

Fall 2020
CITY OF RICE NEWSLETTER

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- Monthly Meetings -

- **Rice City Council** - Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month - 6:00 pm
- **Planning Commission** - Meets the last Monday of the month - 7:00 pm
- **Economic Development Committee** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month - 5:15 pm (*As needed*)

City Offices will be closed:

Monday, November 9, 2020 - Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving Day
December 24 & 25, 2020 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Friday, January 1, 2021 - New Year's Day

- **Daylight Savings Ends Sunday, November 1, 2020 -**
Fall Back . . . Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour

- **Truth-in-Taxation Meeting - Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6 p.m.**
Mark your calendars now for the Truth-in-Taxation public meeting. The proposed property tax levy for the taxes payable in 2021 and the proposed budget will be discussed at this meeting.



Mayor: Brian Skroch • 393-2191

Council Members:

⇒ Bryan Anderson • 393-4464 Emily Walters • 232-0235
Chris Scheel • 393-7847 Paula Kampa • 393-4223

Stop for School Buses: It is the Law!

- State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended.
- Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.
- Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.



Motorists

- Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.
- Motorists should slow down, pay attention, and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.
- The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students

- When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.
- When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

Rice Recreation Programs

The City of Rice will continue to try to provide actives for the young people
in our community.

Please Check Facebook and www.ricemn.us

OR

reach out to Gene Thomsen for information or ideas.



Rice Clean-Up Day!

Saturday, October 3rd, 2020

Residents of the City of Rice and the townships of Graham, Langola and Watab may deposit unwanted articles; items can be dropped off behind City Hall from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Clean-Up personnel have the final decision on what items are acceptable.

Mattresses and furnaces will all be \$5.00. Passenger vehicle tires are \$2.00 each and larger truck/tractor tires are \$5.00 each. Chairs, batteries, and box springs are free.



THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ELECTRONICS OR APPLIANCES.

Items NOT accepted: RV refrigerators, chemicals, paints/stains, pesticides, poisons, hazardous waste.

Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste

tips for stormwater management on your property



Trash It! Don't Flush It!

Items like **wipes** and **paper towels** can cause plugging and clogging of the sewer system resulting in backups and increased maintenance.

NON-FLUSHABLES

- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Sanitary Products
- Kleenex
- Even 'flushable' or biodegradable wipes

DID YOU KNOW:

- Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains, and pipes, causing flooding.
- Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds.
- Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.

It is easy to do your part to protect our streams and the drainage systems leading to our waterways:



- 1** Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.

- 2** Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.



- 3** Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients on your lawn. Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn in the fall.

- 4** Compost leaves and grass clippings along with yard waste. Select a location removed from streams, ponds, and wetlands.





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 owner's 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.



Election Day | November 3rd, 2020

Poll Hours: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

- ✓ Rice City Hall for Rice Residents
- ✓ Benton County Court House for Langola Township Residents
 - ✓ Watab Town Hall Watab Residents
 - ✓ Graham Town Hall Graham Residents

***Questions on voting location contact
Benton County 320-968-5006***