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:30 P.M.
- May 31: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED
- JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>: POOL OPENS FOR SEASON