

Kennedy Klips

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Calendar

Garbage Day Moved This Week To
Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

Nickel Bingo Tuesdays
Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
At the Kennedy/Donaldson Sr. Center.

FREE Blood Pressure Tests
Thursday, September 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
At the Kennedy/Donaldson Sr. Center.

Thirsty Thursdays
Every Thursday, 5:00—7:30 p.m.
Fried Chicken and Beer
At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

Fish Fry Friday
September 6, 2013, 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 Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013, 7 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE
Thursday, September 12, 2013, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY
For All Delinquent Accounts
Friday, September 13, 2013, 8 a.m.

★ **Burgers & Fries**
★ **125TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER**
Saturday, September 14, 2013
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
At the Kennedy VFW.

★ **125TH ANNIVERSARY** ★
★ **PLANNING MEETING** ★
Monday, September 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room.
The public & volunteers encouraged to attend.

Mexican Night
Monday, September 16, 2013, 5:00—7:30 p.m.
A good variety of favorites will be served.
At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

All You Can Eat Ribs
Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5:00—7:30 p.m.
Ribs, salad, garlic toast and potato.
At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

City of Kennedy Project Updates

WATER PROJECT. In the February, 2013, *Klips*, it was first reported that the City of Kennedy is working to replace the section of our water system that currently runs above ground and over the coulee. This section of pipe and valves was installed by the WPA in the 1940s. This is the section that failed in December, 2010, and again in December, 2011, resulting in the entire City being without water for eight hours each incident.

On April 8, 2013, the City submitted a letter to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, a division of the Minnesota Department of Health, requesting placement on their 2014 Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Project List.

This week the City was notified that we have qualified for a long-term, low interest loan from the State's Revolving Fund, in the amount necessary to finance the above described water project.

Tentatively, project construction will begin in May, 2014, and be completed in June, 2014. We will keep you posted as definitive information becomes available.

STREET REPAIR. The City has secured a large street paving contract that, if done all at once and at this time, will result in a savings of over \$13,000 to the City. The streets to be resurfaced include:

- 1) Kittson Avenue from 4th Street to the 3rd Street entrance of the bus garage lot;
- 2) Pleasant Avenue from County Road 7 to 5th Street East; and
- 3) 5th Street East from 202 5th Street East to Franklin Avenue.

The work is scheduled for Fall 2013 and will be paid for with funds currently set aside for street projects and supplemented with funds from the City's money market account. The money market account will be repaid over a period of three years with funds budgeted for street repairs.

BALL FIELD GRANDSTAND. The insurance claim on the ball field grandstand was submitted and new bleachers and a shade structure have been ordered. Delivery is expected by the middle of October, 2013, therefore allowing installation before winter. This plan and schedule will ensure readiness for Kittson Central's Spring 2014 baseball season and results in no cost or loss of revenue to the City.

NOTE: Engineering on a lumber structure replacement was time and cost prohibitive. And, without engineering, structure integrity, safety and insurability becomes problematic.

MAINTENANCE ON CITY OWNED BUILDINGS. The City is in the process of getting bids for the following needed repairs on City owned buildings:

- 1) repair the City office roof and replace its windows;
- 2) replace the siding on the water tower shed; and,
- 3) repair the bus garage roof and replace the siding.

Of course, undertaking all of these projects at one time is impossible. However, by obtaining all bids at this time the City will be able to best plan and schedule the work in the most time and cost effective way.

Additionally, the City has successfully secured a contract to paint the exterior of the City shop, with the work scheduled for Fall 2013, and funds being available in this year's general government fund due to reduced training costs, reduced office supply costs, and reduced ice rink expenses.

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PROPERTY CONDEMNATION PROCESS. In addition to improving the appearance of City owned buildings, in 2012 the City of Kennedy started a citywide cleanup process, sighting violation of Minnesota Statute § 463.15, Subd. 3, regarding "hazardous building or hazardous property." During the year of 2012, eight buildings were identified as hazardous and condemned following state guidelines. The City then began the lengthy process of getting the buildings repaired or removed.

In 2012, four buildings were razed, with the City paying a total of \$2000 in incentives and the property owners and Kittson County paying all remaining costs.

Four buildings have also been removed, to date in 2013, at no cost to the City. The demolition costs of three buildings were paid by the respective property owners and the cost of the fourth has been billed to the owner but not yet paid. Should the billed amount remain unpaid at the end of the year, the sum will be attached to the owner's property taxes.

The City has condemned an additional property but is being challenged by the owner. We will keep you posted on our progress with this case, scheduled for court in October, 2013.

NWCA OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM. Another step the City is taking to improve life in Kennedy is the effort to bring the same program to Kennedy that brought \$750,000 to Hallock for owner occupied housing rehab. By this time, all Kennedy residents should have received a letter from Northwest Community Action describing the program. This initial letter is requesting your response and will be used to determine if there is enough interest in Kennedy to bring the program and its rehab dollars to Kennedy. The money would be loaned or granted to individual home owners sometime during Spring/Summer 2014, at no cost to the City.

Please complete the survey, even if you are not interested in participating in the program. If you need a copy of the survey, please contact the City office.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS. In 2011, the City of Kennedy reported a total of \$3,038 in delinquent water bills, \$1,511 in long-term, inactive account delinquencies, and \$1,527 in on-going, active account delinquencies. At that time, the council voted to change the water bill payment policy and has since successfully collected \$2,055.34 in past due accounts. Of the remaining \$982.66, one debt, in the amount of \$79.75, was more than 7 years old and therefore uncollectable. Two parties are now deceased (\$212.86 and \$31.94). And, the remaining \$658.11 is owed by two parties and is being pursued in court, with court costs being attached to the balances due.



TRI-VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WARROAD FALL LEAF TOUR

Date	Pick-Up	Cost	Time
Friday, 9/27	At Your Home	\$14	@9:00 a.m.

Call 1-800-201-3432 the day before to schedule your ride *or* for more information.



September

- 1st Goldi Johnson
Vanessa Mattson
- 4th Stacy Langen
- 5th Greg Mitziga
- 6th Randy Swanberg
- 8th Dorothy Orsund
- 9th Lola Karol
- 10th Tom Silewski
- 13th Rick Peterson
Pam Swenson
- 16th Kathryn Rynning
- 17th Bev Lundberg
Nick Kennedy
- 19th Earl Ryden
- 20th Mary Pinnock
- 23rd Gary Hultgren
- 25th Tom Dowdle
- 27th Josh Pietruszewski
MacKenzie Casper
- 28th Jeff Franks
- 30th Mylan Losse

Odds & Ends

THANK YOU to the following people for their generous donations to the Kennedy Donaldson Senior Center:

CHAR & LYNN RYNNING in memory of Florence Matthews
KODABANK in memory of Tilman Spilde

THANK YOU to the following for their generous donations to the Kennedy Green Team Summer Jobs Program and the Kennedy Community Garden:

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BARB SWENSON
KENNEDY VFW POST #3828
SHEILA ESCHLER

FOR SALE 2013 CELEBRATE KENNEDY T-SHIRTS only \$5 each!
HOT DISH HEAVEN, a murder mystery that takes place in Kennedy!
Hand made, one-of-a-kind "Art Cards".
These items all make great gifts and are available at the City Office.