



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

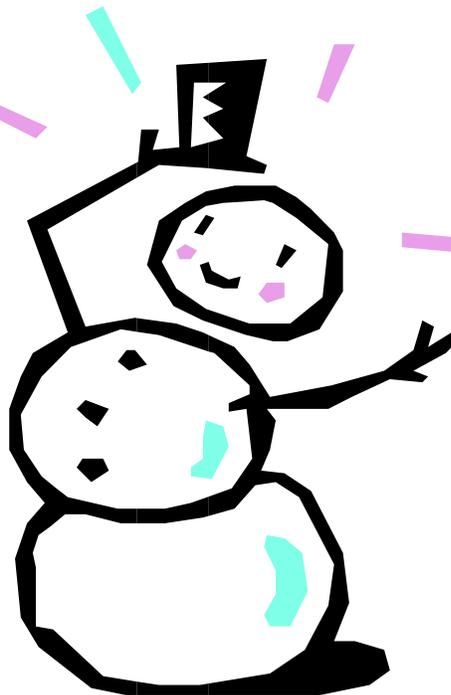
We understand that everyone needs to get out as soon as possible to work or school. We do have a pattern for snow removal.

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!

The Manner In Which It Is Given Is Worth More Than The Gift

- Pierre Corneille

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HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The 2nd Annual Holiday Decorating Contest has begun. Sign up to be a home that will be judged on December 21st. If necessary due to the number of entries, judging will be completed no later than December 22nd. Register at City Hall, the Library, or the link on the city website.

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 create! Be festive! Have fun!

KINDRED CONCERT SERIES

The Kindred Concert Series started in 2014. A few local music enthusiasts volunteer their time to plan, research, fundraise, and along with the help of over 50 businesses, have been able to bring top musical acts to our community. If you like country, folk, or bluegrass, you’re going to love the concerts!

The first 2 concerts have been really exciting with a lot of positive feedback. The next concert is on April 16th featuring “The Bankesters”. This family band’s latest album hit #1 on the Bluegrass charts. This concert will also feature a shrimp dinner prior to the show benefitting a local organization.

Kindred Lutheran Church is the venue for the concerts. The acoustics are really outstanding in the church and the ambiance really makes it an intimate experience.

All proceeds go directly to producing the concert series, buy the equipment needed, as well as being able to keep the ticket price at \$20.

A grant has been submitted to assist in the costs associated with providing this great community event. Several bands are in communication and/or negotiations with the Kindred Concert Series for upcoming concerts.

Check it out at www.kindredconcertseries.com! You can also “Like” them on Facebook at Kindred Concert Series. For questions, send an email to kindredconcertseries@gmail.com or call 361-5578.





Get Involved in your Community

There are many ways you can be a part of 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 Wildlife Club, Lions Club, American Legion, and of course 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, DO NOT use oversized envelopes please (greeting card sizes). They get stuck in the slot. An envelope

is not required.

DONATE ONLINE

You can donate online at www.cityofkindrednd.com. Select "Swimming Pool" and click on the "Make a Donation" button.

SCHWAN'S CARES

If you order Schwans products online, the new campaign number

for the pool fundraiser is **23742**. We raised over \$1500 on the last campaign! Thank you!!!

MEMORIAL BUILDING GRANT

A big *Thank You* to the Kindred Area Community Foundation for a **\$1000 grant** for the Memorial Building! We were able to buy 6 tables, a two-tier chair rack, and a table dolly!

What's Happening

Christmas Holiday Holiday and Santa Event is Sunday, **December 6th** at the Elementary school gym. Performances by Just for Kix and NW Martial Arts at 3:00 followed by Santa's arrival!

Blood Drive at City Hall on Monday, December 14th.

BINGO - December 13th at 4pm at the Memorial Building.

The Kindred Fire Department's annual fundraiser is **January 16th**.

The Kindred Wildlife Club's annual fundraiser is **February 6th**.

The other way to keep up with what's happening is to go to the city website on the "What's Happening" button.

Do you have an event you want

everyone to know about? Email me the information and it will go on the website and cable community channel.





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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