

# Become a Rice Firefighter

The City of Rice Fire Department employs a small contingent of paid on-call firefighters who are responsible for responding to emergency calls, attending training and department drills. We are seeking motivated and committed individuals to be part of the team to serve their community.



## BENEFITS

- Serve your community
- Camaraderie
- Pension benefits (fully vested after 20 years)
- Helping people who need our help

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Reside within a 5-minute response time of the Rice Fire Station
- Must be able to obtain an attendance record of 35% for emergency calls and complete NFPA 1001 firefighter and emergency medical responder training.

*The Selection process includes application acceptance, orientation, oral interview, physical agility test, background check and medical drug testing.*

**2022-2023 Application Period** - Now until July 31st, 2023  
**Orientation** - July 2023  
**Interview and Physical Agility Test** - June / July 2023  
**Potential Start Dates** - August / September 2023

**Stop by City Hall or check out the website for an application**  
**[www.ricemn.us](http://www.ricemn.us)**

## PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The city has an opening on the Planning Commission Board. Meetings are once a month and usually last an hour. The Planning and Zoning Commission creates Ordinances with regards to Subdivisions, Zoning, Storm water, and all areas that affect the overall planning of the City of Rice. They also look into future developments in our community.

## Call 811 Before You Dig It's Free and It's the Law!

One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get underground utilities and pipelines marked for FREE. When you call 811, your call will be routed to Gopher State One-Call Center. The law requires that you call 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you begin your project. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines and can continue your project by digging with care and respecting the marks.

More information regarding 811 can be found at  
**[www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)**

**JOIN  
OUR  
TEAM!**

Summer 2023

# City of Rice Newsletter

205 Main St. E. | PO Box 179 | Rice, MN 56367 | 320.393.2280 Phone | 320.393.3180 Fax

## Monthly Meetings

### - Rice City Council -

Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month - 6:00 pm

### - Park Board -

Meets the first Tuesday of the month 5:00 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)

**Mayor:** Brian Skroch  
393-2191

### Council Members:

Paula Kampa	393-4223
Michelle Keller	293-6196
Chris Scheel	393-7847
Ken Nodo	393-2096



## City Hall Office Hours

Monday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday - Closed

## City Offices will be closed:

**Monday, June 19th, 2023 - Juneteenth**  
**Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 - Independence Day**  
**Monday, September 4th, 2023 - Labor Day**

**2023  
Compost  
Season  
April 22nd thru  
November  
2nd**

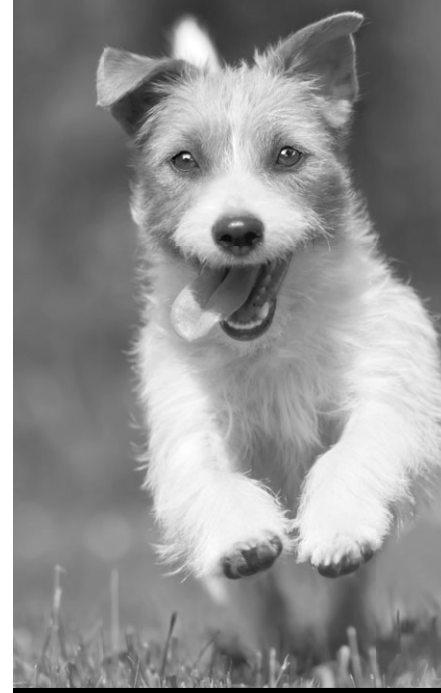
**RICE COMPOST SITE HOURS:**  
**4 pm - 7 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**8 am - 12 pm Saturdays**

**Items accepted:** grass clippings, small tree branches and vegetation  
**Items prohibited:** treated wood, concrete, and landscape materials  
Permits may be purchased at the site:  
**\$40/year or \$10 per day**

## Please Note:

Please DO NOT flush disposable wipes, cloth towels, or sanitary napkins, etc. in the sewer system. This causes an increase in back-ups in the system. Back-ups result in increased costs and maintenance, and ultimately higher sewer rates. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Thank You for keeping  
our community clean,  
healthy and vibrant!*



# IT'S SUMMER TIME FOR FUN!

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Consumer Confidence Report is available on our website or by following this link.  
<https://www.ricemn.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2022-Consumer-Confidence-Report.docx>

UNUSED MEDICATIONS DROP BOX

The City of Rice Police Department and Benton County have a Medication Drop Box inside Rice City Hall. The Drop Box can be used to dispose of unused prescription and non-prescription medications. **Acceptable items** are pills, capsules, blister packs, creams, gels, inhalers, IV bags, liquids, patches, powders, sprays, and vials.

**Non-Acceptable items** are Sharps, Epi Pens, Bio-hazardous materials and any chemotherapy or radioactive materials. This service is confidential, please keep medication in the original container using a marker to mark off the person’s name. If the original container is not available, please place the medication in a transparent plastic bag and print the name of the medication on the bag. Before placing any items in the drop box, please place them in a large Ziploc bag.

Police Activities League (PAL)  
7/20/2023 to 8/31/2023

This program provides interaction between police officers and the children who attend. It allows the youth to see an officer, who is out of uniform, as a person; creating an opportunity to build better relationships. Each night participants will be able to choose from various athletic events like baseball, kickball, dodgeball or arts and crafts activities.

**A FREE PAL T-Shirt will be awarded to each participant.**

Come Join Your Friends and Officers from the Foley Police Department, Rice Police Department, and Benton County Sheriff’s Office for this program. Children may join the program at any time.

**WHERE:** Lions Park, Rice, MN

**WHO:** Children ages 5-15

**WHEN:** Watch Police Facebook page for dates

**COST: FREE**

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday August 18th, 2023, Movie in the Park @ dusk. Sponsored by Rice Rec/City of Rice  
**check [ricemn.us](https://www.ricemn.us) for movie title.**

**STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER BALL AND SOCCER! Contact Gene 320-493-5367**

UPDATING INFORMATION ON YOUR PETS

Please provide current vaccination information for your dog and remember your dog must be licensed by the city. The cost for a lifetime license is \$30.00. Please contact City Hall for more details or questions.



**RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG**

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex’s Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

**FROM THE STORE**

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

**FROM YOUR PANTRY**

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

**FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR**

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

**RECYCLED IN AMERICA** **NexTrex**

[trex.com/recycling](https://trex.com/recycling) 1-800-Buy-Trex

**Bring these recyclable items to City Hall and we can recycle them and earn a bench! Or call City Hall with questions!**

**STAY SAFE AFTER A STORM**

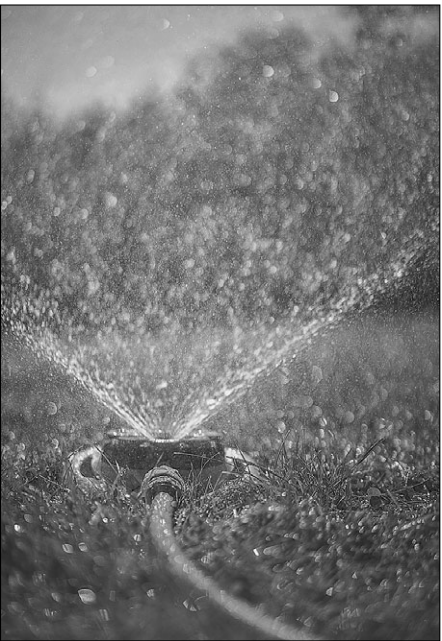
**Clean up with care**

Once the storm has passed, it is tempting to go straight into yard clean-up mode. However, take time for safety.

Do not go outside if there is a power outage. There could be a downed power line, which could cause electrocution. Sometimes, downed lines can be covered by branches, storm debris, water, snow, or ice.

**Have a Happy and Safe Summer!**

**We now offer Auto Pay for your water bill! No extra charge to you, choose to have it paid from checking or savings. Call or stop by for a form.**



WATER . . . OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCE!

**CITY OF RICE WATER RESTRICTIONS**

The City has an ODD/EVEN system for watering. Residents with an ODD house number are permitted to water on ODD days and those with an EVEN house number are permitted to water on EVEN days. Ordinance 30 Section 10. WATER CONSERVATION PLANS

If you do not follow the above restrictions, you will be fined \$50.00 per offense on your next water bill. No other notice will be given.

**Reminder of Lawn Mowing Ordinance**

Just a friendly reminder that no growth of grass to a height greater than 8 inches tall is allowed. Residents, property owners or tenants shall be responsible for maintaining and mowing one half of any alley or undeveloped road/street adjacent to their property.

A fee of \$500.00 per empty lot and \$100.00 for lots with a structure will be assessed and enforced if lawns are not kept up.