

Kennedy Klips

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Calendar

FREE Blood Pressure Tests

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
At the Kennedy Center.

Kittson County Literacy Council BENEFIT PASTA DINNER

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 5:00—8:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Kennedy Crew.
At Café 75 and VFW. **Take-out available.**

KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 11, 2017
7:00 a.m.—12:00 noon



AREA ARTIST "MEET & GREET" NW Minnesota Artists Unlimited

will be on hand for one-on-one visits, to discuss technique and answer questions.
Saturday, March 11, 2017, 1:00—4:00 p.m.

FREE and everyone welcome.

At the Kennedy Center.

For more information call 651-757-7567.



KENNEDY CENTER ART CLASS

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
"Water Colors" by Marge Anderson.
Age 16 and over, Cost \$15, supplies & refreshments provided. Space limited.
To sign up call 651-757-7567.

Citizen Complaint Policy

Recently the City of Kennedy began to re-examine its complaint policy by reaching out to all other 857 Minnesota cities and requesting complaint policy samples. While the Kennedy city council has yet to approve an official city complaint policy, the information below is common practice in many cities throughout Minnesota, and will undoubtedly help form the city's official policy, should one be adopted.

POLICY. When a citizen has a complaint about anything related to the activities and responsibilities of the city, a **signed, written** complaint should be filed with the city. The signed, written complaint may be sent to the city via US Mail, e-mail, or personally delivered to the city office. The complainants name is not considered public data and will not be noted publicly. However, should the citizen choose to voice their complaint at a city council meeting, the complainants name, as part of council meeting proceedings, will be a matter of public record. **Telephone complaints and/or anonymous complaints will not be accepted or addressed.**

PROCEDURE

- A signed, written complaint is filed with the city.
- The city clerk forwards the complaint to the proper council committee or to the city council for determination of what action, if any, shall be taken.
- Once action has been taken, the Council may decline to address the same complaint more than once during a three month period of time.
- Any complaints regarding the conduct or job performance of the city clerk shall be given to the mayor or any council member. No complaints against city employees by members of the public shall be addressed at an open meeting unless the employee requests it. If the council determines discipline is appropriate, any future meetings regarding the discipline must be open.
- Upon the completion of any said action, the complainant will be notified.

BEST PRACTICE. Congenial conversation is encouraged between citizens and the city's mayor, council members, and staff. Addressing concerns prior to the complaint stage is an effective approach to conflict resolution in a small, friendly community such as ours.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



Sunday, March 12, 2017,
at 2:00 a.m. Set your
clocks **ahead** one hour.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts
Thursday, March 16, 2017, 8 a.m.

Thank You!

The Kennedy Center thanks donors and volunteers Rick Peterson, Goldie Johnson, Doretta Olson, Myron Hennen, Gary Bostad, Bernie Wilebski, Greg Mitziga, Tom Silewski, Kathryn Rynning, Nancy and Dan Lundberg, Bernie Wilebski, Duane Peterson, Cindy Urbaniak, and Doris Mortenson. We also thank all who continue to support the Center and those who attended our meatball supper. Because of you all, the event was, once again, a great success. We also would like to thank Kathryn Rynning and Wayne Langen for the great photography that adorns the Center's walls. The photos are very much enjoyed and appreciated!

Water Tower Update

After a couple challenging month of snow, cold, and city water issues, the council met with three engineers at the February council meeting to discuss the best way forward in dealing with some of our city infrastructure issues.

The city's most obvious infrastructure issue is the work needed on our water tower, lines, and valves. The council chose engineer Joel Paulson, who led the city's 2014 water project, and is now with the firm Bolton & Menk, Inc. Bolton & Menk specialize in municipal engineering with a focus on drinking and waste water. They will help the City of Kennedy navigate the assessment of our existing system as well as the decision making process on how to proceed. They will assist in fund procurement and will also help set up a long-term system management plan.

Additionally, the city wants to address sewer and street issues at the same time the streets will be dug up for the water lines. Bolton & Menk will guide us through these processes as well. The council determined and engineering expense incurred will be saved many times over through the efficient completion of the construction work, the expertise brought to the decision making and management process, as well as the resources they bring in grant writing.

We will, hopefully, get our plan and funding applications in during the 2017 award cycle. If we can accomplish this, and, *if* we are awarded the funds to proceed with our first plan of action, we will probably be looking at construction in 2018.

We are looking to complete these projects without a planned increase in water, sewer or tax rates. We will keep you posted as we proceed through the process.

The Market Place

LOCATED AT THE KENNEDY CITY OFFICE

FOR SALE

THE HOTDISH HEAVEN MURDER MYSTERY SERIES, fictitious, humorous mysteries set in Kennedy and written by a local author. A fun read at \$16 each, two for \$30, and 10% off when you buy all three. Autographed copies available.

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

KENNEDY YOUTH BASEBALL CAPS were \$20/each, now only \$6/each or four for \$20.

KENNEDY COTTON SHOPPING BAGS were \$15/each, now only \$6/each or four for \$20.

ANDERSON'S ORANGE GARBAGE BAGS are available at the City Office during business hours. If you are unable get to the office during business hours, or have a difficult time getting around, contact us at the number below and we will deliver the bags to you.



There were times
this winter when
it was so cold...
I was shaking like
a jelly donut at a
Weight Watchers
meeting!



March

- 1st Merle Nelson
- 2nd Dane Ryden
- 5th Chase Langen
- 6th Miranda Gustafson
- 7th Brad Braun
Ron Peterson
- 9th Eva Langen
- 11th Pam Taie
- 12th Debbie Nygaard
- 13th Katie Langen
- 14th Waylin Olson
- 16th Kyle Langen
- 17th Keith Dziengel
Randy Jansen
- 18th Rich Deere
Jason Sobolik
- 21st Jeff Mortenson
- 22nd Tabitha Thompson
- 24th Glen Lundberg
Cindy Urbaniak
- 25th Jonathan Turn
Lucas Sobolik
- 26th James Marshall Dahl
- 27th Tracy Larson
Kaia Gunnarson
- 28th Betty Lindberg

