



Roseau, Feels Like Home

Community Garage Sale

Garage sale buyers and sellers alike get ready for Roseau's Annual Community Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, May 10th.

Sales begin at 8 am and run through 5 pm across the city and beyond. The CVB provides free advertising for the event in regional publications and the city provides free maps of the sale sites. If you wish to have your sale included on the city map please contact the Roseau City Offices at 463-1542.

CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

U.S. Army Corps Announces East Diversion to be Completed by the Fall of 2015

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently released its nationwide construction work plan for 2014 and that plan includes funding for the completion of the Roseau East Diversion flood control project.

The opportunity to complete the city's project arose when special language was inserted into the 2014 Federal Omnibus Appropriations Bill recently passed in congress. The federal spending bill, which provided funding for all of the federal departments, allows the Army Corps to proceed on any previously funded project, so long as that project can be completed by September 30, 2015.

The St. Paul District Army Corps has reviewed the remaining construction items on the Roseau Project and believes that an accelerated construction schedule is feasible to meet the September 2015 deadline.

The Army Corps began securing the necessary local share funding, permits and planning documents for the final East Diversion construction phase shortly after the passage of the Omnibus Appropriations bill in anticipation of potential funding. The Army Corps anticipates putting the project out for bids by April 17 and awarding a contract by June 17th. Construction on the project would begin immediately thereafter.

The Army Corps had an existing contract with Gladen Construction to build a small section of diversion channel in 2014. However, the Army Corps had to cancel that contract because it allowed the contractor to work beyond the September 2015 deadline. The segment will be re-bid under the new larger contract for full project completion.

The projected cost to complete the project is estimated at approximately \$15 million, with the local share at roughly \$5 million. The State of Minnesota has secured the necessary local share match and the city will also provide its match of \$388,000.

Sand Companies Prepares for Groundbreaking on a New 40-Unit Apartment Complex in Roseau

On February 24th, apartment developer, Sand Companies Inc., submitted its preliminary site plans for Tamarack Place, a 40-unit apartment complex, to the Roseau Planning Commission for review and approval. The apartment project, planned for the NE corner of the Highway 89 and Oak Crest Boulevard intersection, consists of a mix of 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units. Of those units, 23 units will be unrestricted market rate rentals and 17 units will be restricted to individuals or families with qualified incomes.

A key component to making this project feasible was a \$1.5 million deferred loan from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's (MHFA) Challenge Grant program. The MHFA

Challenge grant program is one in which the State provides matching assistance to projects involving significant employer participation.

For Tamarack Place, the employer participation component involved a significant capital injection from Polaris Industries Inc. who formed a limited partnership with Sand Companies in exchange for the project's federal tax credits.

Additionally, the city of Roseau is providing \$430,000 in up front tax increment financing to the project. However, even with the state, developer, employer and city injections of capital the project still does not cash flow with area market rental rates.

In order to make the project cash flow the city and developer have sought additional assistance from our local lending institutions, Border and Citizens State Banks who have committed to purchasing project bonds at lower than market rates to further bridge the gap between construction costs and potential rental income.

Sand Companies projects that units may be available by January of 2015. Anyone interested in a unit can send their information to: TamarackPlace@SandCompanies.com



Utility Department: New Meter Reading and Bill Due Date

The Roseau City Utilities Department will be changing the meter reading and billing dates for local utility customers.

The change was prompted by a meter reading change by our wholesale power supplier. In December 2013 Minnkota Power Cooperative and the Northern Municipal Power Agency changed their wholesale meter reading and billing date from the 20th of each month to the last day of the month. This change was done to “true up” their billing cycle with all of their other monthly revenues and expenses. However, as a result of this change each utility in the system also needs to change its billing cycles to coincide with Minnkota/NMPA to maintain accurate accounting. Beginning in May, Roseau’s utility meters will be read at the end of each month rather than on the 20th. Furthermore, utility bills will be sent out to customers by the 15th of each month with payments due by the end of the month.



One issue with this billing date change is that in January the Roseau electric department received a billing for a full month’s wholesale electricity purchases from November 20th to December 20th, plus

an extra 11 days to December 31st. Unfortunately, this billing change occurred during peak season for electric use, so these billings to the City of Roseau were very high. In order to reduce the burden on local customers the City Utility Department did not pass on these extra eleven days on the January electric billings. However, the city will be billing out those January charges in May when most electric bills are considerably smaller. If you notice your May electric bill appears to be considerably higher than in past years, it is likely due to this catch up.

The City of Roseau reminds residents to use extreme caution this spring when on the Roseau River and the City Storm Water pond. Watch for flowing water and thin ice!

Roseau Municipal Liquor Store: Where Profits are Poured Back into the Community



The City of Roseau operates a municipal liquor store at the intersection of Highways 11 and 89. The municipal liquor store concept was borne out of the temperance movement when many communities sought greater control over

the widespread access, sale and distribution of alcohol. Today that is still a function of Roseau’s Municipal Liquor Store—to ensure that the sale and distribution of alcohol is done in a responsible and legal manner. However, in addition to serving the public in terms of properly managing the sale and distribution of alcohol, the Roseau Municipal Liquor Store also strives to provide excellent customer service, as well as, value to our customers and community.

Roseau Liquor Store staff continually work with distributors and vendors to stay current on new products, offer tasting events for the public, and provide education on different products within the store.

Furthermore, all of the profits from Roseau’s store go right back into improving our community. All proceeds from the Liquor Store go to maintaining roads, purchasing police and fire equipment, improving parks, and lowering property taxes in our community.

The Roseau City Council is currently contemplating a major improvement and expansion of the Roseau Municipal Liquor Store to provide even better service, selection and pricing to not only our local residents, but also visitors to our community. We all benefit from the successful operation of the Roseau Municipal Liquor Store.



The Roseau Police Department now provides a Rx Drop Box as a safe, secure and environmentally friendly option for the disposal of unneeded and unused prescription drugs. Residents are encouraged to dispose of all old prescription drugs and syringes at the PD Rx drop box. Contact the Police Department for more information 463-3129.

Mar/Kit Recycling Program



Roseau County contracts with Mar/Kit Landfill to operate a county-wide recycling program, in which the city of Roseau participates. Recycling is a vital component of any comprehensive solid waste program because it reduces unnecessary waste from being placed in our landfill.

Large blue recycle bins are placed across the county for collection of recyclable items. The City of Roseau's recycle bins are located next to the Roseau Fire Hall on 2nd Avenue SE.

Recycling materials means less waste and a longer life for our existing landfill facility near Hallock. Additionally, recycling materials can save energy and raw materials ultimately benefiting our environment. However, the primary advantage of the Mar/Kit recycling program to city residents is that by taking recyclable items out of our city garbage collection the city can lower its volume and cost of garbage entering the landfill. Ultimately this translates into lower residential and commercial garbage rates in the city.

Items accepted in the Mar/Kit bins include:

- Plastics: Containers, bottles and jugs with labels #1 (PETE/PET), #2 (HDPE) only
- Aluminum/Tin: Cans only (other metal can be taken to the Roseau Utility Department for recycling)
- Paper: Newspaper and telephone books (with covers removed)
- Magazines: Glossy paper magazines

Items placed in the bins should be clean and free of foreign materials.

Do not put plastic bags, or any other bags, in the bins. Items placed in the bins containing unaccepted materials will contaminate entire loads. The City is fined for all contaminated loads, increasing our cost of garbage collection and ultimately your garbage rates. Therefore, the city requests your help in using the recycle bins for only accepted items. Mar/Kit recycle bins are not a substitute for garbage collection. Anyone witnessing garbage or non-accepted items being placed into the recycle bins are asked to report such activity to the Roseau Police.



The Roseau FD Reminds Residents to Keep Vents and Exits Clear of Snow

Although spring is right around the corner, the Roseau Fire Department would like to remind residents that there is still some winter left and that all residents should take care to keep all secondary exits clear of snow and ice. In the case of a fire or other emergency the inability to escape through secondary exits could be the difference between life and death. Also with this year's significant snowfall residents should regularly check to make sure that all roof vents, fireplace vents and other home vents are clear of ice and snow. Blocked vents can lead to homes being filled with sewer gas, carbon monoxide gas or possibly creating a fire hazard.



Energy Star Labels

One way to help identify energy-efficient appliances is the ENERGY STAR label. Promoted by the Department of Energy and EPA, the ENERGY STAR label is only awarded to appliances and lighting products that significantly exceed the minimum national efficiency standards. Products with the ENERGY STAR label save energy, money and frequently perform better than standard products.

City Offices will be closed Memorial Day—May 26th

Parks & Recreation Update


Registration for Thursday Night Youth Ball's (TNYB) in-house recreational leagues will be held in April. Youth ball is open to boys and girls ages 3-12. Beginner T-ball is for 3-4 year olds. Little Pro T-ball is ages 5-6 and Coach pitch softball is for ages 7-9. Thursday Night baseball has two age categories, 8-9 year olds and 10-12 year olds. Watch the City Website for more details. Tentative TNYB dates are: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, 31 and August 7.



Those interested in competitive traveling Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken baseball teams can contact Andy Ziegler andyziegler@gmail.com or Tracey Wensloff 218-424-7285 for more information.

Thank You to all of the team sponsors and volunteer coaches who make the ball programs possible!

Youth Fall Soccer Leagues and the summer DNR MinnAqua Outdoor Educational Program registration will be held in August via the City Website. Watch for details on this year's programs.



Be Sure to watch for upcoming summer youth programs at the Roseau County Museum, starting in June. Events will include: movies, scavenger hunts, a fossil dig, Ojibwe shoulder bag program and much more.

The Roseau County Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1st, 6:30 pm at the Roseau City Center with guest speaker Don Miller, retired Roseau High School Science Teacher, presenting his work replicating the Mars Lunar Rover.

Stop by the Roseau County Historical Society & Museum, in the City Center, New exhibits on display. Open M-F 9:30-5pm;

Free Admission to the Museum

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2014 City Capital Improvement Projects

The 2014 budget included some significant capital improvements and equipment purchases for the city.

The largest of the planned project is the paving of all of the gravel streets in the Oak Crest West subdivision in southwest Roseau. This subdivision originally created by FEMA after the 2002 flood, has been identified for a number of new housing projects in the past year; however, the gravel streets that exist today are not suitable for the long-term development plans of this neighborhood. The city has budgeted \$750,000 to complete all of the paving, curb & gutter and storm water improvements for the area.

The next significant improvement proposed for 2014 is the construction of a new aircraft hangar at the Roseau Municipal Airport. The existing main hangar at the airport is obsolete and also restricts future airfield improvements at the airport due to its location. The existing hangar will be replaced with a new hangar that

will be large enough to accommodate Polaris' King Air aircraft which flies to and from Roseau a minimum of 4 times a week. The current hangar cannot accommodate that aircraft. A hangar is particularly critical for safe winter operations, allowing larger planes protection from the accumulation of ice and snow. The projected cost of the hangar is approximately \$500,000 with FAA providing 90% of the construction cost. The remainder of the costs will be paid through leasing arrangements with hangar users like Polaris.

Some other smaller projects for 2014 include the replacement of aging equipment in the Streets and Police Departments. The Street Department will purchase a replacement pay loader and skid steer loader. The Police Department will be purchasing a new squad car as part of its regular vehicle replacement rotation.

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning for the Phase II playground equipment upgrade at City Park. The second phase includes new structures for younger children (ages 2-5). Also budgeted for 2014 are improvements to the outfield wall of Gilbertson Ball Field.

Spring Clean-Up

City officials will be touring the community on May 19th to identify clean-up and maintenance violations on public and private property. Landowners are asked to address any clean-up issues prior to the tour.

The most common code violations identified during the tour include storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles; outside storage of old appliances, furniture, tires, garbage, construction debris, brush or other materials; broken windows, missing siding, peeling paint or other maintenance issues on homes and garages; and un-mowed lawns and weeds.

Clean-Up week will be held in early May for collection of brush and other debris.

Watch for more information on city clean-up dates for collection of old appliances, tires and other junk items.

When conditions permit, the Roseau Compost Site is open Tuesdays, 8 am-10 pm and located 1 mile north of Hwy. 11 on Co. Rd 28 for disposal of brush, leaves and lawn clippings

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