

Kennedy Klips

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Photo ID Amendment

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid government issued photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters?"

The above ballot question appears on the 2012 general election ballot and is a far more complicated and costly issue than may appear at first glance. The following information was provided by the Minnesota Secretary of State.

A valid "government issued" photo ID, rather than "government approved", means that certain forms of ID now permitted would no longer be acceptable. Additionally, any future technologies developed to identify voters would not be permitted. Photo ID legislation in other states has included a wide variety of exemptions ranging from military voters and people with religious objections to being photographed, to people with disabilities and nursing home residents. However, no exceptions are included in Minnesota's proposal. "All voters" in Minnesota will be required to have specific "government issued photo ID". And, with this language added to the Constitution, future legislature could not change it.

The cost to the state of Minnesota to implement a government-issued photo ID program could be comparable to that of Indiana, a state of similar size with an adopted ID law. Indiana spent \$10 million in the first three years to provide IDs. Additionally, the state of Minnesota's voter ID required provisional balloting could cost \$50 million in start-up costs and over \$10 million in on-going costs to be paid by local governments through local taxes.

For further or the complete and detailed information on the issue, please contact secretary.state@state.mn.us.

Thank you to the following Kennedy Community Garden donors:

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Council Sets 2013 Tax Levy

At the September 10, 2012, Kennedy City Council meeting, the proposed tax levy was set for the upcoming 2013 tax year. The city will have until the end of 2012 to make an adjustment should they determine it necessary. However, at this time the council voted to keep Kennedy's 2013 real estate tax levy at the same rate as it currently is, with **no increase planned**. Watch the *Klips* for additional information on the 2013 tax levy, should any changes become necessary.

Snowbird Utility Policy

Kennedy's Snowbird Water and Sewer Utility Policy gives residents two options.

WATER TURNED-OFF AT CURB-STOP.

Upon the resident's advance request, the city will schedule a time to turn-off the resident's water at the curb-stop for a fee of \$20. And again, upon the resident's advance request, the city will schedule a time to turn the resident's water back on at the curb-stop, for a fee of \$20. Other than the total of \$40, the resident will not be billed for any utility services during the time the water remains off.

WATER REMAINS ON AT CURB-STOP.

The water remains on at the curb-stop and the resident is billed monthly for city water and sewer services at their usual rates, including water based upon usage. No discount

LOCAL REGISTERED VOTERS RECEIVE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS

Ballots for the 2012 general election have been mailed to registered voters in the City of Kennedy and should have been received by now. If you did not receive your ballot, contact the Kittson County Auditor at (218) 843-2655.

Vote for two of the three Kennedy City Council candidates, Justin Osowski, Jon Pietruszewski, or Cindy Urbaniak.

WANTED!

Up to four, good, used 900-20 grip truck tires. Call (218) 674-4280.

Calendar

Thirsty Thursdays

Every Thursday, 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Chicken and Beer

At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

Fish Fry

Friday October 5, 2012

5:00—7:30 p.m.

Pan Fried or Deep Fried Walleye

Salad Bar, French Bread and Choice of Potato

At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

City Office Closed

Wednesday—Friday

October 10—12, 2012

Clerk out of town on city business.

Contact 218-674-4485 for assistance.

Mexican Night

Monday, October 15, 2012

5:00—7:30 p.m.

A good variety of favorites will be served.

At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 2 p.m.

At the City Office

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts

Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 8 a.m.

City Council Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2012, 7 p.m.

At the City Office

Public is encouraged to attend.

All You Can Eat Ribs

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

5:00—7:30 p.m.

Ribs, salad, garlic toast and potato.

At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

Halloween Party & Supper



Wednesday, October 31, 2012

5:00—6:30 p.m.

Treats for All!

At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room.