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

Dear Resident(s):

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. Many months ago, you were asked to decide on maintaining the current level of law enforcement in the Village by providing adequate funding specifically for that purpose. The voters approved that proposition, and I want to thank everyone who participated in that election. As our current contract expires with the RICO Sheriff's Office at the end of April 2027, this approved funding has allowed me to negotiate the future contract for your protection at our current levels. I will be recommending the contract to the VILLAGE BOARD in the near future once the County Board has approved it. The funding you approved in that proposition can only be legally spent on actual law enforcement expenses and you can rest assured there will be strict compliance and transparency.

As we enter the Holiday season, please take a moment to remember all those who have given so much, so that we enjoy the freedoms we have. Speaking of Holidays, I am thrilled to announce that SANTA will be making rounds through the Village with the Fire Department on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026 from 10:00am-12:00pm**. When you hear the sirens be looking for him.

I am also happy to announce the **10TH Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 19th, 2026, at the Rapids City Community Center from 11:30am-1:30pm. Doors open at 11:00am so please join us in a spirit of fellowship and take part in a nice meal.**

Unfortunately, during the Holidays, the criminals seem to ramp up their activity. Unlocked vehicles, houses, etc. only encourage this behavior. Therefore, I urge residents to lock their vehicles, houses, etc. *IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!*

On another note, you may have noticed that it has been a while since you've received a newsletter. We have always tried to do them quarterly but with a tight budget, we are only doing them every six months for now. While it may not seem like much, when added with other cost saving measures, it does add up and allows us to control spending and try to save your tax dollars.

On behalf of myself and all Village Officials and Staff, we wish you and your families a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Please drive safely and responsibly.

Regards,

Harold J. Mire, Jr.
Your Village President

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2026 FALL NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES!!

Please see the reverse side of this paper for a message from our President / Mayor Harold Mire Jr.

Regular Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Agendas are posted 48 hours prior to all meetings that are not an emergency. 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.

Village Hall holiday closures for the remainder of 2026:

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th
Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday, December 24th & 25th
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Thursday and Friday, December 31st & January 1st, 2027
New Years Eve & New Years Day



Leaves & debris in the streets is a hazard & can plug storm drains, which causes flooding in yards & streets. Please do not burn in the streets as it is prohibited by ordinance & a ticket may be issued.

Be compliant with all Village Ordinances by finding the Code of Ordinances at www.rapidscity.us under the Government Page.

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



WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 9TH ANNUAL SENIOR THANKSGIVING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR RAPIDS CITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS 60+

Meals will be served on Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at the Rapids City Community Center.
Doors will open at 11:00am for our Seniors to gather and enjoy conversation. Meals will be served between 11:30am and 1:30pm.

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

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.

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Street Parking Ordinance Reminder

Do not park on the street where mail delivery is or could be blocked.



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.

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Village of Rapids City in conjunction with the Rapids City Fire Protection District are very excited to have SANTA CLAUS traveling through the Village on December 12th, 2026 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Santa will be driven through the village giving a jolly HELLO! and a HO HO HO! to the young and young-at-heart on various village streets. Candy canes, hot cocoa and holiday cheer will be passed out to all residents. You will know he is near when you see lights and hear sirens, so bundle up and come out to say HI!

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recycle coach

Recycle Coach is a new, user-friendly tool and platform to help make waste management and recycling easier for residents.

We've been taught to recycle.
Now it's time to learn to recycle correctly.

Use the Recycle Coach tool to:

- Verify waste collection types and dates
- Learn what items can go in your curbside recycling bin
- Find drop-off locations and learn how to manage the items

SCAN ME

Scan to download the Recycle Coach app.

This tool is **free** for all Illinois residents and sponsored by the Illinois EPA.

View/Pay eBills

Want a more convenient way to get your utility bill?

Try our secure ebilling option!

On the go convenience: Access and view your bills anytime, anywhere from your email and online portal.

Avoid late fees: Receive instant email when bills are ready to view then pair with your online banking or pay online right away to ensure you never miss a due date.

Better security: Eliminate the risk of paper bills getting lost or stolen in transit, as e-bills require secure online login credentials to view.

Easy record-keeping: Quickly search, track, and print past statements online without sorting through physical filing cabinets.

Save money and waste: Cut down on paper clutter while saving on stamps, envelopes, and printing costs.

Go on line to www.rapidscity.us to sign up by clicking the green View/Pay eBills button under News and Events.

The last day for yard waste to be picked up will be November 28th, 2026.

Live Christmas tree disposal collection will be Friday, January 15th, 2027.



2027 waste calendars should be available for pick up at the Village Office mid-December; electronic copies will also be available on our website and Facebook page.