

# Kennedy Klips

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## Calendar

### Nickel Bingo Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

At the Kennedy/Donaldson Sr. Center.

### Foot Care \$10.00

#### FREE Blood Pressure Tests

Thursday, October 3, 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

October 4, 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, October 7, 2013, 7 p.m.

At the City Office.

Public is encouraged to attend.

### ★ 125TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

Monday, October 14, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room.

The public & volunteers encouraged to attend.

### DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 2 p.m.

At the City Office.

### WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 8 a.m.

### Mexican Night

Monday, October 21, 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, October 29, 2013, 5:00—7:30 p.m.

Ribs, salad, garlic toast and potato.

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

### Halloween Party & Supper

Thursday, October 31, 2012, 5:00—6:30 p.m.  
Treats for All!

At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room.

## Kennedy's EDA has Loan Funds Available for Qualified Local Area Businesses

The City of Kennedy participates in what is known as the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG). RBEG is a part of the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development. RBEG provides grants to public entities—towns, communities, State agencies, authorities, and rural private non-profit corporations—for rural projects that promote the development of small and emerging rural businesses. Kennedy's Economic Development Authority (the "Kennedy EDA") has received RBEG grants for the sole purpose of lending the funds to qualified, local area businesses.

### What types of projects are eligible?

Examples of eligible fund use include: Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation, of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities; pollution control and abatement; funds for start ups and working capital; training and technical assistance; distance adult learning for job training and advancement; rural transportation improvement; and project planning. **Any project funded under the program must benefit small and emerging private businesses in the Kennedy area. Small and emerging private businesses are those that will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues.**

### How much are the RBEG grants and the Kennedy EDA loans?

There is no maximum level of funding. However, smaller projects are given higher priority—the \$10,000 to \$500,000 range. To date, Kennedy has received a total of \$165,000 in RBEG grants, which was, in turn, all loaned out to qualifying local business applicants. The RBEG grant funds are specifically not for use by the RBEG grant recipient. In other words, the City of Kennedy and/or the Kennedy EDA can not use the RBEG funds for City projects. RBEG grant funds are only for lending to qualified local area business applicants.

### Kennedy Specifics

The Kennedy EDA was setup and funded by a number of RBEG grants. The Kennedy EDA currently has three active loans, and **\$80,000 in repaid funds available for re-lending to qualified business applicants and projects.** Kennedy's EDA may also apply for additional grant money from the RBEG should a project present itself that would warrant such action.

The Kennedy EDA revolving loan fund is in place to assist businesses in start-up or expansion, and for projects that will create new jobs or retain existing jobs in or around Kennedy. The revolving loan fund provides low interest rates and long-term financing. Any for-profit, private sector business or industry, located or to be located in or around the city limits of Kennedy is eligible to apply for funding.

If the Kennedy EDA does not re-lend the funds currently available in the Kennedy EDA revolving loan fund account, the funds cannot be used by the City and must be returned to the RBEG.

### How to Apply

To apply for funding from the Kennedy EDA, please contact the City office or visit [www.cityofkennedy.com](http://www.cityofkennedy.com), BUSINESSES, KENNEDY EDA.

*The RBEG and the Kennedy EDA are equal opportunity employers and providers.*

# City Projects Monthly Update

**NWCA OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM.** The NWCA reports that, to date, they have received eight letters of interest from Kennedy home owners regarding the NWCA owner occupied housing rehab program. An additional two Kennedy home owners are looking to participate in weatherization repair. However, NWCA is still **looking for more Kennedy participants**. If you are a Kennedy home owner currently living in your home in Kennedy, if your home is in need of repair, and if you have not yet responded to the NWCA survey, please consider responding.

Eligible applicants must have **gross household** incomes **not to exceed** the following limits based on the size of your household: \$36,900/1 person, \$42,150/2 persons, \$47,400/3 persons, \$52,650/4 persons, \$56,900/5 persons, \$61,100/6 persons, \$65,300/7 persons, and \$69,500/8 persons. The average total project cost to rehabilitate a house under this project is estimated to be between \$20,000—\$24,000.

Contact the City office for the paperwork, if necessary, and we will mail it to you or drop it by your home. Completion of the letter will not obligate you to participate—it will only show that you are interested in participating.

**STREET REPAIR.** The City is awaiting the arrival of our street paving contractor any week now. Watch the yellow sign during the month for specific dates and details. Again, the streets to be resurfaced this year 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.

**BALL FIELD GRANDSTAND.** The insurance settlement for the ball field grandstand claim has been received, and the new bleachers and shade structure have been delivered. The assembly job is pending and still planned for Fall 2013 completion.

**MAINTENANCE ON CITY OWNED BUILDINGS.** The City shop was power washed, primed and painted over Labor Day weekend. The City is currently waiting for the contractor to complete a second coat and touch-up work.

Bids are presently being gathered for: 1) the City office roof repair and window replacement; 2) the water tower shed siding replacement; and, 3) the bus garage siding replacement and roof repair.

**PROPERTY CONDEMNATION PROCESS.** The City is scheduled to appear at a hazardous abatement hearing in October, in response to a condemned property owner's challenge to the City's process in this action. Hopefully, we will have some progress to report by next month. Our objective is to have this building repaired or removed before the end of 2013.

The owner's of the other remaining hazardous buildings within Kennedy's city limits have not, to date, responded to the City's timeline to repair or raze their buildings. The City anticipates having to finance the corrective action taken on some, if not all, of the remaining condemned properties, and has budgeted \$5000 for one such public health concern in 2014.

**WATER PROJECT.** As stated in last month's *Klips*, the City of Kennedy has qualified for a long-term, low interest loan from the State of Minnesota's Department of Health Public Facilities Revolving Loan Fund.

The loan will fund a project to replace the section of our water system, originating from a WPA project during the 1940s, that currently runs above ground and over the coulee. Construction is slated to begin May, 2014, and to be completed in June, 2014.

This month the engineering firm of KJL will meet with the city council to map out our next steps.

**DELINQUENT WATER BILLS.** Two parties remain delinquent and are being pursued in court. No resolution to this issue was realized during the past month.

## Odds & Ends

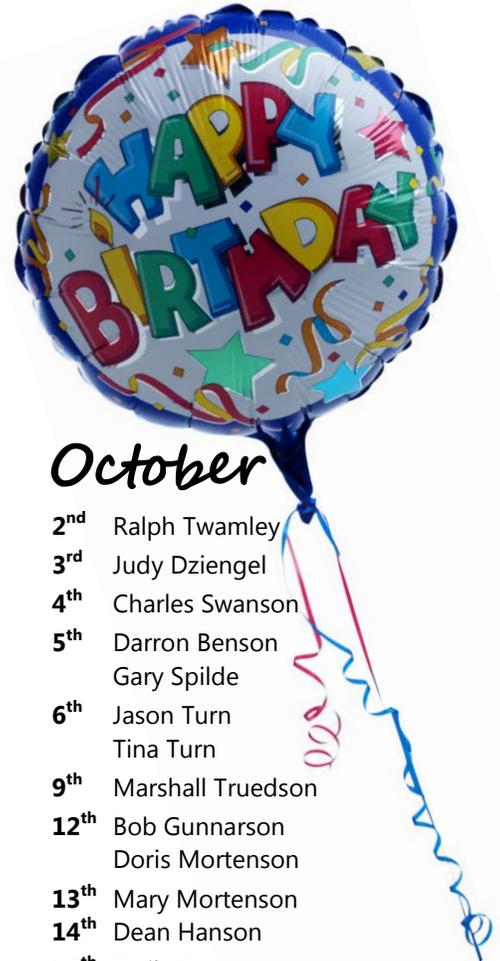
### FOR SALE:

**CELEBRATE KENNEDY 2013 T-SHIRTS**  
only \$5 each!

**HOT DISH HEAVEN**, a murder mystery that takes place in Kennedy!

**GREETING CARDS**, one-of-a-kind, hand made "Art Cards, including Kennedy cards and much more.

These items make great gifts and are available at the City Office.



## October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Twamley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Dziengel
- 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Swanson
- 5<sup>th</sup> Darron Benson  
Gary Spilde
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jason Turn  
Tina Turn
- 9<sup>th</sup> Marshall Truedson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bob Gunnarson  
Doris Mortenson
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mary Mortenson
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dean Hanson
- 15<sup>th</sup> Emily Gunnarson  
Kadie Benson
- 17<sup>th</sup> DonaFae Anderson  
Sheila Eschler
- 18<sup>th</sup> Marc "Bubba" Langen
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bruce Mortenson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bobbi Ayala
- 27<sup>th</sup> Margaret Hagen  
Riley Braun
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lu Kiene
- 30<sup>th</sup> Morgan Turn
- 31<sup>st</sup> Harvey Johnson  
Jordan Rynning  
Gus Gunnarson