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Important Dates & Reminders

Council Meetings for January & February 2012

January 10th & January 24th
February 14th & February 28th

Council meetings are held at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 624 F St.

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

January 2nd
January 16th
February 20th

Freezing Pipes

The city of Rupert is requesting that you leave your cold water running 24 hours a day to prevent freezing. A full stream about the size of a pencil should be adequate. Leave your water running even if the weather warms. The ground is still frozen and will continue to cause freezing of your water lines. Call the Water Department at 436-9600 to confirm turn off dates. Be sure to remove sink stoppers and any obstacles in the sink that might block the water from draining.

If you don't let your water run and your have had problems in the past couple of years during cold months, more than likely problems will return.

In the event City crews are called to your residence to thaw out a frozen meter caused by frozen lines on private property, the first call will be considered courtesy of the City of Rupert Water Department. The second call, you will be

charged time and materials for labor and equipment. This charge could be as high as \$175.00, depending on the extent of the work required to thaw the lines.

It should also be known by all residents that the City Code, Article 10-7-13 states the following:

10-7-13: PIPES PROTECTED FROM FREEZING: The service pipes within the premises not owned by the city must be kept in repair and protected from freezing at the expense of the owner thereof, who will be responsible for all damages resulting from all leaks or breaks, resulting from the negligence of the consumer. (1960 Code, Sec. 1-912)

Stopping up cracks, adding insulation, wrapping pipes and the use of thermostatically controlled electrical heating tape in addition to leaving your water running can also prevent freezing.

The City of Rupert appreciates your cooperation.

City Clerk Retiring

Respected City of Rupert employee Carma Maxey is retiring after 12 years of service.

Carma was hired in April of 1999 and was appointed to the position of City Clerk in January 2007.

Carma was a joy to work with and had a wonderful sense of humor and personality. All of the City em-

ployees will miss working with her.

Everyone at the City of Rupert wishes Carma a happy and exciting retirement.



**Congratulations
Carma!**

Be Prepared in the Winter Months

Harsh winter storms can leave you trapped at home or even without power or water for any period of time. Keep your family safe by preparing a winter survival kit for your home.

It is essential to have plenty of food and water on hand. It is recommended to have food that requires no refrigeration or cooking such as canned foods, crackers and dried fruits as well as baby food or formula if you have young children.

It is also a good idea to have plenty of water on hand. The recommended amount of water to have in an emergency is one gallon per person, per day.

Keep in mind that when you are creating a winter

survival kit, you should consider factors that are specific to your family's needs.

Here are some other suggested materials to stock in your winter survival kit.

- Dry Firewood
- Kerosene
- Furnace Fuel
- Electric Space Heater (with automatic shut-off switch & non glowing elements)
- Blankets
- Matches
- First Aid Kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio/clock
- Extra Batteries
- Shovel
- Rock Salt

Tips for an Energy Efficient Home

Making some simple and inexpensive changes around your home can really add up in savings and help you become more energy efficient.

Lighting accounts for about 11 percent of home energy use. Switching your incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs can save you about \$40.00 over the lifetime of the bulb. CFL bulbs also last about 10 times longer.

Filling up cracks can help with heating costs also. Run

your hand around doors and windows to feel for cold air leaks and use caulking or weather stripping to fill them in. Sealing up cracks in your home can save you around \$200.00 a year.

Water heater insulation can also help reduce energy costs. A water heater blanket could save you 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. How do you know if your water heater needs more insulation? Touch it and if it is warm, wrap it up.

Try to purchase a blanket with an insulating value of at least R-8. You can also save more than \$70.00 a year by keeping your water heater's thermostat set at 120 degrees.

If you want to make even larger investments in your home, adding insulation or upgrading appliances are great ways to start.

Sources:
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Make Saving Money Your New Year's Resolution!

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There are also great databases to check out and your library card can be used in Burley and Jerome also.

If you live in city limits your card is free so come and take advantage of all that the De Mary Memorial Library has to offer!



2012 Holiday Garbage Schedule

Date of Usual Garbage Pickup

Date Garbage will be picked up

December 26th, 2011 Monday December 27th, 2011 Tuesday	December 27th, 2011 Tuesday December 28th, 2011 Wednesday
January 2nd, 2012 Monday January 3rd, 2012 Tuesday	January 3rd, 2012 Tuesday January 4th, 2012 Wednesday
January 16th, 2012 Monday January 17th, 2012 Tuesday	January 17th, 2012 Tuesday January 18th, 2012 Wednesday
February 20th, 2012 Monday February 21st, 2012 Tuesday	February 21st, 2012 Tuesday February 22nd, 2012 Wednesday
May 28th, 2012 Monday May 29th, 2012 Tuesday	May 29th, 2012 Tuesday May 30th, 2012 Wednesday
July 4th, 2012 Wednesday	July 3rd, 2012 Tuesday
September 3rd, 2012 Monday September 4th, 2012 Tuesday	September 4th, 2012 Tuesday September 5th, 2012 Wednesday
October 8th, 2012 Monday October 9th, 2012 Tuesday	October 9th, 2012 Tuesday October 10th, 2012 Wednesday
November 12th, 2012 Monday November 13th, 2012 Tuesday	November 13th, 2012 Tuesday November 14th, 2012 Wednesday
November 22nd, 2012 Thursday	November 21st, 2012 Wednesday
December 25th, 2012 Tuesday	December 26th, 2012 Wednesday
January 1st, 2013 Tuesday	January 2nd, 2013 Wednesday

If you have any questions please contact the Sanitation Department at 434-2429.