

SPRING 2018

CITY OF RICE NEWSLETTER

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Board of Equalization: April 9th

Mark your calendars for April 9th, 2018 at 6 PM!

This may affect your 2019 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Rice in Benton County, Minnesota will meet on April 9th, 2018 at 6 PM at Rice City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor..

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Please Call: Benton County Assessor, for an appointment 320-968-5019.

Mayor

Dale Rogholt 761-2764

Council Members

Bryan Anderson 393-4464

Brian Skroch 393-2191

Chris Scheel 393-7847

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Monthly Meetings

- **RICE CITY COUNCIL - MEETS THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH 7PM**
- **PLANNING COMMISSION - MEETS THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE— MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 5:15PM**

The summer watering season is just around corner and I would like to bring a few things to your attention. First, the city is supplied by three wells. At periods of high volume we have to run all three wells just to keep up with demand. This can turn a small problem into a big one fast. Second, the city is not allowed to pump as much water as we want. We are permitted through the DNR as to how much water we can pump. (The city has a separate permit for the ballfields with its own regulations.) Because of the high volume of water we use in the summer months and the fact we are in the Little Rock Creek groundwater area we will be monitored by the DNR to ensure we are making an effort to conserve water. The DNR states that use of municipal water for lawn irrigation is a low priority use and is subject to limits to protect ground water resources. Meaning that if we don't voluntarily conserve that city water we may be forced to add additional conservation measures. The city has an odd-even watering ordinance and we ask you to please follow it. Also, if your lawn has ample moisture don't water. Please keep your system off until it's needed. If everyone does just a little to conserve we can avoid any further measures. Thanks and have a great summer! Mark Sauer—Public Works Superintendent

City of Rice Annual Clean-Up Day

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 9am—1 pm Saturday April 28th, 2018. Clean-Up personnel have the final decision on what items are acceptable.

Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, electronics, microwave ovens, mattresses, ranges, stove, refrigerators, freezers, wash machines, water heaters and furnaces will all be \$5.00. Passenger vehicle tires are \$2.00 each and larger truck/tractor tires are \$5.00 each. Chair, batteries, and box springs are free.

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

Rice Compost Site Opening April 28th, 2018 (Weather Permitting)

Tuesday and Thursday 4-7pm Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Check City Website and Channel 3 for more information on opening

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

Items Prohibited: treated wood, concrete, and landscape materials. Permits may be purchased at the Site \$25.00/year or \$5.00/day. City residents are free.

Rice City Wide Garage Sale First Week in June for more details, ricewt@mnwt.org

27th Annual Rice Family Fun Days August 18th, 2018

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM** Softball Tournament Contact Scott Weyer for details 260-4852
- 12:00 PM** Food & Beer Stands Open (Located on Main Street)
Volleyball Tournament (O'Brien's Pub)
- 12:00 PM** Kids Games/inflatables and Jakes Shooting Range! (Located behind Janski Grocery)
- 1:00 PM** Reptile Garden
Dunk Tank Sponsored by Women of Today
- 2:45 PM** Kiddy Parade –Theme: All kids are welcome to participate. Line up at 2:30PM
(Starts @ post office) Sponsored by: Rice Women of Today.
- 3:00 PM** Parade (Starts @ City Hall and Ends @ 4th ST NE)
- 4:00 PM** Mid Central Pullers Sponsored by: The Old Creamery Café & held at the Creamery.
- 4:30 PM** Fire Fighter Water Fights Sponsored by: Rice Fire Fighters
- 6:00 PM** Street Dance “Gregory James Band”
- 9:00 PM** Raffle Drawing Sponsored by Rice Family Fun Day Committee.
- 9:30 PM** Street Dance “Pop Rocks Band” www.poprocksrocks.com
Sponsored by Rice Area Sportsmen's Club & Rice Lions Club.

Parade registration forms are available at: www.cityofrice.com/communityevents.html

Contacts for Event: Keith O'Brien 492-0936 / Kathy Petron 333-6086 / Melanie Theisen 293-1710 / Kristi O'Brien 492-7972 / Kim Foshaug 492-8578 / Bryan Anderson 380-3695 / Chuck Ackerman 249-7700

Rice Recreation– Summer Ball Program June 4-July 18th, 2018

All practices take place at the Rice Lions Ballfields register NOW

Big Bopper ages 3-4,	Mon and Wed nights	5:30-6:15	\$30 per child
T-Ball ages 5-7,	Mon and Wed nights	5:30-6:30	\$30 per child
Pitchball ages 8-10	Mon and Wed nights,	6:30-8:00	\$40 per child

Family Cap is \$100.00

Registration forms available at cityofrice.com Contact Cassie Larkin –Rice Recreation Director 320-290-3493

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City Hall Office Hours

Monday 7:00 am—6:00 pm

Tues—Thurs 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday Closed

City Hall will be closed:

April 30th-May 4th, 2018

Clerk's Institute

May 28th, 2018 Memorial Day

July 4th, 2018 Independence Day

Notary Service available at City
Hall for a \$1.00 fee.

REMINDERS

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. Using Low or Non-Phosphorous detergents in your home and business will help keep the water system clean. Consider purchasing environmentally friendly chemicals and detergents for your cleaning needs.

Thank you for your cooperation!