

ROCK FALLS NEWS

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New Flags



Time and weather takes their toll on all of us including Old Glory. The U.S. flag that flies in front of the Community Center gave up the fight a couple of months ago. Both the flag and the halyard were found completely disconnected from the pole.

Once a new flag was acquired, the challenge became the installation of a new halyard to carry the flag. The new halyard needed to be threaded through the truck at the apex of the pole.

Joe Davis, supervisor for PeopleService, Inc., visited with the City of Nora Springs about using their cherry picker to carry the halyard to the top of the pole. Chuck Fink from Nora Springs and Joe Davis traveled to Rock Falls on a very cold and windy day in October to raise the halyard.

The new State of Iowa flag that now flies along with the U.S. flag was donated by Mayor Petersen and wife, Caroline.



Even though there has been precious little snow so far this winter, there is plenty of winter remaining. Large quantities of snow could still occur. It may be good timing to examine the Rock Falls city ordinance pertaining to snowmobile operation within the City.

3-3-59 REGULATIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile under the following circumstances:

1. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.
2. On public school grounds,

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3-3-58 PERMITTED AREAS OF OPERATION. Snowmobiles will be allowed to operate in the City as follows:

1. Unplowed Streets. Snowmobiles may be operated upon **streets which have not been plowed** during the snow season.
2. Other Streets. Snowmobiles may not be operated on any other street within the City except for the purpose of the most direct ingress to and egress from the City.
3. Sidewalk or Parking. No snowmobiles shall be operated upon the public sidewalk, nor shall they be operated upon that portion of the street located between the curb line



park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf

courses without express permission to do so by the proper public authority.

3. In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.
4. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.
5. Without having such snowmobile registered as provided for by Iowa Statute except that



this provision shall not apply to the operation of a snowmobile on the private property of the owner by the owner or a member of his immediate family.

6. Within the right-of-way of any public street or alley within the City unless the operator shall have a valid driver's license; or an instruction permit and accompanied by a qualified licensed driver.
7. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City from midnight (12:00 P.M.) to seven o'clock (7:00)A.M., except for the purpose of loading and unloading a snowmobile from another vehicle or trailer.



and the sidewalk or property line commonly referred to as the 'parking' except for purposes of crossing the same to a public street upon which operation is authorized by this chapter.

4. Speed. The maximum speed of travel upon any public street or alley **shall not be in excess of fifteen miles per hour.**
5. Intoxicated. No person shall operate a snowmobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or narcotics, or habit-forming drugs. The route established herein shall be the only permitted snowmobile route and the snowmobiles shall be operated within the roadways of said public streets and shall also be subject to the above regulations.

The Rock Falls City Council will meet at City Hall on January 8 at 7:00 PM. Discussions will include the agenda and budget for the coming year.