

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2019 FOURTH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS TO OUR RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES!!

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. All meeting minutes will be posted to our website approved.

Village of Rapids City Meeting Notices

The Regular Board Meeting on February 12th, 2019 will be held at 6:30pm. A budget planning Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held following the Regular Board Meeting on February 12th, 2019. The Regular Board Meeting on March 12th, 2019 will be held at 6:30pm. A budget planning Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held following the Regular Board Meeting on March 12th, 2019. All meetings are open to the public.



The 2019 Consolidated Elections will be on April 2nd, 2019. Don't forget to vote!! You may register to vote up to March 5th, 2019. Vote by mail ballots may be requested now and will be accepted starting February 21st, 2019. Early voting at the Rock Island County building will begin February 21st, 2019. Off-site voting locations will open March 18th, 2019. For more information about voting please visit or call the Rock Island County Clerk's Office.

Ⓟ Ⓟ Street Parking Ordinance Reminder Ⓟ Ⓟ

If there is 2" of snow predicted to fall you will need to find an alternative to street parking. By not parking on Village streets you help our Public Works Department clear streets in a more timely fashion.

When removing snow from private property, please do not put snow in the roads per ordinance.



Take the time to find us on Facebook. Up to date information about our community's public notices can be found on Facebook.



The Village of Rapids City will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt with a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 at 1pm at Sulphur Creek Park in Rapids City. Parents/Guardian attendance is required. Village Board Members will be donating their time to

make this event possible. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this event please call Village Hall at 309-496-2321.

Spring is coming!! With snow melting soon please help water flow properly by keeping the creeks and culverts clean by not blocking them with yard waste. Dumping of grass, leaves, tree limbs and other debris into ditches and streets plugs the storm drains, which causes flooding in yards & streets.



The Rapids City Community Center is available to rent for all kinds of events from showers, graduations, birthdays, large family gatherings. For more information contact the Village Office.



The President and Board of Trustees of Rapids City would like to invite all Rapids City's Active/Reserve Military, Veterans and First Responders to a free appreciation luncheon honoring their service on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 from 11am to 1pm at the Rapids City Community Center. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help serve our Veterans, Military Personnel and First Responders please contact the Village Office at 309-496-2321.



Community Clean-up and E-Waste Events

will be combined this year. Both events will be held at Rapids City Village Hall from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday, April 27th, 2019.

All Community Clean-up volunteers should arrive at Rapids City Village Hall at 9 a.m. Supplies and light snack will be provided for volunteers.

E-Waste disposals will only be offered to Rapids City Residents, picture ID will be required for this event. Items accepted at this event may be viewed on our website and the Facebook page. You may also call our office to inquire if an item will be accepted..

For more information on either event please call the Village Office at 309-496-2321.

Large item pickup arrangements should be made by contacting the Village Office. All residents are encouraged to set out **ONE (1)** large item on the first Friday of the first full week of the month. Please email or call the Village Office the Thursday before the Large Item Pick-up date below to be added to the special pick-up list. The following dates will be large item pickup dates through the end of the year: February 8th, 2019 - March 8th, 2019 - April 5th, 2019

Garbage & recycle calendars are now available at the Village Office for pick up.

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

Government, community, utility and ordinance information is available on our website.

Village of Rapids City

www.rapidscity.us

1204 4th Avenue

PO Box 134

Rapids City, IL 61278

Phone: 309-496-2321

Email: vorc@rapidscity.us

Facebook: Village of Rapids City

A Message from our Village President, Harold Mire, Jr.

Dear Resident(s):

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and I wish you a prosperous New Year.

As we've begun the new calendar year, your Village Officials and Staff have been diligently at work focusing on ongoing projects and upcoming fiscal year budget preparations.

I would like to provide you with the following updates:

1. The Water Loop engineering is continuing. The weather has caused a delay in surveying for the railroad property but it appears that will happen soon. We are still hopeful of beginning this project soon after our new Fiscal Year begins May 1, 2019. It is still our intention to have this project completed by Fall 2019 barring any unforeseen circumstances.
2. The drainage project for 4th and 13th streets have been completed.
3. Our grant application to the state for our Shuler's Shady Grove Park Wellness Center was approved. This addition will consist of exercise equipment for everyone's enjoyment. A special thanks to Trustee Robertson and Village Clerk Housenga for their many hours of work in securing this grant for Rapids City.
4. The village has applied for a grant to assist with cost associated with the install of a Storm Siren Warning System and it is our hope to complete this project in 2019.
5. The Sulphur Creek drainage easements are still being finalized. We will be looking for alternatives in the event we are unable to secure 100% of easement rights. I will provide notice to all residents for a March meeting update after the village meeting in February 2019.
6. Developmental budget meetings for the upcoming Fiscal Year have begun. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for further information. It would be great to receive citizen input.
7. Please mark your calendars for our Rapids City Veterans, Military, Law Enforcement and all First Responders Appreciation Luncheon to be held at the R.C. Community Center on Saturday, May 18, 2019; 11:00am – 1:00pm.
8. It was such a delight to see the smiles of the many children who participated in our Children's Holiday Craft Party in December. This would not have been possible without the help of Trustee's Fowler, Clark, Robertson and Village Clerk Housenga and Deputy Clerk Hoodjer. Many thanks to all of you for making this possible and to all the Trustees who approved funding for this event.

As you know for years the Trustees and myself have done our best to control costs to our citizens and will continue to do so in the future. We continue to be good stewards of your money, have no debt and have one of the lowest property tax rates of most villages. There are times when situations occur which will require us to take actions that are distasteful to us as a Village. For years the Village has chosen to subsidize the waste collection bill of its citizens and even waived waste collection fees for the December Bill. The Village currently pays our Waste Collection Vendor \$13.11 per household per month but the Village only charges \$12.00 per household per month. However, the contract expires at the end of June 2019 and we are in negotiations at this time. As always we will diligently negotiate on behalf of our citizens to minimize increases but I would be remiss in my obligations to you if I did not advise you to expect an increase in July 2019. We will give you as much notice as possible once the final contract is accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees.

One of your most important functions as a citizen is to vote; a right thousands died to defend. Please honor them and remember to vote on April 2, 2019. You can also vote early or absentee if you're out of town on election day. See reverse side for further information.

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing us to be a part of this amazing experience and for allowing the Board of Trustees and myself the honor of serving you and all our citizens.

Sincerely,

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