

2019 FALL

# CITY OF RICE NEWSLETTER

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## Come play, make new friends and get moving!

Rice Welcomes Gene Thomsen as Rice Rec Program Manager. Gene and his wife have three grown children, 2 girls and a boy. He enjoys sports, music and anything to do with the outdoors.

Genes hope is to bring kids and community together by providing family friendly events. His goal is to strength our community, promote healthy life choices, develop leaders who work hard, have fun and don't give up. Through the end of this year he will be running with the current programs. He will be looking to expanding additional opportunities as they arise. In the future he hopes to add teen friendly activities and programs for all ages. Yet this fall we have Dodgeball 10-12-19, Volleyball September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup> (not October 14<sup>th</sup>), Basketball November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Adult Volleyball beings November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Genes is always looking for new ideas and volunteers, please feel free to contact him at 320-493-5367.

Or email [ricrec@ricemn.us](mailto:ricrec@ricemn.us).



### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **RICE CITY COUNCIL - MEETS THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH 7PM**
- **PARK BOARD— MEETS THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00 PM**
- **PLANNING COMMISSION - MEETS THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE— MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (AS NEEDED) 5:15PM**
- **CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY MEETING CHANGES [WWW.CITYOFRICE.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFRICE.COM)**

## Stopping for Pedestrians

- Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, a driver must stop when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk. Effective September 1, 2000: A vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk will be allowed to proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.
- A pedestrian must not enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian must abide by before entering the crosswalk, but common sense should prevail. The law states: "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield."
- A crosswalk does not have to be marked to be covered by this law. At an intersection, a crosswalk exists from sidewalk to sidewalk, even if lines are not painted on the street.
- When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross the roadway, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear must not pass the other vehicle.
- It's unlawful for the driver of a motor vehicle to proceed through a group of school children crossing a street or highway, or past a member of a school safety patrol or adult crossing guard who is directing children across the roadway and who is holding an official signal in the stop position.
- Failure to obey the law is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a \$700 fine, or both. A person who violates this subdivision a second or subsequent time within one year of a previous conviction

## Compost Site 2019

Tuesdays – Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Saturdays- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*Compost will close on Thursday November 7th, 2019 7PM*



## WINTER REMINDERS!

**Snow Removal:** When shoveling or blowing snow from driveways, sidewalk, crosswalks, or parking lots do not move it onto public streets. According to MN Statute 160.2715 this is a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine.

**Do NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD INTO A NEIGHBORS YARD.**

**Parking Restrictions:** **No parking is allowed on the streets from November 1st and March 31st between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m.** Those parking on the street are subject to ticketing and/or towing.

**Sidewalk /Crosswalk Maintenance:** It is the property owners responsibility to remove snow, ice, and any debris from the sidewalk or any crosswalk that is adjacent to your property.

**Mailboxes:** Residents are responsible for removing or clearing snow and ice from the mailbox area to avoid delay in mail delivery.

**Garbage and Recycling Containers:** Please remember to place these receptacles at the edge of your driveway for collection during the snow season to allow plows to remove the snow all the way to the curb.

## Rice Recreation Programs

### Dodgeball Day      Boys & Girls, Grades K-5

Saturday, October 12      9am-12pm  
\*\$20      Rice Elementary, Gym

**Registration deadline: October 7**

### Volleyball      Boys & Girls, Grades 3-5

Mondays      3:30-4:45pm  
September 30, October 7,21,28      4 sessions  
\*\$20      Rice Elementary, Gym

**Registration deadline: September 23**

### Basketball Week      Boys & Girls, Grades K-5

Tuesday-Thursday      6-7pm  
November 12-14      3 sessions  
\*\$20      Rice Elementary, Gym



## RICE ICE RINKS

Rice Ice Rinks will be open this winter. There is an ice skating rink, a hockey rink and a warming house. The Rice Ice Rinks are located at West Side Park 101 4th Ave NW just behind the Lions Building. Hours are yet to be determined, watch the City of Rice website for open times and dates.



## Fire Department Open House

October 6th, 2019 1PM to 4PM

**Come and check out the Rescue Equipment!**

## Annual Turkey Bingo Party

Friday November 22nd, 2019 7 PM - Midnight

Old Village Hall

Enjoy an evening of fun, food and entertainment!

Sponsored by the Rice Firefighter's Association



## Truth and Taxation

Mark your calendars now for the Truth and Taxation Public Meeting.

Monday Dec 2nd, 2019 at 7:00 pm

The proposed property tax levy for the taxes payable in 2019 and the proposed budget will be discussed at this meeting.

## City Offices Will Be Closed

Monday Nov 11, 2019 Veteran's Day

Thurs Nov 28, 2019 Thanksgiving Day

December 24 and 25, 2019 Christmas Eve & Day

Wednesday January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

**Daylight Savings Sunday November 3rd, 2019**

*Fall back set your clocks 1 hour back.*

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