



City Snow Removal

Snow season will be upon us shortly and residents are reminded that snow removal on streets begins at 2:00 a.m. after a snowfall of 1/2" or more. All vehicles need to be off the street until the street is plowed from curb to curb. Any vehicle left on the street during snow removal will be ticketed and towed without warning. Please identify off-street parking areas now for snow removal periods.

Residents are also reminded to keep all sidewalks clear of ice and snow.

CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

Roseau Electric Department: Let's keep a good thing going.

The Roseau Electric Department urges customers not to plug in electric space heaters during load control times

As customers of the Roseau Municipal Utility know, the load management program is a good thing to have around. The program helps keep electric rates among the lowest in the country. The program could lose much of its value, however, if electric space heaters – including those being advertised regionally – were to be substituted on a large-scale basis for the backup heating systems that are used during high demand times.

Based on honor system

In the load management program, Roseau electric utility customers are required to maintain adequate and reliable dual heating systems. This, in turn, qualifies them for off-peak rates that are nearly 50 percent less than regular retail rates. These systems include electric floor heat, electric furnaces and other loads that can be interrupted during peak-use times.

When the backup systems are in operation, electric load on the regional power system is reduced. This, in turn, allows our power supplier, Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA), to avoid buying higher cost supplemental power from the wholesale market.

While there are requirements that have to be met to qualify for participation in the off-peak program, there is a certain amount of honor involved, too. Customers need to allow their backup systems to take over,

rather than plugging in one or more electric space heaters.

“If customers of the associated distribution systems violate the spirit of the program, there will be consequences,” explained Al Tschepen, Minnkota Vice President of Planning and Systems Operations, “Those consequences would include higher rates for all customers and extended control times for those customers who are playing by the rules of the load management program.” (Minnkota Power Cooperative acts as the operating agent for NMPA)

Major concerns

Recently, ads have been appearing in regional newspapers and on the radio, promoting certain types of electric space heaters. Roseau Municipal Utility is concerned that customers might be paying more money for products that aren't going to result in the savings they anticipated. No matter how it's promoted, a 1,500-watt heater is a 1,500-watt heater. Customers can get one of these space heaters at the local hardware store for as little as \$20. If someone is buying one of these because of the advertising, they could be spending a lot more money – up to \$400 and even \$500 – for something that might have a fancy cover on it, but in the end, all they are really getting is a 1,500-watt heater.

Customers who plug in space heaters during periods of load control create another

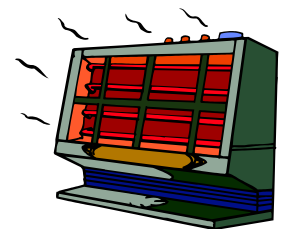
concern. The benefits of the load management program are greatly diminished when this occurs. Electric space heaters create additional demand during times when the Roseau Municipal Utility is trying to demonstrate our ability to control heating loads, which reduces our wholesale power costs from NMPA.

Safety is also a huge concern with portable space heaters. Using a number of these heaters inside a home can overload circuits that were not wired for that kind of load.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission reports that each year about 28,000 house fires are attributed to space heaters, resulting in 300 related deaths. Space heaters are not inherently dangerous, but they need to be used wisely.

Dual heating systems – a better solution:

It's not hard to understand why someone who is paying \$4.50 a gallon for fuel oil would think it is a great option to plug in a heater. But what may not be understood is that over time it will increase the everyday overall costs of electric power across the community.



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Roseau Electric: Off-Peak Heating Program (Cont. from Page 1)

If a number of off-peak customers began using one, two or even three space heaters, this would directly affect their power provider's peak electric demand. This could result in a rate increase for all customers, or even worse – the program could be eliminated all together.

Instead of the possibility of paying the full rate for electricity for space heaters, customers should consider adding to their off-peak systems. These systems allow the Roseau Municipal Utility to control heating loads during times when supplemental power from the open market is most expensive.

By either expanding a dual heating system or developing a new one, customers will receive the most economical rate available for their electricity, and the integrity of the load management system will be maintained long into the future.

A blend of primary off-peak electric heat with a fuel oil, propane or natural gas backup heating system is significantly less expensive than heating with fossil fuels alone.

Off-peak electric heating continues to be the most economical heating choice this winter season.

Information about developing a dual heat system is available by contacting David Drown of the Roseau Municipal Utility. Call 463-2351 for more details.

Roseau C & C; Roseau CVB; and Roseau EDA hire new Promotions Director for the Roseau Community

The Roseau Civic & Commerce (C&C), Roseau Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Roseau Economic Development Authority (EDA) are working jointly to fund a new Promotions Director position for the Roseau community. The goal of this position is to increase business and tourism in and around Roseau.

Lyle Grindy was hired in October to fill the new position. Lyle recently retired from Polaris Industries where he managed the Polaris Experience Center. Lyle will initially work closely with C & C and other local business members on ways to improve the Roseau business climate. Lyle is also tasked with guiding promotional events and advertising to increase tourism and visitors to Roseau on behalf of the CVB Board.

One of the greatest challenges for the new Promotions Director in today's economic climate is attracting new dollars while retaining as many locally generated dollars as possible for the benefit of our local community. **Please remember to shop locally whenever possible, the viability of our local community depends on it.**

Beautification Committee Board Members Needed



Roseau's Beautification Committee is seeking individuals to serve on its Beautification Board. Beautification members work as a team to create an attractive, welcoming atmosphere throughout the City by brainstorming ideas, establishing goals and objectives, and creating/implementing beautification plans. Contact Connie Erickson at 463-3395 or cjerrick@yahoo.com if you have questions or have an interest in becoming a member.

City Releases Concept Plans for Downtown Park Areas

The City of Roseau has designed concept plans for two proposed parks and is looking for community input. The design drawings are on display in the lobby of the City Center, along with comment forms to complete and submit to the City Clerk's office.

The two proposed parks are located along the Roseau River in the center of the city. Roseau residents have told City leaders that it's important to consider the river an asset and to include the river in Roseau's post-flood rebuilding plans. The locations of these parks will utilize and enhance the river.



Proposed Gazebo north of Veterans and EMS Memorials

The park that the City Council has set as the priority is east of the river along Highway 11. The Veterans Memorial and EMS Memorial are on the south half of the two-block area. Included in the north-half plans are a timber-framed gazebo, fountain water feature, flower beds, meandering walking paths, and a public restroom.

The second proposed park is located south of the City Center, east of the fire hall/parking lot. Included in the plans are a spray park, picnic shelter with a fireplace and public restrooms, paved figure-8 biking/roller blading path, bike rack for public-use trail bicycles, swings, and basketball court.

A fundraising committee will seek donations to help make these parks become a reality. If you are willing to help, contact Pam Hetteen at Pam's Pantry.



Did You Know?



The City portion of your local property taxes only pay for approximately 13% of the City's total expenditures for opera-

tions.

Nearly 68% of City expenditures are paid with revenues from the City's enterprise funds (e.g. Electric, Water, Liquor and other sales). Roughly 12% of expenditures are funded from grants and aids from the State and Federal government..

The remaining income comes from permits, fees, rentals, permits and similar charges for city services.

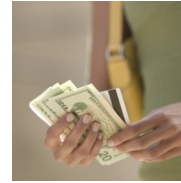
Welcome to Roseau



The Welcome to Roseau program was established to greet new residents and help introduce them

to their new community and make them feel at home. Greeters Sharon Pelowski, Mary Dieter, Marsha Hagen, Priscilla Berry, Sarah Klint and Dianne Dahl make visits to new residents providing useful information and a bag of goodies. If you are, or know of, someone new to Roseau please contact Sharon (463-3025) or Mary (463-5027) to set up a visit. The Welcome to Roseau Committee is planning a summer picnic for new Roseau residents. Watch for details.

Keep Energy Bills Under Control this winter with Budget Billing from the Roseau City Utilities



Monthly utility bills can vary greatly throughout the year.

However, the Roseau Utility

Department offers a payment program to remove these monthly fluctuations thereby helping residents budget and pay their utility bill each month.

The Roseau Budget Billing program utilizes estimates of your regular utility usage and develops equal monthly payments. When you sign up for Budget Billing, the budget amount is calculated by averaging your last monthly billing periods. On your anniversary month (the month budget billing started) your history is reviewed and a new budget amount is calculated for the next year.

This program provides a way to even out your monthly payments over the year and prevent major fluctuations in your payments. In addition, the Utility Department makes bill paying even easier by combining Budget Billing with automatic monthly payments. By combining Budget Billing and automatic payment you can now set the amount to be automatically paid from your bank account each month. For more information or to enroll, contact Gwen in the Utility Department at 463-2351.

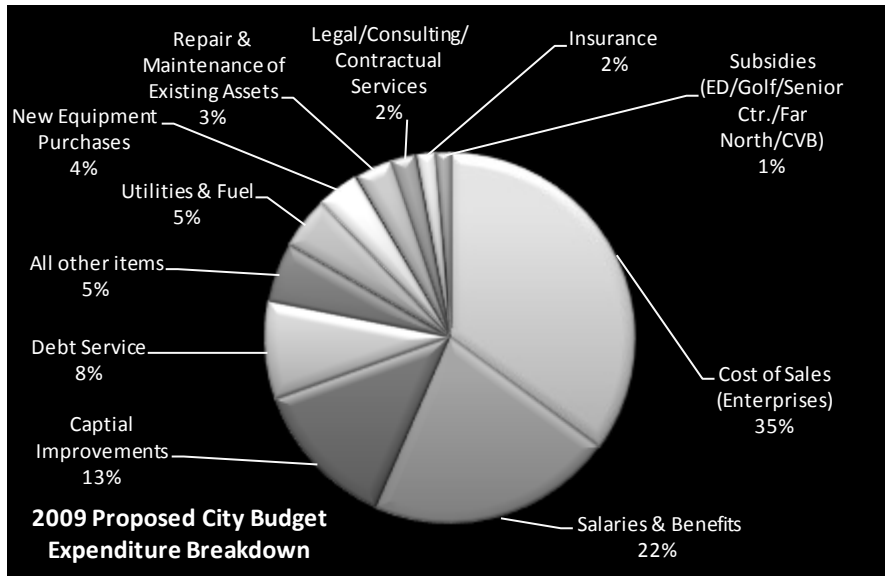
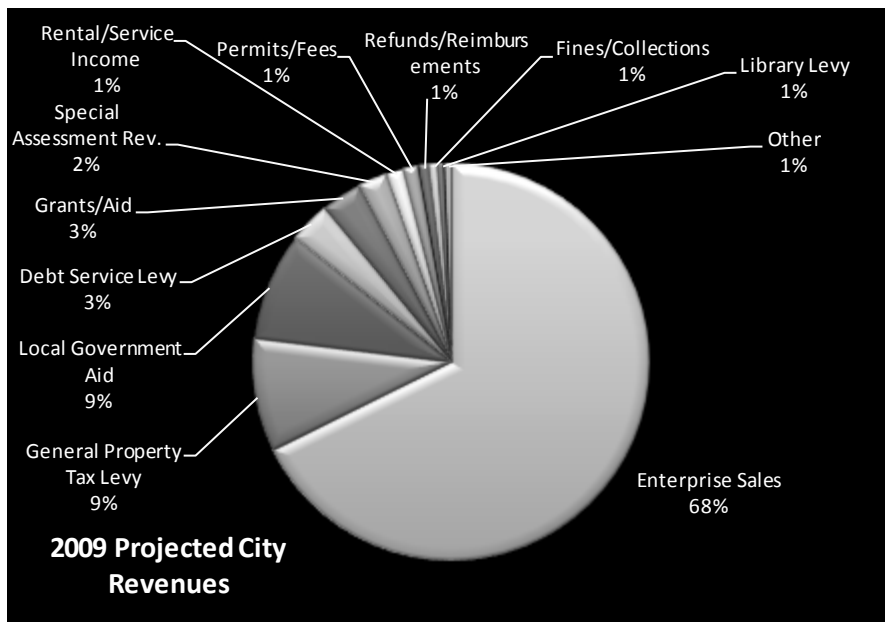
Ice Arena Schedules for Memorial Arena, North Rink and Rams Sports Center are all Posted on the City of Roseau website:

www.city.roseau.mn.us

Click on the Park and Recreation tab and Arena Schedules tab.

NOTICE: Beginning in January all residential and commercial buildings are required to have address numbers clearly posted on them. For more information contact the Roseau Utility Dept. 463-2351

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Roseau Economic Development Authority: Christian Hockey LLC



The Roseau EDA is pleased to announce its participation in the purchase of Christian Hockey from a Denver-based Company and its relocation to a new manufacturing location in Roseau. The Roseau EDA helped facilitate the purchase by providing low-interest financing to a group of six local investors purchasing the company.

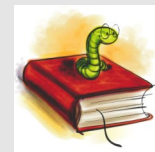
When fully operational Christian Hockey LLC intends to continue in the tradition of producing and marketing quality wood hockey sticks for hockey players throughout North America. Initially operations will be small and employment is projected at approximately five individuals. However, the Roseau EDA anticipates potential for growth of this company in the future. The Roseau EDA is proud to be able to participate in projects such as this that improve the economic vitality of our community.

In addition to Christian Hockey the Roseau EDA has been involved in two additional low interest loan projects in 2008 in Roseau. These loans, funded with money from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the USDA Rural Development programs have provided capital for local business start-up and expansion.

The Roseau EDA works closely with the local business community to help preserve our existing economic base while at the same time working to fill gaps in the retail and service sectors of our economy.

Anyone who is contemplating a business start-up or expansion is encouraged to contact the Roseau EDA for information on support available. For more information on the Roseau EDA and its programs please contact Todd Peterson, Roseau EDA Administrator at 463-5003.

Children's Storytime



What: Stories, songs, crafts, and special visitors

Who: Children of all ages (generally pre-school age during the school year)

When: Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Where: Roseau Public Library (City Center)

Come and join in on the fun at the library!

Children's Storytime is an all volunteer program. Adults willing to read stories and help with events are encouraged to contact Karen Crudden at 463-9420