



## Small Town, Big Energy! Annual Kindred Days Fun Held August 8-10

Kindred Community Days is almost here! The hardworking volunteers of the Kindred Community Club (KCC) have been planning all year and are putting the final pieces of the puzzle into place to bring you another great, fun-filled weekend of exciting activities. This year's event will be held August 8-10, 2025.

Visit [KindredDays.com](http://KindredDays.com) TODAY and check back often for event details. You can also contact the KCC, sign up to volunteer, register for the 5k, car show, or parade, complete vendor registration, become a sponsor or donate to Kindred Days. Schedule of events and maps will be available soon when those details are finalized.



**MORE DETAILS SOON! WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE EVENT FLYER!**



**KINDRED DAYS**  
-- 2ND ANNUAL --  
**KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

- This is family friendly and open to ages 11 and up.
- Teams must be co-ed with at least 4 female players
- Team minimum of 9 players. Max 12.
- Play is for fun - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Award

*Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> - Start 1pm*

**\$20 PER TEAM, PLAY WILL BE AT THE PRO-AG SOFTBALL FIELDS**  
**Register your team**  
[KindredCommunityClub@gmail.com](mailto:KindredCommunityClub@gmail.com)

**AUGUST 8-10, 2025**  
**POOL**  
*Kindred Days*

**FREE SWIM**  
FRIDAY 12-5 AND 6-8  
SATURDAY 1-6

**FREE WATER AEROBICS**  
SUNDAY 6-7

**FRIDAY GAMES**  
1:00 - PING PONG TALLY  
1:20 - SWIM RELAY  
1:40 - TUBE BASKETBALL  
2:00 - FLOATIE RELAY  
2:20 - BEST BELLY FLOP, BIGGEST SPLASH, ETC.  
2:40 - POP FISHING!



# Do You Need a Fence Permit?

## What Homeowners Should Know

Installing a fence can enhance privacy, improve security, and boost curb appeal—but before you start digging post holes, it's important to understand Kindred's fence permit requirements. Whether you're replacing an old fence or installing a new one, here's what you need to know to stay compliant and avoid setbacks.

### What Is a Fence Permit?

A fence permit is an official approval from your local municipality that allows you to construct or alter a fence on your property. It ensures your project complies with zoning laws, building codes, and neighborhood regulations.

### When Is a Permit Required?

- New fence installation
- Replacing or altering an existing fence beyond minor repairs
- Installing a fence near public property (e.g., sidewalks, alleys, or easements)
- Fencing around pools (often subject to stricter safety codes)

### Regulations to Consider

Even with a permit, your fence must meet certain standards.

- Height limits
- Setback requirements from property lines or sidewalks
- Material restrictions (e.g., no barbed wire or electric fencing in residential zones)

- Visibility rules at intersections to ensure driver and pedestrian safety
- Developer Approval

### How to Apply for a Fence Permit

The application process is straightforward:

#### Submit a permit application, including:

- A site plan showing fence location, dimensions, property lines, measurements, etc.;
- Details about materials and construction; neighbor consent (in some cases);
- Permit fee (1 % of project cost, or \$25.00)

**Wait for approval before beginning construction.** After an office review, fence permits are presented to Planning & Zoning at their regular monthly meeting for final approval.

### Why It Matters

Skipping the permit process can lead to:

- **Fines or penalties**
- **Mandatory removal** of the fence
- **Liability issues** if the fence causes damage or injury

Taking the time to secure a permit protects your investment and ensures your project is safe and legal.

### Pro Tips for a Smooth Process

- **Call before you dig:** Contact 811 to locate underground utilities.
- **Double-check your property lines:** A survey can prevent disputes with neighbors.
- **Communicate with neighbors:** Especially if the fence is shared or close to their property.
- **Keep records:** Save your permit and inspection documents for future reference.



## Electric Scooters & Kids: Striking the Right Balance for Safety

With the rise of electric scooters across neighborhoods and parks, kids are more eager than ever to hop on and zoom ahead. These sleek, speedy rides offer a fun and efficient way to get around—but without the right precautions, they can also pose risks.

Kindred City Hall has received numerous calls and comments about kids on bikes, e-scooters, etc. blowing through stops signs, not watching out for vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and a dangerous disregard for their own and others' safety.

### Why Safety Matters

Electric scooters aren't just toys—they're motorized vehicles. While most models are designed for teens and adults, younger riders are increasingly trying their hand at scooting. That's why understanding the limitations and responsibilities that come with these devices is key.

- **High Speeds & Low Control:** Some scooters can reach speeds up to 15 mph or more, which can be overwhelming for younger riders.
- **Injury Risk:** Falls, collisions, and improper handling can result in scrapes, sprains, and even head injuries.
- **Traffic Hazards:** Scooters often share roads or sidewalks with pedestrians and vehicles, introducing complex navigation challenges.

### Tips for Safer Scooting

Let's keep the fun alive while minimizing risks with some practical safety steps:

- **Age Guidelines:** Stick to manufacturer recommendations and local age restrictions—most electric scooters are suited for ages 14+.
- **Follow all traffic rules:** Just as you would for riding a bicycle, stop at all stop signs, watch for other vehicles, be mindful of pedestrians, stay in the right lane, etc.
- **Gear Up:** Helmets are a must. Add elbow and knee pads for extra protection.
- **Supervised Rides:** Encourage riding in safe, low-traffic areas and always keep an eye on younger children.
- **Scooter Maintenance:** Regularly check brakes, tires, and battery to make sure everything's running smoothly.

### A Community Effort

Creating a safe environment isn't just the job of parents—it takes all of us. Whether you're a neighbor waving down a speedy rider, a parent/adult teaching your child safety or monitoring their riding, or a community leader reviewing park pathways, awareness goes a long way.

**Let's champion safety so our kids can enjoy the ride—and arrive home with nothing but smiles.**





# Sump Pump Discharge Must Go Outside Spring Through Fall

## Help Protect Our Lagoon from Overload

Many homes in Kindred have sump pumps that are connected to both the sanitary sewer system and an exterior discharge pipe. These systems usually include a valve or diverter that allows the homeowner to control where the sump pump water goes.

By City Ordinance (§9-0306), sump pumps must discharge to the outdoors during the spring, summer, and fall — either to the storm sewer or to a drainage ditch. They may only be connected to the sanitary sewer system during the winter months (typically December through March), to help avoid hazardous ice buildup.

### What's a Sump Pump — and Why Does This Matter?

A sump pump is a device, usually located in your basement or utility room, that pumps groundwater out of your home to prevent basement flooding. Most sump pumps discharge water through a pipe leading outside.

Some homes also have a secondary connection to the sanitary sewer with a valve to switch between the two. When sump pump water is sent into the sanitary sewer, it sends significant amounts of water into the system and can overload the city's lagoon system, which is only designed to treat wastewater — not clear groundwater. This can lead to higher treatment costs, backups, and long-term damage to our lagoon system.

### What You Need To Do

Right now (spring through fall): Make sure your sump pump is discharging to the outside. Check your valve or diverter to ensure it's in the correct position.

Winter exception: The City allows discharge to the sanitary sewer only during winter months (typically December 1 –

March 1) due to freezing concerns.

If you're not sure how your system is set up or how to switch it, contact a licensed plumber or call City Hall for assistance.

### Enforcement & Penalties

The City is inspecting properties to ensure compliance. Homes with sump pumps found discharging into the sanitary sewer during prohibited months — or that refuse inspection — will be assessed a \$100/month surcharge (March–November).

For new construction, contractors face a \$500 fine plus \$100/day until improper connections are corrected.

### Questions?

We're here to help. Call City Hall at (701) 428-3115 if you need help identifying your sump pump discharge, locating your valve, or finding a qualified professional to assist you.



# HYDRANT FLUSHING



Kindred Public Works flushes hydrants throughout the summer/fall as needed and as available. Flushing hydrants serves multiple purposes: maintaining water quality by removing sediment and rust buildup in water mains, ensuring proper hydrant functionality for fire emergencies, and testing water pressure and flow rates. The process helps prevent water discoloration and potential blockages in the distribution system, ensuring a reliable water supply for everyday use and firefighting.

## **Water Quality Maintenance:**

Over time, minerals and sediments can accumulate in water pipes. Flushing hydrants forces water through the system at high velocity, scouring the pipes and removing these deposits. This helps maintain the clarity, taste, and overall quality of the water supply.

## **Hydrant Functionality Testing:**

Flushing hydrants is a crucial part of routine maintenance for fire departments. It allows them to test the flow rate and pressure of each hydrant, ensuring they are functioning correctly and can deliver the necessary water volume during a fire emergency.

## **Preventing Water Discoloration:**

If sediment buildup isn't addressed, it can be stirred up during periods of high water demand (like a fire) or during construction. This can lead to temporary discoloration of tap water. Flushing hydrants regularly helps prevent this by removing the sediment proactively.

## **Ensuring Adequate Water Pressure:**

Hydrant flushing helps utilities monitor and maintain proper water pressure within the distribution system. This is essential for both everyday water use and fire suppression, as low pressure can hinder both.





## Join the Kindred Community Mural Painting Party!

Join us July 21 & 22 for Community Mural Painting Parties and be a part of downtown history! Artist Eric A Johnson, Big Oak Press, will unveil the design and have sheets for our community to paint! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. If you can hold a brush you can participate! The mural sheets will be prepped in a "paint by number" style that community members will paint as the background. Then, artist Eric and a team of volunteers will do the overpainting on the sheets in preparation for the September installation!

Come and go anytime during the following times :

WHERE:

Kindred Memorial Building (121 Linden Street, Kindred)

WHEN:

**Monday, July 21 | 1-3 pm & 4-7 pm**

\*701 Spirits will have their doughnut cart parked outside all day!

**Tuesday, July 22 | 1-3 pm & 4-7 pm**

\*Twisted Jz will have their food cart in town all day!

Can you help volunteer during the parties to hand out supplies?

Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5AD28A7FFC07-57554968-community#/>

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Artist Eric A. Johnson



Eric A. Johnson is a local printmaker who has shared the art of printmaking with KHS students as an Artist in Residence. Originally from Embden, Johnson took his first art class in college, which sparked his interest. He ultimately found printmaking to be his true passion. He now has a Master of Fine Arts degree from UND, is an adjunct instructor at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, serves as President of the Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists, and runs his printmaking studio, Big Oak Press, near his Hillsboro home.

Eric will lead the charge on the planning, painting and installation of the Kindred Community Mural, mentored by Greta McLain, GoodSpace Murals.

[website](#)



JUNE



JULY - AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

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## The Community Closet

Household & Clothing Items  
for anyone in need.



*Our doors are open to anyone in need of gently used clothing or household items.*

*Thanks to the community, our shelves are fully stocked and ready to serve.*



**Open Every Tuesday**

**12pm - 5 pm**



**Location:**

Lower level of

**Kindred Global Methodist Church**

**281 Linden Street, Kindred, ND**



**Kindred Area**

## FOOD PANTRY

**OPEN TUESDAYS NOON-5PM**

KINDRED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
391 SPRUCE STREET  
KINDRED, ND  
Phone: 701-428-3630

**DONATIONS:**

Venmo @kindredfoodpantry

Drop off at Kindred Lutheran Church  
& Hawk's Market



**See Crime. Text it.  
Anonymously.**



## Seniors Citizens

age 60 and older

taking care of your feet is essential for  
maintaining overall health and well-being

**Appointments available:**

Tuesday August 5th

9:00 am to 11:00 am

at Kindred City Hall



for physical and mental benefits  
15 minutes chair massage

**Appointments available:**

Monday August 25th

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

at Kindred City Hall

**TO SCHEDULE .....  
FOOT CARE SERVICE  
MASSAGE TREATMENT**

Call Carolyn  
at 701-238-4520  
or if you have any questions

**SPONSORED BY THE  
KINDRED SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION**

*You are Invited:*

## Kindred Area Senior Meals

**Third Monday of every month @ 11:45am**

*Bring a friend!*

Please RSVP: 701-428-3650  
**Kindred Lutheran Church**  
391 Spruce Street, Kindred, ND 58051  
★★★★★★★★★★  
Wheelchair-accessible venue  
\$4.00 suggested donation for meal

**8/18  
&  
9/15**

**Games, bingo, singing, prizes, etc...**

**KINDREDND.COM**



# Kindred Public Library

## July happenings:

9th - Book Discussion 6:30pm - *Miramar Bay* by David Bunn

14th - Friends meeting 6pm; Trustees 7pm

28th - Story Time 10am - *Farm Chicken's New Shoes*

## August events include:

5th - Story Time 10am - *Smokey Bear*

9th - Kindred Days open house 11-1

11th - Friends meeting 6pm; Trustees 7pm

12th - Festival of Tables 6pm doors open; 7pm table seating

13th - Book Discussion 9am - *Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

## Summer Hours:

Monday & Friday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Second Saturday of the month



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