

# VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY NEWSLETTER

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

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Regular Board Meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. at Rapids City Village Hall, a full meeting schedule is available online at [www.rapidscity.us](http://www.rapidscity.us). Once approved all meeting minutes will be posted on our website.



Enclosed is a Cross Connection Survey that is required by the EPA to be completed every other year. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the Village Office.

You may also find a PDF version of the survey online at [www.rapidscity.us](http://www.rapidscity.us). Surveys may be returned to the Village Office during business hours, placed in the drop box, mailed or emailed.

We thank you for your cooperation & assistance.



Replacement of a culvert under 13<sup>th</sup> Street is planned for this construction season. Bidding will soon begin on this project. REBUILD Illinois Funds will fund part of this project. At this time, we do have a weight limit of 5,000 pounds imposed over the current culvert.

Survey crews have been working diligently to complete engineering for rehabilitation and water run-off control on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. It is our hope to apply for a federal grant to help with expenses related to this project. Please watch our website and Facebook page for more information on this project as it is available.



Rapids City's E-Waste & Shred Event are planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup> between 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. As a resident you may bring e-waste and personal documents for safe



disposal FREE of charge. Documents for destruction must be in a paper craft bag. A list of e-waste items eligible for disposal can be found on our website, [www.rapidscity.us](http://www.rapidscity.us). When participating in this event please follow all directional traffic signage. Photo identification is required to show proof of residency.



Rapids City President Harold Mire, Jr. and Board of Trustees would like to invite all Rapids City's Active/Reserve Military, Veterans and First Responders to a free appreciation luncheon honoring their service on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Lunch will be served from 11am to 1pm at the Rapids City Community Center. The meal will be catered by Smokin' Butt BBQ.



The Village of Rapids City Community Yard Sale Day will be August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The village will once again advertise for the sales and publish maps for shoppers. Please call between July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> to be added to the map. Maps for Community Yard Sales will be available on August 11<sup>th</sup> for pickup at the Village Office and Post Office.



Please help with keeping the creeks, culverts and ditches clean and not blocked. Putting yard debris in creeks and ditches can block the natural flow of water causing waters to flood streets and yards.

Raking leaves & debris into the streets can plug the storm drains, which causes flooding in yards and streets. Burning leaves in the streets is prohibited by ordinance and a citation may be issued.



If you have yard waste to dispose of, please consider purchasing craft bags from your favorite local retailer and yard waste disposal stickers from the Village Office. As of April 8<sup>th</sup> collection of yard refuse will begin for this season. Please remember if you have yard waste out for pick up you will need to call the Village Office to be added the route list to ensure it is collected.

If you choose to burn yard waste, please be sure you are compliant with the Village Burning Ordinance which can be found on our website, [www.rapidscity.us](http://www.rapidscity.us).



A copy of the recycling calendar is available on our website and Facebook page.

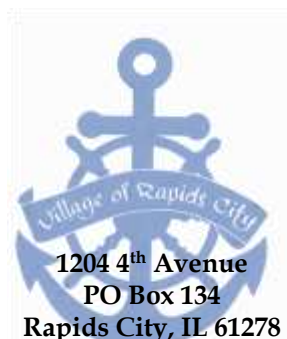
All residents are encouraged to set out ONE (1) large item on the first Thursday of the first full week of the month. Please email or call the Village Office the Wednesday before the Large Item Pick-up date below to be added to the special pickup list. The following dates will be large item pickup dates through the end of the year:

April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
	December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022

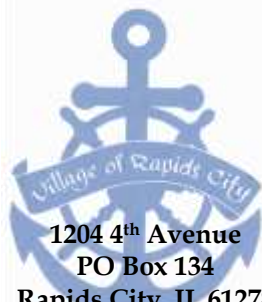
As always, be sure all waste is placed out for pick up by 6 a.m. to ensure pick up.

The Village Office will be closed to observe the following holidays:

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day  
Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day  
Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day  
Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day



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

Dear Resident(s):

Wow, it just seems like yesterday I was writing to you about the winter months and here we are Spring is already upon us. Spring, a time of rejuvenation for most living things and we at the Village are certainly excited to see our citizens out and about and our children playing at the parks. We are also excited for the many projects that are ongoing in our Village.

I am pleased to report that the Continuous Waterloop Infrastructure Project that has been discussed for years has finally been completed. Early comments from our residents on the river side of IL 84 have been very positive. That's one project down and many more to go as we strive to improve our Village Infrastructure.

I would like to take a moment to provide an update on some major infrastructure projects that I have been discussing with you.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert project is currently under review by IDOT. The state currently has a backlog of projects to review and we expect our review to be completed within 3 to 4 months. Once approved, we will proceed immediately to bidding the project.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Street project initial study and engineering has begun. We are now in the process of applying for grants to assist in this project and we should know our status for grants no later than August or September. We will hold a town meeting for resident's input as we get closer to the design phase.

In other matters, Trustee Katie Enloe has resigned from the Board due to personal reasons and we thank her for her service and wish her the best in her future endeavors. With a vacancy created, I selected long time local businessman Mike DeMarlie to fill the position. Mike was sworn in on 4/23/22 and will be a great asset to the board and community.

Also, we are currently in the final phase of budget meetings for our next fiscal budget year. You are invited and encouraged to attend any and all Board meetings as your opinions, criticisms and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. Please feel free to contact the Village Hall at 309-496-2321 to get our meeting schedule or visit Facebook or our web page.

**The Village will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual RAPIDS CITY'S ACTIVE/RESERVE MILITARY, VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS LUNCHEON on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rapids City Community Center from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Please see the front page of the newsletter for more details. Thank you to those who have and continue to serve.**

Finally, I look forward to seeing and speaking to many of you as I ride through the Village conducting my weekly inspections. On behalf of the Trustees, Village Staff and myself, thank you being part of our community and if we can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm Regards,

Harold J. Mire, Jr.