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Rock Falls News

Electronic Payment of Sewer Bills

Over a year ago, several Rock Falls residents elected to have their sewer bills sent to them via email. The majority of residents, however, still receive their statements by mail. The City has had a few inquiries regarding a move toward being able to pay the sewer charge via the internet. This would involve utilizing a type of internet intermediary such as PayPal. Another option would be to set an automatic payment from one's bank account directly to City of Rock Falls. Any resident interested in various forms of electronic payment for sewer service, please call the City Clerk. If enough residents are interested the city will give strong consideration to implementing the necessary technology.



Betterment Breakfast Sunday, June 3

Pancakes, Biscuits,
Gravy, Sausage, Eggs,



Juice, Coffee

Red Light Flashing

The summer of 2012 promises no fewer weather events if the spring season is any kind of preview. Most Rock Falls residents fully understand that the city sewer system begins with a collection lift station in the yard of every dwelling. The lift station is equipped with a warning system that turns on a red flashing light if a problem occurs with the lift station. If the grinder pump fails to start, the liquid level in the tank could continue to rise. The rising liquid should trip a sensor that turns on the red flashing light. However, if the grinder pump fails to start because of a power outage, the warning system will not turn on the flashing red light. The power outage could occur from the electric utility or from a malfunction of the home's electrical system. For example, if the circuit

breaker that controls the lift station would be turned off unintentionally, the homeowner might not be aware that sewage is not being pumped out into the city system. The first indication of a problem might be the leakage of water out of the lift station into the yard, or of floor drains backing up in the home. Therefore, if a resident experiences unusually slow drains, or notices backflow near floor drains or fixtures, immediately call the PeopleService number 1-888-861-1921. PeopleService very graciously provides refrigerator magnets with their emergency phone number. Be sure to contact the city clerk (641-530-1275) if a new magnet is needed.

CityWide Garage Sale

Start rummaging through the attic, the basement, the garage, the wood shed, the crawl space, under the deck, the RV, and the trunk of the car for all those items that you intended to haul to the street on Cleanup Day. It's the Rock Falls Annual Citywide Summer Garage Sale. Kaylene Ahrens will place advertising in area media. All participants are encouraged to assist Kaylene in sharing the cost of the advertising. So, save the dates of July 20 and 21 for the big event, and for further information feel free to contact Kaylene at 641-420-2324.



Playground Equipment Funding

A few weeks back it was reported that the City of Rock Falls was applying to the Worth County Development Authority for a grant to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the city park. Following a lengthy application process led by city council member, Jessica Prazak, the council has been informed that a grant will not be forthcoming. The WCDA found no fault with the Rock Falls application. It was simply stated that the level of requests for funding exceeded the funds available. It has also been reported that the strong majority of

funding is allocated to groups from Worth County. The WCDA receives a continual funding stream from profits of the Diamond Jo Casino, located in Worth County. Council member Prazak reports that applications are being prepared and submitted to other potential funding sources. Compliance with the latest safety regulations for playgrounds has elevated the costs of equipment and site preparation. Therefore, the city is looking to lessen the impact of the park play area upon the taxpayers.