

Rock Falls News



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MAY 2014

City Clerk – Tracy Ward
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Your City Council

Mayor – Lance Jost
Council – Mark Brosz
Council – Doug Heimer
Council – Jodi Wyborny
Council – Jessica Prazak
Council – Danielle Pace

Upcoming Dates:

May 4th: RFAB Pancake Breakfast
May 7th: Hazardous Waste Pick Up, Plymouth 3:30-5:30pm
May 10th: Cemetery Clean-Up, 9am
May 11th: Mother's Day
May 26th: Memorial Day
(No mail or trash pick-up – Tuesday pick-up will be Wednesday)



Do you have an event or celebration coming up you'd like to share with the City? Please remember to contact Danielle Pace to be included in the next month's newsletter! She can be contacted by email or phone. (641) 430-4786 dep@outlook.com

Rock Falls Community Center Pancake Breakfast, Biscuits & Gravy
Sunday, May 4th – Free Will Donation

Bridge Meeting Well Attended

Close to thirty town residents attended the special meeting regarding possible renovation/reconstruction of the Rock Falls city bridge Monday, April 28th held at the Community Center.

Mary Kelly, Cerro Gordo County Engineer was present to answer any questions or concerns the residents had regarding this important issue. The biggest concern among citizens was keeping the original structure of the bridge if possible, which is on the National Historic Registry. Some options the county is researching include rehabilitating the bridge as is, with possible resurfacing, widening the deck (or driving) portion of the bridge, or worst case, possible replacing of the bridge completely. Recommendations from the County must be turned in to the State, and then later the Federal Government for funding and approval of the best option for the bridge. While the City is **not** responsible for funding, the county is still receptive to input and concerns from the town's residents. Bridge inspections are required by the State of Iowa every two years, the last inspection taking place in Rock Falls in 2012. Kelly stated at the special meeting her estimated construction timeline is over the course of a five-year plan, starting with inspection this year in 2014. **No** construction will begin on the bridge until all recommendations have been made, and decisions have been made, approximately 3-4 years in the future.

Check the newsletter in the coming months for results from the county's study & recommendations regarding the city bridge. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Kelly directly at (641) 424-9037

Large Trash Pick Up A Great Success

Fifteen volunteers made light work of the city-wide clean up project on Saturday, April 16th. They gave part of their Saturday morning to help pick up large trash items not normally taken in the weekly residential trash removal. Waste Management brought a 25yd trash packer to town at 7am to assure adequate collection and transport of the items.

The Rock Falls City Council would like to thank the following volunteers for helping keep Rock Falls the prettiest small town in Iowa: Bill Boyd, Scott Ennis, Doug Heimer, Rich Petersen, Sharm Ward, Tracy Ward, Roger Luther, Terry & Josh Stanley, Todd Huff, Mark Brosz, Larry Dorenkamp, Rick Wyborny, Lincoln & Lance Jost.

Hazardous Waste Pick Up in Plymouth

The Landfill of North Iowa's Household Hazardous Waste Mobile will be at **Plymouth's City Maintenance Shed Wednesday, May 7th 3:30-5:30pm.**

Rock Falls residents are invited and encouraged to bring their hazardous household waste to Plymouth for this free disposal.

A list of acceptable materials is available at the Rock Falls Community Center

Cemetery Clean Up Day

The annual Rock Falls Cemetery clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at 9am. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to help, and can meet the committee in the cemetery at 9am Saturday morning. Please bring any rakes, yard tools, etc. of your own to use. This annual clean-up is hosted by the voluntary cemetery board, and keeps

the town cemetery looking as beautiful as it should, so all help is greatly appreciated!

At the Request Of The Cemetery Board:

Prior to the cemetery clean-up, please remove any old or dilapidated planters, wreaths, or decoration from the gravesites. Any left-over plants, wreaths, etc. will be removed at the time of the clean-up to make room for the upcoming Memorial Day