

# Rockville News

## 2015 COUNCIL

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## **JANUARY**

1st City Hall Closed	
8th Rocori Trails	9:00 a.m.
Park & Rec	7:00 p.m.
13th Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
19th City Hall Closed	
21st Finance Committee	5:45 p.m.
City Council	6:00 p.m.
25th Sewer & Water Bills	Due

## **FEBRUARY**

5th Rocori Trails	9:00 a.m.
Park & Rec	7:00 p.m.
10th Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
16th City Hall Closed	
18th Finance Committee	5:45 p.m.
City Council	6:00 p.m.

## **MARCH**

5th Rocori Trails	9:00 a.m.
Park & Rec	7:00 p.m.
10th Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.
18th Finance Committee	5:45 p.m.
City Council	6:00 p.m.
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Rockville Resident's,

We have so much to be thankful for...I want to express my sincere gratitude for you, and I want to thank each one of you for being a part of our wonderful city. You are what makes our city so special! From our kindhearted residents, the Lion's Club for their donation of money, time and energy, our incredible team of firefighters, willing to risk their own lives to save ours, our devoted police officers who make our streets and homes safe, our Public Works Department who is on call 24/7 making our water safe and roads clear, and all the other things to keep our city in excellent running order, our friendly, hard-working staff at city hall that help our city run well and always going the extra mile, our park board/nature park members passion for our environment and fun, our volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy, and our dedicated public servants; EDA members and members of planning commission and city council for upholding the rules and commitments to our residents. And a special thank you to Randy Volkmuth for his 16+ years of outstanding leadership and dedication on City Council. (and if you are thinking what about me? He didn't mention my name...you might want to brush up on a few of the items listed below, just a thought. It's never too late for change.)

Thank you to all of you, for your hard work and dedication to making our city Over The Top! Here are a few thoughts for the New Year...A check list for living a happy and successful life from Zig Ziglar's best-seller "Over The Top".

You know you are at the TOP when....

1. You clearly understand that failure is an event, not a person; that yesterday ended last night, and today is your brand-new day.
2. You have made friends with your past, are focused on the present, and optimistic about your future.
3. You know that success (a win) doesn't make you, and failure (a loss) doesn't break you.
4. You are filled with faith, hope, and love; and live without anger, greed, guilt, envy or thought of revenge.
5. You are mature enough to delay gratification and shift your focus from your rights to your responsibilities.
6. You have made friends of your adversaries, and have gained the love and respect of those who know you best.
7. You understand that others can give you pleasure, but genuine happiness comes when you do things for others.
8. You are pleasant to the grouchy, courteous to the rude, and generous to the needy.
9. You love the unlovable, give hope to the hopeless, friendship to the friendless, and encouragement to the discouraged.
10. You can look back in forgiveness, forward in hope, down in compassion, and up with gratitude.

**Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and wonderful holiday season. Happy New Year!**

Your Mayor,  
*Jeff Hagen*

# PUBLIC WORKS



Welcome Nick Waldbillig, our Public Works Director, and Gene Van Havermaet our Public Works Maintenance Mechanic.  
Please call Nick if you have any questions (320)250-2601.

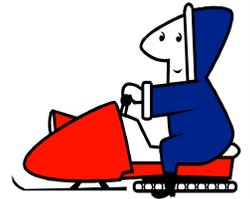
**JUST A REMINDER:  
KEEP METERS/  
GRINDER STATIONS  
CLEAR FROM SNOW**

## **USE OF SNOWMOBILES IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE** (Ordinance No. 2004-21)

Snowmobiles should be driven on designated snowmobile trails. The snowmobile trail is clearly marked. Watch for the signs. Use ditch bottoms or far right hand side of street or road if necessary.

### **DO NOT Operate your snowmobile on:**

- Sidewalks
- Boulevards within any public right-of-way
- Private property of another without specific permission of the owner.
- Parks (city or county) (unless otherwise posted)
- Inside slope, shoulder, or roadway of state and county roads
- Freeways & Interstate Highways



Read the **MN SNOWMOBILE 2008-2009 SAFETY LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS**  
or visit the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling)

### **Important Reminder:**

**Do not plow or shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks onto or across public roads and streets.** This may be punishable as a misdemeanor (Minn. Statutes 169.42 and 160.27, subdivision 5). This can create a real hazard not only for motorists but also for snowplows and snowplow drivers.



## **THE WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-75**

### **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES AND ALL CITY STREETS DURING WINTER MONTHS**

The Rockville City Council ordains:

**SECTION 1.** Section 71.04 of the City Code is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

**71.04 (A)** On the occasions of heavy snowfalls, the Public Works Supervisor shall determine when to commence and/or suspend snow plowing operations.

**71.04 (B)** When snow has accumulated to a depth greater than 1 ½" inches, a "NO PARKING BAN" will be in effect over the entire city. It shall be the responsibility of the duty police officer (Sheriff) to cite and/or tow all violators. After the streets are plowed, parking will be permitted.

**71.04 (C)** Violators of this ordinance will be subject to a \$25.00 penalty and in the event that it is necessary that a vehicle be towed away, the cost of the towing, the penalty, and any other related charges will be at the expense of the vehicle owner and will be collected in full before any vehicle is released.

**71.04 (D)** This ordinance repeals and supersedes all previous snow removal ordinances relating to the removal of snow on public streets in the City of Rockville.

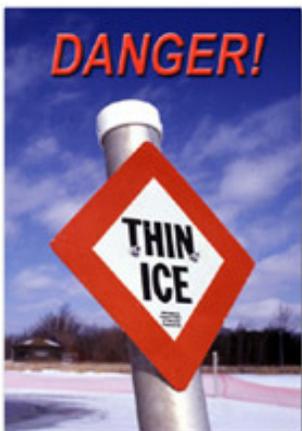
Please be aware that this ordinance for winter parking, and shoveling or plowing snow into or across public streets or roads, will be enforced and the Sheriff will be called.

# Be Safe This Winter!

*Snow, ice, and extreme cold can make driving treacherous. These safety tips from CDC, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Safety Council can help make winter car travel safer.*

It isn't too late to have your car tuned up, check the level of anti-freeze, make sure the battery is good, and check your tire tread or put on snow tires.

- Keep emergency gear in your car for everyday trips:
  - \* cell phone
  - \* flashlight
  - \* jumper cables
  - \* sand or kitty litter (for traction)
  - \* ice scraper, snow brush, and small shovel
  - \* blankets
  - \* warning devices (e.g., flares, reflectors)
  - \* For long car trips, keep food, water, extra blankets, and required medication on hand.
- Avoid driving in snow or ice storms. If you must travel in bad weather, drive slowly. Let someone know what route you're taking and when you plan to arrive so they can alert authorities if you don't get there.
- If your car is parked outside, make sure the exhaust pipe and the area around it are free of snow before you start the car. Snow packed in or around the exhaust pipe can cause high levels of carbon monoxide in the car.
- Don't sit in a parked car with the engine running unless a window is open. Do not let your car run while parked in a garage.
- If your car stalls or gets stuck in snow, light two flares and place one at each end of the car, a safe distance away. Make sure snow has not blocked the exhaust pipe. Then stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly to let in fresh air. Wrap yourself in blankets and run your vehicle's heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm.



**Be careful going out on the ice.** Ice thickness varies from spot to spot. Take precautions if you must be out on the ice.

- \* Check for known thin ice areas with a local resort or bait shop.
- \* Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible.
- \* Wear a life vest under your winter gear. **Do NOT** wear a flotation device when traveling across the ice in an enclosed vehicle!

**The secret of getting ahead is getting started.** *Mark Twain*

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Remember that these thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

# TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM, INC

In this economy more and more people and families are having difficulties making ends meet.

If you are having difficulty paying your heating and/or electric bill we encourage you to contact your local Energy Assistance provider.

## **How can Energy Assistance help you?**

Energy Assistance programs can provide:

Assistance towards a household's home energy bill.

Emergency assistance if a household's home energy service is shut off.

Emergency assistance if a household is unable to get fuel delivered.

Advocating with energy-related services such as weatherization improvements, furnace equipment repair and replacement, and budget counseling.

**LOCAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDER FOR: BENTON, MORRISON, SHERBURNE, STEARNS COUNTIES:**  
TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM, INC  
1210 23RD AVE S  
WAITE PARK MN 56387  
(320) 251-1612 or 1-888-765-5597  
[WWW.TRICAP.ORG](http://WWW.TRICAP.ORG)

This program is funded by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Please Clear Away The Snow from the Fire Hydrants

We are asking for your help, when you are shoveling your driveway spend a few extra minutes and shovel out the fire hydrant nearest your home. Please make it a point to uncover your fire hydrant after each and every snowfall. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant. This gives the fire department room to work with this hydrant should the need arise. Please consider helping a neighbor with a medical condition or who is elderly, by shoveling out a hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

*Thank you from your Rockville Fire Department*

## **The Polar Bear Plunge Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015**

Presented by Minnesota law enforcement as part of the year-round [Law Enforcement Torch Run®](#) events to benefit Special Olympics — is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into frigid Minnesota waters.

The Water's Edge  
25958 Lake Rd  
St. Cloud, MN 56301



## **Opportunities to Serve Your City:**

Please consider being a Planning Commission member or a member of the Park & Recreation Board. Help make a difference in your community. For more information, please contact Rockville City Hall.

## **ROCKVILLE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FISH FRY**

**March 20, 2015**

Serving from 4-8 pm at the  
Rockville Parish Center.

Raffle Tickets will soon be available,  
check with your Fire Fighters, City Hall,  
or local businesses.



## **Visit The Book Nook At Rockville City Hall**

Thank you to all of you who have donated books to make our Book Nook a success!

We just added 4 new shelves AGAIN!

Happy Reading!

**Volunteer Needed**—we are looking for someone to alphabetize the books. For details please call City Hall 251-5836 or stop in.

Thank you.

“To know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Sign up for the Summer Ball Program!!!  
Youth sign-up is on Saturday, March 28th, 2015  
 from 10 am-11 am at Rockville City Hall

T Ball ages 5-7 (Tuesdays)

Pitch Ball ages 6-7 (Tuesdays)

Minor League Softball ages 8-10 (Mon & Wed)

Major League Softball ages 11-13 (Mon & Wed)

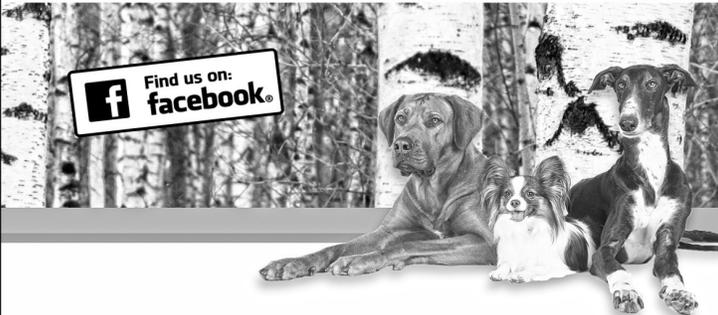
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