

CITY OF KINDRED

“Where Kindness is a Way of Life”

2020 Fall Newsletter

2020 CASS COUNTY ELECTION

Due to COVID-19, **there will NOT be a voting location in the City of Kindred or at City Hall on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.** Cass County has provided alternate voting options for residents of Cass County.

Cass County will be conducting the November 3, 2020 General Election as a vote center election with six vote center locations available. Voters may also vote by absentee ballot. Ballots are ONLY sent to citizens that have completed an application that has been verified by the Cass County Finance Office.

If you are unsure if you asked for a ballot for November to be mailed to you, call (701) 241-5600 to verify.

There will be several ways to submit a ballot for the November 2020 General Election. You can vote by absentee ballot, vote on Election Day, or vote early at one of multiple locations on specific dates. See the 2020 Voting information from Cass County on page three of this newsletter.

Whether a citizen votes by absentee ballot or in-person, valid identification including the voter's name, current residential address, and date of birth is required. Options include a North Dakota driver's license, a nondriver's identification card, ID issued by a tribal government, or a long-term care identification certificate.

More information can be found on page three of this newsletter or at the Cass County website at www.casscountynd.gov/home.

(*If you are residents of Richland County, please contact the Richland County Auditor or go to www.co.richland.nd.us for more information.)



WINTER IS COMING!

Snow Removal Reminders

As winter approaches, the City of Kindred's snow removal crew is prepping equipment to make sure they are



ready for the first snowfall. Crews aim to keep emergency routes clear while simultaneously opening up other areas of town in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Your patience and cooperation for the upcoming snow season is greatly appreciated.

Here are some helpful reminders for snow removal season:

- **Vehicles must be removed from streets after any snowfall event so snow removal activities are not obstructed.** Any vehicle found in violation can be towed and impounded at the owner's expense and, in addition, may be fined.
- It is the responsibility of the owners/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.
- **Moving or blowing snow onto city streets, public property, or any public right of way is not allowed.** 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.
- **Please do not use private/commercial snow removal equipment to clear city streets.** As helpful as it may seem, you may be liable if something is damaged.
- To ensure uninterrupted mail delivery, property owners/occupants must remove snow and ice around mailboxes. Contact the Kindred Post Office for their rules and regulations on winter mail delivery.
- Talk to your children about snow pile safety. Safety is always on the minds of snow removal drivers, but when snow piles increase in size, the ability to see children playing on/in the snow piles can be difficult.

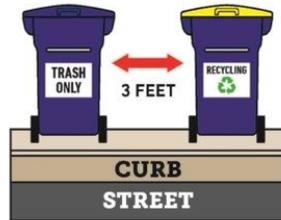
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFELY

CDC Guidelines for Halloween

Garbage and recycling reminders:

- Be sure to leave a **MINIMUM distance of 3 FEET** between each tote and other obstacles (poles, cars, mailboxes etc.) to provide enough room for the truck's mechanical arm. Otherwise, the driver has to get out of his truck to properly space your totes, or they may be skipped.
- Please make sure lids are closed so the contents remain dry.
- All garbage and recycling totes should be placed on the curb or boulevard—**DO NOT place them on the street.**
- After the garbage trucks have gone through, please remove your garbage and recycling totes from the street in a timely fashion, especially on snowy days, to make it easier for snow removal trucks to efficiently remove snow.
- Garbage pickup is every Tuesday. Recycling pick up is **every other** Tuesday.



Visit the City of Kindred website at www.cityofkindrednd.com/utilitybillingandservices for the garbage and recycling schedule and other garbage and recycling information.

By taking a few extra precautions this Halloween, your little ghosts and goblins can still have a howling good time. The CDC has provided some guidelines to help make Halloween safer.

Make trick-or-treating safer— Wear a mask and wash your hands before handling treats. Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters. If possible hand out treats outdoors or set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.

Wear a mask— Make your cloth mask part of your costume. A costume mask is NOT a substitute for a cloth mask. Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult. Masks should not be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing.

Distance—Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you. Indoors and outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

Wash your hands—Bring hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol with you and use it after touching objects or other people. Parents should supervise young children using hand sanitizer. Wash your hands with soap and water for a least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

Visit the CDC's website for more information at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.



CASS CLAY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

The Cass and Clay counties have discontinued the CodeRED system on September 1, 2020 and have converted to the **NEW** Cass Clay Alert System.

When you sign up for Cass Clay Alerts, you will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile, or business phones, email address, text messages, and more.

You may register up to five physical addresses per user profile. Doing so will enable you to receive alerts for home, work, school, family members, or other locations important to you.

Confirm receipt of the alert and you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods for that notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths you registered.

Choose which severe weather alerts you want to receive with the ability to set 'quiet hours' for alerts that are not considered urgent such as watches or advisories.

For more information or to register, visit www.cassclayalerts.gov or call (701) 476-4068.



2020 VOTING

HOW TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

VOTE ABSENTEE



You can request an absentee ballot for the General Election at the address below!

vote.nd.gov ▶ "Vote by Mail/Absentee"

Or you can fill out the reverse side of this flyer and mail it in or drop it off at the courthouse dropbox.

NOTE: Absentee ballots will not be available until September 24th. Absentee ballots, for those that have applied, will arrive in mailboxes in the first or second week of October.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Cass County voters can use any of the Early Voting sites in metro Cass County or Casselton to cast their votes for the General Election on November 3.

If you have moved since the last time you voted, you should make sure your address with the ND Department of Transportation is current and accurate. You can update your address online by visiting vote.nd.gov. You do not need to get a new physical license or ID card.



We are committed to providing options for voters and to keep both our voters and our election workers safe during the General Election.



For the safety of everyone involved in the election, we encourage masks to be worn at all polling places.

VOTE EARLY

Voting early is convenient and simple.

Cass County voters can use any of the Early Voting sites listed in the schedule below.

You will be able to vote at multiple locations in the metro area and in Casselton fifteen days prior to Election Day. This is an effort to provide opportunities to cast ballots in person while at the same time offering enough hours to keep people socially distanced as much as possible while exercising their right to vote.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

Week 1: October 19 - October 24

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Ramada Inn - 3333 13th Ave S, Fargo

DoubleTree Inn - 825 E Beaton Dr, West Fargo

FargoDome - 1800 N University Dr, Fargo

Week 2: October 26 - October 31

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Ramada Inn - 3333 13th Ave S, Fargo

DoubleTree Inn - 825 E Beaton Dr, West Fargo

FargoDome - 1800 N University Dr, Fargo

Fargo Civic Center - 207 4th St N, Fargo

Hilton Garden Inn - 4351 17th Ave S, Fargo

Days Inn - Casselton - 2050 Governor's Dr

Week 3: November 2 - November 3

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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Fall Cleanup

Yard Waste

Falling leaves means crisp, cool evenings enjoying a few last campfires before the snow flies and balmy days of tree trimming, garden cleaning, and final lawn mowings. Here are some helpful reminders as fall wraps up.

The yard waste dumpsters will be available until a substantial snowfall. They are located on Elm Street west of the railroad tracks by the City Shop.

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, garden vegetation, brush, limbs, and small branches (no tree stumps, no branches larger than six inches, and no plastic bags). Please empty contents from bags and dispose of the bags in the receptacle provided or reuse them. If the dumpsters are full, please do not leave yard waste on the ground.

Please note: This property is not a collection site for appliances or junk of any kind. This is considered illegal dumping and is punishable by fines. Refer to Kindred City Ordinance No. 15-0311.



New Hours at the Kindred Public Library

Effective October 5, the Kindred Public Library has new extended hours.

NEW Kindred Public Library Hours:

Monday & Friday - 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

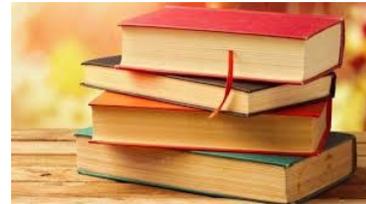
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 4:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday - closed

Kindred Public Library also has two **Little Free Library** locations! One at Gilbertson Park and one at City Park by the Memorial Building. Stop by to grab a book on the go!

Online reserves, curbside pickup, and Kindred/Walcott delivery service will continue. Face masks are required for patrons ages three and older.

For more information, 'check out' the Library's website at www.kindredndlibrary.org or visit them on [Facebook!](https://www.facebook.com/kindredndlibrary)



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Special Assessment and Renaissance Zone

Are you looking to be more involved in your community? The City has one vacancy on the Special Assessment Committee and one vacancy on the Renaissance Zone Committee.

The Special Assessment Committee is responsible for meeting two to four times per project that requires special assessments to fund the project. The committee reviews which properties benefit and the costs to be special assessed against each property. You must live within Kindred city limits to serve on this committee.

The Renaissance Zone's primary goal is to strengthen Kindred's overall economic development program by incentivizing the redevelopment or rehabilitation of structures, both residential and commercial, that will improve the city's visual appearance, increase property value, create jobs, and increase population in Kindred.

The Renaissance Zone Committee's responsibilities include reviewing then approving/denying applications and conducting site visits of the projects to make sure progress is being made in accordance with the application specifications. The Committee will also engage in efforts to promote the program through public meetings and workshops.

Contact City Hall (428-3115) if you are interested in serving on either of these committees.

Would you like to receive City of Kindred email notices, updates, and newsletters via email?

We will keep you notified on utility service restrictions, garbage/recycling delays, street cleaning, and other updates. Email us at cityofkindred@msn.com with "Email List" in the subject line to register. Visit our website at www.cityofkindrednd.com for all things City related.

City of Kindred Fall Update

from Mayor Jason DuBord

Hello Kindred!

I want to take a moment to thank our community for rolling with the punches throughout this last year. With all the different levels of concern over COVID, it's been a pleasure to see our community working well together. Let's continue to be respectful of one another and give more and more value to the supportive benefits of living here.

Here are some updates on what your city council is up to:

Water Tower: It's been a long process but finally we've finished up all the contract requirements with our beautiful new water tower. Special thanks to Rich Schock for your endless energy in being accountable to our contactors and your pursuance of making sure the job was done right. My only regret with the project is that we didn't put an additional Viking logo on the other side.

Lagoon: Originally, we planned to simply add on to our existing lagoon pools, but with much thought and deliberation, we are now looking to use this grant opportunity to move the lagoon outside our city limits. Our target area is west of town and if all goes as well, we'll look to finish the project in late 2021 or spring of 2022. Special thanks once again to Moore Engineering for helping us acquire more than \$4.25 million in grant funding for the project.

Renaissance Zone Creation: Over the past year, we have worked with Lake Agassiz Development Group to construct a renaissance zone for the town of Kindred. The purpose of a renaissance zone is to provide tax incentives to both businesses and individuals who want to improve their properties. Our hope is to have the renaissance zone completed and wrapped up in early 2021. More details to follow.

New Hire: I'm proud to announce that Kindred alumni, Jackie Johnson, has accepted a temporary auditor assistant position with the City of Kindred. She's already proven her worth by hitting the ground running and providing much needed support to our current staff. Special thanks to Tabitha Arnaud for sticking with us as we continue to throw you an endless amount of work. I couldn't ask for a better city auditor.

Downtown Improvements: Our city council has voted to move forward in creating a comprehensive plan to remodel our downtown business district. The NDDOT offers a \$250K improvement grant, of which we'd like to put our hat in the ring. The process of planning and getting awarded the grant takes 3-4 years, so we decided to get rolling. Much public input will be needed for the completion of this project.

New Street Lights: Ottertail Power Company has agreed to install new, updated street lights along Elm Street. Special thanks to Shad Stoddard and Dwight Ogren for getting this done for us free of charge!

Park Improvements: You may have noticed this summer much activity in our city park. Last year the City voted to hand over City Park management to our Park District. Diseased tree removal, adding new basketball backboards/nets, adding beautiful new pool shades, and installing new edging and sand around the jungle gym dome have been highlights of their hard work. Special thanks to the Park District for taking this call and running with it.

KINDRED PARKS & RECREATION

Upcoming Fall and Winter Activities

Kindred Parks has some exciting events planned for the upcoming months. This month you can participate in ***The Pumpkin Hunt***. There are six pumpkins hidden outside businesses and community spaces in Kindred. At each location, participants will find a pumpkin and a new clue that leads to the next location. Please leave the pumpkins and the clues where you find them, so everyone can play the game and have fun. Once you have reached the last location, you will find a code to a survey. Fill out the survey to get entered into a drawing to win one of five Boo-tubes filled with special treats or the Grand Prize, a Spooktacular Fall Gift Basket. The hunt will end October 30th. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page on October 31st and contacted for prize pickup.

This winter, be on the lookout for a Facebook Gratitude Challenge, Virtual Cookie Decorating, Virtual Arts and Craft Make and Take, Lego Build Challenges, Virtual Bingo, and more. Our events will be posted online on our website and Facebook Page—[Kindred Parks and Recreation](#).

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