



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.

Come and join us!



CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

South Riverview Park Splashpad Project Breaks Ground

In May the City broke ground on the South Riverview Park splashpad project. The project which involves the construction of a 2,500 SF splashpad with 19 individual water play features designed to appeal to a broad range of age groups. Also part of the construction project is a 900 SF bathhouse providing two changing rooms/restrooms and an open area that can be used for picnicking in the summer and as a warming shelter in the winter.

The designer and installer of the splashpad is Watersplash out of Champlain, NY. The support building contract was recently awarded to Scott Johnson Companies of Warroad. The splashpad is expected to be operational by mid-summer with the bathhouse building being completed shortly thereafter.

The total project is budgeted at just over \$500,000 for the splashpad, bathhouse and the rehabilitation of the existing picnic shelter. Over \$250,000 in private donations have been secured for the project with the City providing a dollar for dollar match to each private dollar donated.

The City and Park Board would like to recognize the generosity of the following contributors who gave \$1,000+ towards this project to make it a reality.

- John & Mavis Wahlberg
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- Citizens State Bank
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- Robert Foley Sr.
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- Steve & Linda Pavek
- William & AnnMarie Miller
- Todd & Sonya Peterson

The City and Park Board would also like to extend a big “thank you” to the countless other individuals and organizations who generously donated money and/or time to this exciting community project.

Summer Fun at the Library

The Roseau Public Library is pleased to announce a number of programs for this summer.



Story Time: The Tuesday morning story time will continue as usual through July 11th and then will take a break until September.

Summer Reading Program: The Library begins its summer reading program on June 1 and runs through July 13. The Summer Reading Program concentrates on helping elementary school-aged children practice their reading skills during the summer months with weekly programming and incentives given for books read. The Summer Reading Program will end with a Picnic on July 13th.

Special Events: The Library will be hosting a number of summer events including the following:

June 6: (4 pm) Funny Guy Jugglin’ Stuff

July 24: (11 am) Robert the Magician

August 1: (4 pm) Jared Sherlock—Comic Magician and Illusionist

August 24: (12 pm) Wild Things Zoo Attraction



City Offices will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day and September 4th for Labor Day.

New City Ordinance for Unlicensed, Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles

The Roseau City Council recently adopted changes to the city's unlicensed, inoperable and abandoned vehicle ordinance. Under both local and State code it was, and continues to be, against the law to maintain inoperable, unlicensed and abandoned vehicles on both public and private property. However, under the old city code it was not clear as to what constitutes an inoperable, unlicensed or inoperable vehicle. Furthermore, the process for abating those nuisance vehicles was not clearly laid out for both the city and property owner to follow. Therefore, with the recommendation of the Roseau Planning Commission, the Roseau City Council amended the existing ordinance to clearly define what is and is not an unlicensed, inoperable or abandoned vehicle. Also the code changes provide a defined process for identifying such vehicles and a process for bringing those vehicles into compliance or having them removed.

The new code allows for the keeping of one (1) inoperable vehicle under limited circumstances for an auto collector or those actively working on a "hobby" car that is of some value or significance. However, any qualifying inoperable vehicle must be kept in a completely enclosed building or maintained in a backyard that is completely fenced so that the vehicle cannot be seen from any neighboring properties or a public street. No inoperable vehicle can be located in a front yard.

Anyone found to have an auto that appears to be inoperable will be required to prove that such vehicle is operable and legal to drive on public roadways or have such vehicle relocated to a fully enclosed building or screened storage area in the back yard. Any inoperable vehicles that are not repaired, removed or relocated to an approved storage space will be subject to the city's abatement process with all costs assessed back to the property owner.

If you maintain an inoperable vehicle on your property please make sure that it is stored in compliance with the new city ordinance or have the vehicle removed. Local salvage operators will collect junk vehicles and may even pay you to take it away!

Revised Roseau Floodplain Maps

On March 21, 2017 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved new floodplain maps for the City of Roseau that are based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' East Diversion Flood Control Project. These new maps, commonly referred to as "LOMR" maps show the changes in the Roseau River 100-year floodplain through the city as a result of the construction of the East Diversion flood control project. The new maps show that all but five (5) structures in the City of Roseau will come out of the regulatory floodplain once the LOMR maps become "effective". The difference between "approved" and "effective" is that while FEMA has approved the maps as accurate, they have not yet met the due process legal requirements of FEMA. Any changes to floodplain mapping requires a 90-day appeal period for anyone to object or comment on the newly created maps. It is not expected that there will be any objections or comments to the new maps and that upon completion of the appeal period the maps will then become "effective". Once the LOMR maps are effective only those five properties still in the new floodplain will be subject to floodplain regulations and flood insurance requirements. The LOMR maps are anticipated to become effective on July 31, 2017.



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

Roseau County Museum Summer Programming

The Roseau County Museum is looking forward to another great summer of fun and activities in the Summer Explorers Youth Program. This year Museum staff are planning some new events to add variety to year's past. Watch the newspaper, www.roseaucohistoricalsociety.org or the Roseau Historical Society's Facebook site for more details.



Use Water Wisely this Summer

Lower your water usage and your water bill this summer by practicing a few water conservation tips.

- (1) Water your lawn and gardens in the morning and on calm days to prevent evaporation.
- (2) Use drip irrigation to soak plants and reduce runoff or watering areas without plants.
- (3) Wash your car on the lawn rather than on pavement to make good use of runoff.
- (4) Keep sprinklers set up on lawns and gardens and not on streets, driveways and sidewalks.
- (5) Keep lawns maintained at 1.5" to 2" to keep grass roots shaded and cool.
- (6) Rake out dead grass and thatch in your lawn to allow water to soak into the ground rather than runoff.
- (7) Use mulch in garden beds to retain moisture.
- (8) Aerate your lawn to help water absorb into the soil.

Landlord and Tenant Rights



Occasionally the City is contacted to mediate disputes between landlords and tenants regarding the conditions of rental properties located within the city limits.

However, the City of Roseau does not maintain any local codes specific to the operation and maintenance of rental units within the city, nor does the city provide regular rental unit inspections, licensing or any other assurance of the suitability of rental units. Nevertheless, the rights and duties of landlords and tenants are very clearly spelled out in federal law, state statutes, safety and housing codes, common law, contract law and a number of court decisions regarding rental unit conditions and responsibilities of landlords and tenants.


Certain rights and duties apply to both landlords and tenants everywhere in Minnesota. A handbook provided by the Minnesota Attorney General attempts to explain these rights. This handbook can be found at <https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Handbooks/LT/default.asp>.

This booklet should not be considered legal advice to use in resolving specific landlord-tenant problems or questions. It is a summary of the laws that govern the landlord-tenant relationship. References to statutes and case law examples appear at the back of the brochure. When references are provided, they are signaled or noted by a number at the end of the sentence. If a cite does not appear, the information is likely derived from common law or case law.

Furthermore, tenants in federal housing and other forms of subsidized housing have additional rights under federal law not covered under the State handbook. Those tenants should check their leases for information.

Landlords and tenants who are having

difficulty with their rental contracts or in the maintenance of rental units should contact the Minnesota Attorney General's office 800-657-3787 or MN AG website for more information on their rights, responsibilities and dispute remedies.



Sign Up for E-Billing Today!

The Roseau Utility Department encourages all residents and businesses to sign up for e-billing through PSN. E-billing allows you to electronically view your current utility billing as well as your payment history. You can also set up electronic and automatic payments through the PSN e-bill portal. E-billing is convenient and eliminates the need for paper bills.

Visit the City of Roseau Website and click on E-bill to sign up!

Liquor Store Remodel & Expansion Underway



On April 26th the City of Roseau opened bids for the Roseau Municipal Liquor Store expansion and remodel. The city received six bids on the project with the lowest bid coming from Scott Johnson Companies of Warroad at \$469,900.

The existing liquor store was constructed in 1981 and suffers from many functional and mechanical deficiencies that make the store difficult to operate efficiently. The existing cooler equipment is over 35 years old, inefficient and poorly designed for the current operation. Additionally, the original design of the store did not provide for a stock room with adequate space for maintaining the appropriate inventory for the current sales volume.

The proposed addition and remodel will not only allow the store to efficiently hold inventory but it will also provide for a more pleasing retail experience. The project will involve the replacement of ex-

City Seeks New Parks & Recreation Director

In April the City of Roseau advertised for candidates to fill the open Parks & Recreation Director position. The search yielded



over 20 applicants. In the month of May, city staff and community representatives with an interest in parks & recreation and our athletic associations conducted two rounds of interviews with the candidates. At the time of publication the city had narrowed the number of candidates to five and is currently in negotiations with the finalists to select our community's new Parks and Recreation Director. It is hoped the new Director will be in place by mid-summer.

isting lighting to new LED fixtures and the HVAC system will be completely replaced with a new energy efficient system. The cashiers stations and managers office will be completely reconstructed. Additionally, the retail floor expansion will allow for product displays to be more spread out within the store allowing for wider aisles and more room to shop. The project will also include new entrance doors, and the replacement of aging windows and siding. Including all renovation costs, fixtures, fees and miscellaneous expenses the project is anticipated to cost just over \$630,000, which is approximately \$65,000 under the amount budgeted by the City Council for the project. The project will be funded with Liquor Store retained earnings.

Construction commenced in June and is expected to take approximately 4 months to complete. The liquor store will remain open during construction. However, there may be occasional days when the store may not be open as a result of construction activity and some stock may be limited at times due to limited storage space.

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Please Practice Good Dog Etiquette



You love your dog and believe it is the most friendly and cute creature in the world. However, not everyone shares that same fondness for your dog. Please be respectful of your neighbors and others in the community in the handling of your pets. Remember to always bring bags to clean-up after your pet when going on walks and do not just leave pet waste in parks and along walking paths. Pet waste stations are available at most parks around town, please use them. Dogs must always be on a leash or fenced in when outside of your home. Never allow your dog to "roam the community" and do not allow your pet to approach or jump up on others, no matter how "friendly" your dog may be. Never assume others share your love of animals and always keep total control of your pets at all times. Also do not leave your dog outside unattended if they have a propensity to bark at passing objects or people. Thank you for your cooperation.

Does Your Home Need Some TLC?



Does your home need new windows, a new roof, better insulation or other repairs, but you don't have the necessary funds to pay for it? Well there may be help for needed home repairs and improvements.

For those 62 and over with very low incomes you may be eligible for grants of up to \$7,500 through the USDA Rural Development 504 Home Repair program to address health and safety issues in your home. Additionally, those 62 and under, but still very low income can also apply for very low interest (1% fixed) loans to repair and improve their homes up to \$20,000. Section 504 loans can be repaid over 20 years. For more information on the Section 504 housing rehab program contact Andrew Gag at USDA 218-847-9392.

Another option for assistance in home rehabilitation is the Minnesota Fix-Up Fund sponsored by the Minnesota Housing Fi-

nance Agency. The Minnesota Fix-Up Fund provides low interest loans (as low as 4.25%) for home repair, remodel and accessibility. Borrowers may obtain up to \$50,000 to make desired home repairs, remodels and energy saving improvements. Repayment terms on Minnesota Fix-Up loans are between 10-20 years. Interest rates vary by the use of the funds, by the applicant, and security provided on the loans. Borrowers must have a total income of \$99,500 or less to qualify for fix-up fund loans. However, for energy and accessibility improvements there is no income limit and borrowers may obtain up to \$15,000 for these types of improvements. Minnesota Fix-Up Funds are administered through local lenders. Border State Bank is a participating lender of Minnesota Fix-Up Funds.

Northwest Community Action Agency (NWCAA) can also provide assistance for home weatherization and energy conservation projects. If your home needs weatherization repairs contact NWCAA at 218-528-3258.