

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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VISION FUND CITIZENS COMMITTEE MOVING FORWARD

After two productive days of public presentations in October, the Vision Fund Citizen Committee is continuing its work on project applications to make a formal recommendation to City Council for allocations of the 2017 Vision Funds.

More than two dozen applicants provided public testimony to the nine-member Citizen Committee October 18 and 25. The Committee has returned to weekly work sessions, reviewing applications and the information and input from the presentations.

"As a Committee, we were truly impressed with the presentations as well as the scope of project ideas," said George Grassby, Committee chairman. "Individually and collectively, the organizers of these projects are looking at improving Rapid City and the quality of life for its citizens well into the future."

Grassby indicates the Committee plans to conclude its work by the end of November and make recommendations for funding to the City Council in early December. Approximately \$6.5 million in Vision Fund money has been approved by the City Council for possible funding and the Council will make the final determination. For more information on the Vision Fund process, status, or summary of hearings, [click here](#).

SEASON APPROACHES FOR WINTER APPAREL ON DOWNTOWN STATUES

Beginning November 15, winter apparel items can again be placed on downtown statues.

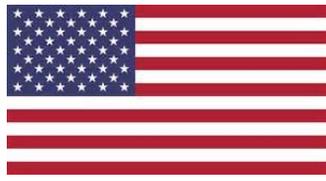
Last Spring, the City Council etched the mayor's policy in stone by approving a resolution allowing placement of winter apparel such as scarves, hats and gloves on the downtown statues from November 15 to March 15. After March 15, any items placed at or on the statues will be removed.

"It was a fantastic project all the way around," says Pastor David Piper of Calvary Lutheran Church. "We decorated all of the statues at least four times and there were many times the items were taken as soon as we left. All of the items would be gone in a day or two."

Piper said other churches donated apparel for placement on the statues. There were many random placements of items on statues on a daily basis by residents.

"We will allow the placement of winter apparel on the statues each November," said Mayor Steve Allender. "It is a great project that helped many people and brought a new level of awareness to the homeless situation in our community."





UNITED STATES VETERANS

Did you know – half of the Rapid City Common Council is currently made up of United States Armed Forces Veterans? This month we would like to pay a special thanks to all veterans in our community.

Thank you for the sacrifices you, and your family, have made in service of our country.



Council Vice President, Amanda Scott

Amanda served in the United States Air Force for 4 ½ years. While on active duty, Amanda worked in the Public Affairs and Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. During her enlistment, she was stationed at Incirlik, Turkey and Okinawa, Japan. Amanda grew up in a military family and was motivated to follow in her father's footsteps. Her favorite part of being in the military was the opportunity to travel the world.

Alderman Ritchie Nordstrom

Ritchie served in the United States Navy from 1967-1971. While in the Navy, he was stationed at Long Beach, Yokosuka Japan, San Diego, New Orleans and Vietnam. Ritchie's motivation to join was to follow in his uncle's footsteps. His favorite part of serving in the military was picking up the Apollo 11 Astronauts: Sheppard, Rosa and Mitchell from the South Pacific.



Alderman Jason Salamun

Jason served four years in the United States Air Force from 1996-2000. During his years of service, he was stationed primarily at Colorado Springs, CO, but spent time at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. His motivation to join the military was based on his love for our country and the belief that freedom is worth fighting for. As a kid, he loved the film Top Gun and wanted to be "as cool" as Iceman and Maverick. In high school, he was greatly inspired by the autobiography of Joe Foss. His favorite part of serving is in the realization of how much military service shaped him as a leader.





UNITED STATES VETERANS

Alderman Jerry Wright

Jerry retired from the United States Army Reserves in 1997 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 2006, Jerry was called to active duty to assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom. In total, Jerry served 27 years in the Army as an Engineer Officer. During his years of service, he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Riley, KS, Galveston, Texas, Camp Rapid, Camp Bucca, Iraq, and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Jerry's motivation for joining was duty, honor and country. His most memorable event in his military career was being recalled back to active duty at the age of 59 and returning home one day after his 60th birthday.



Alderman Steve Laurenti

Steve was born and raised in Lead, South Dakota where he graduated from Lead High School, and then joined the United States Army. After completing his military service, he attended Black Hills State University.



Thank you for your service!

WINTER ICE SHOW

The Roosevelt Park Ice Arena and the Black Hills Figure Skating Club are once again collaborating. This year's theme is "American Ice" and will feature skaters from the RPIA's Learn to Skate program as well as the members of the Black Hills Figure Skating Club. These talented skaters will be performing to a variety of music with both group programs as well as solos and duets. Proceeds benefitting the Black Hills Figure Skating Club to help purchase ice in the coming year.

The show will be held Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the arena front desk beginning December 1. Tickets are \$5 per show, and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call the Roosevelt Park Ice Arena at 605-394-6161.

RAPID CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

The Uncluttered Kitchen Project:

Preserving Family Recipes – Presentation Sunday, November 20 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Hands-on Instruction 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Have an overflowing recipe box? Preserve your family's heirloom recipes and food traditions! Learn how to safely preserve family recipes from the everyday to special occasions during our tips and techniques presentation. Then join us in the Local History room for hands-on preservation instruction.

NEWS FROM SOLID WASTE

- Remote drop off sites close Friday, December 2, 2016. The two locations include West Boulevard North and Fitzgerald Stadium.
- Curbside Yard Waste collections will cease Friday, December 2, for the winter season.
- The drop off site at the entrance to the landfill on South Hwy 79 is a 24/7 secured and lighted facility. This site remains open throughout winter months.
- Saturday, December 3, marks change to Winter Schedule at Landfill:
Saturday hours: 7:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m. and Monday–Friday: 7:00 a.m.– 4:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM

During the week of Thanksgiving Christmas light recycling containers will be placed at various facilities throughout the City. These containers will be available through January 2017. The idea is to make it simple, easy and keep the lights out of the landfill while also saving the metal wires from being buried for good. For recycling locations go to [Rapid City Recycles](#) or like our [Facebook](#) page.

DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL ALERT MESSAGING

Subscribe by texting 'RCSnow' to 898211

The City of Rapid City is partnering with the 211 Helpline Center this winter to notify affected residents and business employees when a downtown snow removal alert is declared. Anyone wishing to receive downtown snow alerts via text message may subscribe by texting 'RCSnow' to 898211.

For the first time in several years, the City will declare a downtown snow removal alert under certain conditions. The snow removal alert system applies to removal of snow in the downtown core area during a declared snow alert. The downtown snow removal core area is defined as both sides of the street on Ninth Street to the west, Fifth Street to the east, Omaha Street to the north and Kansas City Street to the south. The City's Public Works Director can declare a Snow Removal Alert in the downtown core area for snow to be cleared for the safe and orderly flow of traffic for the safety, and for efficient removal of accumulated snow from the area.

If a Downtown Snow Removal Alert is declared, the City will communicate the message through the 211 Helpline Center as well as utilizing traditional media sources and the City's social media platform. In addition, the Mayor's Office has sent letters to residents and businesses in and near the affected area.

When a Snow Removal Alert is declared, any vehicle or trailer parked in the core area from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. may be removed by the police department and the vehicle's owner or operator assessed a fine of \$25 and the charges for towing and storage of the vehicle. If the fine is not paid within 72 hours, the fine will be increased to \$35.

SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL POLICIES

It won't be long before weather conditions change and residents will be faced with the task of removing snow and ice from residential sidewalks. City officials remind the public of their obligation to keep such areas free from snow and ice.

City Ordinance 12.12.090 states it is the duty of the homeowner to keep the sidewalk(s) fronting or abutting a lot, parcel or plot of ground free from snow and ice at all times. When it is impossible to take the snow and ice from the walk by reason of it being frozen to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant shall sprinkle or spread suitable material to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel.

Sidewalks that are not kept free from snow and ice are declared a nuisance, and upon the failure, neglect or refusal to comply, the owner or occupant may be held in violation. If the snow and ice is not removed within 24 hours, the City can have the area cleared of snow and ice with the costs assessed to the property.

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It is important to note that the items listed in this report are the result of a joint effort between City Council, Department Directors, our employees, citizens, and myself.

Working Together. Serving Together. We are a Team.



Steve Alameda