

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

Village Regular Board Meetings scheduled for the remainder will be November 10th and December 8th, 2020 at 7pm. Budget planning meetings for fiscal year 2021/2022 will begin in January. At this time meetings are being held in the Community Center just above Village Hall to maintain social distancing requirements. If you choose to attend any meetings, please wear a facemask to help protect yourself and others.



Help keep our staff safe and healthy. Please wear a mask when visiting the Village Office.



Did you miss the E-Waste Event?

Rock Island County Residents may drop off e-waste items without an appointment during regular business hours. For more information you can visit their website at

<https://www.wastecom.com/Content/Facilities/Electronics-Recovery-Center.aspx> or by calling 563-823-0119

Burning leaves in the streets is prohibited by ordinance and a citation may be issued. Be sure you are compliant with the Village Burning Ordinance by finding the ordinance at <https://www.rapidscity.us>.



RAPIDS CITY PRESIDENT HAROLD MIRE JR. & BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 4TH ANNUAL SENIOR THANKSGIVING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR RAPIDS CITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS 60+

This year's event will have a bit of a twist due to the COVID-19 virus.

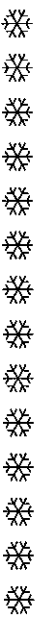
We invite you to take advantage of a drive thru Thanksgiving meal pickup. Meals will be packaged by Village President, Trustees and Staff. Meals may be picked up on November 18th, 2020 at Village Hall between 11am and 2pm. Meal options include your choice of: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Roll with Butter. Your choice of one piece of pie: Pumpkin, Pecan, Apple

Orders will be taken for your meal on the day of the event at Village Hall. If you are not able to drive please call Village Hall to order your meal, 309-496-2321, delivery can be arranged. This is a free luncheon to honor our Senior Citizens.

Please help with keeping the creeks and culverts clean by not blocking them with yard waste. Dumping grass, leaves, tree limbs and other debris into ditches and streets. These items can plug the storm drains, which causes flooding in yards & streets.



Rapids City Children are invited to advantage of a holiday picture opportunity with a vintage fire truck and winter scene on Saturday, December 5th, 2020 from 11pm – 2pm at Rapids City Village Hall also grab a special gift from Santa. We would like everyone to exercise social distancing during this event.



Please remember during the winter months to not park on the streets when there has been 2" or more of snow predicted to fall.

By finding an alternative to street parking you help our Public Works Department clear streets in a timely fashion.



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

SIGN UP NOW TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS PERTAINING TO:



- ✓Water Main Breaks
- ✓Criminal Activity
- ✓Natural & Manmade Disasters
- ✓Evacuations
- ✓Pandemics
- ✓Wildfires

Emergencies happen all the time & knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency improves your odds of a positive outcome. CivicReady emergency notification services can send updated alerts directly to you keeping you informed on rapidly changing situations.

Signing up is easy!

Simply go to www.rapidscity.us, click on the INFORMATION page, scroll down to bell in the circle and click on it. This will take you to the CivicReady website to sign up. When you confirm your registration, you will start receiving alerts through email, voice, or text.



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE! SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES! Please out check our Village of Rapids City Businesses Group on Facebook! Discover some of the services that are available in your own town. Many of our local businesses offer gift cards for any occasion.



Think local first + Buy local when you can = BEING A LOCAL!

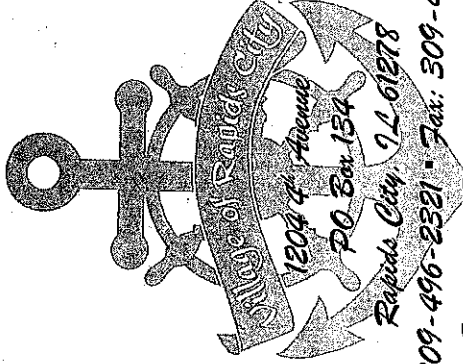
Collection of garbage and recycling will be delayed the following dates due to the upcoming holidays: November 28th, 2020, December 26th, 2020, January 2th, 2020

The last day for pick up of yard waste is scheduled for Friday, December 4th, 2020. If you have yard waste to be disposed of please contact the Village Office to arrange a pick up no later than Thursday, December 3rd, 2020. No yard waste will be collected after December 4th, 2020.

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 Thursday 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: November 5th, 2020 & December 10th, 2020

Christmas tree disposal collection scheduled for Friday, January 8th, 2021. It is highly recommended all resident with live Christmas trees that need to be disposed of call the Village Office by January 7th to arrange a pick up.

Our Community Center still has many rental dates available for your holiday gatherings. We can provide you plenty of room for family to distance yet keeping traditions alive. We can accommodate up to 50 guest at this time per Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan. For more information on our Community Center please call 309-496-2321.



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A Message from the Our Village President (Mayor)

HAROLD J. MIRE, JR.

Dear Resident(s);

We continue to deal with this pandemic and its adverse effects of everyday life. We are now experiencing a significant increase in all parts of our country and even our county. **I'm strongly encouraging every resident to protect your fellow citizens by wearing masks, if you're able to, social distance when possible, wash and sanitize your hands and other precautions.** Let's do our part as conscientious citizens to help reduce the number of potential deaths caused by this dreaded disease. I ask you to keep in mind those families who have been struck with this disease and lost loved ones. Please join with me so that we can curtail this pandemic and bring some sense of normalcy to our lives.

Though COVID may be on a rampage, it will not stop us from honoring our Seniors 60+. **Our 4th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held with a twist on 11/18/2020 from 11am-2pm. While we won't be able to meet socially and enjoy a meal together, we are going to offer drive thru service to pick up your meal at the Village Hall. We will also deliver to those who are home bound. Please see the front of the newsletter for more details.**

I would like to take a quick moment to update you on some items of interest in the Village.

1. The 14th street culvert project is 100% completed.
2. The bicycle repair station and exercise equipment installation at Schuler's Shady Grove is completed and we have received many positive comments.
3. The E-Waste event held in October was an overwhelming success.
4. Permitting for the Continuous Water Loop is completed. We are expecting to seek bids in January and are very excited to begin construction of this project. Once completed this will be a great benefit to all of Rapids City.
5. E-Bill and E-Pay will be coming to the Village for payment of municipal services. It will give residents another option to pay their bills. However, you will still retain the option of paying your bill at the Village Hall as well.

On behalf of the Village Board, Staff and myself we wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

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