

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2019 FOURTH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO OUR RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES!!

Please see backside of this page for a message from our Village President Harold Mire Jr.

The 2020 Census count begins April 1, 2020. It is important for Rapids City citizens to be counted.

Rapids City Matters! Rapids City Counts!
You Count!

Every citizen of Rapids City needs to fill out their Census form. You can do it on-line, by phone or by US Mail.



What happens if you CHOOSE NOT to participate?

- The City of Rapids City will lose \$1,800 per person annually for 10 years. This means the City of Rapids City will lose **\$18,000** per person over 10 years.
- Riverdale Schools will lose funding.
- Your Fire Department will lose funding.
- Your library will lose funding.

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For the first time, the census form will be available on-line. Rapids City Village Hall will have available a computer and public Wi-Fi to assist you on completing your Census form online.

Public Wi-Fi will be available if you want to use your own computer, tablet or phone to enter your information.

You can continue to provide the Census Bureau with your information by phone, US mail or in person.

You and your information are protected by law.

- There is no citizenship question.
- Filling out the census form is safe.
- Strong confidentiality protections are in place.
- The Census Bureau can only produce statistics.
- The Census Bureau cannot share your data with law enforcement.
- The Census Bureau cannot share your data with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- The Census Bureau cannot share your data with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- The Census Bureau cannot share your data with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- The Census Bureau cannot share your data with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The Census Bureau will never ask for bank numbers, credit card numbers, Social Security number, a payment or donation.



Everyone has done a great job of not parking on the streets when there has been 2" of snow predicted to fall this season. Thank you for finding an alternative to street parking. By not parking on Village streets you help our Public Works Department clear streets in a more timely fashion.

When removing snow from private property, please do not put snow in the roads per ordinance.

The National Weather Service is stating the probability of flooding this spring is very likely. To help with the proper drainage of melting of snow and spring rains, please help by keeping the creeks and culverts clean by not blocking them with yard waste. Dumping of grass, leaves, tree limbs and other debris into ditches and streets plugs the storm drains, which causes flooding in yards & streets.



Book your Graduation Parties with us! We are conveniently located by Interstate 80 for your guest that travel and can accommodate up to 190 people. Call 309-496-2321 for more information.

Upcoming Village of Rapids City Meetings

- 02-11-2020 - 7:00p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
 - 02-12-2020 - 6:30p.m. - Committee of the Whole Meeting discussing Budget Planning -
 - 03-10-2020 - 7:00p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
 - 03-17-2020 - 6:30p.m. - Committee of the Whole Meeting discussing Budget Planning & Reallocation of Funds
 - 04-14-2020 - 6:30p.m. - Committee of the Whole Meeting discussing Reading of the 2020/2021 FY Budget
 - 04-14-2020 - 7:00p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- Everyone is encouraged to attend all meetings as they are open to the public.



The Village of Rapids City will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt with a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 at 1pm at Sulphur Creek Park in Rapids City. Parents/Guardian attendance is required.



The President and Board of Trustees of Rapids City would like to invite all Rapids City's Active/Reserve Military, Veterans and First Responders to a free appreciation luncheon honoring their service on Saturday, May 16th, 2020 from 11am to 1pm at the Rapids City

Community Center. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help serve our Veterans, Military Personnel and First Responders please contact the Village Office at 309-496-2321.



Community Clean-up and E-Waste Event

will be held at Rapids City Village Hall from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday, April 25th, 2019.

All Community Clean-up volunteers should arrive at Rapids City Village Hall at 9 a.m. Supplies and light snack will be provided for volunteers.

E-Waste disposals will only be offered to Rapids City Residents, picture ID will be required for this event. Items accepted at this event may be viewed on our website and the Facebook page. You may also call our office to inquire if an item will be accepted..

For more information on either event please call the Village Office at 309-496-2321.

Large item pickup arrangements should be made by contacting the Village Office. All residents are encouraged to set out **ONE (1)** large item on the first Friday of the first full week of the month. Please email or call the Village Office the Thursday before the Large Item Pick-up date below to be added to the special pick-up list. The following dates will be large item pickup dates through the end of the year: February 7th, 2020 - March 6th, 2020 - April 10th, 2020

Garbage & recycle calendars are now available at the Village Office for pick up.



???Did you know???



Rock Island County residents may dispose of 4 appliances & 10 residential generated tires per year at no charge. The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) has selected Weikert Iron and Metal Recycling as the contractor for the Appliance and Used Tire Pick-Up Program. Rock Island County residents may dispose of old appliances and residential generated tires, with rims removed, at no charge by scheduling a pick-up. Call (877) 934-5378 or visit the Weikert Recycling website for disposal information and to make an appointment. For more information on the program you may also visit: <https://www.rigov.org/142/Appliance-Used-Tire-Pick-Up>

A Message from Our Village President (Mayor)

Dear Resident(s)/Business Owner(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 of your time to share some important information of recent and upcoming events in Our Village.

As you may know the state recently approved the recreational use of Cannabis and many communities are making or have made decisions on the sale of Cannabis in their communities. First I would like to thank those residents who attended the Cannabis Public Input Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019; your thoughts were informative and very much appreciated. The Board after much thought and consideration adopted an Ordinance allowing the sale and taxing of Cannabis in the Village. This action alone does not ensure that Cannabis will be sold in the Village as the State is the governing authority for the issuance of licenses. This action simply allows a vendor to submit an application to the state to operate a location in the Village. The Village did receive interest from Illinois Holistic Health, LLC and after conducting a Public Hearing on 12/5/19, did issue a general letter of support for submission to the State of Illinois in consideration of granting a license to them. It will be a few months before anything is known.

Now I would like to take a moment to update you on some of our projects.

1. The Village received and accepted the bid of Needham Excavating in the amount of \$87,446.13 for the first phase of the **14th STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT**. The project has not yet been awarded pending receipt of the necessary easements. The removal of several trees for this phase of the project has been completed and came in under budget.
2. Our **WARNING SIREN SYSTEM FOR RAPIDS CITY** has been installed but is not yet operational. The Rock Island County ETSD-911 Board approved our request to pay \$7,267.00 for a software component that will make the siren consistent with the recent upgraded County Warning System. We anticipate our Warning Siren to become operational within the next couple of months and will keep you informed.
3. The **WATER LOOP PROJECT** is continuing to move forward but again slower than we would like. The applications for permits to the necessary agencies and railroad have been submitted for their review and approval.
4. **SHULER'S SHADY GROVE WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT** equipment has arrived and we will be installing once the weather permits.
5. **CIVIC READY** went live on 9/1/19. If you haven't signed up please do so. This will allow us to alert you for life/safety concerns in Rapids City. Please contact the Village Hall for more information, 309-496-2321.

The 3rd Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon held on 11/20/19 was an overwhelming success. It continues to grow each and every year and we appreciate our Seniors sharing their time with us. The Children's Christmas Party on 12/8/19 was sparsely attended and we are discussing ways to improve attendance. Any suggestions you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Our Appreciation Luncheon for our Veterans and First Responders will be held on 5/16/2020 from 11am – 1pm. All Rapids City Veterans and First Responders are invited to partake in recognition and a delicious meal at the Village Hall.

Budget hearings will continue on 2/12/2020, 3/17/2020 and final reading on 4/14/2020. These meetings will begin at 6:30pm at Village Hall. I encourage you to attend and share your opinions.

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing us to be a part of this amazing experience and for allowing the Board of Trustees and myself the honor of serving you and all our citizens.

Sincerely,

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