



Community Connections

The City of Rochelle's Community Newsletter

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**Welcome
to the
City of
Rochelle's
Community
Newsletter!**

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City Council Happenings—Community Ice Skating Rink

At their regular meeting on Monday February 24, the Rochelle City Council approved an inter-governmental agreement with Flagg Rochelle Park District, Rochelle Elementary District 231 and the City of Rochelle to create an outdoor ice skating rink on the "Prairie" located at the intersection of 10th Street and 6th Avenue. The Fire Department has filled a cleared area of the land there with water and the community is invited to use this area for ice skating! As winter winds down, Staff will see what methods of lining and filling this ar-

ea work best. Plans are underway for a full season of ice skating next winter!

As part of the agreement, Rochelle Elementary District will provide the North end of the Central School "Prairie" between 5th and 6th Avenues to be cleared for the ice rink. The City of Rochelle Fire Department will use nearby hydrants to fill the cleared space with water. The Flagg Rochelle Park District will maintain the area including preparing the property for flooding, caring for the ice once frozen and restoring the land to its original state in the spring.



Employee Anniversaries—5 year increments

John Elliott—30 Years

Wendy Horn—30 Years

Jim Moore—25 Years

Bruce McKinney—20 Years

Barb Orlikowski—20 Years

Mark Beck—15 Years

Sue Messer—15 Years

Cory Beck—10 Years

Robert Workman—10 Years

Carol Elliott—10 Years

Matthew Wittenberg—10 Years

John Kaltenbach—10 Years

Jody Willis—5 Years

Katie Wolf—5 Years

Duane Boehm—5 Years

Brian VanVickle—5 Years

*Thank you for your service to
our community!*



Why don't we have weekly recycling pickup?

The current contract calls for bi-weekly recycling collection. The market for recycling material is very low at this time, so it makes the business decision to have more collections a difficult one.

If residents would like additional recycling containers, they can be purchased.

Recycle Rochelle

In the winter, turn your thermostats down to 68 degrees or below. Reduce the setting to 55 degrees before going to sleep or leaving for the day. (For each degree you turn down the thermostat in the winter, you'll save up to 5% on your heating costs.)



Yard Waste Recycling

All yard waste such as grass, leaves, flowers, plants, and sticks are recyclable through the yard waste recycling program every Tuesday, beginning March 18 and continuing until October 15.

All stick bundles must be tied together with string and cut in lengths of five feet or less with individual limbs not to exceed six inches in diameter. Larger limbs should be placed out for brush pickup. Yard waste may be placed in paper landscape bags or a standard

garbage container with handles, although not a recycling container, at a maximum size of 32 gallons and weighing under 50 pounds. Plastic bags for landscape waste are not permissible.

Please place your yard waste at the curb by 5:00 AM on the morning of pickup.



RMU News

As our water meters age they must be replaced every ten to twelve years. Rochelle Municipal Utilities is taking proactive measures to maintain and improve our utility infrastructure, and the meters are now being replaced with more reliable meters. If your water meter needs to be replaced, you will receive a written notice from RMU to schedule an appointment. The homeowner must be present to allow Operators access to exchange your water meter. An added benefit of the new meters is improved reading efficiency.



Garage Sales

Once warm weather is upon us, garage sale season begins! Garage sale signs are welcomed on your own property, but not in the parkway or on utility poles. Signs that are out of place will be removed by our property maintenance staff. Unfortunately, we are unable to return removed signage.



Building Permits

Springtime is the perfect time to start your household remodeling projects! Remember that a building permit is required for most projects including fences, roofs, and additions. Stop by the Building Division at 417 North Sixth Street to fill out an application for a building permit and to arrange an inspection. Questions about your project? Give us a call at 562-8717.



MARCH

- 9 LWV Meet the Candidates
12:00pm, Council Chambers
- 10 City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers
- 11 Police & Fire Commission
3:30pm, Council Chambers
- 12 Stormwater Advisory Commission
5:00pm, Council Chambers
- 15 Appliance & Electronics Recycling
Sign up at RMU or City Hall
- 19 Utility Advisory Board
3:00pm, RMU Tech Center
- 24 Airport Advisory Board
3:00pm, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers
- 27 Railroad Advisory Board
12:00pm, Conference Center

APRIL

- 2 Budget Workshop
5:30pm, Council Chambers
- 7 Planning & Zoning Commission
7:00pm, Council Chambers
- 14 City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers
- 18 Good Friday
City Offices Closed
- 19 Appliance & Electronics Recycling
Sign up at RMU or City Hall
- 28 City Council Meeting
7:00pm, Council Chambers



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