



Rock Falls Loses a Good Friend

Larry Warren didn't have a nine to five job. Larry was on call 24-7. Any time an element of the Rock Falls sewer system malfunctioned Larry responded. That could include nights, weekends, or holidays. Larry knew that people just did not like not being able to flush their toilets.

When Larry came to work for Peoples Service about 4 years ago, Larry knew sewer systems but did not know much about the pressurized system employed by the City of Rock Falls. He soon learned, however, that such a system is a high-maintenance system containing lots of lift stations, grinder pumps, and electrical controls.

But Larry did not back away from a challenge and immediately went to work to learn how the system works and quickly mastered the uniqueness of a pressurized system. In addition, Larry went to work bringing the system up to date by checking every lift station in the city. Larry provided

valuable assistance in developing a five-year strategic plan for the long-term survival of the system.

Larry's latest project was to work with Omnitel Communications in Plymouth and Rock Falls with the installation of the new fiber-optic cable system. Larry was working directly with the project engineers to assure protection of the underground sewer system. Larry suffered a fatal heart attack at his home last week and was found by a co-worker from Peoples Service. The City of Rock Falls extends heartfelt condolences to Larry's family and friends.

Passing on at an early age is always a shock to friends and family. Larry made a significant impact on the community of Rock Falls and will be sincerely missed. In the meantime, Peoples Service has assured the City that sewer maintenance services will be continued as the company begins a search for Larry's replacement.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday June 5
Rock Falls Community Center
8:00-11:00 AM

Fiber Optic Cable is Coming

In late May city officials met with OmniTel technicians and Central Cable engineers to discuss the early stages of burying new fiber optic cable in Rock Falls. The contractor is presently working in Plymouth and will be staging in Rock Falls immediately following Memorial Day.

The cable contractors were not familiar with the type of sewer system that Rock Falls employs. Therefore city officials stressed the importance of avoiding the pressurized sewer lines. An accidental collision by a boring machine with a sewer line could cause disruption of sewer service to a section of homes for several hours. Peoples Service reviewed city sewer maps and discussed possible sewer line repairs, if needed, with the cable contractors.

The cable project will be done in phases. OmniTel informs that the first phase, beginning in June, will be to lay the trunk lines throughout all the Rock Falls neighborhoods. The second phase will be the trenching of the individual service lines to each home. The cable contractor uses specialty crews to conduct the different phases. Therefore, there could be time gaps between phases.

Laying the cable utilizes a number of large machines and trucks and could be a bit disruptive to citizens but the contractors will try to be respectful to the need of citizens to move about.

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