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# City of Kenyon Chronicle

*The Boulevard of Roses*



## Kenyon Business Park Lots for Sale

The 30-acre Kenyon EDA Business Park is located on the east side of Kenyon on County Rd 12. The first phase consists of four lots, ranging from one to three acres. The lots are ready for new light industrial, warehouse, and related types of businesses. These sites are shown below.

The site is served by all utilities including three-phase electric, gas, sewer, water, and high speed broadband. Incentives including \$0 land cost write down, tax increment financing, and utility assessment deferrals are available. For more information visit [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com)  
*Mark Vabsling, City Administrator*



## Sewer Rate Increase

The Kenyon City Council has approved a Sewer rate increase effective March 15, 2023. This will be reflected on the April billing.

	Current Rates	New Rate
Rate per 1000 Gallons	\$6.10	\$6.61
Base Rate: Less than 1"	\$21.70	\$23.44
Base Rate: 1.5"	\$69.50	\$75.06
Base Rate: 2"	\$104.00	\$112.32
Base Rate: 3"	\$185.00	\$199.80

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## Meet Cora Boelman

Cora Boelman, is a Community Grant Specialist with CEDA (Community and Economic Development). She has been working with the City of Kenyon one day a week on the following:



- ♦ Coordinate marketing the business park and assist potential businesses that may be looking to locate there
- ♦ Assist interested persons looking to locate a business in the downtown area.
- ♦ Update EDA resources and add business listings to the City Website
- ♦ Assist businesses with the façade improvement program
- ♦ Identify and implement programs that may assist the downtown area.
- ♦ Assist the City with grant writing.

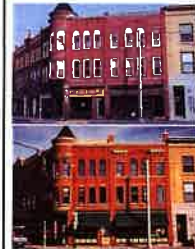
Kenyon businesses and entrepreneurs may e-mail Cora at [cora.boelman@cedausa.com](mailto:cora.boelman@cedausa.com) for mor information. Cora would like to learn more about how she can help your business meet your needs and goals.

## Commercial Façade Improvement

In order to encourage commercial property owners to make exterior improvements and add additional parking to the back entrance of buildings in the C-1, C-2, and I-1 zoning districts, the Kenyon EDA is offering funding through its Commercial Façade Improvement Program.

Eligible program expenses include:

- Exterior repairs/improvements to all public facing portions of the buildings
- Exterior code violation corrections
- Handicapped accessibility improvements
- Energy efficiency improvements



The maximum grant assistance per building is 50% of the total project cost up to \$4,000.

Contact Cora Boelman at [cora.boelman@cedausa.com](mailto:cora.boelman@cedausa.com) or City Hall for an application.

## Sidewalk - Snow Removal

**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.

**REMINDER:** When removing snow from your property, it cannot be put onto city streets, alleyways or your neighbor's property.  
*Jeff Sjoblom, Police Chief*

## Winter Parking Regulations

Changes to Ordinance No. 94 regarding winter parking regulations and penalties took effect December 16, 2020. Revisions to the ordinance make it unlawful to park a vehicle on a street or highway after a continuous or intermittent snowfall **that requires mobilization of City snow plow crews**, and until all snow, ice, and similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street or highway. The police dept. is authorized to ticket and/or tow vehicles that are in violation. The fine for violation is \$50 if paid within 48 hours, \$100 if not paid within 48 hours but within a week, and \$200 if paid after one week.  
*Kenyon Police Department*



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## Shoveling Driveway Openings

The City requests that residents wait until the public works trucks have completed plowing the streets before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge the snow to the sides of the road and cannot "skip over" driveways. Shoveling the snow from the bottom of the driveway to the right as you face the street will help lessen the amount of snow that will be deposited in the end of a driveway during the next plowing.



Wayne Elbrich, Public Works Director

## Trash/Recycle Bins

**Reminder from the Public Works Department and Flom Disposal:** To avoid damage to your trash receptacles and recycle bins, please keep them out of the street and place them at the end of your driveway. The receptacles must be brought back up to your house after trash and recycling is picked up each week.

## ATTENTION: All KMU WATER Customers!

Customers are urged to take the temperature of their water and then continue monitoring it for the next two months even if we get several days of warmer weather.

**You should immediately start running a continuous pencil lead-width stream of water from a faucet:**

- If your water temperature is below 36 degrees Fahrenheit
  - If you notice rusty or below-normal flow of water
- A frozen water service repair could cost between \$800-\$1000 or more. The cost to run a constant pencil lead-width stream of water to avoid a frozen water line is much less (\$50-\$60 per month including sewer fees). Frozen pipes can occur in any structure regardless of its age.

Randy Eggert, KMU Operations Superintendent

## Round Up Program Supports Food Shelf

As a customer of Kenyon Municipal Utilities, you have an opportunity to help support a program which provides financial assistance to the All Seasons Community Service Food Shelf located in Kenyon.

For those who participate, KMU rounds up your monthly utility bill to the next dollar amount and donates the spare change to the food shelf. This is a great way to help families in need in our community. The maximum donation for each account per month is \$.99 or less. 100% of the funds received are donated to the food shelf. **In 2022, the round up program raised \$3,450.54.**

If you would like to participate and support the food shelf in Kenyon, please call City Hall at 789-6415.



## CodeRED Notification System

The City of Kenyon uses the CodeRED system to notify residents via text, phone, e-mail, or through the CodeRED app. Notifications are made for items including power outages, street work, weather, garbage schedule changes, and other items.

Go to [www.cityofkenyon.com](http://www.cityofkenyon.com) or text **KENYONALERT** to 99411 (*see insert*) to sign up. *Mark Vablsing, City Administrator*

TEXT "KENYONALERT" to 99411 to enroll in CodeRED public safety alerts

## Local Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship

Kenyon Municipal Utilities is sponsoring the 2023 local Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award. High school seniors whose parents or guardians are customers of Kenyon Municipal Utilities are eligible to apply. The local winner will be awarded \$500 and have their essay submitted to the MMUA for consideration of an additional scholarship. Applications are available at City Hall and the Kenyon-Wanamingo High School. The application deadline is **April 11, 2023.**

Randy Eggert, KMU Operations Superintendent



## KANS For Kenyon

The Rose Fest Committee continues to collect aluminum cans as a fund raising effort. You can contribute by depositing your empty aluminum cans in the trailer located in the parking lot at 98 Gunderson Blvd. All proceeds will be used to sponsor Rose Fest events. **In 2022, the donation of cans raised \$1,872.** The Rose Fest Committee thanks you for your support!



## License Your Pets:

Kenyon City ordinance requires ALL cats and dogs over the age of 6 months to be licensed every year. Current rabies information is required to obtain the license. **Licenses are available at the Police Department, 719 2nd Street.**

Cost: \$5 (spayed/neutered)  
\$10 (not spayed/neutered)  
After May 1st, the cost increases by \$2.



## Fire Hydrants

### REMINDER from Kenyon Fire Department:

If a fire hydrant is located near your property, we ask that you clear the snow away from it as you shovel. Precious minutes could be lost if firefighters need to dig out hydrants in the case of fire.



Lee Skillestad,  
Fire Chief

### UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- FEB. 14 & MAR. 14: CITY COUNCIL MTG. AT 7 P.M.
- FEB. 21 & MAR. 21: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 4 P.M.
- FEB. 7 & MAR. 7 PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6:00 P.M.
- Feb. 20 - Holiday - Office Closed
- FEB. 7 & MAR. 7: LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:00 P.M.