

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES!!

A Business Owners Meeting will be held at Rapids City Village Hall on January 24st at 6pm. This will be an informal meeting for our businesses.

Mayor Harold Mire Jr. would like to invite all residents to Rapids City Village Hall on February 21th at 6pm for a Town Hall Meeting.

Please see reverse side of this page for a message from our President / Mayor Harold Mire Jr.

Regular board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We encourage all members of the community to attend board meetings, but if you cannot attend approved meeting minutes are available to view at www.rapidscity.us.

The 1st Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon was a success!

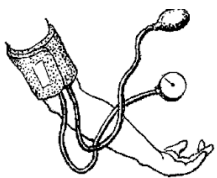
The Village would like to give a special thanks to those who donated, without them our event would not have been possible.

- East Moline Glass
- Fontaine Consulting LLC
- Git-N-Go
- Nancy Ballenger of Isle Casino & Hotel
- MSA Professional Services
- Dan Kehl of Rhythm City Casino Resort
- Triumph Community Bank
- Wal-Mart - Davenport

The Village would also like to thank the Seniors that attended; we sincerely hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Ⓟ Ⓟ Street Parking Ordinance Reminder Ⓟ Ⓟ

- When parking on the street please do not block mail boxes per ordinance.
- If there is 2" of snow predicted to fall you will need to find an alternative to street parking. When removing snow from private property, please do not put snow in the roads per ordinance.



Blood pressure checks are held weekly at Rapid City Village Hall on Thursdays. With the New Year upon us why not start out healthy? To have your blood pressure checked please visit the Village Office on Thursdays at 10:00am. If Medics have an emergency call pressure checks may be canceled without notice.

Have you noticed a street light flickering or out completely? To report street light issues please report online at www.midamericanenergy.com or by calling the Village Office. MidAmerican Energy will be gradually migrating our street lights to LED lighting as the current lights become inoperable. By switching the street lights to LED bulbs the Village is projected to save approximately \$25.00 per street light per year.

Cemetery maps are available at the Village Office. If you own a plot and would like to have a view of the cemetery to attach with your deeds call or come to the Village Office to get your copy. If you don't own a plot but are interested in information please stop by or call the Village Office. Rapids City residents are able to purchase plots at a cost of \$150.00 per plot currently.



Inspections are an annual event for anyone within the Village with a backflow preventer connected to their water service line. It is very important home owners get inspections completed with inspection reports to the Village Office on or before April 1st of each year, **no exceptions**. Annually backflow inspections are required per Village Ordinance Title VIII, Chapter 1, Article 8, Section 4, 4.1; this ordinance may be found at www.rapidscity.us.



New 2018 waste calendar are now available for pick up at the Village Office. The calendars are a helpful tool to let you know when your recycle will be picked up.

1 Time to mark your new calendars! **1**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>PICKUP DATE</u>
January 1 st	New Year's Day	January 6 th
May 28 th	Memorial Day	June 2 nd
July 4 th	Independence Day	July 7 th
September 3 rd	Labor Day	September 8 th
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day	November 24 th
December 25 th	Christmas Day	December 29 th

THANK YOU!

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center would like to thank all who donated blood at the blood drive held on December 16th at the Rapids City Community Center.

A total of 29 units of blood was collected during the drive, 11 of those units were collected from first time donors! Donations will be dispersed through out 90 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

The Rapids City Community Center has been undergoing some improvements over the last month; more improvements will be coming in the next year. The Community Center is available for rent for your special events including birthdays, showers, weddings, and anniversary parties. You may find information on renting the Community Center at www.rapidscity.us or by calling the Village Office.



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Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 4pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 5:30pm

A Message from the Village President (Mayor)

Dear Resident(s);

I hope everyone had a joyous and wonderful holiday season and I wish all of you a safe and prosperous New Year. I just would like to take a minute to share with you some information on recent and upcoming events in Our Village.

We held our 1st Annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon on 11/16/17 and it was truly a wonderful feeling to see so many of our seniors enjoying themselves. From a personal perspective it was very rewarding to see this event come to fruition. I want to once again thank the financial donors who made this possible; the MSA employees Chris and Steve, my wife, Cindy Mire, Board Trustees Richard Fiems and Carolyn Fowler, all of whom served the great food and the **Village staff, Missy, Carol and Mark who worked tirelessly and without whose efforts this could not have been possible.** I also want to thank the entire Board of Trustees for approving this event. While some were unable to share in this festive event through no fault of their own, they were there in spirit and were just as proud as all of us. I can't wait to do this again next year.

The IL Route 84 Flag project honoring our country and its brave service people, active and retired, was completed 7 months ahead of schedule due to the generous donations of so many people. We now have both American and Service Branch flags that we display for those dates honoring our brave men and women. Thanks again to the donors for making this happen. Also we recently purchased a digital sign that will be installed along Route 84 to further enhance our communication abilities with Village residents. This project is slated to occur in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

As we enter the new calendar year we will begin to develop the budget for the next fiscal year which begins on May 1. This year we will adopt a more extensive approach to developing the budget. There will be developmental meetings for the various departmental budgets on the following dates. On January 16, 2018 at 6:00pm we will be discussing projects and budgets for Infrastructure, Water, Sewer and Waste Management. On February 20, 2018 at 6:00pm we will be discussing projects and budgets for Community Planning and Events, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation. On March 20, 2018 at 6:00pm we will develop and propose the rough draft for the Village Operating Budget and on April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm, our regularly scheduled meeting, we will vote on final adoption of the budget for the upcoming year. All meetings will be held at the Village Hall. I encourage you to attend and share your suggestions with the Board.

I will be hosting a **BUSINESS OWNER'S MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2018 AT 6:00PM and a RESIDENT TOWN HALL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018 AT 6:00PM; BOTH at the VILLAGE HALL.** I hope to see you there so we can share our vision for the future of the Village. Your constructive criticisms and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please enjoy our newsletter.

Thank you for allowing the Board of Trustees and myself the honor of serving you.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Mire, Jr.
Village President (Mayor)
Village of Rapids City