



City of Kenyon Chronicle

The Boulevard of Roses



October, 2023

2024 Budget & Tax Levy

Meeting on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

In September, the City Council adopted a maximum preliminary 2024 levy of \$1,277,965. This represents an 8% increase over the 2023 levy. This amount of levy increase approved by the Council cannot be increased. The council can reduce the levy increase 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. 5th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Interested residents and business owners are encouraged to attend!

Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator

Trunk or Treat

Come join us for Halloween fun at a party in the park and grab some tasty treats from the trunks. All ages welcome.

Sunday, October 29th

Depot Park

3:00 – 5:00pm

Hot Dog Meals will be available for purchase. (Fundraiser for Depot Park Building)

Come hungry!!

Volunteers needed to decorate trunks of their cars and pass out candy to the little goblins roaming around town. **Donations** are also welcome to 'sponsor' a trunk if you aren't able to attend.

All Participants are required to register their vehicles in advance. Email kimandkev_85@yahoo.com or call/text 507-210-1595.

Park & Rec Committee



Depot Building Painted

Volunteers painted the inside and outside of the Depot Park building on Saturday,



October 7. The City of Kenyon was awarded a grant from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's Paint the Town Program. Kenyon received 35 gallons of paint, contingent on finding enough volunteers to do the painting.

The appearance of the Depot building was greatly improved. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped paint.

Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator



Christmas in Kenyon

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Watch for future details on the Kenyon Park and Rec Facebook page or the City of Kenyon website:

www.cityofkenyon.org

New Citizen Billing/Payment Available End of October

Kenyon citizens will soon have the option to create a Citizen Portal account for their utility bill. This enhanced payment portal will be user-friendly and provide more capabilities to manage your account(s) including:

- ◆ Auto Pay, E-billing, and Text-N-Pay options
- ◆ Access to current and historical bills data
- ◆ Capability to update your account information
- ◆ Multilingual functionality
- ◆ One-view multi-property access

Please note: Customers will be charged 2.75% processing fee per credit card payment starting October 23, 2023.

Randy Eggert, KMU Superintendent

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New City Finance Director

The City of Kenyon would like to welcome Whitney Kylo as the new Finance Director.

She is a former military veteran and started her new position on September 20, 2023.

Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator



EDA Committee Vacancy

The Economic Development Authority Committee is looking for a creative community member to join our committee. If interested, please join us for our next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at 8:00 a.m. at Kenyon City Hall. Please contact Mark Vahlsing at mvahlsing@cityofkenyon.com or 507-789-6415.

Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator

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HeatShare

HeatShare is a voluntary nongovernmental program of The Salvation Army that has been in existence since 1982. When you give to HeatShare, you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities, and others who have nowhere else to turn. HeatShare provides financial assistance on a year-round basis and is used for natural gas, oil, propane, wood, and electricity.

Who does HeatShare help?

- Seniors 65 years or older with low income and no alternate source of help
- People with disabilities who are limited in their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy costs.
- People who have an unexpected crisis and as a result cannot pay for household energy bills.

How can I support my neighbor?

Send a tax-deductible donation to:

The Salvation Army
 HeatShare Program
 2445 Prior Ave N
 Roseville, MN 55113



Checks payable to HeatShare
 www.heatshare.org

Leaves/Grass Clippings Disposal

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.

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 Ehrlich, Public Works Superintendent



Snow Ordinance

Winter Parking: It is unlawful to park a vehicle on any street or highway after a continuous or intermittent snowfall that requires mobilization of City snow plow crews, and until all snow, ice & similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street or highway. All vehicles in violation 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 Ave. & Spring Street must be clear of all ice and snow within 12 hours.

Kenyon Police Department

Kenyon Area Historical Society

Christmas Bake Sale (Fundraiser)

Saturday, December 9th

10am - 1pm @ The Gunderson House

Varieties Available:

Decorated Sugar Cut Out
 Peanut butter Kiss
 Russian Tea Cake
 Fattigmann
 Sanbakkels

Lefse
 Spritz
 Krumkake
 Rosettes
 Other Varieties



Contact Debb Paquin @ 507-838-2632 if you would be interested in volunteering to bake cookies for this event. Visit us on Facebook @ Kenyon Area Historical Society for updates and additional information. Pre-Ordering will not be available this year.

Holiday Closings

Kenyon City Offices & Public Library will be closed:

November 10 & 11- Veterans' Day Observance

November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving

December 23 & 25 - Christmas Holiday

January 1 - New Year's Holiday

Kenyon Trail Committee

Kenyon Parks and Rec is looking for people who have a passion for the outdoors and want to give back to the community by participating and volunteering their time. Our goal is to provide a user-friendly trail system in Kenyon. If interested, contact City Hall at 507-789-6415.

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 is designed for children ages 2 through Kindergarten, though all children are welcome to attend with an adult.

Science Club and LEGO Club are back starting in October! More information on our website!

Book Sale

All items are \$0.10 each. 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



Three Rivers Community Action Energy Assistance Program may be able to help you with winter energy bills. (Eligibility is based on household income.) Serving Goodhue, Rice and Watkinson Counties.
Call Three Rivers Community Action!
800-277-8418
www.threeriverscap.org

UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- NOV. 14 & DEC. 12 @ 7 P.M.: CITY COUNCIL MTG.
- NOV. 21 & DEC. 19: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 4 P.M.
- NOV. 6 & DEC. 4: PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6 P.M.
- DEC. 5 LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:30 P.M. NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER.
- DEC 5: FIRE CONTRACT MTG. @ 6:00 P.M.; PUBLIC BUDGET & LEVY DISCUSSION @ 6:30 P.M.