

# Kennedy Klips

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## City Office Hours

October through May  
Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Meals on Wheels Returning to Kennedy

If you are interested in receiving lunch via *Meals on Wheels*, please call the city office at 218-674-4142. Starting upon request, meals will be available at the suggested price of \$4.00 each, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

## Matt Casper Fills City's Public Works Position

The Kennedy City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 a.m., for the purpose of hiring a public works supervisor. The council voted in favor of hiring Matt Casper, and he started work on Monday, September 15. When you see Matt around town performing city duties be sure to welcome him, congratulate him on his new position and wish him well. The city is happy to have the position filled and looks forward to Matt's successful tenure.

## Calendar

**Foot Care \$10.00**

**FREE Blood Pressure Tests**

Thursday, October 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.  
At the Kennedy\Donaldson 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 3, 2014, 5:00–7:30 p.m.  
Pan Fried or Deep Fried Walleye  
Salad Bar, Bread and Choice of Potato  
At the Kennedy Café...Take-out available.

**BAKE TALK (Baking Dos & Don'ts)**

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
At Kennedy Center. Everyone's invited for free coffee, breakfast pastries, and an informal discussion about baking.



**Bake Sale at the Kennedy Center**

Saturday, October 11, 2014  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED**

Monday, October 13, 2014  
City Office & Shop Closed.

**City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7 a.m.  
At the City Office.  
Public is encouraged to attend.

**DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE**

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 2 p.m.  
At the City Office.

**WATER DISCONNECTION DAY**

For All Delinquent Accounts  
Thursday, October 16, 2014, 8 a.m.

## Election Season is Upon Us

The workings and authority of local government are often unknown or misunderstood. Hopefully, the data below will be clarifying or informative during this voting season.

### KENNEDY'S CITY CODE

The City of Kennedy was incorporated as a statutory city and operates under Minnesota Law, Chapter 412. The vast majority of Minnesota cities are statutory cities and, lacking the power to change the city code, are dependent upon the State Legislature for all city code changes.

Kennedy, as a Minnesota "Statutory A" city, has an elected mayor and council, while the city clerk/treasurer is appointed.

### Mayor, Council & Clerk Authority

#### Role of Mayor

- The mayor represents the city publicly,
- presides over council meetings, and
- executes official city documents in conjunction with the clerk/treasurer.
- The mayor has no individual authority.

#### Role of Council

The council's duties are performed by the council as a whole, with the mayor functioning as an equal member.

- The council as a whole retains all administrative and legislative authority, but delegates day-to-day operations to city staff.
- The council as a whole hires and dismisses city personnel, adhering to city policies, as well as state and federal law.
- The council members' and the mayor's individual responsibility is to participate in council meetings—make and second motions, participate in discussion, and vote on matters before the council.
- Council members have no individual authority.

**Role of Clerk/Treasurer** is to perform administrative and financial duties, apprising council of operational and budgetary concerns.

**MINNESOTA OPEN MEETING LAW.** The city council exercises its authority when it meets as a group. The open meeting law requires that meetings of public bodies must generally be open to the public. The Minnesota Supreme Court has ruled that meetings are gatherings of a quorum or more members of the governing body. In Kennedy, a city council quorum is three or more members. Serial meetings where groups of less than a quorum meet in order to avoid the requirements of the open meeting law may also be found in violation of the law. Violations of the Open Meeting Law are punishable by an individual \$300 penalty per incident and ultimate removal from office.

The above information was taken from the *LMC Handbook for Minnesota Cities*, Chapters 6- 8, with state statute numbers provided therein.

## Kennedy's Emergency Management Plan

The City of Kennedy last reviewed its emergency management policy at its July and August, 2012, council meetings. The plan adopted at that time remains in effect today.

### KENNEDY EMERGENCY/FALLOUT SHELTER LOCATIONS

- The VFW building is the city's primary emergency/fallout shelter location.
- Maria Lutheran Church is the city's secondary emergency/fallout shelter location.

### KENNEDY LOCAL MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGER

- The city clerk is the Local Municipal Emergency Manager.
- The Local Municipal Emergency Manager will coordinate emergency measures with:
  - the City Maintenance Director,
  - the Commander of the VFW,
  - the office or president at Maria Lutheran Church, and
  - the residents of Kennedy.



The Kennedy Green Team & Community Garden would like to thank the following donors for their 2014 support:

Don & Idell Murray	Jim & Doretta Olson
Dwight Hagen	Evans & Joanne Anderson
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Sheila & Dale Eschler	Tom Silewski
Dwight Nelson	Arlene Kain
Teresa Cooney	Jeanne Cooney
Gary Bostad & Mary Cooney	Wilson's & Burgess's Greenhouse
VFW Club	Kennedy Farmer's Elevator
Peterson Seed Plant	KodaBank
Kennedy Café	Kennedy Donaldson Center
The City of Kennedy	Kennedy's 125 <sup>th</sup> Committee



## 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

## F O R S A L E

**KENNEDY 125<sup>th</sup> T-SHIRTS** only \$10 each!

Murder mysteries **HOT DISH HEAVEN** and **A SECOND HELPING**, set in Kennedy and a fun read at \$16 each.

**GREETING CARDS**, one-of-a-kind, handmade, Kennedy and occasion cards, \$6 each.

**KENNEDY YOUTH BASEBALL CAPS** and **KENNEDY COTTON SHOPPING BAGS**, were \$20/ea, now only \$16/ea or two for \$30.

Great gifts available at the Kennedy City Office.