

Kennedy Klips

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Suggested Winter Utility Maintenance

If you had issues with frozen water and sewer lines last winter, your lines may be at risk of freezing again this winter during prolonged periods of bitter cold.

During extended periods of severe cold, the following action is recommended:

- Allow warm air to circulate in the area where the water line comes into the house.
- Leave utility room doors open and clear space around the water line.
- Remove contents of vanity cupboards and leave the doors open.
- If possible/practical leave snow cover over the area where your water line runs from the curb stop to the house.
- Put a fresh battery in the thermostat if the thermostat is not hard wired into the home.
- Run your cold water closest to the water line entry point for a couple minutes and then take the temperature of the water.
 - If it is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit it is recommended that you let your cold water run from this faucet at a pencil thickness.
 - You should run it non-stop when there is no one home, overnight, or when no water is being used for a period of time.
 - Notify the city if this method is chosen.

If your water line freezes:

- Use heat tape, a space heater (don't leave it unattended) or a warm hair dryer on the pipe. Follow all safety precautions recommended by Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratory.
- Watch for unintended consequences of sewer or septic backups if running water continuously.
- If a contractor is needed to thaw the water line be aware of unintended consequences, particularly if using an electrical welder.
 - Namely fire, explosion, damage to appliances and electronics, and the possibility of damage to other property owners in the case of stray electrical current.
 - Determine if the contractor is using a commercial device manufactured specifically to thaw frozen water lines.
 - Determine if the contractor is insured.

Sanitary sewer freeze up considerations: Make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or is otherwise blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house line and keeping the line above from freezing.

By Cheryl Brennan, manager of field consulting services for the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) Insurance Trust. Article taken from the LMC public works website, [The Pipeline](#).

Council Sets 2015 Budget & Property Tax Levy

At the November 10, 2014, Kennedy City Council meeting, the final 2015 property tax levy was set and the final budget was approved. To limit the property tax increase to the 1.7% increase recognized by the Cost of Living Index, the council had to make cuts to its preliminary budget. By removing the proposed \$5,000 building condemnation line item from the final 2015 budget, the council achieved a balanced budget with room for possible savings at the end of the year to help replenish city reserves.

The Kennedy portion on property tax has been levied to increase by 1.7% in 2015.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Northwest Community Action, serving Northwestern Minnesota, provides assistance for heat and electric bills. Households may only apply once during the program year October 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015. Both homeowners and renters may be eligible. Households that qualify could also be eligible for furnace repair or replacement, and weatherization. Call **1-800-568-5329 for an application.**

INCOME GUIDELINES

Family Size	3-Month Gross Income	Yearly Gross Income
1	\$ 5,838	\$23,354
2	7,635	30,540
3	9,431	37,726
4	11,228	44,912
5	13,024	52,098
6	14,821	59,284

Qualified households may also be eligible to receive a monthly discount on their phone bill. If you qualify, call your local phone company to request a "Minnesota Telephone Assistance Plan application."

Meals on Wheels

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

Snow Day Reminder

Please move all vehicles, trailers, boats and fish houses off of city streets before the first snowfall, so the plow can do its job. Also, please remember to blow your snow into your yard and not onto City streets. The City thanks you for your cooperation.

*Kennedy Korv...
get it while it lasts!*

Now available at Kennedy's KodaBank and the Kennedy VFW.

Calendar

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED

Thursday, November 27, 2014
City Office also closed on Friday.

Foot Care \$10.00

FREE Blood Pressure Tests

Thursday, December 4 2014, 10:00 a.m.
At the Kennedy\Donaldson Center.

Thirsty Thursdays

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

Fish Fry Friday

December 5, 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.

City Council Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014, 7 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

Kennedy Crew Christmas Party

Friday, December 12, 2014, 5:30-7 p.m.
At VFW Middle Room. (Members Only)



BAKE SALE

Baking Brigade Christmas Bake Sale Gift Baskets & Tins Available

Saturday and Sunday
December 13-14, 2014
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
At the Kennedy Center.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Monday, December 15, 2014, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts
Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 8 a.m.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014

Open House

10:00 a.m. — 7:30 p.m.
At the City Office and Kennedy Center.
Goodies, antique train sets, a Christmas village and gifts for every kid! Stop by during the day or before or after the Santa Supper.

Santa's Supper

5:30—7:00 p.m.
Lite supper & Goodie Bags for the kids!
At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room.

CLERK'S VACATION

December 22-26, 2014
City Office closed.

CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED

Thursday, December 25, 2014
City Shop closed.

NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED

City Shop closed.
City Office also closed on Friday.

Thank You!

Kennedy Center Donors:

KodaBank in memory of Bernice Hultgren
Goldie & Harvey Johnson in memory of Bernice Hultgren
Lois & Arlen Erickson in memory of Lorraine Rynning
Lois & Arlen Erickson in memory of Earl Ryden
Mary & Glen Lundberg in memory of Lorraine Rynning

Kennedy Green Team & Community Garden Donors:

Kathryn Rynning & Wayne Langen



December

- 2nd Dale Eschler
Duane Younggren
- 3rd Keith Urbaniak
- 4th Todd Dahl
- 6th Sandie Lindgren
- 9th VeAnn Green
Kenny Hultgren
John Webster
- 10th Haylie Holmgren
ValJean Lindgren
- 11th Dick Johnson
- 12th Krista Olson
Barry Langen
- 16th Britta Rynning
- 17th Maggie Benson
Michelle Brosius
- 18th Jim Petersburg
Carole Losse
- 21st Katy Kirkeby
- 24th Jacey Mitziga
Joshua Rynning
- 25th Wallace Knutson
David Kaul
- 26th Cade Langen
Zach Rynning
- 29th Gary Gorvin
- 30th Kristi Langen

FOR SALE Christmas Wreaths — Reg. \$15, XL \$35, Cross \$25

Pre-order with Tom the Banker or any Kennedy Crew member by November 29.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Available at the Kennedy City Office

KENNEDY 125th T-SHIRTS only \$10 each!

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

GREETING CARDS, one-of-a-kind, handmade, Kennedy and occasion cards, \$6 each or 4 for \$20.

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