

# RICE REVIEW

305 N. Dallas St., Rice, Texas 75155

www.ricetexasreview.com

January 2023

“THE BEST IS YET TO COME”

- FRANK SINATRA

This year has been full of growth for our city. We’ve had new businesses open, new houses built, and new neighbors move in. We’ve welcomed new faces to our city council, administrative offices, and the EDC. We’ve celebrated each season with community events, and while it has been a successful year, we believe the best is yet to come.

*Keep an eye on our event calendar and the City of Rice Facebook page to see what comes next.*

## BUSINESS PROFILE: Huffman Tire & Brake



We’ve all been caught off guard by a flat tire, or realized we’re overdue for an oil change - or had the dreaded “check

engine” light come on. Benny Huffman and his crew at Huffman Tire & Brake are close by and ready to help. As a full service garage, they can replace your brakes, repair your alternator, flush your transmission, perform your state inspection - and get you a new set of tires.

*Huffman also offers mowing and bush hog services, pasture clearing, and has burn barrels to help you keep your property clean.*

**HUFFMAN TIRE & BRAKE - A full service garage**  
Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(903) 326-4545 • 404 McKinney St., Rice, TX 75155

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Amparito Ramirez

The William Marsh Rice Public Library opened on July 12th, 2022 in the Rice City Hall building thanks to Amparito Ramirez. She has worked for the Ennis Public Library, as a 7th grade English teacher, and as librarian for Ennis ISD.



She saw the need for a public library in Rice, and worked hard to ensure we opened one. Amparito embraces the role of Library Director, where she helps create and sponsor children’s events, collects and catalogs books, issues library cards, recruits volunteers, and more.

Reading is a lifetime passion for this mom of 4. In the coming year, her plans for the library include adding a desktop computer for the public to use, hosting a lunchtime book club, family fun nights, and scheduling more story times. She hopes in the future to have a dedicated space for the library with a full time volunteer or paid employee.

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**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
Get the latest information online!




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## JANUARY CITY EVENTS:

- 01/09 Monday**  
- Planning & Zoning  
6 pm - Workshop, 7 pm Agenda
- 01/10 Tuesday - 7 pm**  
- City Council Meeting
- 01/11 Wednesday - 10 am**  
- Kool Kids Conference Room
- 01/19 Thursday - 6 pm**  
- EDC Meeting
- 01/28 - Saturday - 10 am - 1 pm**  
- EDC Business Fair
- 01/30 Monday - 6 pm**  
- Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

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## MORE THAN A MEAL

Meals on Wheels provides security, independence, and friendship as well as a meal. Often times, we’re the only people they see in a day. That face to face interaction nourishes a senior’s mental health; along with the meals that nourish them physically.

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**SOGGY PESO LAUNDROMAT**

**GRAND OPENING!**  
Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

**SOGGY PESO LAUNDROMAT**

ALL NEW MACHINES  
205 W. Calhoun St.  
Rice, TX 75155



**LET'S GET MOVING!**

**ZUMBA CLASSES & EXERCISES**  
WITH ERIKA LOPEZ  
Monday - Friday at 9am  
City of Rice Fitness Center & Gym

Call to register or for more information:  
**469-855-6943**

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



## CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY

Thank you to all who helped spread cheer this year. We had music, movies, many letters to Santa, good food and lots of fun

at the Christmas Tree Lighting event in downtown. Light Up Rice contest winners were announced, and the William

Marsh Rice Public Library hosted story time with the Chick-fil-A Cow, the Grinch, and fun crafts for the kids to take home.



## BUSINESS FAIR 2023

### YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL BUSINESSES ALL AT ONE EVENT

Door Prizes, Samples & Sales, Networking  
Food, Retail & Service Businesses

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

in the Gym at Rice City Hall - 305 N. Dallas St. Rice, TX 75155

To Register Your Business or for More Information:

**(469) 256-8005 • EXIT242.com**

*open to businesses in the 75155 zip code*

## THINK HEALTHY, BE HEALTHY.



*Happy  
New Year  
to you all.*

January kicks off Tax season, please keep your confidential information confidential. **Don't become a victim of the Tax scammers.** The IRS will not call you and ask for a payment over the phone. You can find out more information by going to Tax Fraud Alerts | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov). Click on the Criminal Investigation tab, then "Identify Tax Schemes".

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we are presented with the fresh gift of a new year, I would like to challenge you to offer your gifts and talents to our city. With our committees, boards, and volunteer opportunities, there are opportunities for you to help build our future.



**The hidden power of the city of Rice is unity!** As we grow, develop, and improve as a city know that we are absolutely nothing without you.

How can you get involved:

- Economic Development Board
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Rice Animal Committee
- Rice Beautification
- Events Committee
- Planning & Zoning Committee

**CONTACT CITY HALL TODAY!**

## RECYCLING FOR RICE RESIDENTS



Recycling bins are located at the Northwest corner of N. Dallas and Gilmer St. (across from City Hall).

### WHAT CAN GO IN THE BINS?

**\*DO NOT PLACE ITEMS IN BAGS\***

Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Glass Jars & Bottles, Household Plastics, Paper, Mail, Magazines, and some Yard Waste

For a complete list, visit:

[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

## CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS

*\* Suscríbete a la página de la ciudad para español \*  
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**01/09 Monday**

- Planning & Zoning  
6 pm - Workshop, 7 pm Agenda

**01/10 Martes - 7 pm**

- Reunión del Concejo de la Ciudad

**01/11 Miércoles - 10 am**

- Reunión del Club de Personas Mayores Importantes de Kool Kids

**01/19 Lunes - 6 pm**

- Reunión de EDC

**01/28 - Sabado - 10 am - 1 pm**

- EDC Feria de Negocios

**01/30 Lunes - 6 pm**

- Reunión de la Junta de Parques



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