



A Message from the Our Village President (Mayor)

HAROLD J. MIRE, JR.

Dear Resident(s);

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy 4th of July and please remember to drive safely as our children are playing in the neighborhoods. On another note, our Village suffered a recent rash of vehicle burglaries and even a vehicle was stolen. Please remember to lock your vehicles, houses, shed, etc.

I once again want to thank you for passage of the Village Sales Tax which was desperately needed. The Board and I advised you the funds generated would be utilized to pay back loans we would have to take out to complete expensive projects and that process is now underway. We have been debt free for many years and the feeling has been great but during that time we have seen the beginning of deterioration of some of our infrastructure which now requires attention. We sought quotes and terms for loans from three local banks and have applied for two loans with the lowest competitive and attractive term package, Blackhawk Bank and Trust. We have received verbal approval for both and I will discuss them in detail below with the associated projects.

The Continuous Waterloop Project was estimated to originally cost approximately \$310k with some upward adjustment possibly due to boring specificity. The lowest bid received was \$539K, substantially higher than expected. Therefore we will be borrowing \$400k at 2.10% for a period not to exceed 10 years; monthly payment approximately \$3,700. There is no prepayment penalty after five years. We will be using half of our Water Fund cash surplus to cover the rest of the cost. This contract will be signed shortly and work should start and end this summer.

The 13th Street Culvert Project is estimated to cost between \$150k-\$240k and I believe the 17th Street Hill Project, based on a 2017 study will cost between \$500k-\$750k when accounting for increases in material and labor. Therefore we have secured a loan in the amount of \$1.1 million at 2.5% for a period not to exceed 15 years; monthly payment approximately \$7,335. There is no prepayment penalty after 5 years. Bidding for the 13th Street Project should occur in the next couple of months and I am hopeful that initial meetings with engineers for the 17th street project may began before the end of the Summer/Fall.

Borrowing money is very distasteful to all of us but when it comes to safety and quality of life issues, we must act prudently and that is what we are doing in this case. It is our intent to pay these off as early as possible. Additionally we will continue to seek grants where available to help defer costs to our Village Treasury, which is your money.

At this time and due to the passage of the dedicated Village Sales Tax, I see no need to recommend an increase in property taxes to the Board. The Sales Tax, along with the law enforcement contract savings, should be sufficient to pay the monthly note for roads and other capital projects. I also see no need to increase water fees at this time as the currently revenue is sufficient to pay the monthly note of the loan.

Finally, we ended the year only \$60k less than we started with in the General Fund. That was a phenomenal accomplishment in light of the COVID pandemic and its negative impact on businesses. We accomplished this while still reducing waste and water bills by 50% for a two month period for all residents and businesses to assist them during these hard economic times. I want to thank the Village Board and the Employees for their due diligence in monitoring and prioritizing projects and expenditures during these trying times. I thank the Board of Trustees for their unwavering support, fiscal responsibility and their dedication to the citizens of Rapids City.

Sincerely,

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

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

QUARTERLY 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.. All meeting minutes will be posted on our website once approved.



The looping of the water system project is going to be under way soon. Once the project is near completion a boil order may be a possibility for public safety. We urge everyone to sign up for our push alert system through CivicReady. to provide alerts to our residents if a boil order is needed.



The CivicReady service is also used to alert of all situations that require immediate attention, not just for water main breaks, other occurrences were bodily harm or life is at jeopardy. All residents will

have the opportunity to opt in or out at any time. Visit our website to sign up for this free service.

Village Hall & Community Center parking lot is slated to be repaved the week of July 12th, weather permitting. We are hoping this project will only take one week to complete. During this time, the office and community center will be closed to walk-in traffic for everyone's safety. Please call or email our office if you have a matter that needs attention. If in person services are needed, we can make an arrangement to fulfill your needs. Watch our Facebook page and website for updates on when this improvement will be completed.



Replacement of a culvert under 13th Street is planned for this season. At this time, we do have a weight limit of 5,000 pounds imposed over the current culvert. Once we have more information related to this project it will be posted to our Facebook page and website.



Rapids City's Community Clean-up will be held Saturday, July 17th. Clean up supplies will be available for pick-up on a self-serve table set up at the entrance of our Community Center and at a covered table at Riverbend Park on 17th Street the morning of the event. We hope to have a great turn out for this event as we are preparing to beautify the Village for the Bass Federation Junior World Championships the following week.



The Bass Federation Junior World Championships will be held in Rapids City on Tuesday, July 27th through Friday, July 30th. Our boat dock will still be open to the public during this event.

Please see attached letter for event details.

The Village of Rapids City Community Yard Sale Day will be August 14th, 2021. The village will once again advertise for the sales and publish maps for shoppers. Please call between July 12th and August 9th to be added to the map. Maps for Community Yard Sales will be available on August 12th for pickup at the Village Office and Post Office.



Please be sure you have the correct non-emergency phone number for the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department:
309-794-9111
As always dial 911 for emergencies.

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 plugs 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. If you choose to burn yard waste please be sure you are compliant with the Village Burning Ordinance by finding the ordinance at <https://www.rapidscity.us>.



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 pick-up list. The following dates will be large item pickup dates through the end of the year:

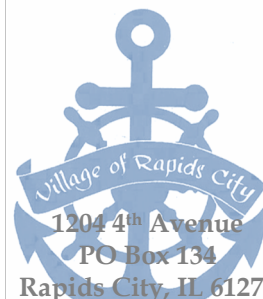
July 8th, 2021
August 5th, 2021
September 9th, 2021
October 7th, 2021
November 4th, 2021
December 8th, 2021

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

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

Monday, July 5th - Independence Day
Monday, September 6th - Labor Day
Monday, October 11th - Columbus Day

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

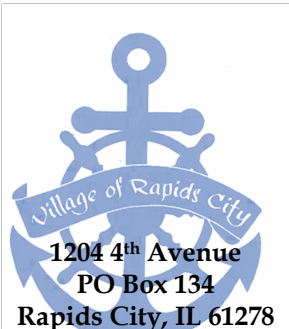


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June 21, 2021

Dear Rapids City Residents and Business Owners,

Summer is here, and many of us are planning activities with friends and family in our parks and on the Mississippi River. The purpose of this letter is to make our residents and businesses aware of an event that will take place in the Village July 27-30, 2021. We expect minimal interruptions to your daily commute or routine and are being proactive to make sure you are aware of what is happening in your neighborhood.

Name of Event: The Bass Federation Junior World Championship & Leadership Conference

Date of Event : Wednesday, July 27 – Friday, July 30

Location : Shuler's Shady Grove Park & Boat Ramps, 1st Avenue

Website : bassfederation.com/tbf-youth/tbf-junior-anglers/junior-world-championship/

The Village President and Board of Trustees approved a request to partner with Visit Quad Cities, our regional Destination Marketing Organization, to host a premiere fishing tournament that will bring up to 50 families and 80 tournament organizers to our Village. Most of the impact will be noticed on July 28-29 with 50 boats in the competition. The Sheriff's department will be present for traffic control and protection of property near the event.

A detailed schedule for the 3-day event is included so you can plan for a little extra traffic or use of Shuler's amenities and boat ramps during peak times. The event also provides an opportunity to enjoy the kid's participating in the World Championship and businesses will benefit from visitor spending. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the weigh ins daily to share our community pride. Please note parking will be limited, so consider walking, biking, or parking at a friend's house. St. John the Baptist Church will offer some parking for the tournament participants when needed.

The competition boats will have priority on the boat ramps during the launch in morning and returning in time for the weigh in around 3PM. The boat ramps are open to the public in between these times, and you are welcome to use the ramps during the day. Please be courteous to the kids that are competing and be advised the Bass Federation staff will assist in a kind and professional manner to get everyone in and out safely.

Lynn Hunt, VP of Business Development & Growth at Visit Quad Cities (VQC) encourages businesses to be prepared for an influx of visitors and consider how you can engage new customers at the event. See the attached information on how your business can participate.

Please review the schedule and if you have specific concerns, please contact Rick Fiems, the Village Trustee and Board Ambassador for this event, through the Village Hall and we will work with the organizers to be proactive and avoid any specific challenges you may anticipate.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Mire, Jr.
Village President
Village of Rapids City



The Bass Federation Junior World Championships & Leadership Conference
July 27 – 30, 2021
Schedule of Events

Tues, July 27	10AM	TBF Set Up @ Shuler's Shady Grove Park & Boat Ramps
	6PM	Team Registration @ Stoney Creek Inn, Moline (Up to 50 teams)
	7PM	Rules Meeting & Banquet for 300 people at Stoney Creek Inn
Wed, July 28	5AM	Team boats begin to arrive at Shuler's Shady Grove Park
	6-7AM	Up to 50 teams will enter the Mississippi River via boat ramps.
	3PM	Teams must be off the water and unload for weigh ins
	3:30PM	Weigh ins begin. Public Welcome.
	5PM	Weigh ins end, teams depart
Thu, July 29	Repeat Wednesday Schedule.	
	3:30PM	Public Welcome at weigh ins. Top 10 teams advance to Friday
Fri, July 30	5AM	Top 10 Teams arrive at Shuler's Shady Grove Park
	6AM	Teams enter the Mississippi River via boat ramps
	3PM	Teams must be off the water and unload for weigh ins
	3:30PM	Championship Weigh ins & Awards. Public Welcome
	5:00PM	Event concludes

*Please note final schedule is subject to change by The Bass Federation

Information for Rapids City Businesses

Please consider how your business can engage with the Bass Federations staff, eighty Bass Chapter Presidents from all around the U.S., up to fifty Junior Teams, and their families. Visit Quad Cities will be providing welcome packets to the visitors participating in the event, and you are invited to share information on your business in those packets. Ideas on items to include are menu's, coupons, special offers, flyers, or promotional items. There is no cost to participate. If you are interested in taking advantage of this free promotional opportunity to welcome our visitors, please email: Lhunt@visitquadcities.com to participate and coordinate by July 19, 2021.

About the Bass Federation Junior World Championship & Leadership Conference

Youth fishing program started by TBF in 1994 in 4 states, now TBF has active state Junior Programs in almost every state across the country. The competitive branch of this program allows the anglers to attend their sanctioned Junior State events and attempt to qualify for the annual TBF Junior World Championship (JWC) out of their own boat with their own boat captain for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes! The bigger your program is the more teams can advance. The junior anglers' fish in local club & state tournaments and participate in fundraising and conservation projects just like the adults do. The TBF state leaders will join the teams for their annual Leadership Conference to continue the dialogue to improve the youth fishing program.

<https://www.bassfederation.com/tbf-youth/tbf-junior-anglers/junior-world-championship/>