



# Renville

## COUNTY MESSENGER

CONNECTING YOU WITH YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## Healthy Counties, Healthy Families

During the month of April, Renville County will be one of 3,068 counties across the United States participating in the celebration of National County Government Month. The focus for this year's celebration is "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families." County government services play a central role in our communities and the lives of millions of Americans. Counties provide services that protect our homes, schools and neighborhoods; maintain safe roads and bridges; provide access to health care; and operate our jails. The counties assist in maintaining parks, libraries, recycling needs, and serve as the safety net for our children, the elderly, the disabled, the mentally ill and anyone in need.

Renville County will be holding multiple events throughout April to celebrate Healthy County, Healthy Families. Juniors from area schools will participate in Student County Government day on Tuesday, April 10th. Students spend the day learning about services provided by the Courts, Public Health, Human Services and General County Government. The students will also spend time with the County Commissioners learning firsthand about the commissioners' local county government roles and responsibilities.

On Saturday, April 28th, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Renville County will participate in the National Prescription Take-Back Day scheduled by the national Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This is a great opportunity for citizens who have unused prescription drugs to safely dispose of them. Americans that participated in the DEA's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back held on

October 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at 5,327 take-back sites. The National Prescription Take-Back in Renville County will be sponsored through collaborative efforts between the Renville County Sheriff's Office and Renville County Public Health Services Department through the RAPAD coalition. Citizens can bring their unused prescription drugs to be disposed of properly and are welcome to attend a Mini Health Expo that will be held in the County Government Services Center Building located on 4th Street in Olivia. The county's expo will include free blood pressure checks and interactive displays centered on healthy families in Renville County. Sharps and used needles can also be dropped off during the Take-Back day at the Olivia site at the Renville County Government Services Center. *Sharps and used needles should be placed in a sturdy, covered plastic container such as an empty Laundry Soap or Bleach or Pop Bottle and will only be accepted at the Olivia Site.*

Renville County Sheriff, Scott Hable, has also partnered with several local city police departments to host a local Take-Back site on April 28th including Hector, Bird Island, Olivia, Fairfax, Morton, and Renville. The City of Olivia will be using the site at the Renville County Government Services Center.

Sheriff Hable is working closely with the DEA to have a permanent Prescription Drug Take Back site in Renville County. It will be located at the Sheriff's office sometime after May 1, 2012. Watch for more details on the permanent site.

## NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK DAY

**Saturday, April 28th, 2012  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Renville County  
National Prescription Take-Back Day**

*(by the national Drug Enforcement Administration)*

**Drop off unused prescription drugs safely at  
Olivia – County Government Services Center**

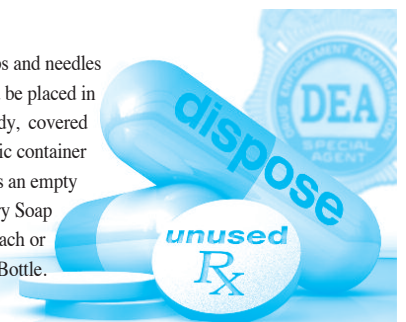
**Including Mini Health Expo with Blood  
Pressure Checks and Interactive Displays**

*\*Sharps and needles can be dropped off only at this site.*

### ADDITIONAL DROP OFF SITES:

**Bird Island Fire Station  
Fairfax City Police Station  
Hector City Police Station  
Morton City Office  
Renville City Police Station**

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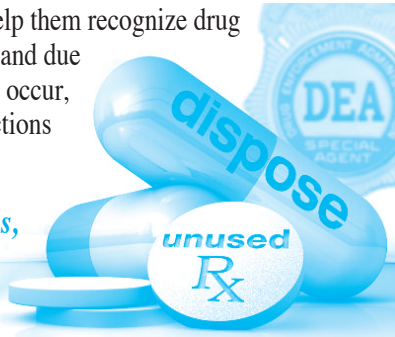
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### Recent data supports the need for the National Prescription Take-Back Day.

- In 2009, 7 million Americans aged 12 and older abused prescription drugs for non-medical purposes.
- Every day, on average, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time.
- 1 in 7 teens admitted to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year.
- 60% of teens who abused prescription pain relievers did so before the age of 15.
- 2 in 5 teens believe that prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs.
- 63% of teens believe that prescription drugs are easier to get from friends' and family's medicine cabinet.
- According to the Center of Disease Control, prescription drugs, including opioids and antidepressants, are responsible for more overdose deaths than "street drugs" such as cocaine, heroin, and amphetamines.

DEA works closely with the medical community to help them recognize drug abuse and signs of diversion, and relies on their input and due diligence to combat diversion. When a violation does occur, DEA will pursue criminal, civil, and administrative actions against such practitioners as warranted.

*If you need to dispose of sharps or used needles, please contact Renville County Public Health Services at 320-523-2570.*

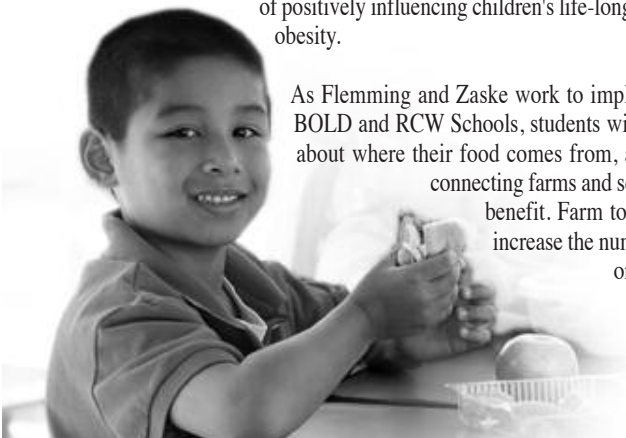


### Farm to School for RCW and BOLD School Lunches

Students and staff at RCW and BOLD Schools have seen some exciting changes to the school lunch programs in the past year. Val Zaske, RCW, and Margaret Flemming, BOLD, Food Service Directors, have been to several trainings and meetings to learn more about how to improve the nutrition in the school cafeteria.

One change has been the implementation of the "Farm to School" program in both schools. A grant from the RC Hospital Foundation awarded to Renville County Public Health has helped BOLD and RCW receive assistance and guidance from Michelle Breidenbach, Health Educator, to implement Farm to School. It has three components, often referred to as the three C's: cafeteria, curriculum and community. All three of these components have been met with the help of school staff, community members and volunteers that are interested in helping BOLD and RCW become healthy schools where choosing from a variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables in the classroom or in the lunchroom are popular. Combined with nutrition education and a reinforcement of healthful eating habits, the program emphasizes the long-term goals of positively influencing children's life-long eating habits and combating childhood obesity.

As Flemming and Zaske work to implement the Farm to School program at BOLD and RCW Schools, students will eat more fresh, local foods and learn about where their food comes from, all while supporting local farmers. By connecting farms and schools, children, schools and farmers all benefit. Farm to School programs have been shown to increase the number of fruits and vegetables kids eat by one daily serving. And, they carry these habits home.



## SPECIAL

### Summer Seasonal RV Camping

Rates at Lake Allie Park from May 1 thru August 31, 2012

Cost \$1425 Includes water, electricity & use of the dump station



#### Sites currently available !

To make your reservation call the Division of Environment and Community Development at 320-523-3768

### PLANNING TO BUILD, MOVE IN, OR ADD ON?

Rural residents are reminded that a **LAND USE PERMIT** is required **PRIOR** to new construction, reconstruction of a damaged structure, moving in a structure, or adding on to an existing building.

Please contact the Division of Environment and Community Development at 320-523-3768 for information regarding setback requirements and information on how to apply for a Land Use Permit.



**YOU NEED A PERMIT!**

# Annie Tepfer

## Graduates from the National Coalition Academy

Annie's recent journey began when she became a member of the Renville Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs (RAPAD) coalition established in 2006. She soon became the coordinator of the RAPAD coalition funded through a grant from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services and PACT For Families Collaborative. Because the coalition was off to such a great start, Renville County Public Health applied for a Drug Free Community (DFC) federal grant. The grant provides funds to local drug-free community coalitions to enhance the collaborative efforts of community partners to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse. In 2011, the DFC awarded RAPAD with a \$625,000 grant that will assist the work of the RAPAD coalition for five years. The federal Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) directs the Drug Free Community (DFC) Program in partnership with the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). There are 25 DFC's grantees in Minnesota working to mobilize their communities to prevent youth alcohol, tobacco, illicit drug and inhalant abuse.

Annie participated in the National Coalition Academy (NCA) which is a comprehensive training program designed by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) to assist her in sustaining a highly effective anti-drug coalition. The NCA training is offered at no charge to participants through a partnership with the National Guard Bureau at sites in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and Washington State. Attendees learn about creating and maintaining partnerships, sustainability, cultural competence, assessment, prevention planning, implementation, and evaluation. The year-long training program combines three week-long classroom training sessions, distance learning, and Web support. Tepfer attended the classroom training at the Midwest Counter Drug Training Center at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Support was provided between classes through web-based distance training, one-on-one support from CADCA staff and technical assistance from coalition instructors.

Annie successfully completed the National Coalition Academy through hard work and her dedication to the RAPAD coalition and the community. The focus for the academy is the Strategic Prevention Framework



*Left to Right: David Mineta, Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Annie Tepfer, RAPAD Coalition Coordinator, graduate of NCA, and General Arthur Dean, Chairman and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.*

which is designed to assist coalition members to achieve changes in community norms, policies, and behaviors. To recognize Tepfer's completion of the Academy, she was invited to attend a graduation ceremony that was held as part of the CADCA's 22nd Annual National Leadership Forum held at National Harbor, Maryland on February 8, 2012. At the ceremony each coalition was recognized for leading the substance abuse prevention efforts in their communities.

*Learn more about the RAPAD Coalition by contacting Annie Tepfer, Coordinator, by email at [Annie\\_T@co.renville.mn.us](mailto:Annie_T@co.renville.mn.us) or by phone at 320-523-3845.*



### Citizen Survey of Water Resource Issues: We Want to Hear From You!

Renville County is in the process of updating the Local Water Management Plan and is inviting residents to complete a short online survey regarding Renville County's surface and ground water resources. **The survey is anonymous and can be accessed at: [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us)**

*For more information or to request a printed copy of the survey, please call: Renville County Water & HHW Management at (320) 523-3706.*

## COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

Administrator	320-523-3710	Heartland Express	800-450-7964	Sheriff	320-523-1161
Assessor	320-523-3645	Heartland Community	320-523-1842	Veterans Service	320-523-3763
Attorney	320-523-2661	Action Agency Inc.	or 877-523-1842	Water Planning & HHW	320-523-3706
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071	Hospital	320-523-1261		
Court Services/Probation	320-523-3663	HRA/EDA	320-523-3656	County Commissioners:	
Court Administration	320-523-3680	Human Services	320-523-2202	Ralph Novotny, District #1	320-848-6392
Environment & Community		Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1505	Bob Fox, District #2	507-557-8265
Development	320-523-3768	License	320-523-3612	Paul Setzepfandt, District #3	320-365-3270
Extension	320-523-3713	Public Health Nursing	320-523-2570	John Stahl, District #4	320-523-1283
Hawk Creek	320-523-3666	Public Works	320-523-3759	LaMont Jacobson, District #5	320-765-2578
Heartland Express	320-523-3589	Recorder/Abstractor	320-523-3669		

# There's No Place Like Home For Growing Old



*Edna Bunker, of Bird Island is receiving homecare  
given by Stacey Larson of Renville County Public Health Services.*

Renville County Public Health continues to provide Home Health Care services for all people of Renville County. Home health care helps people live independently. It might be for people who are getting older, have chronic health problems, are disabled or recovering from surgery. Home health care and other community support services can often delay the need for long-term assisted living or nursing home care.

Renville County Public Health recently was surveyed by Medicare. The compliance survey team was pleased to find that Renville County Public Health was in full compliance with Federal and State regulations. This certification assures that Renville County Public Health conforms to national industry and legal stands. "There is comfort for families and clients in knowing they are dealing with an organization that has proven its worth," said Jill Bruns, Renville County Public Health Director. This certification also allows payments from Medicare, Medicaid and Veteran's Administration, as well as private insurance. Home health care services are also paid for directly by the patient and their family members.

Renville County Public Health Service's home health care personnel are all licensed and trained. Criminal background checks are conducted on all employees. Nurses provide skilled care, including giving medications, monitoring vital signs, dressing wounds and teaching and supporting family caregivers. Home Health Aides provide personal services such as bathing, dressing, making meals and light cleaning. Physical Therapists work with patients to restore or maintain their motor skills. Supervisors oversee care to ensure quality.

"Most of the home health care clients we serve have chronic conditions", said Bruns. "We often help many people manage their daily regimen of medications, provide basic personal care, and connect them with other community resources." Home care clients can expect consistency with care given by a primary nurse and home health aide. Nurses work closely with physicians, pharmacists, and other community supports.

Clients and family members are involved in the plan of care and are kept informed about the kind of care their loved one is receiving. Many children of aging parents choose home health care as it gives them peace of mind. With their own lives to live, oftentimes far away, many adult children can't regularly pop-in to check on their parents and tend to their needs.

Renville County Public Health also provides care to help people recover after a hospitalization or serious illness. Medicare will pay for these types of services if all of the medicare conditions are met.

**For more information about this service, call 320-523-2570.**

**Renville  
County**

500 E. DePue Ave.  
Olivia, MN 56277

Phone: 320-523-3710

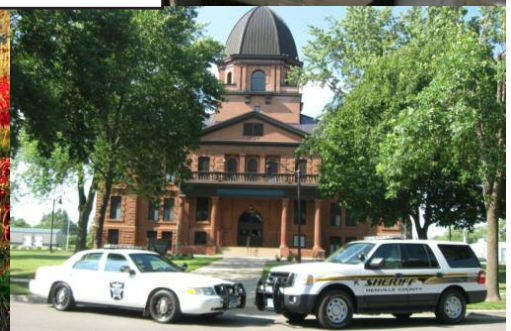
Email: [admin@co.renville.mn.us](mailto:admin@co.renville.mn.us)

Web site: [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us)

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## 2012 Renville County Community Events

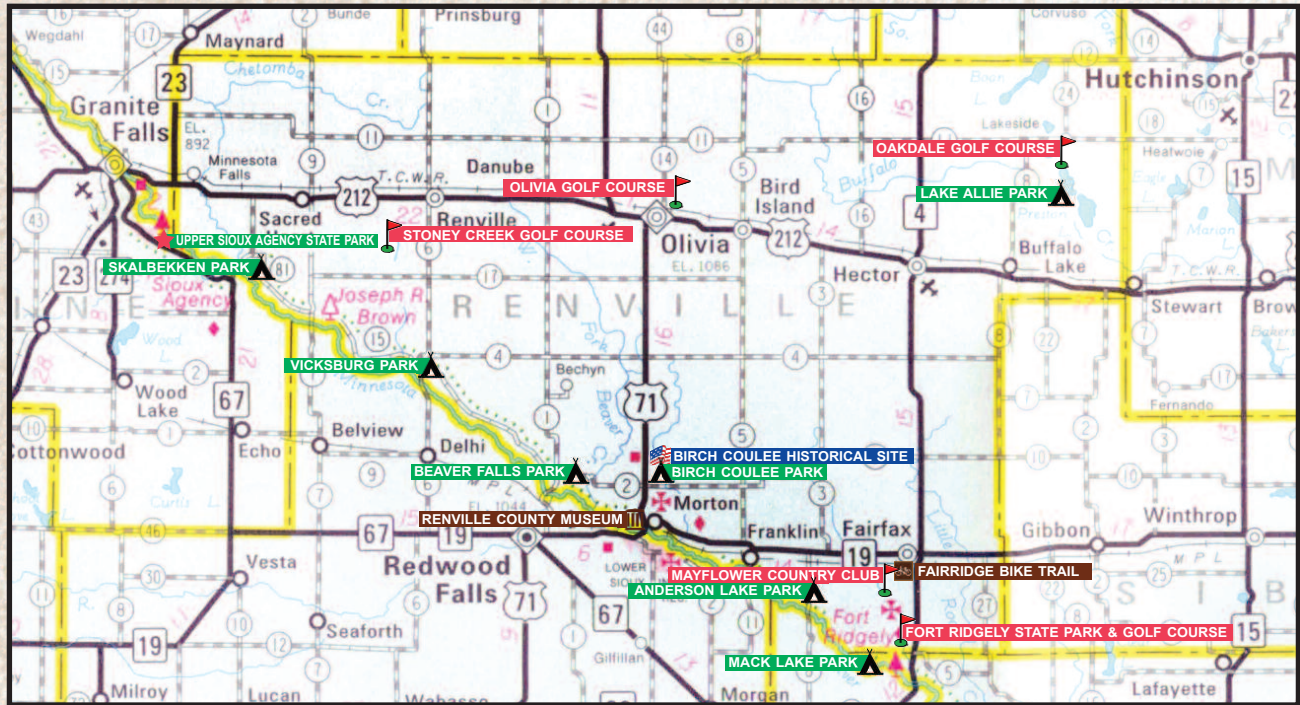
April 9th	Olivia Chamber Spring Annual Banquet, Olivia
April 21st	Spring Garden Party, Morton
June 7th-10th	Sugar Beet Days, Renville
June 4th	Chamber Golf Classic Tournament, Olivia
June 8th-10th	Lower Sioux Pow-Wow, Morton
June 13th - 17th	Wing Ding Days, Bird Island
June 22nd - 24th	Fairfax Jaycee Summer Celebration, Fairfax
June 29th - July 1st	Polka Fest Days, Bird Island
July 4th	Independence Day Celebration, Morton
July 11th - 15th	Danube Fun Days, Danube
July 13th - 15th	Corn Chaff Days, Hector
July 16th	4-H Golf Tournament, Oakdale Golf Club
July 20th - 22nd	Buffalo Lake Days, Buffalo Lake
July 19th - 22nd	Summer Fest, Sacred Heart
July 27th - 29th	Catfish Derby Days, Franklin
July 25th - 29th	Corn Capital Days, Olivia
August 2nd - 5th	State Legion Baseball Tournament, Sacred Heart
August 12th	Czech Hertiage Festival, Bechyn
August 11th	KMS Memorial Ride, Franklin
August 15th - 18th	Renville County Fair, Bird Island
August 31st - September 3rd	Birch Coulee Days, Morton
September 8th	Scarecrow Festival, Morton
November 10th	Holiday Happenings, Hector
November 16th - 18th	Beneath the Village Wreath, Morton
November 29th - December 1st	Holiday Happening, Olivia
December 6th	Mistletoe Madness, Morton
December 6th	Unforgettable Christmas, Hector

For more information regarding these events  
visit [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com)  
or call the Renville County HRA/EDA office at (320) 523-3656



Pictures Courtesy of Ron Bouldan

# ENJOY OUR GREAT OUTDOORS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



Experience the natural beauty of Renville County by visiting our more than 1,300 acres of parkland featuring primitive stands of trees, wildflowers, native prairies, and wildlife. See unique bedrock outcroppings that were formed 3.6 billion years ago along the banks of the Minnesota River. Extend your visit by camping in one of our rustic or RV sites. Group camping and park shelter reservations are available. Call Environment and Community Development at 320-523-3768 for more information. Check out the local county museum in Morton to learn about the county's rich history. Take a bike ride on the FairRidge Trail between Fairfax and Fort Ridgely. Golf on one or all five of the local golf courses.

*Enjoy all that Renville County has to Offer!*

## RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS

- Skallbekken
- Vicksburg
- Beaver Falls
- Birch Coulee
- Anderson Lake
- Mack Lake
- Lake Allie

## STATE PARKS & HISTORICAL SITE

- Birch Coulee Historical Site
- Fort Ridgely State Park
- Upper Sioux Agency State Park

## MUSEUM

Renville County Museum  
Call: (507) 697-6147  
[www.renvillecountyhistory.com](http://www.renvillecountyhistory.com)

## BIKE TRAIL

FairRidge Bike Trail  
Call: 800-535-3160  
[www.cityoffairfax-mn.gov](http://www.cityoffairfax-mn.gov)

## GOLF COURSES

- Fort Ridgely Golf Course  
Fairfax, MN (507) 426-7840
- Mayflower Country Club  
Fairfax, MN (507) 426-9964
- Oakdale Country Club  
Buffalo Lake, MN (320) 587-0525
- Olivia Golf Course  
Olivia, MN (320) 523-2313
- Stoney Creek Golf Course  
Renville, MN (320) 329-8400





# HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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## Olivia, Renville & Sacred Heart area residents complete Blandin Community Leadership Program retreat



Blandin Community Leadership Program  
Olivia/Renville/Sacred Heart  
February 6-10, 2012

*Back Row: (Left to right) – LaMont Jacobson, Doug Allen (Trainer), Mary Jo Wimmer (Trainer), Anna Van Hove, Kari Gislason, Lori Clasemann, Jody Wertish, Susie Lang, Dave Lanning*

*Middle Row: (Left to right) – Matt Baumgartner, Jean Kummerow (Trainer), Alma Gasca, Bea Revullosa, Lisa Lanning Neutgens, Karen Grasmon, Chad Kingstrom, Sue Hilgert, Russ Jacobsen*

*Front Row: (Left to Right) – Adam Zaske, Leslie Zaske, Randy E. Johnson, Windy Zaragoza, Ramon Sanchez, Shane Wohlman, Brian Stenholm, Nancy Standfuss, Randy D. Johnson, Kevin McNamara-Ayers*

In mid February 2012, 25 local residents from the Olivia, Renville & Sacred Heart areas completed a five-day leadership retreat, the first segment of an intense eight-day training that comprises the Blandin Community Leadership Program (BCLP). The team also will participate in follow-up workshops in May and July 2012.

Since 1985, BCLP has provided experiential leadership training for more than 6,000 community leaders from more than 425 rural Minnesota communities.

The goal of the Blandin Community Leadership Program is to develop and train a broad base of local leaders to build healthy communities. Topics covered during the retreat included: identifying and describing community issues and opportunities, effective interpersonal communication, building social capital, appreciating personality differences, managing interpersonal conflict, understanding community power, mobilizing community resources, and goal setting.

“A healthy community depends on leadership engagement of community members,” said Valerie Shangreaux, director of Blandin leadership programs. “The leadership demonstrated by participants reflects their commitment to rural Minnesota.”

BCLP training programs are supported entirely by the Grand Rapids-based Blandin Foundation whose mission is to strengthen rural Minnesota communities through grants, leadership development programs and public policy initiatives. The program is made available free of charge to participants because of an \$89,800 Blandin Foundation expenditure that covers all costs for food, lodging and tuition at the retreat and workshops.

Anyone interested in attending the Blandin Community Leadership Program in the future with ties to the communities of **Bird Island, Hector, Buffalo Lake, Morton, Franklin or Fairfax** can contact the HRA/EDA office at 320-523-3656 or [hra\\_eda@mail.renville.com](mailto:hra_eda@mail.renville.com)

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

### FAIRFAX~

Fairfax City offices are moving in April to their new home a half block from their current location.

The relocation will be to the renovated former First National Bank building on the corner of First St and First Ave SE. Get ready for the semi-annual City-Wide Garage Sales on May 4 & 5, sponsored by the Fairfax Civic and Commerce Association. Look for sale locations in the Fairfax Standard-Gazette.

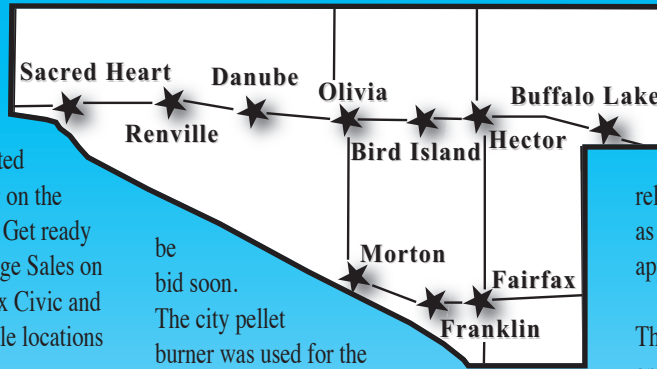
Construction of the new Fairfax Library is anticipated to be complete by the time the Fairfax Jaycees hold the Fairfax Celebration on June 22-24.

The horizon of Fairfax will change this summer when a 150,000 gallon water tower will be assembled near the power plant.

This year's street improvements will be a \$4.2 million project and is expected to encompass all or parts of these roadways on the south side of Fairfax including: Park and First Streets, and 10th, 7th, and 1st Avenues past the Fairfax Memorial Ballpark.

### FRANKLIN~

Franklin welcomes a new business, Minnesota Valley Granite, Bill Tonak, Independent Distributor. The Longbranch Saloon has a new owner, Mandy Kerkhoff. Palmyra Insurance recently celebrated their 125 Anniversary and is one of the oldest businesses in Renville County. The new city well project is nearly complete. The 2012-2013 Infrastructure Improvements Project plans are being reviewed and the project should



be bid soon. The city pellet burner was used for the full heating season to provide heat to the city hall, city shop, and the fire hall. Planning is underway for Catfish Derby Days, July 27-29, 2012, [http://home.mchsi.com/~franklin/catfish\\_days.htm](http://home.mchsi.com/~franklin/catfish_days.htm); and for the KMS Memorial Ride, August 11, 2012, <http://kmsride.com>

### HECTOR~

Corn Chaff Days will be July 13-15th this year. Hector EDA has buildable residential lots for sale, \$100 plus assessments in Sampson's addition. Contact 320-848-2122 for more information.

### MORTON~

Mark your calendar to join us for our seasonal celebrations! April 21-Garden Party, July 4th-Independence Day, Labor Day Weekend (Birch Coulee Days), September 8-Scarecrow Festival, November 16-18-Beneath the Village Wreath and December 6-Mistletoe Madness. Celebrate Spring Garden Party in Morton on April 21. If you are interested in being a craft

vendor, contact City Hall to reserve a space.

Morton EDA has funds available to assist with business start up, expansion and relocation. We have property and space available as well. Contact city hall for details and applications.

The Morton Area Community Foundation has approximately \$1800 in grant funds to award in 2012 to qualifying applicants. Contact City Hall for details.

DAFY (Drug & Alcohol Free Youth) continues to work with our youth. Everyone is welcome! Contact City Hall for details!

### STAFF MEMBERS

Christina Hettig, Executive Director  
Linda Larsen, Housing Coordinator  
Susie Lang, Development Assistant  
Ron Louisiana, Maintenance

### HRA/EDA BOARD

Chair, Joel Harmoning, District 2  
Vice-Chair, Blair Anderson, At-Large  
Secretary- Treasurer, Mark Thiesse, District 4  
Barbara Hoyhtya, District 1  
Mark Glesener, District 3  
Chad Kingstrom, District 5  
Wendy Schwint, At-Large  
Ex Officio, Ralph Novotny

## Double Your Home Improvement Dollars

**Interest free loans with higher income limits!**

The Renville County HRA/EDA has *no interest* home fix-up loans and first time homebuyer down payment assistance.

For every dollar that you spend, we'll loan you another - up to a maximum of \$5,000. Income limits range from \$40,950 for one person to \$67,850 for a family of six. For more information call 320-523-3745.



Friends of



Renville County Parks

To find out more: contact volunteer Ellie Kretsch at 507-641-5812

If you would like more information or to join please go to : [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com)

Friends of Renville County Parks, a new non-profit organization, is currently seeking new members to join in an effort to preserve, protect, enhance, and promote our great Renville County Parks.



## RENVILLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2011 Facts

### *2010 Census Data for Renville County*

Total Population 15,730 people • 7,948 Males and 7,782 Females

3,656 are Under Age 18 • 9,029 are Age 18 to 64

3,045 are Over Age 65



### Public Health Services

921 Clients Served Through Home Visits

103 Restaurant, Hotel, Pools, etc. Inspected

855 Flu Vaccinations Administered



### Human Services

721 Households Received \$406,151 in Fuel Assistance

40 Families Received Child Protection Services

45 Kids with severe emotional disturbances were assisted with Case Management

60 Adults with severe and persistent mental illness were assisted with Case Management



### Veterans Services

1525 Registered County Veterans Served

\$6,252,000 in Federal & State Benefits Received

522 Local Veterans served in Veteran Clinics & Hospitals

40,000 Accident Free Miles transporting 300 Veterans to VA Hospitals

24 Personnel on Active Duty from the County



### License Bureau

2,528 New and Renewal Drivers License (Class A, B & D) Processed

267 New Drivers License under 18, 114 Instruction Permits

218 New and Renewal Identification Cards

1,698 Vehicle Title Transfers Processed

823 New and Out of State Vehicles Licensed

8,825 Vehicle Tab Renewals



### Food Shelf and Clothing and More

2,781 Families Served

161,696 Pounds of Food Distributed

\$61,526 Received in Donations



### Public Works

4 Township Bridges replaced

Plan to Replace 7 Township and County Bridges in 2012



## RENVILLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2011 Facts



### Transit and Heartland Express

46,196 Bus Rides Provided  
3,409 Volunteer Driver Trips Provided  
Received a New Bus - Paid for by ARRA funds



### Environment & Community Development

207 Zoning Permits Issued  
62 Septic Systems Installed and Inspected  
70 Feedlot Inspections Performed



### Recorder

3,355 Real Estate Documents Recorded  
956 Birth and Death Certificates Issued



### Assessor

Maintained County's 13,964 Real Estate Taxable Tax Parcels



### Auditor-Treasurer

***Tax Collections Assisted in Funding:*** 27 Townships, 10 Cities, 9 School Districts,  
2 Watershed Districts, 6 Rural Service Agencies, Olivia HRA/EDA, County HRA/EDA,  
Mid-Minnesota, State of Minnesota General Tax, and 75 Ditch Systems



### Sheriff Office

4,899 Cases Handled by Renville County Sheriff's Office  
5,673 911 Calls Answered by the Dispatch Center  
12,618 Inmate Days in Renville County Jail with an Average Daily population of 34.5 inmates  
Boarded prisoners from McLeod and Redwood Counties and US Bureau of Prisons

SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE! ~ SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

# RENVILLE COUNTY CLEAN-UP

## Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility

32877 County Road 4, Olivia

**Tuesday, June 5th**  
**Wednesday, June 6th**  
**8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

*Collections WILL NOT be held at other sites.*

### ~ ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED AND FEES ~ (FEES ARE PER ITEM)

	Resident	Business/ Non-Resident
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<b>TIRES:</b>	Including tires with rims	
	Car \$1	Car \$3
	Truck \$4	Truck \$8
	Tractor front \$4	Tractor front \$8
	Tractor rear \$10	Tractor rear \$20
<b>APPLIANCES:</b>	\$4	\$6
	Including refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, microwaves, etc.	
<b>ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS:</b>	\$3	\$6
	Including televisions, printers, monitors, hard drives (CPUs), fax machines, VCRs, stereos, etc. <b>Fees are per item.</b>	
<b>FLUORESCENT BULBS:</b>	Free	50¢ per bulb*
	Please box large quantities.	
<b>BALLASTS:</b>	Free	\$4
<b>RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:</b>	Free	Free
	Including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb).	
<b>CELL PHONES:</b>	Free	Free

\*Free bulb disposal for Renville County businesses.

### LANDFILL & HHW Facility CAN ACCEPT

- General household garbage for a fee.
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from **RESIDENTS ONLY**. HHW includes paint, stains, pesticides, aerosols, mercury thermometers, and cleaners. There is no-cost for residents to dispose of HHW. Businesses should contact the Facility for information on disposal options.
- Recycling items including glass, paper/newspapers, cans, plastic containers, and flattened cardboard.

### ITEMS THAT **WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED:

- Clothes left in washers or dryers and food left in refrigerators or freezers.
- Wastes the HHW Facility cannot accept such as explosives, radioactive wastes, unknown chemicals, or hazardous waste from businesses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE RENVILLE COUNTY LANDFILL & HHW FACILITY AT (320) 523-1144 OR RENVILLE COUNTY WATER & HHW MANAGEMENT AT (320) 523-3706 OR VISIT [WWW.CO.RENVILLE.MN.US](http://WWW.CO.RENVILLE.MN.US)



# RENVILLE COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

## Separate Your Recyclables Into Two Categories



Newspaper, misc. paper, and **Flattened** cardboard (clean & dry). Place in recycle bin or paper bag.



Metal cans, glass bottles and jars, **ALL plastic containers (with recycling symbol) including lids**. Place in recycle bin or paper bag. Please **no plastic bags** of any type.

**Recyclable Paper:** Newspapers, misc. paper, magazines, catalogs, direct mail advertisements, envelopes of all types, books, file folders, notebooks, paper of all colors, fax sheets, onion skin paper, clean paper bags, cereal, cake, chips, cracker boxes, pop boxes, flattened corrugated cardboard, phone books.

**Recyclable Metal/Glass/Plastics:** Metal food cans, aluminum beverage cans, glass bottles and jars (ALL colors), ALL plastic containers, including lids. Please rinse all listed items.

**Non Recyclable Paper:** String, twine, cotton balls, paper towels, napkins, cups, coffee filters, tea bags, waxed paper, candy & gum wrappers, cellophane, foil, plastic wrap, carbon paper, wallpaper, bathroom waste paper, photos, slides transparencies.

**Non Recyclable Metal/Glass/Plastics:** Aerosol cans, paint cans, light bulbs, pens, window panes, mirrors, pottery, ceramics, disposable razors, needles, toys, dishes, glasses, medicine containers, plastic cups, silverware, trays, plastic wrap, foam cups, foam packaging, cardboard milk containers.



Recycling Drop Off Sites for Rural Residents are located in each community. The drop boxes are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD.**

Flattening cardboard allows better utilization of the drop boxes, helps keep the sites clean, and prevents recyclables from blowing onto neighbor property.

If you have questions contact Renville County Solid Waste Administrator at 320-523-3759 or visit our web site [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us).