



Parents, Grandparents and children of any age are invited to Storytime at the Roseau Public Library every Tuesday at 10:30 am

Storytime features special visitors, stories, crafts and a variety of fun activities.

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CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

East Diversion Project and Floodplain Update

Late last fall the Spruce Valley Construction Company completed the final work on the Roseau East Diversion Project, making the project 100% operational. The final work included the removal of the remaining plug material at the inlet end of the diversion channel and the repair of two slough areas in the City Park section of the diversion channel. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now in the process of completing the final accounting on all of the costs of the project to determine the final Federal and local cost-shares. The City of Roseau has met its cost-share obligation in accordance with our agreement with the State of Minnesota, who is paying the local sponsor share of the project. It is hoped that no additional local share funds are needed once the final accounting is complete; however, if additional local sponsor funds are required the City of Roseau will seek those funds from the Minnesota DNR in accordance with our cost-share agreement.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also continues to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the final approval of new

floodplain maps to reflect the changed floodplain as a result of the Roseau East Diversion Project. These new maps are being developed through FEMA's Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) process.

City officials continue to press both the Corps of Engineers and FEMA to expedite the LOMR approval process to free the community from the regulatory floodplain requirements and the need for flood insurance. On-going conversations with the Corps of Engineers and FEMA seem to indicate that the final approval of the LOMR is eminent and that after a required 90-day appeal period and some additional time for filing of the official maps with appropriate depositories the vast majority of the city will be removed from the 100-year floodplain. It is the City's understanding from FEMA that this final removal will occur no later than the end of July 2017. The city has also requested information on how homeowners may be able to recoup some costs for flood insurance payments made during this approval period and immediate easing of floodplain building restrictions for areas to be removed from the floodplain.



Roseau East Diversion Outlet

Electronic Payments and E-billing

The Roseau Utility Billing Department encourages all residents to take advantage of e-billing through Payment Service Network (PSN). PSN's online portal provides users various utility billing payment options such as debit card, bank account debit, and credit card payments. In addition, billing and payment information along with an optional e-billing feature are also available through PSN. E-billing allows the City to send you your utility bill via e-mail rather than through the postal system. E-bills are much less costly for the city



to produce and send, helping to keep your utility costs lower. Even if you are already set up with automatic payments through the City utility department and are not using PSN for payments you can still sign up for e-billing through PSN. Sign up for e-billing today and ditch the paper bills! Save a tree and help keep rates lower with e-billing through PSN.

City Offices will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Planning Commission Annual Tour of the City

On May 22nd the Roseau Planning Commission will be taking its annual tour of the City. The purpose of the tour, as outlined in the Roseau City Code, is for the Planning Commission members, along with Police and Building Code Officials, to tour the city to identify any nuisance and building code violations on both public and private properties. The ultimate goal of this exercise is to ensure the overall health and welfare of the community. Unkempt properties and other nuisances, if left unchecked, can lead to blight conditions and a general decline in the community.

The most common violations the Planning Commission typically finds during these tours are the following:

- Inoperable, unlicensed and junk cars being stored on a property outside of a fully enclosed building 
- Storage sheds and garages in states of disrepair (e.g. peeling paint, broken windows and doors, leaning or unstable condition) 
- Houses with considerable peeling paint, missing siding or un-sided (e.g. exposed plywood, house-wrap or other unfinished material) 
- Car parts, machinery, furniture, construction materials or other debris outside of an enclosed garage or storage building 
- Long grass and weeds exceeding 6" in length

Any properties identified during the tour as being in violation of City Code are then referred to either the Police Department or Building Official for further action as appropriate. Typically, any property owner with a violation will be notified by mail of the violation and given a timeline for abatement of the condition. If the violation is not addressed within the timeframe given, or any exten-

sion provided by the City, the City may ticket the violator and proceed to obtaining a court order for the abatement of the nuisance conditions. If the City abates the nuisance condition, the costs associated with that action, plus any legal fees, will be assessed back the property owner(s).

The City and Planning Commission request everyone's assistance in making Roseau a great place to live. If you have any of the previously discussed violations on your property please address them as soon as possible. If you do not know how to address any of these issue or cannot complete them for any reason, please contact the City of Roseau to find out if there is any assistance that may be available to help you.

The Planning Commission attempts to view every property in the City during its tour, however, it is impossible for them to see everything, so if you are aware of a property that is not being adequately maintained please report it to the Roseau City Clerk's Office, Roseau Police Department or the Roseau Building Official for investigation.



CODE RED WARNING SYSTEM

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the free Code Red Warning System. The Code Red system provides automated phone notifications to subscribers of emergency situations such as tornado warnings or other emergencies. **There is no cost for this service.** Sign up online through the Roseau County Emergency Management webpage or contact the Roseau County Emergency Management Office at 218-463-3375

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 Airport Master Plan

The City is reaching the end of a multi-year master planning process for the future development of the city-owned and operated Roseau Municipal Airport. The Roseau Airport serves the general aviation transportation needs of the community linking Roseau to the rest of the world. The three primary users of the airport are Polaris Industries, Valley Med Flight and Slater Aerial Spraying Service. Additional governmental, recreational, business and general transportation uses also exist at the airport.



The master plan, which has been undertaken by the aviation consulting firm of KLJ Engineering, has analyzed all of these users along with future trends in the aviation industry to develop a 20+ year plan for the long-term development of the airport. Current plans for the airport include the complete redevelopment of the main terminal area, the relocation of the existing parking apron, city hangar and terminal buildings, along with approach and runway improvements to accommodate larger aircraft such as business jets and air cargo planes.

An open house on the proposed master plan for the Roseau Municipal Airport is scheduled for April 3rd in the City Center Library meeting room between 6:00—8:00 pm. Persons interested in viewing the proposed plans and providing comment may stop by this open house being hosted by KLJ Engineering.

City Garbage Collection

The City of Roseau 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. Contact the City of Roseau Utilities for more information 463-2351)

Doing these things will allow 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.

RAAA & RCHS Present Sisters of Swing

The Roseau Area Arts Association & Roseau County Historical Society presents the Ivey Award-winning History Theatre's hit musical *SISTERS OF SWING: THE STORY OF THE ANDREWS SISTERS* to Roseau on April 23. Audiences will revisit the American experience during WWII through the harmonies of this amazing trio from Mound, MN - LaVerne, Maxene, and Patty - still heralded as the most successful female American singing group in the first half of the 20th century. Join us for this unique performance featuring the incredible talents of Cat Brindisi, Katie Hahn, Jen Burleigh Bentz and the witty Jake Endres, who plays Lou Levy, Danny Kaye and Bing Crosby.



Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters has been produced in over 30 cities around the country and worldwide.

Fire Chief Jeff Ballard turns over command of Fire Department

In April, Fire Chief Jeff Ballard will pass the command of the Roseau Fire Department on to 1st Lieutenant Craig McMillan. Chief Ballard has led the Roseau



Fire Department since 2011 when he assumed those duties from then Chief Tim Skime. Chief Ballard, in his time at the helm of the Roseau Fire Department, has served the city with great distinction, leaving the department in great shape for his successor.

Chief Ballard will remain on staff with the Roseau Fire Department and will help guide Chief McMillan on the many new roles and responsibilities of the position. The City of Roseau sincerely thanks Chief Ballard for his many years of dedicated service to the Roseau Fire Department and our community. The Fire Chief role is one that is very demanding and time consuming and the city is extremely grateful to those such as Chief Ballard who are willing to sacrifice so much of their time to serve our community. The City would also like to congratulate and welcome new Chief McMillan to command and the City encourages the community to thank all our firemen for their time and commitment to community service.

Summer Baseball Programs



In April the City will be taking registrations for Thursday Night Recreation Youth Ball. Please check the City website for more information on the program and registration. For those interested in competitive travel baseball teams, information and registration for Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball leagues are available at www.roseausummerbaseball.com.

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South Riverview Park Splashpad Progress

The South Riverview Park splashpad project is scheduled to begin on May 15th, weather permitting. The City of Roseau has contracted with Water Splash, a supplier and installer of splash pad play areas, to complete a 20 feature splash park across from the Roseau City Center in Downtown Roseau. The contracted price for the splash pad is \$170,000 for a turnkey 2,500 SF play feature. Construction of the splashpad is expected to take roughly 6 weeks to complete with a projected completion date of July 4th.

The City is also in the process of soliciting bids for a restroom/support building to be constructed adjacent to the new splashpad. An initial bid opening in January on the building resulted in two bids that were in excess of the amount of funds currently available for the project, with the lowest bid being \$150,000 over budget. City staff and the Park Board have worked with the City's

design architect to further refine the project to reduce cost. The building will retain the same size and function, but after reviewing the bids, modifications were made to some of the mechanical systems and building finishes to make the project more affordable.

The City hopes to release the revised plans for public bidding in early March so that the restroom building and splashpad projects can be constructed simultaneously.

The Roseau Park Board has raised over \$250,000 in private donations for the construction of the new splashpad and restroom building. The Roseau City Council has pledged \$250,000 in city matching funds for the project. The Roseau Park Board is still seeking additional support for further redevelopment of South Riverview Park to add items such as a playground structure, skateboard park and to refurbish the existing basketball court. Donations can be made the Roseau Parks and Recreation Fund c/o the Northwest Minnesota Foundation; PO Box 307, Roseau, MN 56751.



Oakcrest Golf Course

The Oak Crest Golf Board is looking forward to another great season of golf at the Oak Crest Golf Course in Roseau and they encourage you to come check out the course this summer! Oak Crest is a municipally-owned public course that in addition to being one of the best golf courses in Northern Minnesota, provides a wide variety of fun activities for golfers of all ages and skill levels. The Oak Crest Golf Club offers many tournaments, leagues and fun activities for men, women and children throughout the season.

Oak Crest maintains very affordable memberships and green fees. Amenities at Oak Crest include a fully stocked pro shop, clubhouse, driving range, cart rentals, and club/cart storage. So dust off your clubs and swing out to Oak Crest this year!