



VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Please see the back side of this page for a message from Village President Harold J. Mire Jr.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Regular Board Meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7p.m.. All meeting minutes will be posted on our website once approved.



PRESIDENT HAROLD J. MIRE JR. & BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 5TH ANNUAL SENIOR THANKSGIVING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR RAPIDS CITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS 60+

This year's event once again will be drive-thru style. Meals will be served on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at the Rapids City Village Hall between 11am and 2pm. Meals will include:

Turkey	Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes	Cranberry Jelly Roll with Butter
Gravy	

Your choice of one piece of pie:
Pumpkin Pecan Apple

If you are not able to drive, please call Village Hall to order your meal, 309-496-2321, deliveries can be arranged. This is a free luncheon to honor our Senior Citizens.



Our emergency alert service, CivicReady, has been upgraded! If you haven't already, please sign up for our push alert system through CivicReady to provide alerts concerning boil orders and emergency that may impede on your wellbeing. To sign up visit our website at rapidscity.us on the information page to sign up for this free service.

Pay your Rapids City utility bill with debit, credit or e-check now by visiting www.rapidscity.us. Just look for this button on the main page of our website.



Between newsletters we provide updates on village happenings with your utility bills. If you receive a paper bill updates will be on the back of your bill. eBill recipients get an email if there is an update available. We use our website, www.rapidscity.us and our Facebook page to communicate updates as well. Please feel free to use all of these resources to keep up to date!



Engineering plans for the replace of the culvert under 13th Street has been sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval. The use of Rebuild Illinois Funds was approved for a portion of the costs of this project. We are hoping to have the replacement of the culvert underway by the spring of 2022. Please be aware at this time, we do have a weight limit of 5,000 pounds imposed over the current culvert. Once we have more information related to this project it will be posted to our Facebook page and website.



We want to help you keep your personal information safe by giving you an opportunity to safely shred paper documents with a shred event. A bill message, social media statement and an announcement on our website will be shared once details of the event are finalized.

Stormwater Pollution & Yard Waste



Did you know?

Yard debris like grass clippings, leaves and shrubbery trimmings are a significant source of stormwater pollution. Yard waste can carry fertilizers and pesticides into our waterways, causing nutrient pollution and depleting oxygen that aquatic life needs to survive. Leaves and grass clippings can clog culverts, storm drains and pipes, causing flooding.

What can you do?

- Don't blow grass or pile leaves in the streets.
- Use a leaf blower or broom to move clippings into the yard NOT into streets.
- Do not dump yard waste into a swale, ditch, or creek.
- Recycle mulched grass clippings and leaves as a natural fertilizer.
- Use curbside yard waste disposal services.

❄️❄️❄️ Please help our Public Works Employees by not parking on village streets when 2" snow fall is predicted this winter. Per ordinance parking on village streets is prohibited when two or more inches of snow is predicted to fall. ❄️❄️❄️



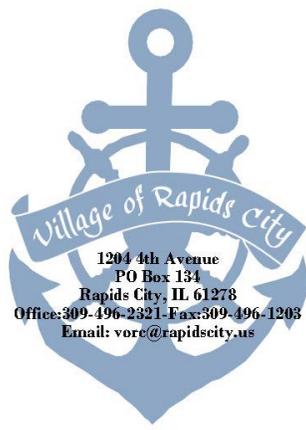
Magnetic waste calendars are on order. We will announce in a bill message & Facebook when they are available for pick-up.

Live Christmas tree disposal will be collected on January 14th, 2022. You will need to call to be added to the list if you need to have your tree picked up.

On the first Thursday of the first full week of the month all residents are encouraged to set out ONE (1) large item on. Please email or call the Village Office the Wednesday before the Large Item Pick-up date below to be added to the special pickup list.

November 4 th , 2021	December 8 th , 2021
January 6 th , 2022	February 10 th , 2022
March 10 th , 2022	April 7 th , 2022
May 5 th , 2022	June 9 th , 2022
July 8 th , 2022	August 11 th , 2022
September 9 th , 2022	October 6 th , 2022
November 10 th , 2022	December 8 th , 2022

As always, be sure all waste is placed out for pick up by 6a.m. to ensure pick up.



A Message from the Our Village President (Mayor) HAROLD J. MIRE, JR.

Dear Resident(s),

As we are about to enter our adverse weather months and holiday season, I would like to take a moment to remind all residents to drive safely and use caution, especially when our children are out of school.

Though COVID is still having a significant impact on our lives, it will not stop us from honoring our Seniors 60+. **Our 5th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held with a twist on 11/16/2021 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. We would like to wish each one of you a Happy Thanksgiving.**

I would like to take a moment to update you on some major construction projects of interest in the Village.

The Continuous Waterloop Project has begun. Our hope was for the project to be completed within the first week of November but as with most projects, unforeseen impediments will extend our completion date. We are still hopeful of completing the project well before the end of 2021.

The 13th Street culvert replacement project is in the design phase, and we are hoping to seek bids in the month of February.

The 17th Street hill project is now in the infancy of its planning stages. We have been meeting with various engineers and hope to meet with more in the next month. Shortly thereafter we intend to select an Engineering firm for the project.

All of these projects were made possible due to the Sales Tax that the voters approved last April. We stated these were the projects that we would begin with and we are following through on our commitment to all of you. Again, we thank you for the trust you placed in us.

On another note, I am happy to report that I recommended, and the Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved, to maintain the current village property tax rate for this year. Even in the face of increased costs over the last several years, **the village has not increased your property tax rates for 5+ years and counting.** I also would like to thank the Village Staff for their judicious review of expenditures which also assisted us in maintaining our current property tax rate.

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