



## NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

PeopleService, Inc. had a goal of inspecting every residential sewer lift station within the city by the end of October. The goal would have been achieved had there not been some confusion with **house numbers or lack thereof**. A recent survey has revealed that **many** homes within Rock Falls do not display a house number. Several homes have a number that is very difficult to read. **Most homes do not** have a number that can be read at night.



House numbers are not only important for sewer maintenance, but the numbers are also important for trash service and, most importantly, for emergency services. And data will show that **most ambulance calls are at night**. Illuminated house numbers are not expensive. And they could save a life when time is of the essence.

### Snowbirds:

Another reminder is in order for residents who plan to be away from home for more than a month. Please notify PeopleService or city hall so that the sewer lift station can be flushed. Leaving the mechanisms idle for extended periods can cause problems that can lead to damage in the lines or in the home.

**Pets continue to generate complaints from neighbors largely because certain pet owners do not abide by the ordinance that governs the keeping of animals within the city limits. Dogs that run loose and defecate in neighbors' yards tops the list for this month. Continuous barking runs a close second. Following is an excerpt from Rock Falls city ordinance #3-1-5 that pertains to the care and control**



**of animals in the city.**

3-1-5 ANIMALS.

4. Nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit an animal under such person's control or within such person's custody to commit a nuisance. An animal shall be considered a nuisance if it:

- Damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private property other than the owner's or on public walks and recreation areas unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner.
- Causes unsanitary, dangerous or offensive conditions.
- Causes a disturbance by excessive barking or other noisemaking or chases vehi-

cles, or molests, attacks or interferes with persons or other domestic animals on public property.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, juice, milk  
 Sunday,  
 Dec. 3, 8-11 AM  
 Rock Falls Community Center  
 Cost: Free-will donations



### Rock Falls Souvenirs make great Christmas Gifts:

Sweatshirts \$10, T-shirts \$5, Travel mugs \$2, Note cards \$8, Caps \$4, Crocks \$8, Koozies \$0.50, Water bottles \$0.50 Call City Hall to order

Rock Falls City Council will meet at City Hall on December 12 at 7:00 pm. The council celebrates the Christmas season by bringing snacks and goodies. The public is invited to join in; bring a snack and stay for visiting and socializing.

The **Rock Falls Area Betterment** group provides an invaluable service to the community. The group exists primarily to be a fund-raising entity to defray the costs of maintaining the Rock Falls community center. A number of small towns have said how lucky Rock Falls is to have saved the school building and to have converted it into a wonderful gathering place.

A side effect of the Betterment Group is the social interaction of residents when celebrating Fun Days, the Firemen's Ball, the auctions, and the many birthdays, anniversaries, and other events that are held in the community center.

As with all organizations, a certain amount of turnover is inevitable. The Betterment Group is currently in need of a person to provide scheduling of events and provide cleaning services for events. Anyone interested is encouraged to phone Gary Dockum at 696-3485 or Dale Borchardt at 696-5580.

The Betterment Group is managed by a Board of Directors and will be needing to replace a couple of directors whose terms have expired. Phone Gary or Dale to volunteer for director positions.

City council member Lois Fingalsen is the Rock Falls representative on the Cerro Gordo emergency 911 commission. Lois was recently elected to be Secretary of the commission, a position of distinct responsibility. Be sure to congratulate Lois at first opportunity!