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Rock Falls News

Cleanup Day April 28



Once again, the City of Rock Falls will celebrate Earth Week by offering a one-time major item cleanup service. Residents who would like to dispose of large items that are not usually retrieved by the weekly trash pickup can set items out by the street on Cleanup Day. These items will be collected by a volunteer crew early Saturday morning, April 28. Items can be set out by the street on Friday, April 27, to be available for collection early on Saturday morning. However, if items are placed in cardboard boxes, and rain or snow is in the forecast, hold the cardboard boxes until Saturday morning. In years past, boxes have been set out several days earlier,

Betterment Breakfast Sunday, April 1

(No Joke!)

Pancakes, Biscuits,
Gravy, Sausage, Eggs,



Juice, Coffee

only to disintegrate in foul weather. Once the boxes disintegrate, volunteers have had to pick hundreds of small items out the grass. This year, if boxes have disintegrated, the materials will be left for the property owner to remove.

Since all of the items collected will be taken to the Landfill, the City must comply with Landfill regulations. Certain recyclable materials and hazardous materials cannot be collected on Cleanup Day. Recyclables, of course, can be set out during the weekly pickup service. Hazardous materials can be disposed by contacting the Landfill directly (641/357/5452) for proper disposal instructions. The following items **cannot** be collected on Cleanup Day:
Recyclables (cardboard, newspapers, magazines, bottles, cans, plastics)
Yard waste, tree branches
Tires
Major Appliances



Betterment Group Annual Meeting

The annual public meeting of the Rock Falls Area Community Betterment organization was held on Wednesday, March 7. The primary item of business was to elect replacements for expired board members. Three board members terms had expired including Gary Dockum, Kaylene Ahrens, and John Ebbers. Nominating committee chair, mayor Rich Petersen, proposed a slate of nominations that included Gary Dockum, Kaylene Ahrens and Chad Kahler. The nominees were confirmed.

Remember to support all activities of the Betterment Group including Fun Days, monthly pancake breakfasts, and the antique auction lunch counter. Profits go to pay expenses of operating the community center. At present, very little taxpayer money goes into the community center operations. Let's keep it that way!

Household Hazardous materials (paints, chemicals, etc.)
Automotive batteries (lead-acid)
Televisions and computer monitors

Place a phone call to Landfill of North Iowa to accept any of the above for proper disposal except for asbestos, newspapers, and magazines, 357-5452. Arrangements have been made with an outside company to collect major appliances. A sticker can be purchased

from Tracy Ward, city clerk, phone 530-1275, to be placed on the appliance. Place the appliance near the street early on April 28. The company will collect any appliance with the proper sticker. Volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to help with Cleanup Day. Simply meet downtown at 7:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided at conclusion in the Community Center.