

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2024 SPRING 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 6:30pm at Rapids City Village Hall, a full meeting schedule is available online at www.rapidscity.us. Once approved all meeting minutes will be posted on our website.

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 our annual appreciation luncheon honoring their service on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Rapids City Community Center. The meal will once again be catered by Smokin' Butt BBQ.



The Village of Rapids City Community Yard Sale Day will be August 10th, 2024. The village will advertise the sales and publish maps for shoppers. Please call between July 16th and August 6th to be added to the map. Maps for the Community Yard Sales will be available on August 8th for pickup at the Village Office and Post Office. We will also publish the map on our Facebook and website.

There have been reports of minors riding mini motorized bikes, dirt bikes and ATVs within village limits. Not only are they riding on the village streets and the bike path, but they are also riding in the Old Rapids City Cemetery located behind Village Hall. Please remind your children to obey village ordinances as they are in place to keep everyone safe.

Use of ATVs is not permitted on village streets or public places. Golf carts and UTVs are only to be driven by a licensed driver after the vehicle is registered with the village, an inspection has been conducted by the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department and proof of insurance is provided.

Reminder:

The Village Code of Ordinances states water and sewer rates are to increase annually effective July 1st.

- Water service minimum monthly fee will be \$30.60, this rate will still include 2,000 gallons of water. The rate there after 2,000 gallons will be \$3.06 per thousand gallons.
- Sewer service minimum monthly fee will remain the same at \$35.00 for residents and \$44.25 for the non-residential rate and will still include 2,000 gallons of usage. The rate there after 2,000 gallons will be \$7.23 per thousand gallons.

Waste collection rates will increase to \$14.53 monthly effective July 1st, 2024. This fee is a pass-through fee based on the current contract rate with Republic Services.



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 water to flood streets and yards.

Placing yard 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.

Now that the weather is nice, we want to remind everyone to leash their pets. When walking your pet please remember to clean up after any messes.



We invite everyone to support our local businesses by utilizing the services that our little village houses. When you support local businesses, your money spent in our community stays in our community. There are several ways to support our businesses that do not cost money, you can:

- Write a positive review
- Tell your friends and family.
- Follow the business on social media
- Engage with their posts
- Give them a shoutout on social media
- Sign up for the businesses newsletter

If you are curious as to the businesses that are within the village, please visit our website for a listing of our current businesses.

www.rapidscity.us



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. Collection of yard refuse has begun for this season. Please remember if you have yard waste out for pick up you will need to call or email vorc@rapidscity.us the Village Office by noon the Thursday before pick up 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.

If you could not make it to our e-Waste Event on April 27th you can still dispose of e-Waste Materials free of charge.

Scott & Rock Island County residents are welcome to drop off electronic waste free of charge and with no appointment at the Electronic Recovery Center located at 5650 Carey Avenue, Davenport, IA.



Paper recycling calendars are available at the Village Office for pick up, copies can also be found 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 by noon 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:

May 9th, 2024

July 11th, 2024

September 12th, 2024

November 7th, 2024

June 6th, 2024

August 8th, 2024

October 10th, 2024

December 5th, 2024

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

A Message from Our Village President (Mayor)

HAROLD J. MIRE, JR.

Dear Resident(s):

It's refreshing that Spring is upon us and Summer is right around the corner. As I always do, I would like to remind everyone to please drive safely as our children will be out enjoying their well-deserved summer recess.

I'm happy to report to the residents that the projects we promised with the passage of the April 2021 Sales Tax approval have now been delivered to the residents and I hope you are enjoying the benefits of them. You trusted us and we kept our word to you. So again, thank you for your sales tax approval vote in April 2021. There are a few minor punch list items remaining for 17th Street that should be wrapped up in the next month.

Even though the projects have been completed, payment for them is not. The sales tax money is dedicated to paying for them which will take several years to pay off. The 17th Street project alone cost the Village approximately \$ 1.8 million dollars, as no grants were available for use on that project.

On another note, we renewed our contract with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office. As an added benefit, Hampton has now joined that contract. This means that on 1st and 2nd shift, we will always have a dedicated unit in either Hampton or Rapids City. Our 3rd shift will continue to be covered by the Zone 3 car as it was under the previous contract. This was a win-win situation for all three governmental entities involved, but more so for the residents of both Villages.

Financially, the Village is in debt due to the three major projects we engaged in but we are still very sound financially. We conducted budget meetings this winter and we will have a very austere budget for Fiscal Year 2025. We will be applying for grants for several smaller but necessary projects and hopefully we will receive approval.

We are proud to host our 7th Annual Military and First Responders Luncheon to be held on 5/22/24 from 11:30am-1:00pm. I am so pleased to advise everyone that we will 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 information.

I would like to give a big shout out of appreciation to Village Clerk Housenga, Trustees C. Fowler, K. Polenske and the Rapids City Raging Rapids Softball team for voluntarily working our Village Children's Easter Egg Hunt and making it a Huge Success.

Take Care and Always Stay Safe.

Regards,

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