



Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

The Roseau Electric Utility will again sponsor a Christmas lighting contest. Winners in three categories will receive awards in Roso Dough. There will be a General Lighting category, Theme category and Business category. Anonymous judges will tour the community in December to select winners.



CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

Floodplain Update

On October 19, 2016 the City of Roseau received a final determination letter from FEMA on the updated flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for the City of Roseau. This letter confirms that the newly developed FIRM maps are final and will replace the 1981 FIRMs that were developed when the City of Roseau first entered into the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

However, it should be noted that the replacement FIRM maps developed and approved by FEMA were initiated prior to the completion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's East Diversion flood control project and do not reflect the changes in the flood plain as a result of that project. Therefore, these new flood plain maps will not take any existing properties out of the flood plain and, in fact, place more in it.

Nevertheless, this final determination by FEMA is the first step in the implementation process of the new FIRM maps that will ultimately allow for the approval of the City and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the newly implemented flood plain maps. According to representatives from the MN DNR-Waters Division, it is believed that the City's LOMR request for the removal of the city from the 100-year flood plain can be implemented at the same time as the new FIRMs become official on April 19, 2017. While there is no guarantee that the LOMR will be approved at the same time as the new FIRM, the City anticipates April 20, 2017 as the day the flood plain restrictions in the city will be eliminated.

Traveling this winter?

Enjoy the comfort of paying your Roseau Utility bill at any time, from anywhere! You can pay online, by mobile app or by calling a toll-free number. You can view your bill online too!



CALL: 1-877-885-7968 MOBILE APP: PSN Payments
ONLINE: www.city.roseau.mn.us

On-line and CC Payment Options Now Available

The City of Roseau is pleased to announce new options for viewing and paying city bills. Forget your checkbook, as you can now view and pay your utility bills electronically through the City website or mobile app powered by payment processor PSN. In addition, the City now also accepts credit cards, e-checks and automatic withdraws through PSN utilizing their secure online portal or mobile app.

Not comfortable working online or on a mobile app? PSN also provides a toll-free telephone option for paying utility billings. Just call 1-877-885-7968 for assistance in getting you bills paid.

Also, help the city save a tree and money by opting for electronic billing where your utility bill is e-mailed to you rather than having a bill physically mailed out. The cost savings of not producing a physical bill can help the city keep your utility bills lower.

For more information on utility billing options including, budget billing, on-line payments, credit card payments, electronic billing or any other billing and payment question contact Angie Vonasek at 218-463-2351.

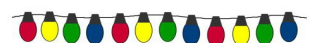
Southern End of Diversion Closed to Snowmobiles



Snowmobilers are asked to refrain from riding across all open areas both east and west of the diversion channel south of Highway 11 all the way to the Roseau City Park. Thousands of small trees were planted across these areas. In order to preserve this investment, the City asks that until these trees are of sufficient height to be seen that no off-trail snowmobile riding take place in this area. Thank you for your cooperation.

City Offices will be closed for the following Holidays:

Christmas Day (Dec 26), New Year's Day (Jan 2); MLK Day (Jan 16) & President's Day (Feb 20)



Happy Holidays!

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/



Proposed 2017 City Budget



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The City Council is in the final stages of developing the 2017 City operating budget which must be approved by the last week of December. Currently the proposed 2017 general fund budget expenditures are \$3,828,831 with proposed general fund revenues of \$2,733,909 before transfers from the enterprise funds, for a net negative operating budget of \$1,094,922. The general fund includes all city expenditures not associated with the City's five enterprise funds (e.g. water, sewer, electric, garbage and liquor enterprises), any dedicated revenue funds (e.g. tax increment financing districts and lodging taxes) or capital improvement project funds.

The total city budget including all city enterprises is proposed to be \$10,268,613 with total revenues of \$9,975,400 for a net negative balance of \$293,213. The proposed 2017 budget is very similar to the adopted 2016 budget. The proposed budget includes a 0% increase in property taxes and all utilities, with the exception of the electric rates. The budget proposes a 3% increase in electric rates to match the proposed 3% increase in wholesale costs from our power supplier the joint Northern Municipal Power Agency and MinnKota Power System.

In addition to the above expenditures, the City Council has proposed to undertake two major construction projects in 2017 that would be financed out of existing reserve funds of the City. One project would be the expansion and renovation of the existing Roseau Municipal Liquor store. The Municipal Liquor Store was constructed in 1981 and is in need of extensive renovations to the mechanical and electrical systems as well as being deficient in sufficient warehouse space for stock. The proposed expansion and renovation project is anticipated to cost approximately \$700,000 and will be financed with retained earnings from the Liquor Store enterprise fund.

Another major project proposed for 2017 is the redevelopment of South Riverview Park. The Roseau City Council authorized a dollar for dollar matching of private donations to the South Riverview park splash pad development, up to a maximum of \$250,000. As of the end of October the Roseau Park Board has been able to raise over \$250,000 private donations to proceed with the Phase I development of the splash pad and associated improvements. The City of Roseau has signed a contract with Watersplash to begin the construction of the splash pad features. Installation of the splash pad is projected to begin in May of 2017. The Park Board is still seeking support to complete Phase II of the park project which will include a skate park and refurbishment of the basketball court along with other landscaping improvements.

Other capital improvements included in the 2017 general fund budget include the following projects:

- Fire Truck
- Police Squad Car
- Road Grader
- Electronic Metering Equipment
- Various Park Upgrades (Gazebo Park Restroom, City Park Campsite Improvements, and Recreational Trail expansion and exercise stations)
- Airport Runway Crackseal project
- Airport Mower
- City Street and Utility Repairs: 2nd Street NW, 3rd Street SE (near fire hall), 3rd Ave & 5th St NW (near Memorial Arena), 7th Street NE and 3rd Street SE.

SNOW REMOVAL SEASON



Snow season is upon us 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 city 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, during removal, 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.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

The Roseau Fire Department would like to offer the following winter fire safety tips:

- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors regularly
- Keep secondary exits to your home free of ice and snow for escape in a fire emergency
- Keep flammable items a safe distance from heat sources like baseboard heaters, space heaters and fireplaces
- Use extreme caution with Christmas decoration particularly live Christmas trees and candles



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is called the invisible killer and it is particularly dangerous in the winter season when heating fuels are burned in home

heating systems. CO alarms should be installed in centralized area outside each sleeping area on every level of the home and as required by code. Follow the manufacturers instructions for placement and mounting of CO alarms. Test your CO alarm a least monthly and replace according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone in the home is accounted for and call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel can assist. Immediately dial 911 in the case of a CO alarm.

CO can collect from any fuel combustion and in the winter the most common sources of lethal CO accumulations are from gas dryer or furnace vents blocked by snow and ice, or autos running in an enclosed garage (even if the garage door is open). Generators and grills also produce CO and should never be used indoors.

REBATES ON LED CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Electric Department is offering rebates of up to \$12 per strand on the purchase of new LED Christmas lighting. Contact Angie Vonasek for details: 463-2351

Mar/Kit Recycling Program

Roseau County contracts with the Mar/Kit Landfill to operate a countywide recycling program, in which, the City participates. Recycling is a vital component of any comprehensive solid waste program because it reduces unnecessary waste from going into landfills. Recycling materials means less waste and a longer life for our existing landfill. Additionally, recycled materials save energy and raw materials ultimately benefiting our environment.

Large blue recycle bins are placed across the county for the collection of recyclable items. Roseau's recycle bins are located next to the Roseau Fire Hall on 2nd Avenue SE. The Mar/Kit recycling program provides advantages to city residents beyond being environmentally friendly due to the fact that taking all recyclable items out of city garbage collection lowers the volume and cost of garbage going into the landfill. Ultimately this translates into lower residential garbage rates for homeowners and businesses. Items accepted in the Mar/Kit bins include:

PLASTIC: Containers, bottles and jugs with recyclable labels #1 (PETE/PET) & #2 (HDPE) only



ALUMINUM/TIN: Cans only (other solid metal items can be brought to the Roseau Utility Dept. for recycling)

PAPER: Newspaper and telephone books (remove front & back covers) only

MAGAZINES: Glossy paper magazines

All items placed in the bins should be cleaned with any foreign materials removed. **Do not place plastic bags in non-plastic bins.** Items placed in the bins that contain materials not accepted will contaminate entire loads. Mar/Kit recycle bins are not a substitute for garbage collection.

No Wipes In the Pipes

The City of Roseau continues to experience blockages and sewage pump failures as a result of "flushable" wipes. These wipes are marketed as convenience items; however, these wipes have become a distinct inconvenience for the City's sewer system as they are the primary cause of plugged pumps and sewer back-ups in the City's sewer system and pump stations. Many of these products are labeled as not only disposable, but also "flushable". However, the reality for the sewer system is that while the wipes may be "flushable"; they, unlike toilet paper, do not break down after being flushed causing tremendous damages to the sewage collection and treatment system as they begin to build up and clog pipes and pumps resulting in sewage back-ups and damaged pumps.



Avoid nasty clean-ups in your own home and help protect the City's sewer system by never flushing any consumer item, other than toilet paper, down the toilet, regardless of what the packaging promises.

The following items should always go in the trash: disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, cotton swaps, cotton balls, feminine hygiene products, paper towels and facial tissue.

PUBLIC SKATING

Public open skating and open hockey sessions are regularly scheduled every day at all of the community rinks including the Memorial Arena, North Rink, and Rams Sports Center. All open skating and open hockey sessions are free to the public. Check the arena schedules posted online on the City website for public skating times and locations.



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By choosing local and independent businesses for your services, shopping, dining and other needs, you not only enjoy a more distinctive and personal experience, you are helping to :

BUILD COMMUNITY

The casual encounters you enjoy shopping locally builds relationships and community cohesiveness.

STRENGTHEN ROSEAU'S ECONOMY

Each dollar you spend at independent Roseau businesses returns 3 times more money to Roseau's economy than a chain store and 50 times more than buying online.

SHAPE ROSEAU'S CHARACTER

Our local businesses help give Roseau its distinct personality.

BUY IT WHERE YOU TRY IT

Local stores enable you to try on or try out items before you buy and allow you to get real expertise.

LOWER OUR TAXES

Local Roseau businesses help provide additional tax base and lower your property tax bill for all of the community amenities we enjoy in Roseau.

GIVE BACK TO YOURSELF AND ROSEAU

Local Roseau businesses provide vital financial support our city, school, churches, youth programs, sports teams, and other vital non-profits. Local non-profits receive, on average, 250% more support from Roseau's small businesses than large businesses and chain stores owned outside of Roseau. So before you head out of town or hop on-line this Christmas, think about our local business providers first and give them a chance to earn your business. Put your money to work in your own community!



New Community Websites

The City of Roseau, Roseau Tourism Bureau and the Civic and Commerce Association are working together to update their websites and social media presence in order to better serve the local community and to provide a broader reach to tourists and job seekers outside our area. The Tourism Bureau and Civic and Commerce Association have developed a new tourism and community website highlighting community events, local promotions, tourism and jobs through its goroseau.com website and a "Go Roseau" Facebook page. The City of Roseau will also be updating its website to integrate with the new promotional efforts and to incorporate the new Roseau logo depicted here.

