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City of Rice Newsletter

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

Monthly Meetings

Rice City Council

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

Park Board

Meets the first Tuesday of the month 5 pm

Planning Commission

Meets the last Monday of the month 7pm

Economic Development Committee

meets the 2nd Tuesday of month 5:15pm (As needed)

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Mayor

Brian Skroch..... 393-2191

Council Members

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

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

Rice Compost Site Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 4-7pm | Saturday 8am-12pm

Items accepted: grass clippings,
small tree branches, and vegetation.

Items Prohibited: treated wood, concrete,
and landscape materials.

Permits may be purchased at the Site \$40.00/year or \$10.00/day.

City Offices will be closed:

**Wednesday,
June 19th,
2024,
Juneteenth**

**Thursday,
July 4th,
2024,
Independence Day**

**Monday,
September 2nd,
2024,
Labor 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!

Become a

Rice Fire Fighter

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 fire fighter and emergency medical responder training

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

2024-2025 APPLICATION PERIOD - Now until July 31st, 2024

ORIENTATION - July 2024

INTERVIEW and PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST - June / July 2024

POTENTIAL START DATES - August / September 2024

Stop by City Hall or check out the website for an application. www.ricemn.us

**Join our
great
team!**

The City of Rice Fire Department employs a small contingent of paid on-call fire fighters 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.

Consumer Confidence **REPORT**

The Consumer Confidence Report is available on our website or by following this link.

<https://www.ricemn.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2023-Consumer-Confidence-Report.docx>

We will not be mailing out a copy, if you would like a paper copy please contact City Hall at 320-393-2280 to have one mailed.

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)

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: Thursdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm,

July 18 - August 29

No PAL on Aug. 1st • Picnic on Aug. 29

COST: FREE

Time to sign up for Summer Ball and Soccer!

Contact Gene 320-493-5367
or check our website
www.ricemn.us.

NEW this year Dance Clinic!

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.

City ordinances number 71 allows two dogs and four cats.



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.

Please check your sprinkler systems' timers to assure they are on the correct schedule.

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.

Upcoming Rice Events

June 4 - October 1st • Every Tuesday Rice Farmers Market, 3-6 pm

June 15 - Auxiliary & SAL Auction, North side of Rice Legion, 2:30 pm
Looking for "Good" items to donate to our auction

July 11 - Kids Hero event at Lions Building, 5-7 pm

August 6 - National Night Out at the Lion's Building West Side Park, 5-7 pm

August 17 - Rice Days on Main Street

October 31 - Trick or Treat on Main Street, 4-6 pm

November 9 - Crafts Sale at the Old Village Hall, 10 am-3 pm

December 13 - Santa Night, 6-8 pm

The City will no longer be accepting plastic bags. We gathered enough for two benches.

More information to come.
Watch Rice Community Facebook page.
Reach out to ricewt@mnwt.org

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YOU DIG**

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and It's the Law!*

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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

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.