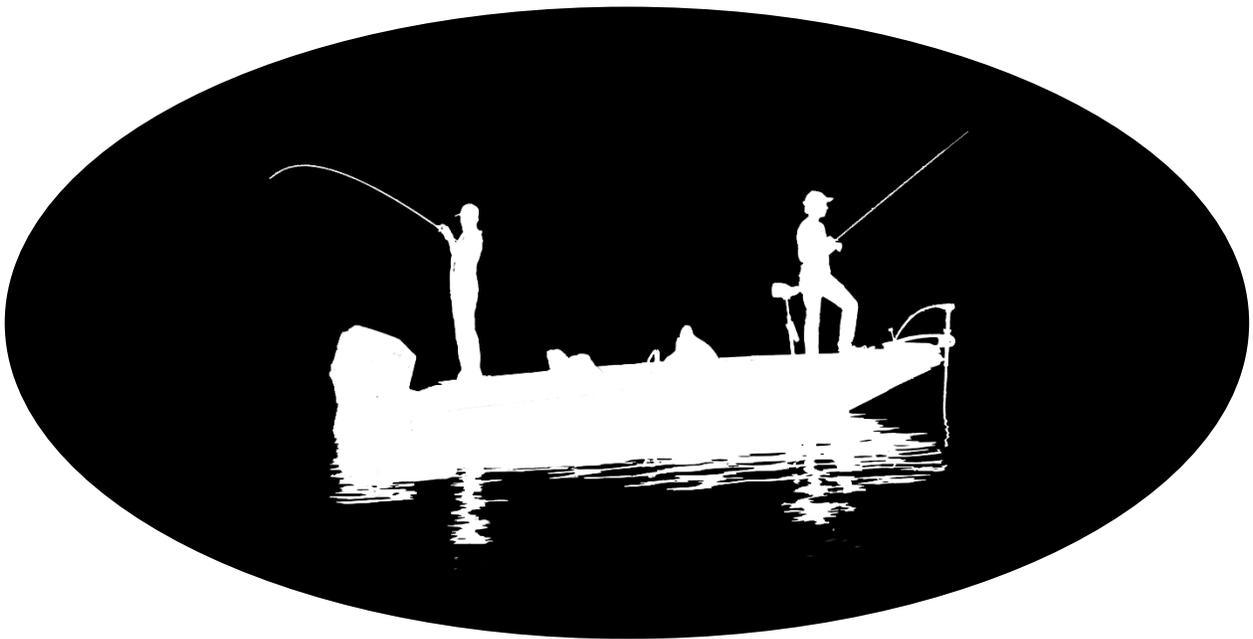


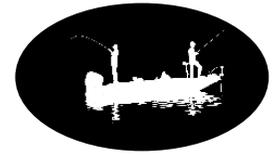
# WELCOME TO RUSH CITY!

Up North Starts Here



## RESIDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

*Your handbook for living in Rush City*



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## HISTORY OF RUSH CITY

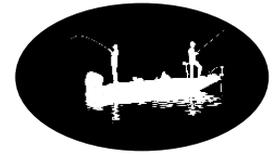
The Rush City area was first inhabited by Dakota and Chippewa Natives who were attracted to its bountiful hunting and fishing opportunities. Later, pioneers made the area their home because of the logging, fur trapping, and farming opportunities it had to offer.

The village that was soon established quickly grew in population and Rush City was incorporated on March 8th, 1873. The name "Rush" City was chosen for the abundance of bulrushes (cattails & other similar aquatic plants) that occupy the area.



Rush City quickly became a commercial hub, bustling with activity. A railroad used to bring folks across the St. Croix River from Grantsburg, Wisconsin to the booming downtown for their weekly shopping needs. On the trip home, passengers would stop at the famous blueberry patches near the river to picnic, which is how the railroad earned its nickname "The Blueberry Special." Many things have changed since the good ole days, but Rush City continues to prosper and grow in population. The city's Industrial Park is one of the largest industrial parks between the Twin Cities and Duluth, employing over seven hundred workers. The economy is also based on agri-business, health-care, education, manufacturing, retail, corrections, and tourism.

Rush City is a town full of memories with an eye to the future. Take a look around our website to find information on tourism, the industrial park, the airport, local events & more. Welcome to Rush City! Stay awhile. Up North Starts Here.



# GOVERNMENT OF RUSH CITY

## ADMINISTRATION

The City of Rush City is operated under a form of government known as Plan A, which calls for an elected Mayor and four elected council members.

The **City Council** meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. **City Hall** is located at 325 S Eliot Avenue. The Mayor and Council Members are elected in November of even-numbered years. The Mayor chairs all council meetings, and each Council Member has a single, equal vote. All meetings are open to the public. Citizens that have an **issue to present** to the Council should contact the City Clerk at least a week prior to the meeting, if they wish to be included in the published agenda. The administrative responsibilities of the City of Rush City are conducted by the **City Administrator**, who is appointed to office by the Council and serves at the Council's discretion.

## ELECTIONS

Residents must register in order for their vote to be considered valid. Any citizen that is 18 years of age or older and has lived in Minnesota for 20 days or more is eligible to register to vote. All persons who live within the City Limits of Rush City vote at the **Community Center**, located at 720 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information on voting visit Chisago County's website:  
<http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/139/Voting-Election-Information>



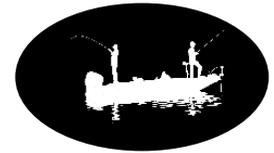
## CITY COMMISSIONS

All City Commissions consist of volunteers who are appointed to their posts by the Mayor with the Council's approval.

The **Planning Commission** meets as needed at 5:30 pm in the council chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the commission is to advise the City Council on land use policies and laws, and to make sure that development complies with the current comprehensive plan of Rush City. There are seven commissioners, each serving a five-year term.

The Rush City **Economic Development Authority (EDA)** meets every third Monday of each month in the Council Chambers at 5:30pm. The mission of the EDA is to broaden Rush City's economic base by creating an environment that will promote sustainable growth and economic diversification that will result in business retention, expansion and community revitalization; and to create and maintain jobs and provide businesses and nonprofits with the necessary financial and technical support to grow and succeed.

The **Park Board** meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the conference room at City Hall. The Park Board has six members and works on identifying parks, trails, and recreational facilities as valuable community resources that contribute positively to the quality of life offered in Rush City.



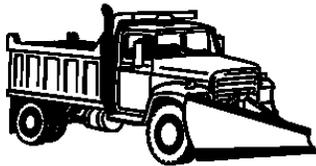
## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Rush City maintains a Volunteer Fire Department of 25-30 persons. A Fire Chief, two Assistant Fire Chiefs, and all other officers are approved by the Council to serve three year terms of office. The department maintains three fire engines, three grass rigs, three tankers, and two support vehicles to meet the emergency needs of the Rush City area. This area includes all of the City of Rush City and Rushseba Township. It also includes parts of the City of Rock Creek, Sunrise Township, Royalton Township, Nessel Township, and Fish Lake Township. Current ISO ratings are 5 and 7. For more information on ISO ratings contact the Fire Chief (651-755-0521) or your insurance provider.

All volunteer firefighters are equipped with a pager which notifies them of a fire or rescue call at any time. Those interested in **becoming a volunteer firefighter** should contact the City of Rush City for an application at 320-358-4743.

## **POLICE**

Rush City contracts with the Chisago County Sheriff's Department for 24-hour protection services. If a **fire, police, or medical emergency** should arise, residents should simply dial 911. By dialing 911, you will assure yourself the quickest possible emergency service. For non-emergency assistance or to report a crime call 320-358-4741. For non-emergency assistance after hours call the Sheriff's Dispatch at 651-257-4100.



## **CITY MAINTENANCE**

The City employs maintenance workers to care for the City Park, streets, snow removal, and water/sewer system. The City contracts with private contractors for repair work.

## **CITY MAPS**

A street map and an area map of Rush City can be found on the City's website under visitor info.

## **MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER**

Rush City provides residents with a municipal water and sewer system. Please visit the City's website; under departments you will find water and sewer. This is where you can find rate information, payment options, and the Inflow Infiltration Program information.

## **OTHER UTILITIES**

**Electricity:** East Central Energy 1-800-254-7944

**Natural Gas:** Minnesota Energy Resources 1-800-889-9508/**Gas Emergency:** 1-800-889-4970

**Digging:** Gopher State One Call- Dial 811

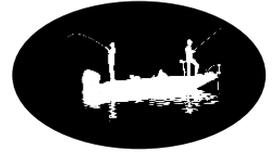
**Cable TV and Internet:** Midcontinent Communications 1-800-888-1300

**Telephone, Digital TV, and Internet:** Century Link 1-866-642-0444

**Wireless Internet:** Genesis Wireless 1-888-383-8837

**Trash Removal and Recycling:** Waste Management 1-888-960-0008

**Waste Disposal:** For listings visit [www.co.chisago.mn.us](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us) or call 651-213-8923



# ORDINANCES

All ordinances can be accessed on the City's website (under information). The following ordinances have been highlighted for their relevance to all residents of the City.

## **ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

Residents may keep any combination of three or less cats and dogs. The only exception is a fresh litter of puppies or kittens, which may be kept for a period of three months. All dogs and cats over the age of six months need to be licensed and tagged by the city; the cost is \$10. Visit City Hall to obtain licenses and tags. Running at large and habitual barking is prohibited; see the full ordinance online for more information.

## **BURNING**

Recreational fires are allowed in a fire pit without a permit any time of the year as long as they are no larger than three feet in height, length or width (3' X 3' X 3'). All other burning permits can be obtained at City Hall. You are allowed to burn agricultural products; burning of other materials is prohibited. Permits are free and are available at City Hall for the following periods: January 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> **if** there is at least three inches of snow on the ground; April 15<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>; and October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15. During the months of June, July, and August only recreational fires are allowed.

## **WINTER PARKING**

It is unlawful for anyone to park a vehicle on a public alley, street or highway within the City between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 15th, or after any snowstorm until the snow has been removed. If your car is parked on a street during hours when it is prohibited, you may be given a parking ticket and your vehicle could be towed. Car owners are responsible for both the towing and impound costs. Parking of vehicles on your front lawn is not allowed ANY time during the year. Vehicles must be parked on a driveway or a street.

## **CURFEW**

It is unlawful for a juvenile of the ages below to be present (without a parent, guardian or other responsible adult) at any public place or establishment within the city at the times listed below. It is also unlawful for a parent, guardian or proprietor to knowingly, or through negligent supervision, permit the juvenile to do so. Exceptions include lawful employment and emergency situations. See the full ordinance online for more information.

Age 13 and under- between 9pm and 5am Sunday through Thursday

Age 13 and under- between 10pm and 5am Friday and Saturday

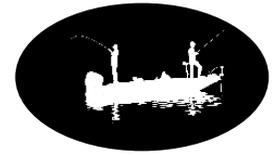
Age 14 to 16- between 10pm and 5am Sunday through Thursday

Age 14 to 16- between 11pm and 5am Friday and Saturday

Age 17- between 11pm and 5am Sunday through Thursday

Age 17- between 12:01am and 5am Saturday and Sunday





## OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

### **HOW DO I GET RID OF THIS STUFF?**

#### **CLEAN-UP DAY & LOCAL WASTE DISPOSAL**

**Clean-Up Day** is in May of each year at the City Maintenance Garage (by Rushseba Town Hall). Check the Calendar of Events on the City website for the date each year. At clean-up day, Chisago County residents can turn in unwanted items for a discounted rate (must provide proof of residency in county). Items that can be turned in include appliances, tires, mattresses/box springs, electronics, bulbs and misc. items. No household garbage is accepted.

**Evergreen Recycling-** County residents get a discount! Provide proof of your residency.

320-358-3988

53427 Forest Blvd, Rush City

<http://www.evergreenrecyclingllc.com/>

Accepts: Appliances, Electronics, Household Items, and Tires

#### **DKV Enterprises/Demolition Landfill**

320-358-4911

9416 517<sup>th</sup> St, Rush City

Accepts: Demolition/Construction Waste



**Compost Pile- For City Residents Only!** Bring your leaves, brush, etc.

(no garbage bags please)

City Maintenance Garage (by Rushseba Town Hall)

51569 Forest Blvd, Rush City

320-358-4743 (Call City Hall with questions)

For more complete information visit the County's Waste Disposal & Recycling webpage at:

<http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/384/Waste-Disposal-Recycling>

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)**

Chisago County operates a hazardous waste disposal site located at 39649 Grand Avenue (North Branch Industrial Park). Visit Chisago County's website ([www.co.chisago.mn.us](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us)) or call 651-213-8923; or call the North Branch disposal site directly at (651) 237-0912 for information on what materials they accept. This facility is open to Chisago County residents; bring identification proving county residency. The facility is open each Monday 2pm to 7pm and the last Saturday of each month 9am to 1pm. The HHW facility also offers the following:

- Environmental Information & Education Center (I&E): 651-237-0836
- Materials Exchange (great free, reusable stuff): 651-213-0879
- Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Assistance: 651-237-0836
- Information on Illegal Backyard Garbage Burning: 651-237-0836
- Environmental Meeting Room at the facility for environmental groups: 651-237-0912
- Electronics Recycling Information: 651-237-0836



### **POST OFFICE & LIBRARY**

The Rush City Post Office is located at 265 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street: 320-358-4433. The Rush City Library is a branch of the East Central Regional Library system. The address for the library is 240 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The hours are as follows: Sunday & Monday closed; Tuesday 10-7; Wednesday 10-5; Thursday 12-5; Friday 12-5; and Saturday 10-1. To learn more about the resources at the library or to place books on hold visit their website at [www.ecrl.lib.mn.us](http://www.ecrl.lib.mn.us) or call 320-358-3948.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Bus: Heartland Express for Chisago-Isanti County 763-689-8131. More information can be found on the County website at [www.co.chisago.mn.us](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us)

### **CITY NEWSLETTER**

The Rush City Dateline is a quarterly publication that contains information for Rush City area residents. The Dateline is mailed to all Rush City addresses and can also be found on the homepage of the City website under communications.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Permits are required for building, electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning, and related work. Applications may be picked up at City Hall. The City contracts with Chisago County for building inspections.

### **PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS**

Peddlers and solicitors are required to obtain a Peddlers Permit from the City.

### **SIGNS & FENCES**

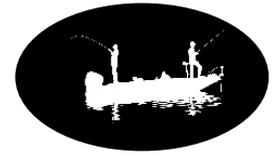
Contact City Hall for sign and/or fence permit requirements. Signs placed in violation of City ordinances or other regulations may be removed by City personnel. No signs are allowed within the public right-of-way or in any location where they could obstruct sight lines for motorists or interfere with safe movement of traffic. Signs may not be placed on utility poles. Political signs may be placed for 30 days before and 10 days after an election.

### **DRIVER'S LICENSE/CAR TABS**

Rush City does not have a license bureau. Nearest locations are the Cambridge Deputy Registrar (763) 689-1130 or the Pine County Deputy Registrar in Pine City (320) 629-2560.

### **FOOD SHELF**

Rush City's Food Shelf is located at 720 W 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the Community Center. It is open on Tuesday's from 2-5pm (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays until 6pm). It offers food to those (in the Rush City school district) who have low or no income, are disabled, are seniors on a fixed income, are single parent households, have high medical expenses, or who have encountered emergency situations. You can contact the food shelf during open hours at 320-358-4428 or via their website [www.rushcityfoodshelf.com](http://www.rushcityfoodshelf.com).



# RECREATION & EVENTS

## **PARKS**

**City Park-** located on S Dana Ave, directly north of Main (4<sup>th</sup>) Street. The park has a shelter, picnic tables with electrical outlets, benches, play structures, swings and slides.

**Dennis Frandsen County Park-** 1331 N Lake Drive, Braham, MN 55006. The Park is just South of County Road 2 on the North End of Rush Lake. The park has a fishing pier, a shelter, play structure and slide, restrooms, and a disc golf course.

**Elementary School Parks-** located at C.E. Jacobson Elementary on S Harte Ave. The parks have play equipment, swings and slides.

## **LAKES & ST. CROIX RIVER**

East Rush and West Rush Lakes are just four miles west of town. Visit the city's website for information on public boat access, camping, bait shops, etc. The St. Croix River is just five miles east of town. Visit the city's website for information on public boat access, camping, and hiking trails on the river.

## **AQUATIC CENTER**

The Aquatic Center is owned by the school, call 320-358-3074 for questions during pool season, call 320-358-4795 with any questions year-round. The aquatic center is open from June to August. For information about swimming lessons, exact open dates, times and prices visit the school's website at: [www.rushcity.k12.mn.us/parents\\_students/aquatic\\_center](http://www.rushcity.k12.mn.us/parents_students/aquatic_center)

## **BULRUSH GOLF CLUB**

Bulrush Golf Club is located at 605 Brookside Parkway. The club has an 18 hole course, a full menu and bar. The club also has state of the art golf simulators! Visit their website at [www.bulrushgolfclub.com](http://www.bulrushgolfclub.com) or call 320-358-1050.

## **CHUCKER'S BOWL & LOUNGE**

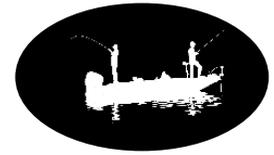
Chucker's Bowl and Lounge is a Bowling, Entertainment & Events Center. Call 320-358-0879 for more information.

## **TREASURED HAVEN FARM**

Treasured Haven Farm has exciting trail runs including 5K's and marathons. To learn more visit their website at [www.treasuredhavenfarm.com/trailrun/index.html](http://www.treasuredhavenfarm.com/trailrun/index.html) or call 320-358-3581.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Annual community events in Rush City include the Chisago County Fair, the Music and Art Festival, the Airport Fly-In and Community Appreciation Night, to name a few. To learn more visit the events calendar on the City's website and look for event bookmarkers at local businesses throughout town and at City Hall.



## QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Police Department Non-Emergency	320-358-4741
Chisago County Dispatch	651-257-4100
Road Conditions	511 or <a href="http://www.Lb.511.mn.org/mnLb/">www.Lb.511.mn.org/mnLb/</a>
Poison Center	1-800-222-1222
Crisis Hotline	1-800-523-3333
East Central Energy	
- Lights Out	1-800-254-7944
- 24 Hour Information	1-800-254-7944
MN Energy	
- Gas Emergency/Odor	1-800-889-4970
- 24 Hour Information	1-800-889-9508
Gopher State One-Call	651-454-0002 or 811
Midcontinent Cable	1-800-888-1300
Century Link	1-866-642-0444
Genesis Wireless	1-888-383-8837
Waste Management	1-888-960-0008
Rush City Library	320-358-3948
Rush City Post Office	320-358-3948
City Hall	320-358-4743
Aquatic Center	320-358-3074, off-season: 320-358-4795
Elementary School	320-358-4724
High School	320-358-4795
District Office	320-358-4855

For a more complete list of resources visit Chisago County's website at [www.co.chisago.mn.us](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us)

County Resource Directory:

[www.co.chisago.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5551](http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5551)