



SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

For our new residents and a reminder for all of us.

CITY SNOW BLOWER

Many people wonder why we blow the snow instead of using a truck with a blade.

First of all, if you blade the streets, you end up having wind rows that get bigger and bigger. Come spring melt, there is nowhere for the runoff to go. We don't have a storm sewer (curb & gutters) so the water will pool in your yards and on the streets. We would have to hire someone to help remove all the snow from the ditches and haul the snow away.

With the blower, we count on having wind to blow the snow away. Granted, it is blowing it into your driveways that you already spent a lot of energy cleaning. We know it is inconvenient, but know that we aren't picking on you! This is the equipment we've had for many years and with patience, it works well.

PRIORITY ROUTES

We understand that everyone needs to get out as soon as possible to work or

school. We do have a pattern for snow removal.

We clear out the business district first. Next, the north truck route (Dakota St.) is cleaned out. That street gets plugged in good and tight and we are constantly returning to it to keep it open. We have had people who live in the cul-de-sacs along that street ask why we don't take a quick swipe in while he is trying to open up the truck route. The reason is because the cul-de-sacs get socked in heavy and we may have to put on a different blower to handle the snow. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience.

Next we open up the remaining streets, avenues, and alleys. All the while he is cleaning out these streets, he is going back downtown and the north truck route.

Now the streets are cleaned and you are re-cleaning your driveways and sidewalks. You can understand why we don't want you blowing your snow back into the street!

THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT NEIGHBORS!

I hope this helps you understand the method to our madness! Unfortunately, someone has to be last on the route.

We appreciate your patience and understanding!



You can't base your life on other people's expectations.
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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The 3rd Annual Holiday Decorating Contest has begun. Sign up to be a home that will be judged on December 22nd. If necessary due to the number of entries, judging will be completed no later than December 23rd. Register at City Hall, the Library, or the link on the city website. Entry period Nov. 28 - Dec. 20.

Residents of Kindred, including Evergreen Lane and Woodland Drive are eligible.

The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the street.

Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street



only. Winners must agree to have one or more photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the city website and/or published in the Cass County Reporter.

Judging criteria:

1. Unique design and creative use of lights and decorations
2. Storyline or theme
3. Display and placement of decorations, animated objects, etc.
4. Overall presentation

Participants should ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging periods on both nights. Prizes will be awarded!

Be creative! Be festive! Have fun!

WATER TOWER

Work will begin in the spring for the new water tower. The City got approval for a grant from the State Water Commission to pay 60% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$735,000. The remaining 40% will be financed through a low interest loan from the ND Department of Health's Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF).

Over the next few months, the council will be talking about how to pay for our share of the costs.

We want your input!

- ◇ Come to the city council meetings. The city council meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Agendas are posted on the city website under the "City Business" tab.





GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- The Library is staffed by volunteers. Go to www.KindredPublicLibrary.com to see all the various duties you can volunteer for!
- The Kindred Community Club organizes the annual Kindred Days event and welcomes one and all! They meet the 2nd Monday at Kindred Spirits at 7pm.
- The Kindred Ambulance or the Kindred Fire Department are resources you may have a talent for!
- There are several groups that you or your kids can get involved in. The Cub Scouts, Girls Scouts, FFA, 4H, Just for Kix, Kindred Area Arts Partnership, Kindred Concert Series, Kindred Wildlife Club, Lions Club, American Legion, and all the wonderful churches in and around Kindred!

DID YOU KNOW?

The holidays are here and gift giving is on our to-do lists. *Did you know* that Kindred will get the sales tax when you order online and have it delivered to your house? 1% of the city sales tax is paying for the pool. Let's have Cyber Monday (and everyday) benefit the pool!



OTHER NEWS

PAY ONLINE

You can pay your water bill online at www.kindredpayments.com. It's fast and easy!

PAYMENT SLOT

When paying your water bill at City Hall using the payment slot, please **DO NOT** use oversized envelopes (greeting card sizes) or folded envelopes. They get stuck

in the slot. An envelope is not required.

CITY PARK GRANTS

A big *Thank You* to the Kindred Area Community Foundation for a **\$1200 grant** and to the MDU Resources Foundation for a **\$5000 grant** for the purchase of 6 new picnic tables for the city park! The new picnic tables will be pur-

chased in the spring. Keep watching for more park upgrades!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kindred Community Christmas Holiday and Santa event is Sunday, **December 4th** starting with Just for Kix dancers at 3:00 at the elementary school, followed by Santa's arrival at the **Memorial Building at 4pm!** Bring a canned good to be donated to the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. Kids get a goodie bag when they visit Santa!

Blood Drive at City Hall on Thursday, December 8th from 1-6:30p.

Christmas Around the World a community celebration on Sunday, December 11 at the Davenport Community Center. A Live Nativity is at 3:00 followed by a program & choir at 4:00. Soup & sandwiches, bars & beverages. Free will donation.

Cajun Shrimp Dinner fundraiser

on Sunday, **January 15th** from 11-2pm at the Memorial Building. This Kindred Concert Series fundraiser will help pay for a free teaching/concert for the elementary students on April 7th with the "*Redhead Express*"!

The Kindred Fire Department's annual fundraiser is **January 21st**.

The Kindred Wildlife Club's annual fundraiser is **February 4th**.



SNOW RULES TO REMEMBER

Dumping of Snow on City Streets and Public Property Prohibited - It shall be unlawful for any person, association, partnership, corporation, or other entity to deposit, place or dump, or permit or authorize the depositing, placing or dumping of any snow removed from parking lots, from filling station areas, or from other private property upon any City street, public property, and public right-of-way, including public road ditches, other than a City boulevard immediately adjacent to private property.

Snow & Ice on Sidewalk Removed by Owner and Occupant of Property - No snow or ice may be allowed to stand or remain upon any public sidewalk within the City of Kindred. If any person or corporation either neglects or refuses to remove the snow or ice on a public sidewalk abutting the person's or corporation's property, after 48 hours notice by a City Agent, the person or corporation will be subject to penalties. In addition, the City Agent may cause the snow or ice to be removed. The expense incurred in the removal will be charged and assessed against the abutting property by special assessment in a manner prescribed by law.

Snowmobiles and ATVs are permitted to be operated within the city limits only from the residence of the registered owner to the city limits, taking the shortest route practicable.

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