



The Kenyon Chronicle

2010 CENSUS: 10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES

The U.S. Constitution requires that a Census happen every ten years. The collected data determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Data can also help determine allocation of funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen housing and for new construction projects, such as highways and hospitals. Your census form will arrive in March 2010 and should be filled in and returned by April 1st.

Census workers will visit households that do not return questionnaires. All census workers will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their I.D. and their badge before answering any questions. They may ask for basic financial information such as a salary range, but you don't have to answer anything about your financial situation.

During our regular hours, the Kenyon Public Library will provide space for a Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) from approximately March 19th to April 19, 2010. The person working the QAC will be available to assist citizens in both English & Spanish.

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation: **BE COUNTED IN 2010.**

Greetings! The Kenyon Chronicle is an ongoing effort to provide City of Kenyon residents and business owners with a source of public news and information. I hope you have found this quarterly newsletter to be an informational and useful publication.

With the limited space available, articles are very brief and only provide a snapshot of each topic. The Kenyon website has additional details for most items included in each issue. If you need further information, or if you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at City Hall at (507) 789-6415.

Chris Heineman, Administrator

New Faces at the Kenyon Police Department

Justin Reisdorfer and Shannon Harvey are the new full-time Police Officers for the KPD. Justin has a BA degree in criminal justice, and was working for the past two years as an officer in Mountain Lake. Shannon comes from Mazeppa, and has a BA in criminal justice and probations. Both officers have moved to Kenyon, and they are a welcome addition to our police force.



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CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Kenyon Municipal Utilities will once again be providing an energy conservation program in 2010 through a new CMMPA program called **Savings Plus**. Rebates will be provided for the purchase of Energy Star certified appliances including clothes washers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners.

In addition, Minnesota homeowners can qualify for rebates of up to \$200 to replace their old appliances with a qualifying Energy Star model. The "Trade-in & Save" appliance program, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), will provide over \$5 million in rebates beginning in March, 2010. Rebates are not retroactive and homeowners will be limited to a maximum of \$200 per household.

The "Trade-in & Save" appliance rebate program does not apply to commercial or rental properties. Further information on both the "Trade-in & Save" and KMU's **Savings Plus** programs will be available from KMU by the end of February and at the Kenyon Housing and Home Improvement Fair on Thursday, March 4th.



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City Council Meetings

For 2010, the regular City Council meetings will continue to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Friday of each month. The first month of each quarter, however, the City Council will meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (**January 12th, April 13th, July 13th, and October 12th**). A complete schedule is available on the city website. Live viewing of Council meetings is available on Cable Channel 12; and Council meetings are rebroadcast on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Single-Sort Recycling Carts

In December, recycling carts were delivered for use by residential customers. The carts make it easier to recycle as customers can now place all recyclable materials in one cart with no sorting or separating required. Remember, increased recycling produces a decrease in refuse in the landfill. If you have any further questions,

Contact: *Flom Disposal at 507-334-5767*

Snow Ordinance

Snow Removal: It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been any accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow on any street, until all snow, ice & similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street (from curb to curb). All vehicles not removed will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Ordinance: Property Owners: All ice and snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall. All sidewalks abutting Hwy. 56 & 60 between Langford & Spring streets must be clear of all ice and snow within 12 hrs.

Fire Hydrants



REMINDER: If you have a fire hydrant near your property, please be sure to clear the snow away from the hydrant as you shovel. Precious minutes could be lost if firefighters need to access the hydrant in case of fire.

31st Annual Carriage & Cutter Parade

Saturday, February 27th, 2010

Parade begins @ 1:30 p.m.

- Watch 75 to 100 Horse drawn parade units
- Enjoy the kids petting zoo on Forest St.
- Take a tour of the Historic Gunderson House
- Visit businesses and food vendors on Main Street
- Enjoy the Hauge Church bake sale at Jerry's Ace Hardware

Housing & Home Improvement

The second annual Kenyon Housing & Home Improvement Fair will be held on Thursday, March 4th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the commons area at Kenyon High School. The Housing Fair promotes home improvement, project financing, & local community development. Approximately twenty contractors, retailers, and local service providers will be on hand to assist you with your upcoming projects. Look for additional details in upcoming issues of the Kenyon Leader.

Broomball League

The local ice rink is no longer just for kids! The Kenyon Park & Rec. Committee has organized the 2nd annual Co-ed Adult Broomball League. Five teams are participating in this year's league, which is playing on Wednesday nights from January 6th thru February 3rd, and a championship tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th.

KANS FOR KENYON

The Park and Recreation Committee has an on-going fundraiser collecting aluminum cans. You can contribute by dropping off your aluminum cans in the trailer which is located in the parking lot across the street from Fred's IGA. All proceeds are used for local recreational programming, equipment, and events. Recent funding includes \$2,000 for new playground equipment at Depot Park and over \$500 for both Community Education and the pool. We appreciate your continued support!

UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- FEB. 12 & MAR. 12: CITY COUNCIL MTG. AT 9 A.M.
- FEB. 1 & MAR. 1: PLANNING COMMISSION MTG. AT 7 P.M.
- FEB. 17 & MAR. 17: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 6 P.M.
- FEB. 24 & MAR. 24: PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6:30 P.M.
- FEB. 16 & MAR. 16: LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:30 P.M.
- FEB. 27 - CARRIAGE & CUTTER PARADE AT 1:30 P.M.
- APR. 12: LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION AT 5 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS