



**32nd Annual  
Roseau Volunteer  
Fireman's BBQ & Ball**  
September 23th, 2017 at  
the Roseau Fire Hall and  
VFW

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 VFW with Eagle Creek 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.

**COME AND SUPPORT  
OUR FIREMEN!**

CITY OF ROSEAU

**Hometown  
Update**

# City of Roseau Removed from Roseau River Floodplain

Effective July 31, 2017 nearly all of the City of Roseau was removed from the 100-year regulatory floodplain as a result of the Roseau East Diversion Flood Control Project. The new floodplain maps were approved by FEMA in March, but were required to undergo a 90-day appeal period, which ended in mid-July. The new Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) floodplain maps for the City of Roseau and areas of adjacent townships overlay the county-wide floodplain maps that were recently adopted by Roseau County and the City of Roseau earlier this spring.

What this means for residents and business owners who were previously contained within the regulatory floodplain is that restrictions on building improvements and the requirement to carry flood insurance have been eliminated. The City of Roseau has reviewed the new LOMR floodplain maps and has determined that all but 4 structures within the city limits appear to be removed from the regulatory floodplain.

A listing of the properties the city has determined to be removed from the floodplain has been posted to the City of Roseau website with other documents residents and business owners may use to cancel flood insurance policies if they so choose. The documents building owners need to provided their insurance agent include a letter from the city stating your removal from the floodplain and a map showing the new LOMR and your property location. The City has provided a letter and listing of all property removed from the floodplain that can be downloaded under the "Latest New" section of the City's website. If residents removed from the floodplain voluntarily choose to maintain flood insurance policies they should be at vastly reduced cost.

If you have questions about your property as it relates to the new floodplain requirements please contact Todd Peterson, Community Development Coordinator at 218-463-5003.

# New Splash Pad Opens

In mid-July the first gushes of water arose from Roseau's newest park feature, the South Riverview Park Splash Pad. The splash pad has been operational for a little over a month; however, the project is not yet fully completed. The contractors continue to work on the support building that will house restrooms and a multipurpose space. There have been a number of delays in getting all of the necessary items to finish that portion of the project. A grand opening of the new park is planned for the summer of 2018.

For those who haven't had a chance to visit the park, the splash pad is designed to be a free-to-use unattended recreational feature and to have appeal to all ages. The individual features are set up on a timer to operate only at certain times of the day (currently 11:00 am to 7:00 pm) and then only when activated. There is a black sensor at the entrance to the splash pad that when touched activates the system. The different play features then turn on and off in a programmed sequence that lasts for approximately 15 minutes before shutting down until reactivated. Users will notice that the water will be cool, similar to a backyard sprinkler. For cost and health considerations the City opted for a flow through system for the splashpad so water is not recycled and therefore cannot be heated.

Everyone is encouraged experience some wet fun!



South Riverview Park Splashpad

## Meet Roseau's New Parks & Rec Director Adam Crist



The City of Roseau is pleased to welcome Adam Crist as its new Parks & Recreation Director. Adam who comes to Roseau from West Fargo, North Dakota is excited to take over the Parks & Recreation Department and work with the Roseau community to develop our park facilities and programs.

Adam has a degree in Recreation from the University of North Dakota and comes from a position with the Red River Valley Fair Association. Adam's duties include the management of all of Roseau's parks, trails and athletic facilities as well as overseeing and developing the recreational programming for the community. Adam welcomes public input and ideas for the improvement of our Parks and Recreation facilities and programming. He can be reached at 242-0063 or via e-mail at [rosearec@mncable.net](mailto:rosearec@mncable.net).

## Childcare Town Hall To Be Held

In June, a group representing various interests in local childcare assembled to discuss a perceived shortage in available childcare options in rural Minnesota in general and Roseau County in specific. The group spearheaded by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation has received a technical assistance grant from First Children's Finance to learn more about the issues facing childcare providers, parents, employers, and the community as a whole, as it relates to the care and education of our children. It is the goal of this core team to help assess the existing conditions, learn about the barriers for childcare providers, educate employers and the public about the issues, and finally to help propose solutions to meet the needs of childcare providers, children, parents, and employers.

On October 26, 2017 the Roseau County Childcare Core Team will be hosting a Childcare Town Hall at the Roseau City Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to get feedback from the community on issues related to childcare. The Childcare Core Team is seeking parents, child care providers, educators, employers and community leaders to attend the town hall to not only learn about the issues related to childcare and our current shortage, but to help propose solutions that can work in our community. The First Children's Finance team will provide information on our current childcare situation, effects of inadequate childcare on parents, children, and employers and also highlight innovative solutions that have been successful in meeting childcare need's in other communities.



## 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!

## 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**

### 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.thesalvationarmy.com/serv/heatshare.htm](http://www.thesalvationarmy.com/serv/heatshare.htm).

*Contributions are tax deductible.*

## SNOW REMOVAL SEASON IS COMING

**Any vehicles left on the street during snow removal periods 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 with blowing snow.



# Citywide Water Meter Replacement



The Roseau City Utility Department is in the process of upgrading all of the utility meter reading equipment from manual read equipment to radio read technology. Most of the electric meters in the community have already been converted to the new radio read style that provide city staff the ability to read meters right from the utility department building. The next step in the process is to replace all of the water meters in the community. Unlike the electric meters which are mounted on the outside of homes, all water meters are housed inside of residences and businesses and will require city personnel to access the inside of your structure to install the new radio read water meter equipment. The City Utility Department requests your cooperation and assistance in the installation of these new meters by providing city personnel access to your existing water meter equipment. Anyone refusing city personnel access to their water meter equipment for replacement will be assessed a \$75/mo. charge for in-person meter reading, in addition to your monthly utility usage charges.

## 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.



## Liquor Store Project Nearly Complete

Construction on the Roseau Municipal Liquor Store is nearing final completion. Patrons should have a much more pleasant shopping experience with the new layout and efficiency of the remodeled store. Shoppers will immediately notice better lighting, more floor space in aisles, and better display of product. The additional space will also allow for a wider variety of specialty and seasonal products. In addition to improving the shopper's experience, the new improvements make the store more energy efficient as the 35+ year old HVAC and chiller equipment has all been replaced with modern systems. Furthermore, all of the store's existing lighting has been

replaced with low wattage LED lighting. The amount budgeted for the Liquor Store remodel was \$694,000, and currently the project is well under budget and ahead of schedule.

This project was important for the future operation of the liquor store to ensure that both customers and staff have a quality environment at the store. The Roseau municipal liquor store is an important enterprise for our community taxpayers as the profits from the business are reinvested into our community from the building our streets and parks to paying patrol officers and firemen. Last year, income from the Municipal Liquor Store operation financed over \$300,000 of city improvements and operations, or roughly 1/3 of the total city tax levy for the year.



New Cooler at Liquor Store

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Our Website:

[www.city.roseau.mn.us](http://www.city.roseau.mn.us)

### ROSEAU PARKS & RECREATION FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

**Fall Soccer** - Fall Recreational Soccer play for boys & girls 4 and up will be Saturdays from Sept. 9-Oct. 7 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 19th). 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, register at [roseauhockeyonline.com](http://roseauhockeyonline.com)

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

**Winter Skating School & Figure Skating**—Contact the Roseau Blazing Stars Skating School at [blazingstarsskatingschool@gmail.com](mailto:blazingstarsskatingschool@gmail.com)

For More information: Adam Crist 242-0063

## City Recycle Bins Relocated



The blue Mar-Kit recycling bins have been relocated from their previous location in the Fire Hall parking lot in an effort to help eliminate congestion in this area as a result of the new developments at the South Riverview Park splashpad. The new location for the bins is on the northwest corner of the Roseau County Courthouse complex. The bins can be easily accessed off of 6th Street SW right at the intersection of Minnesota Highway 89. Only recyclables are accepted at the site and there is no garbage collection. Items accepted in the Mar-Kit recycle bins are #1 & #2 plastic containers, aluminum and tin cans, newsprint and magazines. Please help keep our garbage rates low and extend the life of our landfill by recycling.

## City Receives \$75,000 Trail Grant



The Roseau Parks Department was recently awarded a \$75,000 trail grant from the Minnesota DNR to construct a paved trail connection in the Roseau City Park. The project will connect the paved trails on the northwest side of City Park with the East Diversion Trail.

Today, the two trail systems are only connected via a gravel roadway. The Park Board has received many requests from trail users to provide a paved trail connection across the park for bicycles, pedestrians and especially in-line skaters to access the East Diversion Trail.

The City is in the process of completing an environmental review of the site in preparation for construction in the summer of 2018. The new trail connection will be approximately .2 miles in length and will run alongside the existing gravel drive.