



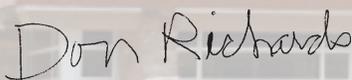
Mayor's Message

I welcome the opportunity to communicate with the citizens of River Falls in this newsletter. First, I want people to know that it's a pleasure to be mayor of this city. I say that because of my perception that River Falls is blessed with a majority of people who are, like the children of Lake Wobegon, "above average."

One example of my feeling that we have many great people in River Falls was shown when our city won first place in the America in Bloom contest last summer. I had never heard of the contest until Susan Reese, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, told me about it and suggested that we enter in our population category. She told me that Red Wing had won in their category in 2008. My first thought was that to get to Red Wing's level of city beautification would be difficult. After all, we did not even have hanging baskets on Main Street until 2005. But because Susan said that Floral Display is only one of eight categories, which are equally important in the total score, I felt better. I knew we'd do well in Community Involvement and Environmental Effort (the two categories in which we scored highest). To win that competition in the first year we entered surprised me; but frankly, but I should have known.

Another example of the "can do" attitude prevalent in River Falls relates to the fact that we now have the only LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified city hall in the State of Wisconsin. That special designation by the U.S. Green Building Council is an important achievement. It shows that many people in River Falls believe in the importance of energy conservation and environmental protection. The end result of that kind of progressive thinking can't help but benefit all of us. ~

Don Richards, Mayor of River Falls



Pierce County's Farm Technology Days Is Three Months Away:

Traffic Plans and Show Events Shared with River Falls Residents

There are only three months left before Pierce County hosts visitors at the Roger and Bev Peterson farm for Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. Event, safety and traffic plans are being finalized and communicated to the public. Over 80,000 people are expected to attend this year's event.

Having been three years in the planning, show officials and the Pierce County Highway Department have carefully mapped out traffic patterns during show days so that both those attending the show and those who simply need to get around the site will be able to do so with minimal interruption. Several summer construction projects around the area are expected to be completed by the show.

For those not attending the show your best option to will be to utilize Highways 10 and 65. County Highway E will remain open but is going to be used heavily as an entrance and exit to the show parking area from both the north and south. Dan Reis, executive committee member, gives the following traffic routes for the show.

- There will be two general parking lots for parking, both off County E
- Traffic from the east (I-94) will be directed down Hwy 63 from the Baldwin Exit to either Hwy 29 west and/or Hwy 10 at Ellsworth, then west to County E.
- Traffic from Twin Cities (I-94) will be directed south to Hwy 35 to Hwy 65 south of River Falls to Cemetery Rd, then to Hwy 29 west to the show site.
- Traffic from southeast Minnesota will be directed from Hwy 10 (Prescott) east to County E and from Red Wing, Minnesota (63 to Hwy 10) west to County E, then north to the show site.
- Plans for off-site parking are being made with a shuttle service available from the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth.
- There is a third parking lot for vendors and volunteers off of Hwy 29 east of Prescott. This lot is available with a vendor/volunteer pass only.

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Open Book

The City's Open Book will be held on Thursday, May 13, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Friday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Property owners who have questions regarding their property assessment for tax purposes are encouraged to attend Open Book and speak with the Assessor. The Assessment Rolls will be complete and open for review.

Please call Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. at 1-800-721-4157 for an appointment to speak with the Assessor.

For more information regarding property assessment the Guide for Property Owners may be viewed at www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf

The Board of Review

This year's Board of Review will be held on Thursday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Please call the City Clerk for an appointment and to obtain an objection form. The completed Form PA-115A must be given to the City Clerk 48 hours prior to the Board of Review date. The Objector must provide the Board with evidence that supports their opinion of property value.

River Falls Police Bicycle Rodeo

The Bicycle Rodeo will be held on Thursday, June 17, from 3-4:30 p.m. The rodeo is designed to teach real world skills that kids K-5th grade need to survive on the roads. They will practice stations such as looking back without swerving, riding straight and crossing busy roads without getting hit by cars. Kids, bring your bicycle and helmet to the Meyer Middle School South Parking Lot. This event runs in conjunction with Town & Country Days. A pre-registration is required.

Pierce County's Farm Technology Days *(continued from page1)*

There will be activities for the whole family including a Youth Tent, Family Living Tent, Arts & Crafts tent and a Conservation Tent. In addition there will be a special tent, "A Taste of Pierce County" which will feature food items grown and manufactured right here in Pierce County. For those who do not have a farm background there will be an opportunity to tour the grounds with a present-day farmer who will explain what you are seeing when you watch field demonstrations and tour the Peterson's dairy farm.

Mills Fleet Farm is a major partner with Farm Technology Days offering both a large tent and numerous horse and cattle clinics on a daily basis. In addition there will be professional horse trainers, drill and hitch team performances,

mutton busting, a calf scramble and sheep dog demonstrations.

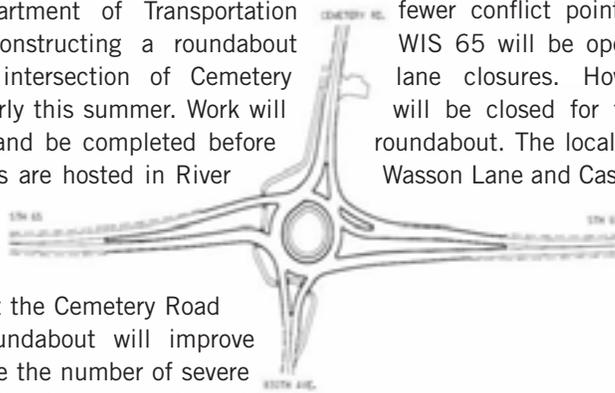
Motor home and self-contained units may camp overnight during the show at the Jerome, Marcella and Don Rodewald farm near the show site and ride a tram to the show every day. For more information please contact the Rodewalds at 715-307-1774.

For more information visit the website at www.piercefarmtech.com

There will be much to see and do for the whole family whether you are a farmer or not! Please plan to spend a day or two with us at Farm Technology Days, July 20-22, 2010.

Cemetery Road Roundabout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be constructing a roundabout intersection at the intersection of Cemetery Road and STH 65 early this summer. Work will begin in the Spring and be completed before Farm Technology Days are hosted in River Falls in late July. The project is intended to provide safer turning movements at the Cemetery Road intersection. The roundabout will improve traffic flow and reduce the number of severe crashes because of the lower speeds and



fewer conflict points. During construction, WIS 65 will be open to traffic with single lane closures. However, Cemetery Road will be closed for the construction of the roundabout. The local detour route will be via Wasson Lane and Cascade Avenue.

Kwik Trip Planning a Second Store

Kwik Trip is planning to construct a second convenience store in River Falls this summer. The new store will be located in the southeast corner of the North Main Street and Quarry Road. Although final plans have not been approved, Kwik Trip representatives indicate that they are planning to have the store open toward the end of October. The site plan for this store includes additional lots which may be developed in the future. All traffic generated by this development will access to Main Street via a signalized intersection at Main Street and Quarry Road.

The City of River Falls is responsible for the improvements at the intersection of North Main Street and Quarry Road. Improvements include a new signal light and the addition of a northbound

right-turn lane at Quarry Road. The intersection improvement work is scheduled to begin in August and be complete in time for the opening of the Kwik Trip store in late October. Minor disruptions to traffic on Main Street and Quarry Road can be expected at limited times during construction. Because of the close proximity of this new signal to existing signals at Paulson Road and at CTH MM, the three signals will be set up with coordinated timing patterns during high volume periods of the day. Coordinating the timing pattern between these three lights will reduce the inconvenience to Main Street traffic caused by these signal lights while allowing side street traffic to enter safely.

Recreation Activities Spring and Summer 2010



Brochures for spring and summer activities can be picked up at Park and Recreation office at City Hall or also at the River Falls Schools. You can also view the brochure by accessing the city web site at www.rfcity.org.

Check out these spring, early summer activities: adult golf lessons, bird watching May 8 and 15, babysitting, gymnastics, tennis, baseball, and swimming classes.

People interested in teaching a workshop or class that would benefit our community (anything from computer skills, writing, arts and crafts, cooking, home repair to sign language), please contact Cindi Danke, Recreation Coordinator, at 715-426-3420 or visit www.rflearns.org for Community Education classes and events. ~

2010 River Falls Athletic Associations Websites

Traveling Baseball

www.riverfallsyouthbaseball.org

Basketball-Boys

www.presenter.com/~rfybb

Basketball-Girls

www.presenter.com/~rfgba

Football – Youth

www.presenter.com/~rfyfa

Gymnastics Club

www.riverfallsgymnastics.com

Hockey-Wildcat Centre

www.riverfalls.pucksystems.com

Hockey-Hunt Arena

www.sa.uwrf.edu/sa/studentlife/recreation/

Knowles Recreation Center

huntarena-fieldhouse/knowles

Recreation Office

www.rfcity.org

Soccer-Traveling

www.presenter.com/~rfsoccer

Soccer-Fall

www.presenter.com/~rfsoccer

Swim Club

www.riverfallsswimclub.org

Volleyball - Girls

www.riverfallsvolleyballclub.org

Wrestling - Youth

www.riverfallswrestling.org

**River Falls Community
Television will cablecast
the River Falls Days Parade
LIVE July 9 @ 6:30 on
Channel 16.
The program schedule can
be found at:
www.rfcity.org/RFCTV
DVD copies are available by
e-mailing: tvstaff@rfcity.org
or calling 715-425-5400.**



Public Safety Building Open House

The City of River Falls is planning an “Open House” for the newly re-modeled Public Safety Building (Old City Hall Complex) located at 125 E. Elm Street on Thursday, June 17, 2010. The “Open House” is planned in conjunction with the annual Chamber of Commerce Town ‘N’ Country Day celebration. Further details will be available closer to the event. ~

Calendar of Events

May 13Open Book, 12 noon – 8 p.m., City Hall <i>Appointment Required - Call 1-800-721-4157</i>
May 14Open Book, 8 a.m. – 12 noon, City Hall <i>Appointment Required - Call 1-800-721-4157</i>
May 31City Offices Closed
June 3	Board of Review, City Hall, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
June – August	Music in the Park, Friday nights at 7 p.m. Veteran’s Park in Downtown River Falls
June 17	Town ‘N’ Country Day, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Heritage Park
June 17	River Falls Police Bicycle Rodeo, 3-4:30 p.m. Meyer Middle School Parking Lot
June 17	Public Safety Building Open House <i>Please see City website for times (www.rfcity.org)</i>
July 5City Offices Closed
July 8-11River Falls Days
July 20-22	Farm Technology Days
August 8	Border Battle Bike Race
September 6	Kinni-River Trout Trot

Property Taxes

The second installment of the 2009 Property Taxes payable in 2010 is due and payable July 31, 2010, to the County Treasurer. The address of your County Treasurer will be on the reminder notice you receive from the County Treasurer. ~

The 2010 Annual Budget

The City's annual budget for fiscal year 2010 is \$17 million and accounts for city services such as police, fire, street maintenance and library services. The majority of the property-tax funded services are recorded in the City's general fund, which is primarily comprised of wage and benefit expenses. Other major general fund costs are insurance, utilities, and fuel. This leaves little room to cut expenses during difficult times without impacting services.

In preparing the 2010 budget, there were several City positions that were impacted through reduction of hours, layoffs or elimination of vacant positions. This was necessary for the long-term fiscal health of the City, and to reduce operating costs. The Council sought a budget that spent no more in 2010 than in 2009.

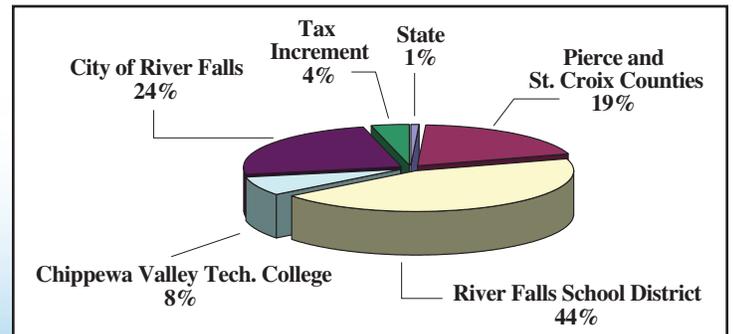
As the largest single source of revenue, the property tax is an important item for discussion by the City Council during the budget meetings, and of concern to the city's property owners. Through expenditure cuts, and some revenue increases, the City was able to maintain the same property tax levy for the 2010 budget as the prior year. The tax levy is the total amount of money collected in taxes. The following chart shows the allocation of property tax revenue within the City's budget.



Tax Rate

The City collects \$5.00/thousand dollars of assessed value for City services, or approximately \$900 per year for a median valued home \$180,000. The remaining tax amount of \$2,526 for the same median home is distributed to the other taxing jurisdictions, including the counties, school district, technical college and state.

2009-10 Property Tax Levy Allocation

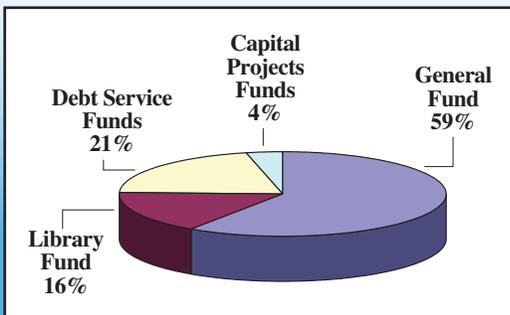
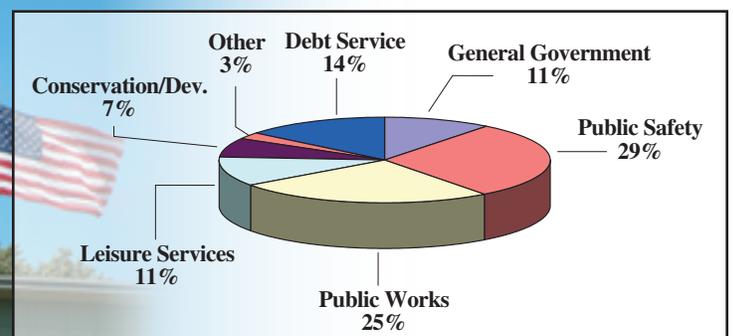


Planning for future budgets includes the possibility of reductions in revenue from the State of Wisconsin, which was cut three percent in 2009, but remains a significant eight percent of the annual budget. The City's finances have benefited from the steady residential and industrial growth that River Falls has seen in the past 15 years. Future decisions will need to respond to changes in the economy either good or bad.

The annual budget process includes public workshops with the City Council. Questions and input from the public are always welcome.

The following chart shows the allocation of effort by type of service.

2010 Expenditures By Type All Funds



NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

May is National Historic Preservation Month. In celebration of this important month, the City of River Falls Historic Preservation Commission members will be placing poster boards with building and City history in local downtown businesses. This will allow people to learn more about their community and its fascinating past.

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) was signed into law in 1966 to protect both archeological and historic sites and buildings. This law was passed in response to the rapid growth the country was experiencing after the end of WWII when the new interstate highway system led to the outward growth and redevelopment of cities which led to the destruction of historic buildings at an alarming rate. The State of Wisconsin and the City of River Falls has shown its support by its creation of a historic preservation ordinance that supports the NHPA and included historic preservation as an important part of its comprehensive plan.

The City of River Falls and its residents have made many efforts to preserve its historic resources. In 2003, the City of River Falls achieved Certified Local Government status by The State Historic Preservation Officer. Since the 1970's, the citizens of River Falls have been active in historic preservation activities that eventually

led to four structures being included in the National Register of Historic Places that include South Hall, North Hall, the Freeman House, and the Glen Park Swimming Pool. In addition, the River Falls Historic Preservation Commission has been working on many local historic preservation projects. They include local landmark designation and placing history plaques on downtown businesses. The HPC is also working on a plan to move and restore the old railroad depot (freight depot), which is currently on a site that is in the process of redevelopment.

It is important to preserve historic resources because they are the heart of communities like River Falls. Historic buildings give character to the community and help bring tourism revenue. River Falls will continue to work to maintain its unique and historic resources for future generations. ~



From left:
North Hall, Glen Park
Pool, and South Hall



Employee Spotlight – Chief of Police Roger D. Leque

Chief Leque began employment with the Trempealeau County Sheriff Department in 1974 as a Deputy Sheriff. In 1978, he began with the River Falls Police Department as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 1984, Captain in 1991, and appointed Chief of Police in December 1991.

Chief Leque is a 1977 graduate of District 1 Technical Institute, now Chippewa Valley Technical College with an Associate Degree in Police Science. He has served as an adjunct instructor for the college and currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1990 from Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, with a BA Degree in Organizational Management and Communication. He is a graduate of the 180th Session of the FBI National Academy.

In 2002, he received the Chippewa Valley Technical College Distinguished Alumni Award that is the highest honor bestowed by the college, and is the 2008 recipient of the Wisconsin Newspaper

Association, Badger Award for Openness in Government.

Chief Leque has served on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association and as chair and co-chair of the Training and Professional Development Committee. He is currently a member of the Law Enforcement Curriculum Advisory Committee for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau.

Chief Leques states, "I have a great job! I thoroughly enjoy the coordination and interaction with city staff, other agencies, groups, businesses and the community as a whole to solve problems and make a positive difference in keeping River Falls a safe and great place to live!"

Some of Chief Leque's hobbies include: classic Pontiac cars, garage sales, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball, hunting and fishing. Chief Leque has been married to Ann for over 30 years, and they have three grown children, two sons: Matthew, Thomas (and his wife, Kalen) and one daughter, Elizabeth. ~

Visit the River Falls Farmers' Market



The long established local Farmers' Market is open May through October 31. The market is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Tuesday evenings from 3 to 6 p.m. The market is located at the corner of East Locust Street and Second Street, one block off Main Street, in downtown River Falls.

The Farmers' Market sells a wide variety of fresh vegetables, honey, apples, berries, meats, flowers, maple syrup, annual, perennial, vegetables and herb plants, pumpkins, and fall crops and ornamentals. For more information, call Betty at 715-425-7394. ~

Expanded Brush/Compost Site Hours

The City's brush/compost facility (yard waste site) is located at 901 W. Locust Street near the River Falls School Bus Garage. For your convenience, we have greatly expanded the site hours. The site will be open April through November during daylight.

The site is only for yard waste and brush and is only open to City residents. ~

Rain Barrel Rebate Program

Years ago many people had wooden barrels in their backyards collecting rainwater to use later for watering flowers and other plants. Today that idea is making a comeback!

Through a joint effort between the City of River Falls and River Falls Municipal Utilities, a \$30 rebate is now available for the purchase of a rain barrel for your property.

Rain barrels are attached to downspouts which collect storm water running off your roof when it rains. The rainwater collected in the barrel can be used for watering your plants or garden during dry times of the year and even to wash your car.



Why should I use a rain barrel?

Lawn and garden water makes up approximately 40 percent of total household water use in the summer. A rain barrel can save you money in

the summer by lowering your water bill by reducing irrigation water usage. One inch of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot roof adds up to 623 gallons of water! Obviously one rain barrel will not be able to catch all that water, but every little bit helps!



Collected rainwater is better for plants and lawns because it isn't chlorinated like your tap water is. Reduce water pollution by reducing storm water runoff which can contain pollutants.

Storing rainwater for lawn and garden use helps recharge the groundwater which feeds local rivers. Rain barrels can be purchased through the St. Croix County Land and Water Conservation Department, online and at some home improvement retailers. For more information go to www.rfcity.org/eng_barrel.asp or contact Kristy Treichel at ktreichel@rfcity.org or 715-426-3412. ~

Help Report Street Light Outages

Your help in identifying street lights that are not working is very important, as we solely rely on your notification assistance. Once aware of a light out, action is taken to make sure the light is repaired in a reasonable amount of time.



To report a city street light outage, either fill out a Street Light Outage Form at www.rfmu.org or call us at 715-425-0906. If possible, please have the following available:

- Address or nearest intersection to pole location
- Number located on a metal strip attached to the pole
- Nature of the problem (light out, light flickering, etc.)
- Your name and contact information ~

Oil Recycling Changes

The City has closed its oil recycling drop off which was formerly available at the compost site. The City worked with several local businesses to identify sites where residents can recycle used

oil. Previously, the City offered only limited hours for drop off. Residents will find more locations and more hours for recycling by using the local businesses. The following locations currently offer free drop off of used oil during their regular business hours. ~

LOCATION	ADDRESS	MONDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bowens Garage	405 S. Main St.	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	8:00 AM – Noon
BP Amoco	700 N Main St	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
River Falls Tire	410 N. Main St.	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	8:00 AM – Noon
River Falls Car Wash	661 N. Main St.	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Note: Pierce County and River Falls Car Wash also accept used antifreeze.

Even/Odd Watering Begins May 1 Get Water Wise

It's time to get water wise. Even/odd water restrictions start May 1. Warm, hot summers place a strain on our water resources, often causing demand to double because of outdoor water use. So now is the time to get water wise. A water conservation restriction will help ensure there will be adequate water available when demand is high and rainfall is low, plus plenty of reserve in storage for fire protection purposes.

If every home in the City tried to sprinkle lawns at the same time, water demand will greatly exceed water production capabilities and a total sprinkling ban will be needed to reserve water for fire protection. If half of the homes in the City sprinkle lawns every other day and the other half the alternate day, this will help ensure there is

adequate water available for all purposes.

River Falls obtains its drinking water from four deep municipal wells. In order to maintain the use of these wells into the future and minimize further costs associated with increasing our water supply, we ask that all residents and businesses comply with Even/Odd Sprinkling Restrictions between May 1 and September 30.



Lawn watering is allowed any time BEFORE 8 a.m. and AFTER 7 p.m. as follows:

- EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES – permitted only on even calendar days.**
- ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES – permitted only on odd calendar days.**

These restrictions are crucial to managing the demand for drinking water during the summer. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional information, please contact Utilities at 715-425-0906 or visit www.rfmu.org.

Spring Clean Up is scheduled for the following days:



Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, May 17, through Friday, May 21, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Acceptable Items include: Carpet/pad, large, bulky items, furniture, misc. garbage, mattress/box spring, propane tanks, minor household construction debris.

Acceptable Items that will be charged a fee include:

Car Tire	\$ 7.00
Air Conditioner	\$25.00
Computer or Printer	\$10.00
Truck Tire	\$10.00
Microwave	\$25.00
TV's & Monitors 20" or less	\$10.00

Appliances	\$30.00
Dehumidifier	\$15.00
TV's & Monitors >20"	\$20.00

Unacceptable Items Include: Oil, paint, car batteries, special or hazardous waste, chemicals, or waste that is generated by a contractor. Waste Management reserves the right to refuse hazardous materials. Pierce County Solid Waste 715-273-3092 does offer a clean sweep program each September for disposal of many hazardous waste products generated by City of River Falls residents.

Eligibility: Spring Clean-up is provided **only for residents in the City of River Falls who are currently billed for garbage service by Waste Management.** Residents bringing items for disposal will be asked to present a form of identification and a copy of a recent invoice for City garbage service from Waste Management. People who do not qualify will not be allowed to dispose of their goods. Any calls regarding questions on what can be discarded should be directed to Waste Management at (888) 960-0008 or 715-425-8397.

Drinking Water Week is May 2-8 Only Tap Water Delivers

A safe, reliable water supply is critical to the success of any community. It creates jobs, attracts industry and investment, and provides for the health and welfare of citizens in ways ranging

from disease prevention to fire suppression. We often take water resources for granted unless we are living through a drought or when depleted water supplies threaten a community's future. Water plays a vital role in our daily lives, so help us celebrate Drinking Water Week during May 2 – 8, 2010.

FAQ:

Don't Storm water ponds create a threat of West Nile Virus?

There are 53 known mosquito populations in Wisconsin; only one of those is the main carrier of West Nile Virus (WNV), the Cultex mosquito. Cultex mosquitoes only lay their eggs in shallow stagnant water and they typically fly only ¼ mile from where they hatch. Therefore, eliminating shallow, stagnant water will nearly eliminate the breeding grounds for the Cultex mosquito. The City's wet stormwater ponds are at least four feet deep and the dry ponds are designed to drain in 48 hours. The City hopes these ponds will provide a very natural look and feel to City neighborhoods. Native, no-mow grasses are used to enhance the natural feel as well as to provide habitat for natural predators of mosquitoes, such as birds, bats, dragonflies, frogs and other amphibians. Other things you can do on your property include:

- Empty standing water in buckets, plastic covers, and toys
- Fill in drain puddles, ruts in your yard, and hollow tree stumps
- Check for water in plastic tarps over pools, boats and trailers
- Empty and change water in birdbaths, potted plant trays and wading pools at least once a week
- Keep your rain gutters unclogged
- Keep ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash
- Apply insect repellents with DEET to exposed skin when outdoors

Have a question you would like answered in an upcoming newsletter? Email it to kmckahan@rfcity.org or call 715-426-3403.



Water Quality Report

The water quality describes our drinking water sources and quality, as well as programs that protect the high quality water and services delivered. River Falls' drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal safe drinking water standards. To request a copy of this report, call 715-425-0906 or visit www.rfmu.org.

FREQUENTLY CALLED PHONE NUMBERS

General Information
715-425-0900

Utility Questions
715-425-0906

Police Department
715-425-0909

Public Library
715-425-0905

Municipal Court
715-426-3429

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News From Your Public Library

The River Falls Public Library will be closed on Sundays during the summer from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Sunday hours will resume on September 12.

A field worker from the Social Security office in Eau Claire will be available at the library the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis.

On Wednesday, May 12, the library will be hosting a Container Gardening class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come to learn more about container gardening with master gardener and librarian Colleen Gifford.

The library is looking for volunteer gardeners to help weed and provide routine upkeep to the library's flowerbeds. An hour or two every couple of weeks would help keep the planting beds tidy and beautiful. If you would like to help, please call Kim or Nancy at the library at 715-425-0905.

Flower Power

The River Falls Public Library's annual flower arranging competition is just one of many activities associated with River Falls Days. This friendly competition features several design categories, including this year's special category, Flower Power, to go along with the RF Days theme of Kinnistock.

Pick up entry forms at the library, or download the forms from either the library's web site at www.riverfallspubliclibrary.org or the Chamber of Commerce site at www.rfchamber.com. Entries

are due by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7. They will be on display through Saturday, July 10. Voting for the "People's Pick" popular favorite will continue through noon that day.

Cash prizes for first place winners in all categories courtesy of First National Bank-River Falls and Prescott.

A free flower arranging "how-to" class will be taught by one of the flower show judges from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, June 12, in the lower level of the library. Please bring a small vase, some greens and flowers to arrange.

The Current Mayor and Common Council

Position	Name	Address	Phone	E-mail Address
Mayor	Don Richards	106 N. Wasson	715-441-2397	drichards@rfcity.org
At Large	Randy Kusilek	518 N. Winter	715-425-0415	rkusilek@rfcity.org
At Large	David Cronk	843 Leroy Lane	715-425-9174	dcronk@rfcity.org
At Large	Scott Morrissette	2137 Rushmore Drive	715-425-8993	smorrissette@rfcity.org
District 1	Tom Caflich	508 Roosevelt Court	715-425-7186	tcaflisch@rfcity.org
District 2	Jim Nordgren	1144 South Fork Drive	715-425-7327	jnordgren@rfcity.org
District 3	David Reese	425 N. Wasson Lane	715-425-9369	dreese@rfcity.org
District 4	Bob Hughes	709 Bartosh Lane	715-441-2110	bhughes@rfcity.org

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