

# VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

## 2022 FALL NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES!!

Regular board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Agendas are posted the Friday prior to the Tuesday Regular Board Meeting. Committee of the Whole Meeting agendas will be posted no less than 48 hours prior to each meeting. 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](http://www.rapidscity.us).

### RAPIDS CITY RESIDENTS NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED ELECTION APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

ELECTION PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AT RAPIDS CITY VILLAGE HALL - 1204 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE STARTING SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY FROM 9AM - 5PM, WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30AM TO 5:30PM

#### POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION:

3 - 4 YEAR VILLAGE TRUSTEE POSITIONS

#### FILING PERIOD INFORMATION:

**PLACE:** RAPIDS CITY VILLAGE HALL, 1204 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE RAPIDS CITY, IL 61278

**DATES:** DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 – DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY FROM 9AM TO 5PM, WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30AM TO 5:30PM



Please be considerate when burning leaves & other yard debris. Be sure to check surroundings before burning. Burning of garbage and in the streets is prohibited by ordinance.

Please do not rake leaves & debris into the streets plugs the storm drains, it will cause flooding in yards & streets.



Be sure to be compliant with all Village Ordinances by finding the entire Village Code of Ordinance Book online at [www.rapidscity.us](http://www.rapidscity.us).



Trick or Treating for children will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 between 5pm & 7:30pm. The Village of Rapids City is planning on having treat bags available for children watch the Village Facebook page and website for event details.

**RAPIDS CITY PRESIDENT HAROLD J. MIRE JR. & BOARD OF TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING.**

**WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR THANKSGIVING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR RAPIDS CITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS 60+**

Meals will be served on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Rapids City Community Center between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Serving begins at noon.

Meal options include your choice of:

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

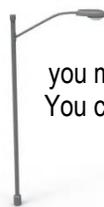
Your choice of one piece of pie:

Pumpkin	Pecan	Apple
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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.

### Ⓢ Ⓢ 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.



Now that it is getting dark out earlier in the day you may have noticed a streetlight flickering or out completely. You can report street light issues to MidAmerican Energy when they are happening. Reporting online is easy at

[www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com).

### Notice your water and sewer bill slowly creeping up?

Your sewer consumption is based off your water consumption. If you have a leak in your home's plumbing your bill can be greatly affected, not only on the water portion of your bill but on the sewer side too. So, how much water am I losing from that dripping faucet?

#### • One Drip per second turns into:

1 Minute loss = 1/12 ounce  
1 Hour loss = 6 ounces  
1 Day loss = 1 gallon & 1 pint  
1 Week loss = 8 gallons  
1 Month loss = 34 gallons

#### • Two Drips per second turns into:

1 Minute loss = 1/3 ounce  
1 Hour loss = 20 ounces  
1 Day loss = 3 2/3 gallons  
1 Week loss = 26 gallons  
1 Month loss = 100 gallons

#### • Drops Breaking into Stream turns into:

1 Minute loss = 2 ounces  
1 Hour loss = 1 gallon  
1 Day loss = 24 gallons  
1 Week loss = 175 gallons  
1 Month loss = 700 gallons

One  
Drip  
At  
A  
Time



The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the first full week of each month you can put out a single item to be picked up that will not fit in a provided garbage bin. Please call the Village Office to added to the special pickup list. November 10<sup>th</sup> & December 8<sup>th</sup> will be your last large item pickup dates in 2022.

The last day for yard waste to be picked up will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

New 2023 waste calendar should be available for pick up at the Village Office mid-December, electronic copies will also be available on our website and Facebook page.

Christmas Tree disposal date is planned for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Village of Rapids City

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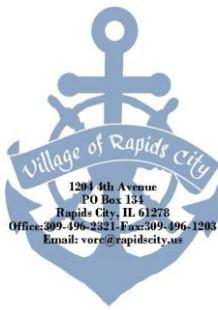
Phone: 309-496-2321

Email: [vorc@rapidscity.us](mailto:vorc@rapidscity.us)

Facebook: Village of Rapids City

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 8:30am - 5:30pm



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

Dear Resident(s);

It's good to see all of you out and about and our businesses getting back to serving citizens as we learn to deal and live with COVID. We know it can still be deadly, but we also know life does go on and I continue to ask all our residents to practice good hygiene and sanitation methods.

**MAJOR PROJECTS**

Just like you have been busy, the Village has been busy fulfilling its obligations to you. We promised you three major projects that would be undertaken once the Sales tax passed in April of 2021 and I am proud to report we are well on our way to fulfilling that commitment. Below is an update of those projects.

The Continuous Waterloop project which had been on the drawing board for over 10 years has been **COMPLETED** and is a great asset to the Village and its people.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert project came in over budget by over 33% and we had the engineers redesign the project and will be receiving updated bids on 10/5/22.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Street project is the most challenging one from a financial aspect. We originally thought the cost would be approximately \$800k but with inflation and relocation of water mains, etc. the projected cost has risen to \$1.85 million. This has forced us to consider several options, none of which has been finalized at this point. We did hold an advertised community meeting on 9/27/22 to review options and conceptual designs and only four residents were present. We were hoping for more citizen input but we do understand people having other things going on in their lives. To those who attended, thank you for your input. We tentatively have plans to select a design and seek bids within the next few months. We will keep you informed accordingly.

**PROPERTY TAXES**

Now let's discuss a subject that I've closely monitored since I became a Trustee and especially your President. In 2016, we lowered your Village Property Tax Rate and every year since then as your President, I have recommended against any increases in the Village Property Tax Rate and the Board has approved my recommendations. This year the Assessor has significantly increased the assessed valuations of most homes. If we would have accepted that, at our current rate, it would have led to an increase of greater than 5% in Revenue to the Village. That was just plainly unacceptable in my opinion. Therefore, I recommended to the Board that we once again reduce the Village Property Tax Rate from .5761 to .5730 and the Board unanimously approved. Since 2016, this Village and its officials have done everything in our power to hold the line against Property Tax Increases. I know we can't indefinitely continue to hold the line against an increase in our Village Property Tax Rate and maintain our current level of service, but I want each of you to know that when that time comes, it's because it's the last alternative available. I've always said, and we actually practice it here in Rapids City, "GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO DO MORE WITH LESS."

**SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER**

This is always a great event, to honor our Seniors 60+. **Our 6th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on 11/15/2022 from 11:30am-1:30pm. I am so pleased to advise everyone that we will once again meet socially and enjoy a meal together in the Community Center at Village Hall. We will also deliver to those who are home bound. Please see the front of the newsletter for more details.**

**HALLOWEEN**

Trick or Treat will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Please make sure to inspect your children's candy as there are some deranged people who love to spike candy and hurt children.

**TRAFFIC**

The Village has received many complaints, more than we can ever recall, of speeding down the hills on 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street as well as violation of stop signs. Please, please observe the traffic laws in the Village and respect your neighbors.

**ELECTION**

Please remember to honor and support our Troops by voting on **November 8, 2022, 6:00am-7:00pm**. They sacrificed much so that we may have that right.

I apologize for the length of this correspondence but there was quite a bit of information I needed to share with you. On behalf of the Village Board, Staff and myself thank you allowing us the privilege of serving you. We wish you a Safe and Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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