



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Water suppliers that serve the same people year-round must prepare annual water quality reports (consumer confidence reports) for their customers. The reports tell where drinking water comes from, what's in it, and how you can help protect it. You can find the City of Roseau's annual report on the city website at <http://city.roseau.mn.us/CCReport> or call 463-2351 for a copy. It was also published in the May 3rd Roseau Times-Region edition.

High School Construction Class to a Build New Home in Roseau



The City of Roseau, Roseau High School and Northwest Community Action Agency (NWCA) have teamed to provide a unique opportunity for Roseau's Industrial Technology students to obtain valuable real world experience in home construction while at the same time helping to provide some additional housing for the community.

The Industrial Technology class has, in the past, constructed garages, sheds, fish houses and other smaller structures. However, in order to broaden the experience of these students, the school has proposed constructing a new home over the course of the school year. In order to pursue such a complex endeavor, the school sought partners

with more experience in home construction. NWCA, was contacted to sponsor the project and serve as the developer and general contractor, as the agency has overseen the construction of many new homes in Roseau in the past. Shane Larson, the Industrial Tech Instructor, will supervise the student crew who will act as the main subcontractor for framing and basic construction on the home. Specialty contractors will be utilized for technical items such as foundations, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. However, it is expected that students will work closely with these subcontractors to learn about those trades as well. The City of Roseau will be providing the construction financing for the home until it is sold.

Flood Diversion Update

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened bids on the final phase of the Roseau East Diversion Project on May 19th. The Corps is currently evaluating the proposals and capability of the contractors who submitted bids. The Corps anticipates awarding a contract by June 19th with a construction start date sometime in July. The projected timeline anticipates that the contractor will work on completing the diversion channel by the spring of 2015 with all parts of the project finalized by August of 2015.

Upon completion of the diversion project in the fall of 2015, virtually all of the city of Roseau will be removed from the Roseau River floodplain. The Corps intends to expedite the provision the necessary documentation to FEMA for this floodplain exemption.

Legislature Provides \$2 million to help build Workforce Housing in Roseau & Pennington Counties

The City of Roseau, in conjunction with other area housing advocates, have been working for well over a year to develop a strategy to increase the number of housing units, particularly rental housing units, in Roseau County to support the needs of our local employers.

City representatives worked with our state representatives, Rep. Fabian and Sen. Stumpf to draft new legislation that would allow more flexibility in the use of tax increment financing (TIF) to incentivize the construction of more workforce housing. TIF is a financing technique commonly used by local units of government whereby a developer is able to finance a project utilizing the future property tax

stream of the new development. There is a need to provide incentives to apartment developers because of the gap that exists between the market rental rates in smaller communities and the actual construction costs of apartment projects.

However, the city was not successful in this year's legislative session in getting any changes to TIF law to help in the construction of workforce housing. Nevertheless, the legislature was sympathetic to the needs of growing rural communities such as Roseau, Warroad and Thief River Falls and did create a pilot grant project to help create more workforce housing in these communities. The new

pilot project provides the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) with \$2 million in matching grants for the three communities to initiate apartment projects that provide market rate workforce housing. Grants from the State will not exceed either 10% of a proposed project's cost or \$400,000. The grants must be matched dollar for dollar with funds from a local unit of government, business, or non-profit. The State pilot project funding is available until 2018.

The City of Roseau is actively pursuing projects that may be able to make use of these funds.

Fireworks Safety Tips



It's tradition - parades, cookouts and fireworks to celebrate the summer season, especially our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July. Before you set off the fireworks, plan carefully so no one gets hurt.

- Use common sense when handling fireworks.
- Always read and follow directions on the label
- Only light fireworks on a flat surface away from buildings, dry leaves and flammable materials
- Wear eye protection
- Light only one item at a time and never re-light a "dud" firework
- Dispose of fireworks properly. Soak in water before putting in a trash can
- Have a responsible adult in charge
- Never give fireworks to children
- Fireworks are for outdoor use only

Non-explosive and non-aerial fireworks, including sparklers, snakes, poppers, and cones or tubes that emit sparks, are legal in Minnesota. Fireworks may not be used on public property. Purchasers must be at least 18 years of age. Explosive and aerial fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortar and shells are prohibited from public sale or use in Roseau. For more information about fireworks that are legal in Minnesota, visit the state Fire Marshal's website.

Use discretion when setting off noisemakers, especially at night. The City prohibits noises that annoy or disturb a person or prevents their enjoyment of their property. A person may face civil or criminal charges if found guilty of violating City noise restrictions. Call 463-3129 if someone is lighting noisemakers at inappropriate times.

Keep Drugs out of the Wrong Hands—Use the Rx Dropbox



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.

City Garbage Collection



The City of Roseau owns and operates a municipal garbage collection enterprise. The intent of the municipal enterprise is to provide efficient and affordable refuse removal for city residents and businesses. Garbage collection service is mandatory for all city residents and businesses. The reason for requiring all residents and businesses to participate in garbage collection is to reduce illegal "dumping" of garbage in inappropriate locations in order to avoid paying for garbage service.

Residential garbage collection is done once a week on established routes and commercial collection is completed daily or as needed.

In order to keep our garbage service efficient and low cost the City requests the following efforts by residents and businesses:

- Secure all garbage in bags prior to placing it in collection cans or dumpsters (i.e. no loose garbage in cans or dumpsters that can blow around before and during pick-up)
- Do not set out loose garbage, or bags of garbage that can be easily opened by animals or blown away on windy days.
- Utilize residential garbage containers of 32 gallons or less. Also please use garbage cans with tight fitting lids or drill holes in the bottoms of garbage cans to let water drain through to keep cans from becoming too heavy to lift when raining.
- Do not place more than 50 pounds of garbage in an individual residential can.
- Prior to collection keep all cans and dumpsters in secured locations.
- Keep hazardous materials, appliances (including TV's and monitors), tires, recyclables, yard wastes and other non-garbage items out of collection cans and dumpsters. (Please bring these items to the appropriate collection sites offered by the City and County)

Doing these things will help our sanitation staff continue to provide safe, efficient and cost effective refuse collection. Please help in keeping Roseau looking good by disposing of garbage appropriately.

2013 City Audit Report



At the May City Council meeting Tracee Bruggeman from Brady Martz and associates, the city's auditor, presented the results of the 2013 City Audit. Overall, the auditor had no significant finding related to the city's operations and that at the end of 2013 the city's financial condition was good with healthy fund balances and minimal debt. The City of Roseau ended 2013 with a total cash and investments balance of \$7,376,834 which was an increase of approximately \$300,000 over the 2012 balance. The City also retired additional general obligation bond debt leaving a total bond indebtedness of \$221,000. The city also has an outstanding loan balance of \$339,000 on the city-owned Roseau Court Townhomes project.



Water Conservation Lawn & Yard

- A lush green lawn requires 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water a week.
- Morning is the best time to water most lawns. Before 10:00 am is best of all because rising heat later on tends to steal a lot of water by evaporation.
- If you let your grass grow to about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in the summer, water loss will be reduced because the blades will provide shade for the roots.
- Avoid watering when windy or in the heat of the day.
- Don't allow sprinklers to run unattended. Use a timer as a reminder when it's time to move or turn off the sprinkler.
- Lawns that are frequently aerated absorb water better.
- Sprinklers throwing large drops in a flat pattern are more effective than those with fine, high sprays.
- Forget about watering streets, walks and driveways. They don't grow a thing.

New City Hangar to be Constructed at Airport



The City of Roseau in cooperation with FAA and MnDOT Aeronautics will undertake a project to construct a new bay hangar at the Roseau Municipal Airport to replace the existing bay hangar which lies within an existing airspace safety zone and is undersized for many of the transient aircraft utilizing the airport. The City is also working on a lease arrangement with Polaris Industries to lease the hangar for its King-Air aircraft when it is in Roseau to keep it out of the elements and allow for safer winter operations into and out of Roseau.

The total project cost is estimated at \$600,000, of which, FAA will fund 90% of the construction cost, with MnDOT and the City of Roseau each participating at 5% each. The project will go out for bids in late summer with construction tentatively set for early this fall. Completion of the hangar will be dependent upon weather conditions this fall and winter.

Help Prevent Street Flooding & River Contamination



Please keep all leaves and grass clipping out of streets, gutters, storm drains and catch basins. Leaves and clippings can clump and plug catch basins and storm sewers creating flooding conditions. In addition, the nutrients from grass clippings and other plant materials deposited on streets and in the gutters ultimately end up in the Roseau River. Even untreated lawn clippings do harm to our river system. When they decompose, they release carbon and nitrogen that feeds undesirable algae, which, in turn, use up oxygen in the water, contributing to fish kills.

Please collect and compost all vegetative materials or deposit them at the City Compost Site north of Geroy's Building Center on Co. Road 28 next to the city sewage lagoons.

**City Offices will be closed
Independence Day—July 4th**

Parks & Recreation Update



The Roseau Parks & Recreation Department will again partner with the MnDNR to sponsor the MinnAqua program. MinnAqua is a statewide education program designed to teach fishing recreation and stewardship as well as the ecology and conservation of aquatic habitat to kids. Participating children will experience a fun day of games, education, and fishing. The MinnAqua date has not yet been set, but will be held in early August. Watch for more information on the event date and details.

The Park & Rec Department will again sponsor a fall youth soccer program Saturday's at North Star Park for children ages 4-18. Participants will learn basic soccer skills and games are played each week. League starts in September and ends in October. Registration will be held in August via the City Website. Watch for details on this year's program.



Become a **Summer Explorer**
At the Roseau County Museum

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. Check www.roseaucohistorysociety.org, Facebook or call 463-1918 for details.

Coming August 2014 – January 2015 MN Historical Society traveling exhibit, "Minnesota Homefront, World War II," visitors find out what it was like to "make do" with rationing, farm during a severe labor shortage, work on the Iron Range, develop inventions for the war, be trained as a translator at Fort Snelling and endure a starvation experiment for science and the war effort.

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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Inoperable Vehicle Removal

Residents are reminded that the City of Roseau maintains a hazardous conditions and nuisance ordinance governing private property maintenance. One of the most common violations of this ordinance is the storage of inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles or vehicle parts outside of an enclosed structure. **Vehicles that are not licensed or cannot be operated in their current state due to flat tires, missing or broken parts, or other conditions must be stored within a fully enclosed garage or storage building or removed from the property immediately.** Junk autos can be taken to an auto recycler who may pay you cash for your vehicle.

Residents can notify the Roseau Police Department of any abandoned vehicles or vehicles that are being stored in violation of the City's ordinance at 463-3129.

The City requests that property owners do their part in keeping Roseau a clean, safe and enjoyable community to live in, by addressing any and all violations that might exist on their property.

Pet Regulations



Residents are reminded that **the City of Roseau requires the licensing of all dogs and cats. In addition, the city maintains leash laws for all animals outside of homes and fenced yards.**

Please be courteous to your neighbors and friends by controlling your pets, cleaning up their waste and controlling barking. Thank you.

It's Summer and the Kids are Out!



Please slow down on all residential streets and be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists utilizing the streets and trails.

Oak Crest West Subdivision Development

Crews recently initiated construction activities in the Oak Crest West Subdivision in southwest Roseau. The Oak Crest West Subdivision was home to many FEMA trailers after the 2002 flood. While FEMA occupied this site the federal government installed all of the water and sewer lines in this area; however, the streets were only completed to a gravel surface. The city of Roseau has awarded a contract to R&Q Trucking to complete curb & gutter and blacktopping of the streets at an anticipated cost of \$680,000. Oak Crest West will be home to the new Tamarack Place Apartments as well as additional single family homes.

