CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ROCK FALLS NEWS

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Old Stone Church Having Special Music in April

To give a proper welcome to spring, the Old Stone Methodist Church in Rock Falls will be adding a special musical lilt to their service on Sunday, April 27. And nothing could add more zest to a service than a polka band!

Band leader, Leo Meitner, will be bringing some of his band members to the April 27 service. The Sunday morning services typically begin at 9:00 A.M., but will be moved to 9:30 A.M. on April 27. A sumptuous potluck dinner will follow the church service in the church hall.

Large-Item Trash Pickup Day April 26

Rock Falls residents can celebrate Earth Day in 2008 by participating in the Big Trash Cleanup. It's a great opportunity to clean out the yard area, the basement, the garage and the tool shed.

In cooperation with Waste Management, a trash packer will canvas the streets and begin picking up items placed on the curb at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 26.

Volunteers are always needed. The task usually takes about 2 hours. Everyone should meet downtown a bit before 7:00 A.M . Coffee and donuts will be provided at City Hall following the cleanup.

Since the collection begins early, it would be best to have all items on the curb by Friday evening, April 25.

For the safety of volunteers, please have glass separated into a sturdy cardboard box.

In years past, a few households placed refuse in the yard weeks before the scheduled date. Rain and snow reduced the trash to muck causing great difficulty for volunteers. Placing trash near the street 2-3 days in advance of the collection should be adequate. Trash in the city right-of-way beyond this window is a violation of city ordinance.

Appliances can be collected for a $15 fee. **Each appliance needs a sticker** that can be purchased from city clerk Tracy Ward at 5 West Madison Street. **Appliances need to be curbside by noon, April 25.**

Since all of the trash will be going directly to the Landfill of North Iowa, there are some restrictions. The following are classified as hazardous waste and cannot be collected:

Oil or oil cans

Car batteries

Tires

Computers

Televisions

Paint cans (unless lid is removed and paint is dried)

Brown goods such as computer monitors and televisions can be taken to the landfill personally without an appointment and may have a small recycling fee. Other electronics such as computers, keyboards, stereos, etc. can be recycled personally at the landfill at no fee. Small appliances such as toasters, vacuums, etc. cannot be recycled.

Household hazardous wastes such as fluorescent bulbs, antifreeze, pesticides, etc. can be delivered personally to the landfill by appointment. There is no fee. Visit the landfill website for a complete listing of hazardous wastes, www.landfillnorthiowa.org.

Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, Juice

Sunday April 6

8–11 AM

Free Will Donation

Community Center

Dogs continue to be an on-going source of irritation

within the boundaries of Rock Falls. It is a matter of dog-owners respecting the rights of non-dogowners.

Persons who do not own a dog usually do not appreciate listening to a dog that barks continuously for extended periods.

Fortunately, the majority of dog owners obey the rules. The City of Rock Falls has a dog-control ordinance that requires dogs to be confined at all times and does not allow continuous barking. Such barking is defined to be a nuisance if the barking is continuous for a 15-minute period or intermittent over a 60-minute period.

Penalties for violation of the dog-control ordinance can include a summons and fine from the county sheriff or impoundment of the animal.

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