

VILLAGE OF RAPIDS CITY

2023 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 7p.m. 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.



The 2023 Consolidated Elections will be on April 4th, 2023.
Don't forget to vote!!

We have 3 Village Trustee positions and a video gaming nonbinding referendum question on the ballot. To find your polling place and information about voting please visit or call the Rock Island County Clerk's Office.

<https://www.rockislandcountyil.gov/247/Elections>
309-786-8683



Replacement of a culvert under 13th Street is to begin very soon. The first stage of the project, preliminary utility work has been completed. Phoenix Corp of the Quad Cities will be completing this project as soon as weather allows.

The rehabilitation, hill stabilization and reconstruction of 17th Street has been awarded to Centennial Contractors. The Village is awaiting permitting currently. Those residents that are within the construction path will be contacted to give temporary easement consent to complete this project. The project is planned to start and conclude this construction season. Please watch our website and Facebook page for more information on this project as it is available.



The Village of Rapids City will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st, 2023. The Easter Bunny will be at the park for pictures from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

The location for the hunt will be at Shadow Hill Park at the top of 12th Street hill.

Make sure your kiddos have a basket or bag to collect eggs. Sign in will be required for this event.

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 Wednesday, May 17th, 2023. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm 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 12th, 2023. The village will once again advertise for the sales and publish maps for shoppers. Please call between July 17th and August 4th to be added to the map. Maps for Community Yard Sales will be available on August 9th 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.

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.



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 7th 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.



Magnetic recycling calendars are available at the Village Office for pick up or a copy can be found on our website and Facebook page.

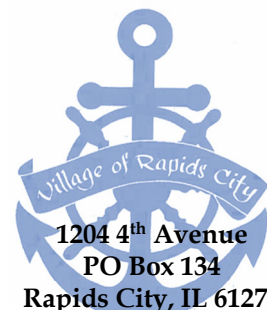
All residents are encouraged to set out ONE (1) large item on the first Thursday of the first full week of the month. Please email or call the Village Office the Wednesday by noon before the Large Item Pick-up date below to be added to the special pickup list. The following dates will be large item pickup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

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| April 6 th , 2023 |
| May 4 th , 2023 |
| June 8 th , 2023 |
| July 7 th , 2023 |
| August 10 th , 2023 |
| September 7 th , 2023 |
| October 5 th , 2023 |
| November 9 th , 2023 |
| December 7 th , 2023 |

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 14th - Good Friday
Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4th - Independence Day
Monday, September 4th - Labor Day
Monday, October 9th - Columbus Day



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

Dear Resident(s);

It's good to see Spring around the corner. Please remember to drive safely as our children will be out and about enjoying the great weather.

There are many things occurring in a short amount of time, so I am going to take a moment to review them with you.

ELECTION

There are a couple of items on the ballot for the **April 4, 2024** election affecting Rapids City. We have Trustee Elections and a Non-Binding Referendum on Video Gaming. While the Board has the authority to authorize Video Gaming without seeking any input, they have chosen to put this referendum on the ballot to seek input from all of you, our citizens. Please exercise your right to vote, a right that many people gave their lives for us to have.

PROJECTS

We are busy fulfilling the three major projects that we promised would be undertaken once the Sales tax passed in April of 2021 and I am proud to report the Watloop has been completed and the other two are well on their way to becoming a reality. Below is an update of those projects.

The 13th Street Culvert project contract was awarded to Phoenix Corporation and the project is expected to commence within the next week or so, dependent upon the weather. The project is expected to be completed within budget.

The 17th Street project is the most challenging one from both an engineering and financial aspect. The project was let for bid and the lowest bid was \$1.7 million for the Base and Alternate 1 bid. This is more than double than what we expected so we had to secure additional funding for the project to the tune of \$600k. The contract was awarded to Centennial, and we are working with the contractor for additional reductions in cost. The road work will involve all of 17th from IL 84 to the top of the Hill. This is a comprehensive project which involves, water and sewer line relocation, erosion control, grading of slope, removal of trees, etc. The road itself will be made of concrete since asphalt was just as expensive. We are in the process of securing the necessary permits and once they are completed, we expect work to commence. Residents will be kept informed of road closures and detours during the duration of the project.

MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

This is always a great event, to honor our Military, Active and Veterans, and all our First Responders. **Our 6th Annual Military and First Responders Luncheon will be held on 05/17/2023 from 11:30am-1:30pm. I am so please to advise everyone that we will once again 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 details.**

VILLIAGE FINANCIAL STATUS

While the Village is still on sound financial ground, we have undertaken the three major projects I have spoken of; projects that were **NOT WANTS BUT NEEDS**. Though these projects were very expensive, they had to be undertaken or we would have been negligent in our fiduciary responsibility to you, the citizens. The Village currently still has approximately \$771k bonding capacity available, which the Village will only exercise in the case of an extreme emergency. The outstanding bonds liability is approximately \$1.85 million. Also, through proper budgetary controls, the Village still expects to maintain a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. This will be done while still reducing your Village Property Tax Rate for this year. This is your tax dollars at work and I will always keep you informed about your investment in our Community.

I apologize for the length of this correspondence but there was quite a bit of information I needed to share with you.

Take Care and Stay Safe.

Regards,

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