



31st Annual Roseau Volunteer Fireman's BBQ & Ball September 24th, 2016 at the Roseau Fire Hall and American Legion

A Turkey & Pork Dinner with all of the extras will be served in the Fire Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. A Dance follows at the American Legion with Shell Shock from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM. Raffles for various prizes will be held throughout the event.

Prices: \$12 Adult
\$10 Senior

\$8 Children under 12
Proceeds from the fundraiser will help finance a new Fire Truck.



CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

Update on City's Efforts to Remove Floodplain Regulations

On August 18, 2015 the Corps of Engineers held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new East Diversion Flood Control Project. While the City of Roseau is currently protected from flooding, it is unfortunately still hampered by Federal floodplain regulations and flood insurance requirements.

The City's request for removal from the 100-year regulatory flood plain is still being reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials in Maryland. Recent inquiries by City officials, in August, on the status of the approval of the City's Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), which would remove the entire city from the 100-year floodplain, indicate that there appear to be some outstanding issues between FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the data provided in support of the City's LOMR request.

Once FEMA makes a determination that all of the data submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the associated re-

vised floodplain mapping is accurate, the City will be required to wait another 90-days for any appeal to FEMA's final determination. After the appeal period the LOMR would become official. There is a period of time from the official approval of the LOMR for FEMA to get the maps out and published that could delay banks and other entities from being able to utilize the new LOMR maps for flood insurance determinations. Also the City of Roseau will need to amend our local ordinance to adopt the new LOMR maps based on the East Diversion project rather than the flood plain maps currently in place.

The City of Roseau still has not been provided with any information on when FEMA will make its final determination on the LOMR application submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and until that approval is made the initial 90-day appeal period does not start. The City, MN DNR and our federal representatives continue to press FEMA to expedite the approval process.

City Council Elections

Four candidates have filed for open City Council positions in the upcoming 2016 city election. Mayor Jeff Pelowski has re-filed for the open 2-year term as Mayor. No other candidates filed for the Mayor position.

Councilmembers Don Ross, Pat Novacek and Jane Evans have all re-filed for three open City Council positions. Councilmembers Jane Evans and Pat Novacek are running for two open 4-year Council seats. Councilmember Don Ross has filed for the remaining 2-year term left by former Councilmember Curt Ireland when he resigned his seat in 2015. No other candidates filed to be on the November ballot for Council.

NOVEMBER 8 is election day

The polling place for all City of Roseau residents is the Roseau City Center. The City Center is also the polling place for Jadis and Ross Township residents.



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. Pet waste stations are provided around the city, in parks and along trails, please use them.

City Offices will be closed for the following Holidays: Veterans Day (Nov 11) Thanksgiving (Nov 24 & 25) and Christmas Day (Dec 25)



Happy
Holidays!

SLOW DOWN AND BE ALERT: SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



School Zone Speed
Limit
15 MPH

HEATSHARE PROGRAM:

The City of Roseau promotes the Salvation Army's Heatshare Program. This voluntary contribution program provides financial counseling and assistance to Roseau area elderly, disabled, and others meeting income guidelines who have exhausted all possible public resources and are still unable to pay heating and/or energy bills this winter. *Please consider a donation to Heatshare.*

For more information on Heatshare contact the City Utilities Department at 463-2351 or www.thesalarmy.com/serv/



Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. But the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in the winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

- Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: customers receiving "any form of public assistance", including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
- The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the Roseau Utility Department at 463-2351 to try and work out a payment schedule. We will try to help.

THE COLD WEATHER RULE DOES NOT FORBID ALL WINTER DISCONNECTION

2017 City Budget Development

In September the City Council will initiate the city budget process when the Council adopts its preliminary 2017 city budget and tax levy. The preliminary budget contains all of the preliminary requests from each department and city committee. The requests are aggregated into a preliminary budget for Council review and refinement into the final budget and tax levy that will be adopted in late December 2016. The preliminary city tax levy is the levy that will appear on your preliminary county tax statements this fall. The city tax levy on that statement is the highest tax levy that can be adopted by the Council, the final levy can be lowered from that amount.

The City of Roseau has not increased its property tax levy, the amount of money collected from local property taxes, in six years and has only increased that amount by less than 5% since 2007.

Despite the fact that the City has not changed the amount of money collected from the local property tax in six years, property owners may have seen their city real estate taxes fluctuate, either up or down, over that same period. These changes are a result of changes in State laws regarding property valuations or changes in market values of individual properties. However, these changes only serve to change who pays a larger share of the total tax request and not the amount of funding sought by the city or collected from local property owners.

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the Northwest Community Action Agency may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact NW Community Action immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

Northwest Community Action
 PO Box 67; Badger, MN 56714
 (218) 528-3258 or 800-568-5329
nwcaa.org

SNOW REMOVAL SEASON



Snow season will be upon us soon and residents are reminded that a snow emergency may be called by the Superintendent or Police Chief anytime snow conditions on the streets warrant, regardless of the amount of snow that has actually fallen. Typically, snow removal on streets begins at 2:00 a.m. after a snowfall of 1/2" or more. However, weather conditions may warrant removal activities at other times as well. No vehicles may be parked on a snow covered street until that street is plowed from curb to curb.

Any vehicle left on the street during snow removal will be ticketed and towed without warning.

The City recommends that all residents identify off-street parking areas for use throughout the winter, but especially during snowfall events and other winter conditions that make snow removal activities necessary, such a strong winds and blowing snow. Please keep boulevards clear of planters, sports equipment, lighting and other items that can be damaged by snow removal activities.

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

South Riverview Park Phase I Development

The Roseau Park Board is pleased to announce that fundraising for Phase I of the South Riverview Park project has raised over \$240,000 in private funds to date; and as a result of the generous donations of various individuals and businesses, the City will be able to proceed with final design, plan review, and bidding on the project this fall. The City is currently working with splash pad supplier Water-Splash to enter into a contract for the construction of a 2,500 SF splash pad consisting of 16 interactive water features designed to have appeal to both older and younger children. Construction on the splash pad project is planned to start in May 2017 with a tentative opening of the splash pad by July 3rd. Additionally, the City will be bidding a 400 SF support building this fall that will house restrooms and a small indoor picnic area. Final completion of the support building and associated landscaping is scheduled for the middle of August. If, after reviewing bids and the final fundraising amounts, there is sufficient funds, the park board will also install a playground feature adjacent to the splash pad to complete Phase I. The plans for Phase II of the South Riverview Park redevelopment include the construction of a skateboard park and the refurbishment of the outdoor basketball court.

The Park Board continues to seek additional support for Phase II of the South Riverview Park development.

If you are interested in being a part of the South Riverview Park project, tax deductible donations are still being sought and are being matched dollar for dollar by the City up to \$250,000. Donations should be made to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) Roseau Parks & Recreation Fund and note in the memo "South Riverview Park". Checks can be mailed c/o the City of Roseau, Box 307, Roseau, MN 56751 or online at www.nwmf.org/fund/roseau-parks-recreation-fund/. A Go Fund Me site has also been set up at gofundme.com/SouthRiverviewPark. For more information on donating to the project contact: Sonya Peterson (218) 242-3433.



Mayor Jeff Pelowski and the Roseau Park Board accept a \$7,500 donation for South Riverview Park from Pamela Sarvela representing Minnesota Energy Resources/Wisconsin Public Utilities Foundation



Snowmobile and ATV Routes

The City of Roseau maintains designated Snowmobile and ATV routes through town. Please keep all ATV's and snowmobiles on these designated routes. A map of designated trails is available on the City Website or from the Roseau Police Department. Snowmobiles are prohibited on paved trails in the City of Roseau and in the East Diversion to prevent damages from studs. Snowmobiles are also prohibited in open areas of the East Diversion project south of the Highway 11 Bridge where thousands of small trees have been planted. Please ride responsibly and respect public property including parks, golf course, cemeteries and the East Diversion flood control features.



ROSEAU PARKS & RECREATION FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

Fall Soccer - Fall Recreational Soccer play for boys & girls 4 and up will be Saturdays from Sept. 10-Oct. 8 at North Star Park. Register with Roseau Parks.

Winter Ice Skating—Public open skating and open hockey sessions will begin at Memorial Arena over MEA weekend (Oct 20th). All open skating and open hockey sessions are free to the public.

Winter Youth Hockey—Registration for Roseau Youth Hockey Boys & Girls Leagues will begin soon check the Roseau Youth Hockey Site for information on Registration (roseauhockeyonline.com)

Winter Adult Hockey Leagues—Contact the Recreation Department for more information on recreational adult hockey.

Winter Skating School & Figure Skating—Contact the Roseau Blazing Stars Skating School at blazingstarskatingschool@gmail.com

For More information: Chad Johnson 463-1538

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Jeff Ballard-Fire Chief

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Roseau, Feels Like Home

Our Website:

www.city.roseau.mn.us

City Utility Department Investing in New Utility Metering Equipment



Over the next three years the Roseau Utility Department will be undertaking a significant project to replace all of the existing mechanical residential and commercial utility metering equipment with new electronic radio read metering equipment. The new equipment will provide the utility department with more reliable and up to date meter reading equipment. Once completely installed, city staff will no longer be required to visit individual meters for usage reading or to undertake utility connects and disconnects, saving considerable man hours. Additionally, the new equipment will allow for the City to better monitor utility usage for service breaks and outages.

Customers will also have access to better usage data allowing for better management

of utility costs. The Roseau Municipal Utilities will be working jointly with the Roseau Electric Cooperative (REC) in the operation of the metering equipment. The REC already maintains the host equipment capable of reading the City's new metering equipment.

The Roseau Utility Department will begin deploying the new meters at the end of this year and continue to install the meters one meter route at a time. The City requests the cooperation of all residents as the project will require that city staff have access to every home and business in Roseau to change out the existing metering equipment.

Electronic Utility Billing

The Utility Department is researching the option of electronic billing for customers who would like to receive their utility bill via e-mail rather than sent through the mail. E-billing would save the city considerable time and money in the production of paper bills and postage. However, in order to facilitate e-billing the City would need to collect e-mail addresses from existing customers. If you are interested in receiving your utility bill via e-mail please contact the Roseau Utility Department at 463-2351.

FALL CLEAN-UP



Leaves, brush and other vegetative wastes can be disposed of at the City's compost site 1 mile east and 1.75 miles north of Roseau on County Road 28. The compost site is located inside the fence of the Roseau Sewage Lagoons. Only organic materials may be deposited in the compost piles. The compost site is open on Tuesdays (weather permitting). **No garbage bags, trash or other items may be left at the compost site.** Contact the Utility Department for information 463-2351.