



# CITY OF KINDRED

Where Kindness is a Way of Life



## Water Tower Project Update

If you've noticed a change in Kindred's skyline lately, you might be seeing double.



After finally getting the project delays cleared, Maguire Iron and Moore Engineering took to the sky on December 13th, 2018. Although the project is now on hold until spring, when weather cooperates, the new tower will be prepped, painted, and put into operation. The old tower will be demolished once the new tower is fully functional. Completion is scheduled for July 2019.

## IMPORTANT SNOW REMOVAL RULES AND TIPS:

- Vehicles must be removed from the roadways after any snowfall event so snow removal activities are not obstructed. Any vehicle found in violation can be towed and impounded at the owner expense and, in addition, may be punished by a fine.
- It is the responsibility of the owner and occupants of the property to remove snow and ice on public sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall to avoid incurring snow removal fees from the City.
- To ensure uninterrupted mail delivery, property owners and occupants must remove snow and ice around mailboxes. Contact the Kindred Post Office on their rules and regulations for winter mail delivery.
- Moving or blowing snow onto City streets, public property, or any public right-of-way is NOT ALLOWED. Snow from your property should be moved to a place on your own property. If streets have already been cleared and the City has to return to clean up snow from your property, applicable fees could be assessed to your property.
- Talk to your children about safety while playing on the snow piles. Fresh snowfall creates a flurry of plows, tractors, and machines to move it all. We also know that kids get excited for the sledding and tunneling hills. Safety is always on the attentive minds of snow removal drivers but with the piles increasing in size, the ability to see children playing on/in the snow piles can be difficult. It truly is best to not play on the snow piles during the snow clean up.
- Crews aim to keep emergency routes clear while opening up other areas of town simultaneously. New city equipment has been purchased, which will help ensure snow removal is efficient and cost effective. However, Mother Nature doesn't always make things easy, so we would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during any measurable precipitation! It is greatly appreciated!!



## Dona Schock Benefit on Saturday, January 19, 2019

**Time: 4:30 - 7:30 pm @ Kindred Fire Department, 571 Elm Street, Kindred**  
**- Spaghetti Feed (free will offering) - Silent Auction - Bake Sale - Entertainment**

In August 2018, a devastating diagnosis of invasive ductal breast cancer was given to 39-year-old, Dona Schock, wife of Richard Schock, mom of Bailey (20) and Brianna (15). Dona has already completed 6 rounds of chemotherapy and will undergo a double mastectomy, reconstruction surgery, and possible hysterectomy. She will also receive hormone therapy and need to continue Herceptin infusions for the next year.

Dona and her husband Rich are very involved and active members of the City of Kindred, where they have lived for the past 20 years. Both have and continue to participate in Kindred Lutheran Church, City of Kindred Fire Department, Kindred Community Club, City Council, and Vikettes Dance Team. Dona is the Municipal Judge and Rich is the Public Works Superintendent for the City of Kindred. Both are wonderful, caring souls who are great friends to many and assists to our community. This diagnosis and treatment are difficult, and we hope to alleviate some of their financial burdens. Any and all donations for this wonderful family are greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go towards medical bills and additional expenses.

**Hosted by the Kindred Community Club and friends of Dona & Rich Schock.**

## Mayoral Update

**Hello City of Kindred and Happy New Year!** A lot has happened since our last city newsletter. If your family is as busy as mine you're probably wondering how winter is already here. Let's hope Spring comes as quickly. A bright spot in the busyness is that much work has been done over the last 6 months to progress our wonderful town. Here's a quick recap on what your city leaders are up to:

- ◇ **New City Council Member:** Congratulations to Ozzie Peraza for earning the 4<sup>th</sup> and final City Council position. We're excited to work with you and look forward to the passion for Kindred you bring to the table.
- ◇ **Kindred Days:** Special thanks to the Kindred Community Club for putting together one of the largest Kindred Days to date. A parade, huge car show and the largest number of park vendors to attend the event made up some of the highlights. Quick note: my niece Bailey (6) who dunked me numerous times in the dunk tank is not allowed to attend next year's event. 2019 dates have already been set: Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. I highly recommend attending this special showcase of our community.
- ◇ **City Budget:** We have hired accountant, Stacey Iverson-Fett, to help clean up and organize our current bookkeeping system. Stacey's skill with budgets will be key to constructing a legible layout and helping us reach our goal of intentional saving and spending.
- ◇ **Water Tower Project:** Soil contamination on the new water tower site pushed the completion back a full year to the fall of 2019. However, our city engineer, Brandon Oye, worked hard to get the completion time table moved up to July of 2019. Much thanks to Brandon for answering the requests of the Council.
- ◇ **Art Crawl:** The Kindred Area Arts Partnership showcased local artists and crafters in October. Area businesses displayed the work of local artists and the band "Steel Union" visited our schools and put on a truly enjoyable concert at Kindred Spirits. I am amazed at the artistic abilities of our Kindred community.
- ◇ **New City Snow Blower:** In response to many resident requests to improve our snow removal system, we have purchased a directional, front loading snow blower which will perform better in wet snow conditions.
- ◇ **Elm Street Sidewalks:** In response to the many complaints about the poor state of our Elm Street sidewalks, the Council has decided to move forward in requiring that the sidewalks be replaced in the summer of 2019. We're looking at including the pool/Memorial Building parking lot into this project.
- ◇ **Main Street Initiative:** We're looking to partner with Governor Burgum's Main Street Initiative to help improve the esthetics and reception of new business to our downtown area. More to follow.
- ◇ **Lagoon Expansion Funding:** This is HUGE!!! Kindred was one of two cities in all of ND to receive a \$3 million federal grant to expand and improve our lagoon system. This is the equivalent of winning the city lottery. The lagoon project is a necessity and without this grant the \$4 million project would have come out of our residents' pockets. Special thanks to Brandon Oye of Moore Engineering, Senator Heitkamp's office, and councilmen Spellhaug and Amerman for bringing this \$3 million gift to our town.

### Sidewalks

On behalf of the City Council, I want you to know that the sidewalk replacement project was not a decision we took lightly. It is never easy to tell anyone how to spend their hard-earned dollars. Please know that we are simply enforcing a sidewalk city ordinance that has always been in effect. Also, if the Elm Street sidewalk project goes well, the City will be enforcing other areas/home-owners in town to update or replace their sidewalks. Please remember that this is all in the name of safety, appeal, and value. The current estimated cost is \$27 per linear foot.

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### Intentional Snow Removal

As we prepare for another winter, I want be clear about our city's expectations regarding snow removal. We are a small town with conservative budgets. While we have invested in a new snow blower, please know that our resources are still limited regarding wet snow and large snowfalls. It would cost hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars to equip the city with snow removal equipment/added workforce to timely handle every type of storm that heads our way. As city leaders, we have decided not to put an extraneous amount of resources into unique storms. If and when that wet snow gums up our road edges or when large amounts of snowfall take over a day to remove, please have grace for those working within our intentional budget.

In an effort to protect your curbs and to identify troublesome snow removal paths, we have strategically placed rod/pole reflectors throughout the city. Please do not remove said poles. We will take care of removal in the spring. The city has additional reflecting poles which can be purchased by homeowners for \$2 each. Thanks to all who are part of this group effort.

### Fishing Pond Safety

You may have seen in the Cass County Reporter that the Kindred Park Board is discussing a partnership with the ND Fisheries Department to build a fishing pond/ice skating rink in Kindred. The ND Game and Fish Dept. has committed to fund 100% of the project! This is a service they offer to all communities in ND; what a blessing when the state says they'll cover projects that add value and activity to your community. This idea is only in the discussion phase, however, I want to address safety concerns that have been expressed by many city residents. Wonderfully, there are a ton of youngsters in our community and one of the many reasons we live in Kindred is to allow our kids to run through back yards with minimal worry of danger. As such, ND Fisheries is able include a protective fence in the project to keep youngsters from accessing the pond. This fence can be equipped with a locking function that will keep residents off the pond during thin-ice conditions. Thankfully we live in lake country and having safety measures around water is not a new conversation for many of our families, but know that we as a City will take every necessary precaution to ensure the pond is a source of activity rather than worry.

### HIGHLIGHTING CITY BUSINESSES...

"Top Flight Construction" is our city's only true local roofing company. While others claim to be local, Top Flight has served the Kindred area for years and will continue serving the area long after the hail work is finished. I am also proud to share that their workmanship, product quality, and prices will beat any other roofing business that comes to town. Top Flight can be reached at 701-318-7923.

I'd also like to welcome the new "Florence Hawk Salon" to the ranks of our wonderful town. Owner, Andrea Christensen, has set up shop on the east side of the library building. Please be sure to stop by or call 701-866-1046 to welcome Andrea to the area.

After reading this section you may be thinking that I'm simply trying to get free rain gutters or a free haircut and you are correct in that assumption (Ha, kidding!). In all seriousness, it is important to support our local businesses. Much of the City Council's goals are to create a more inviting and feasible setting for future businesses.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING!! with the Kindred Park Board**



Kindred Community Ice Rink: Thank you to Mark Kuznia for his efforts to bring an ice rink to our community. The amount of time and energy he put forth is greatly appreciated. The Park Board proudly sponsored the project which is located just south of Gilbertson Park. Other community members and businesses provided their services and time to get the rink ready to roll this winter season. Adam Fischer, Kevin Mahan, Ryan Ottis, Mike Schmitt, Powdercoat Specialists, Cass Rural Water Users, TrueNorth Steel Inc., Space Age Synthetics, Ltd, and the Kindred Fire Department all contributed to this amazing community project. We will celebrate the Grand Opening with cookies, hot chocolate, and winter fun sometime in January (ice and weather permitting). Check our website and Facebook page for more details.

**Save the Date: The 7th Annual Cupcake Ball is scheduled for April 13th, 2019!**



Kindred Park Board is seeking lifeguards, water safety instructors, coaches, and activities specialists for the upcoming 2019 summer.

Please visit our website for more information.

<https://www.kindredparkboard.com/employment.html>



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