

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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How Do I Apply to Serve on a City Committee or Board?

The City has established a variety of boards, committees and commissions that provide you the opportunity to use your unique talents and abilities to benefit our community. Your service will allow you to provide important input on policies that shape our Government and our City. We have more than 30 boards, committees and commissions that advise the Mayor and City Council on a variety of issues.

There are current and upcoming vacancies on the following: Airport Board of Directors, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and RSVP Advisory Council.

Find additional Information and [Citizen Interest Application](#) visit www.rcgov.org.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply!

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Message from Mayor Steve Allender

Resident voters will go to the polls at the June 5 primary to decide whether or not to build a new Civic Center Arena. The outcome will have a tremendous impact on the community's future.

Since last June, I have made over 40 public and private presentations and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with a lot of feedback, questions and input from the community. I have been energized by this overall response and reaction.

The Barnett Arena is 41 years old. The entertainment and convention markets have changed for the better. The music industry has changed significantly.

Of the 83 million millennials living among us, 84% report regularly traveling the US seeking events and entertainment. What has not changed in 41 years is the Barnett Arena. Buildings have a useful life in terms of functional purpose. Times change.

A new Civic Center Arena will not only address the ADA, life-safety and fire code issues, but will also provide the proper staging, height, weight and rigging requirements to attract modern and larger shows. We will be able to expand our current headliner events like the Stock Show, LNI and other trade shows with more vendors and participants. A new Arena will open the doors to opportunities that the aging Barnett Arena can no longer accommodate or invite.

But there could be another life for the existing Barnett Arena. It could be repurposed in many ways to complement the new Arena.

One of the major differences from the 2015 plan is how the Vision Fund will be used for a new Arena this time around. In 2015, the entire Vision Fund would be utilized for many years for debt service leaving nothing for community-generated projects. This plan will leave approximately half, or \$5.8 million in Vision Funds, available for other community projects. In 2017, Council approved and authorized \$6 million in Vision Funds to community projects.

Constructing a new arena is complementary to our Downtown Master Plan as well as Rapid City's Comprehensive Plan. It reflects the values and priorities documented in a recent citizen survey. People and communities, including Rapid City, want recreation, entertainment, and a place to gather. Quality-of-life is a major concern of our citizens, especially the millennial generation.

The issue is on the June 5th ballot. Early voting begins April 20. Be sure to vote on this important issue.

LIBRARIES ROCK!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Saturday, May 19

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | RCPL Downtown

RAPID CITY PUBLIC  LIBRARY

Department of Public Works

Dan Coon, PE, has been promoted to Assistant Public Works Director; Stacey Titus, PE, has been promoted to Operations Management Engineer for Public Works Enterprise Funds, and Ted Johnson, PE, has been promoted to City Engineer. These gentlemen bring many years of experience to their new roles from their previous positions within the City as well as working in private industry.

Did you know?

Founders Park is aptly named as it is located near the original campsite of the founding party pioneers of 1876.

Our area was founded as Hay Camp and later became known as Rapid City.

Rapid City's first mayor was John Richard Brennan, who served from 1882-1883.

The longest serving mayor in the City's history was Art LaCroix, who served from 1975-1987.

Jackson Boulevard is named for Rapid City Mayor Robert J. Jackson (1910-12).

The Dahl Arts Center is named for Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Dahl.

It's Time To Explore...

With warmer temperatures, it's a great time to get out and shed those winter blues. And what better way than to take a nice stroll along the City's many hiking trails and bike paths.

Have you driven up Skyline Drive lately? There are numerous new scenic overlook areas and parking areas where you can park your car and take a hike along the Skyline Wilderness Trail. Take your time and enjoy the surroundings.



Department of Parks and Recreation



SPRING....

is in the air at the Parks Division's greenhouse. Seedlings are sprouting and plugs have been planted. The Greenhouse grows plants that are used in the flowers beds throughout the park system and at many city facilities. Another sign of spring is the opening of restroom facilities throughout the park system. The following facilities will be open and available for use on April 1: Vickie Powers Park, Memorial Park Band Shell, Sioux Park. The remaining restroom facilities will be open by May 1.

Urban Forestry

Tree Care Workshop: Friday, April 27 at 8 a.m.

The City's Urban Forestry Board is offering a tree care workshop for the community Friday, April 27 at the Game Fish and Parks Outdoor Campus, 4130 Adventure Trail, from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Topics include selecting the right tree for the right spot, how to plant new trees, pruning young trees, common ornamental pests and community resources that are available. Class size is limited so call the Parks Office at 394-4175 to reserve your spot.

City Pool Openings

Ready for some fun in the sun? The outdoor pools will be opening for the summer as follows:

Roosevelt Park 50 Meter Pool-May 30, Sioux Park and Parkview-May 31, and Horace Mann-June 1.

Bike Path Repairs Underway

Long-awaited repairs are underway to portions of the City's bike path. Creek bank stabilization has been completed on portions of the pathway near Billion Kia on Cambell Street, and the Central States Fair Office. Concrete repairs to the pathway will follow this spring. Portions of the bike path along Rapid Creek near the Cleghorn Fish Hatchery will also be repaired this spring with new concrete path being installed.

Robbinsdale Park Project

The Robbinsdale Park Improvement Project is nearly complete, with the exception of asphalt work and seeding of the grass areas that were disturbed during construction. It is anticipated the park will be open May 15, pending no unforeseen circumstances and bad weather conditions.



2018 Summer Program Guide is available online. You can view the Program Guide and register for activities by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rcgov.org/departments/parks-recreation/parks-program-guide.html>

Division of Public Works - Solid Waste

2018 Annual City Wide Clean-Up Week

Rapid City Clean-up week is a great opportunity for citizens and organizations to participate by cleaning up public areas of the City.

To volunteer contact:

Solid Waste: 605-355-3496 or visit www.rapidcityrecycles.org

Trash and Recycling bags will be provided.

During this week there will be free disposal of household trash and recyclables at the Rapid City landfill for small load customers.

Hours of Operation 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

See website for complete list of exceptions, details for Metals Recycling and Reusable Building Materials.

Compost Sale: All compost and wood chips will be available at a discounted rate: \$10 a ton or \$5 a pick up load.

Trash to Treasures Day Saturday, April 21, 2018:

Material Recovery Facility (MRF) –
5555 South Highway 79

The public is invited to drop off and/or pick up items.

Please contact the Solid Waste Department for restrictions on acceptable materials at 355-3496.

Department of Community Development

In the Know.

One of the tasks being undertaken currently by the Community Development Department is to review and update various sections of the Rapid City Municipal Code that relate to planning and development.

Recently approved code update ordinances include modifications to the permitted uses in residential zones and the appeal processes administered by the Building Board.

Upcoming ordinances that will soon be available for public review and comment include amendments that will

- 1) Establish criteria for the legal permitting of accessory dwelling units in residential zones,
- 2) Modify the permitting and regulation of food trucks,
- 3) Create a framework for the permitting of short-term vacation rentals,
- 4) Clarify and update regulations and fees for the enforcement of regulations of property nuisances, and
- 5) Revise the City's policy for creating new tax increment financing districts, which will emphasize their use within the core areas of the community.

Life is A Cycle Event **Saturday, April 21**

Have you ever considered commuting to work or school by bicycle, but have concerns? Life is a Cycle will show Rapid City residents how to cycle safely on Saturday, April 21.

Participants will ride to a variety of on and off street bicycle facilities with ride stewards to lead the way and provide guidance. The ride will start and end at Founder's Park.

The event, hosted by My City Bikes, is a group bike ride that teaches the need-to-know essentials of biking for transportation.

Registration for the event is located here:
<http://lifeisacycle.bike/liac042118.php>

Coffee with Planners **Wed., May 2 at 9 a.m.**

The Community Development Department invites you to attend "Coffee With Planners" on Wednesday, May 2, at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers of the City/School Administration Center.

This is a great opportunity for the public to sit with City Planners to learn and ask questions about current and proposed Rapid City development projects, as well as future City master plans. There will be several tables set up at which specific plans and topics will be discussed. The public will have the chance to join and/or rotate among the various discussions. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

The Human Resources Department challenges YOU!

Eating Greens is a special treat... According to the Department of Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, adults should eat 4-5 servings of vegetables daily. Your challenge is to meet that goal every day, for 14 days straight.

A plank a day...keeps your core strong! Complete this challenge by doing one plank every day, for 30 days. Steadily increase the length of time spent in the plank position. How long can you go? Want instructions on proper plank form? www.livestrong.com can help with that!

Love is in the air... Surrounding yourself with people you love is a no brainer, but it is easy to lose touch. Your challenge is to take some time to re-connect with friends or family you haven't contacted in a while. Fill your emotional cup with love!

Do you accept the challenge?

The City is Committed to Employee Wellness

You might be asking: "What does the City of Rapid City do to promote wellness for me?" The answer is: a lot! As a City employee you and your family may be eligible for discounted Golf, Aquatics and/or Ice Arena passes. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 394.4175. Applications and prices are available on the [City SharePoint](#).

Want more? Eligible employees can receive free flu vaccinations, free health screenings and www.Blue365deals.com offers a wide variety of health and fitness deals for those on the City's Health Insurance plan!

Not enough? A \$100.00 wellness incentive is available to eligible employees! More information can be found on the [City SharePoint](#) or by contacting Human Resources directly, 394.4136.

Healthy Eating Made Simple...

Blueberry, Banana and Kale Smoothie

Shared by: Kendra Magelky –
Human Resources Department

INGREDIENTS:

½ cup chopped fresh or frozen kale
½ cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1 sliced banana
1 cup cranberry juice
½ cup Greek yogurt
½ cup crushed ice
1 teaspoon honey

DIRECTIONS: Combine all ingredients into a blender. Add more ice or cranberry juice to achieve desired consistency. Enjoy!



Career Opportunities

For detailed information on career opportunities with the City, check out current [job openings](#) on the City website at rcgov.org by clicking on Jobs at the top right side of the homepage.



CITY IN REVIEW

Paint the City Yellow...and White!

The City has authorized staff to advertise for bids for the 2018 City-wide lane line marking project with an estimated cost of \$110,000.

The budget includes spring lane painting of all roads and fall painting of the primary arterial roads in the City. City crews conduct the painting during the early morning or late evening hours to avoid traffic disruptions.

Cemetery Improvements, Additions Approved

The City has approved \$560,000 for improvements to Mt. View and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries.

The project will include construction of new roads, parking lot, irrigation system, shop building and a cremation burial site. "The project will expand the cemeteries to the south and will provide some needed additions and improvements to the grounds," said Scott Anderson, City Parks Manager.

The City will advertise for bids on the project in May with a start date of late May and expected completion date of early Fall.

Ellsworth Development Authority Partners with RC Library

The South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority (SDEDA) is partnering with the Rapid City Public Library to extend library services to Ellsworth Air Force Base personnel and their families, through a \$10,000 grant to provide non-resident library cards.

Ann Hines Named Black Hills RSVP+ Manager

Ann Hines, who has served as volunteer coordinator for Black Hills RSVP+ since 2012, has been named manager of the program effective April 1. As manager, Hines will provide oversight to several hundred volunteers who provide services to local and area non-profit organizations.

Work On Two Railroad Crossing Projects Given Approval

The City has approved agreements between the City and the South Dakota Department of Transportation for two railroad crossing improvements projects. The agreements include improvements at crossings on East Boulevard and on Lacrosse Street. Railroad crossings in the City are under the jurisdiction of the Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad and scheduled improvements are coordinated through the South Dakota Department of Transportation with the railroad company.

Work on the project will be performed by the RCP&E Railroad.

For more information on happenings around the City, projects underway, and work of the City visit our website at www.rcgov.org.