



THE CITIZEN

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The Heartland is Coming

On Friday July 23 Nebraska Department of Roads voted to sign a four state letter between Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska for submission to the Federal Transportation Committee for finalization of the federally designated route of the Heartland Expressway. At the same time Senators Allard (CO) and Hagel were introducing federal legislation to designate this route. These two steps help to finalize the official standing of the Heartland Expressway, making it eligible for other federal funding venues and allowing us to officially use the name, "Heartland Expressway". At the same DOR meeting the commissioners also officially adopted the 18 miles south of Kimball and the 8 miles

west of Morrill into their Nebraska Expressway System. This step allows the state to spend any federal funds received and earmarked for the Heartland on these two portions of highway. The addition of these two segments into the NE expressway system also ensures that the highways will be eventually built into 4 lane divided highways. The University of Nebraska at Lincoln has a special program called the "Rural Initiative". This program outlined 4 special cities for development of additional ideas and projects. Kimball was chosen because of its unique location in that we will be at the crossroads of 2 Interstate Highways. Rural Initiative named their project, Kimball, City with a Future. Locally,

we have dubbed this project: Changing Lanes. On Friday July 30th, over 100 people gathered to listen to the introduction and kickoff for this program. Over the next several months you will be reading about steps that the City of Kimball along with Partners, FKI and Economic Development is taking in order to be ready for these monumental changes. We will continue to communicate to you the committees and projects that will spin off from this program. If you have any questions about Changing Lanes or any other development issues, please feel free to contact my office. More to follow as we develop this exciting program.
Economic Development Director
Deb Crago



**City of Kimball
Office Hours
Mon - Fri
7:30 AM -
4:30 PM**

**"You stay young as long as
you can learn, acquire new
habits, and suffer
contradiction."
MARIE VON EBNER-ESCHENBACH**

Special points of interest:

- Heartland
- John's Jargon
- Sewer Maintenance
- Assistance Please
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Housing Rehab Program extended

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) date has been extended to September 19, 2005. The Program has been opened to the entire community. Interested persons stop by City Hall and pick up a pre-application.

John's Jargon

So much has happened since the last newsletter that I hardly know where to begin. I guess the best place to start is by thanking the citizens of Kimball for the warm welcome that has been extended to me during my first four months as your City Administrator. It would be a huge understatement to say that I have been treated well. This truly is a special place. This is a very exciting time to be a citizen of Kimball, NE! The introduction of legislation allowing the Heartland Expressway to become a reality is just the first step to a very bright future for our city. I had the pleasure of attending a breakfast July 30th at which the focal point was that the future of our City belongs to each and every individual citizen. Where our city goes from here is our responsibility.

My Daughter Katie Hanna will graduate from Kimball High School in twelve years and I keep asking myself, "what will the City of Kimball be like then?" My hope, my goal, my dream is that our city will be the shining star of western Nebraska. It is up to us.
City Administrator

City of Kimball Crews Continue Sewer Maintenance

The City of Kimball's Water/Wastewater crew continues maintaining fifty sewers on a monthly basis. These sewers have had problems in the past and have been put on the monthly sewer maintenance list. Water superintendent, Dave Ford urges customers to use caution with what they flush down toilets, and put down their drains. City crews continue to find articles in the sewer system such as, small toys, under clothing, cigarette butts, razor blades, cooking grease (dumped into the sewer system through customer sinks), and oil.



Most times when wrong articles are introduced into the system the problem will only travel a short distance in the City main sewer line and cause a plug. In the event a plug does occur, it generally happens to your neighbor, so be a good neighbor and use common sense with what you put in your sewer line.

Things you **should not** put in your sewer line

- Cooking Grease
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers
- Paper Towels
- Razor Blades

This is just a small list of what not to flush. If you have any questions, call the City office @ 235-3639

Help us keep the electric load down

During hot days when the temperature soars around or above 95 degrees, please conserve your electric usage. This will help the City maintain lower peak electric age and will help rates more stable. Load management switches are



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ing installed that will also assist in keeping electric peaks down. If you need additional information or would like to sign up to have an electric load control switch put on your air conditioner, please call the City offices @ 235-3639



REMINDER

Electric Service lines coming to your property from the alley are the property owner's responsibility to keep trees clear from hitting the electric lines. The City will clear trees from the distribution lines only, no service lines.

Kimball Public Schools 2004/2005 school year will begin August 23, 2004.
Please watch out for our children and drive safely!



City of Kimball TV (CKTV) Channel 18
You will find a schedule of upcoming meetings, Kimball Office hours, Library Hours, Pool Hours, Board Members, and community pictures. Check it everyday, you'll never know what will be added. Consider it just another way of keeping you informed.

Reminder from the Street Superintendent

State Statute # 17-563

Any City of the second class and village may by ordinance declare it to be a nuisance to permit or maintain any growth of twelve inches or more in height of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation or to litter or cause litter to be deposited or remain thereon except



in proper receptacles.

Please help us keep our community looking as nice as possible!

