

## Community Safety Committee

A Community Safety Committee was formed last fall to discuss ideas and apply for grants. The committee has representatives from the Rice Lake school board, school district, city council, city street and police departments, Main Street Association, and several citizens. This joint effort has successfully applied for and received a planning grant from the state of Wisconsin.

The committee wants to inform children and parents about the new signs that will now be located in and around school zones. The City of Rice Lake has recently installed these new signs. The inside of this brochure will explain what each of the 3 new signs mean, where they will be located, and why they will be put there.

## Old School Zone Signs



These signs with yellow backgrounds are now being phased out of school zones. Standard, non-school zone pedestrian signs also have yellow backgrounds but are diamond-shaped.

Similar signs with lime green backgrounds are now being placed only in school zones. These signs help clearly designate the school zones. This new color is being used throughout the country solely for school zones.

## Update on the Grant

The City of Rice Lake has been awarded a grant to continue the efforts to enhance the safety of students traveling to and from school. The grant provides professional planning assistance from the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. This commission will assist in the planning of safe routes and help facilitate these routes through nationally supported educational and public outreach programs.

## For the Future

2007-2008 Continued efforts to raise awareness of the Safe Routes to School program are expected. Educational programs to encourage safe walking and biking to and from school will also be encouraged.

2008-2009 The City of Rice Lake will apply for additional grants to assist in developing more sidewalks and possibly trails near the schools in the community.

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# SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



## Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School program is a federal program which promotes healthy alternatives for children and parents in their travel to and from school. The program strives to educate students, parents and community members on the value of walking, bicycling, carpooling, and taking public transit and the school bus for travel to and from school.

The program has many purposes:

- \* To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.
- \* To make walking and bicycling to school safe and more appealing.
- \* To facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects that will improve safety, and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

For more information see  
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

## Advance Warning Sign



This sign is located:

In advance of a school zone.

This sign means:

It serves to warn motorists that they are entering an area that has a school or an established school route.

## School Speed Zone Sign



This sign is located:

Where a road borders school property. It also is located where a designated school route crosses a roadway.

This sign means:

Motorists are required by law to drive at or below the speed limit posted on the sign when children are present.

## School Crosswalk Location Sign



This sign is located:

At crosswalks adjacent to school property. It is also located on designated school routes. It is **not** used at stop sign locations that have crosswalks because motorists must already stop at these locations.

This sign means:

It warns motorists of a crosswalk in a school zone. Motorists must yield to pedestrians.