



South Riverview Park Grand Opening

The South Riverview Park splash pad and support building will be open daily this summer once weather conditions are suitable.

Roseau Park Board is planning a Grand Opening for the South Riverview Park after the completion of the Skate Park this summer. Watch for more details on this big event later this summer!

CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

New City Center Sign



Last fall, the City of Roseau installed a new monument sign on Highway 11 for the Roseau City Center. This project culminated after a lengthy discussion about a better way to identify the City Center from the highway while also providing a community welcome sign.

As a part of this project, it was

suggested that an electronic messaging board should be incorporated to help promote City Center activities as well as providing a venue for public service announcements and community promotions currently being done with banners and temporary signage. This new sign was installed and activated last fall; however, final landscaping will be completed this coming spring.

The Roseau City Council has adopted a policy for content that can be displayed on the messaging sign. It is hoped that this new sign will not only help keep residents and visitors better informed, but also be a great promotional tool for our community.

The City Welcomes Katy Spoden Parks & Recreation Director

The City is pleased to introduce its new Parks & Recreation Director Katy Spoden. Katy was the unanimous choice of the city's search committee made up of nine representatives from the City Council, city staff as well as community members involved in park programming as well as community athletics.

Katy is currently the Assistant Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Nome, Alaska and has an extensive background in the parks and recreation field with a bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation from Northern Arizona University, bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Bemidji State University and an AA Degree in Physical Education from UMD. In addition to her work in Alaska, Katy's previous

experience in parks and recreation includes recreational programming, coaching and refereeing for Alexandria Community Education, St. Cloud State University, Brainerd Parks and Recreation, Bemidji Community Education, and Cragun's Resort. Katy's hometown is Alexandria, Minnesota.

Katy is excited to become a part of the Roseau community and to lead our Parks and Recreation Department. Please welcome Katy to Roseau!



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. For more information and a link to the PSN portal go the city's website at www.city.roseau.mn.us.

City Offices will be closed May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

Planning Commission Annual Tour of the City

In May, the Roseau Planning Commission will take 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 extension 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 or Roseau Police Department for investigation.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Roseau a great place to live!

Citywide Spring Clean-Up

The snow is starting to melt and soon it will be time for some spring cleaning in Roseau. A citywide spring clean-up will again be held, weather dependent, early in May. Please watch for notifications. The Citywide spring clean-up is a great time to get rid of items cluttering your home and yard. City crews will be collecting brush and other vegetative debris piled along the curb line. The Roseau Utility Department will also take appliances, tires, scrap metal and other household items at the city shop on 1198 West Center Street for a small fee. Please call for a list of accepted items 463-2351.

Residents are also asked to look around their neighborhood and collect garbage and other debris that has accumulated over the winter along windbreaks, ditches and fence lines. The city will provide bags for garbage collection and provide for its pick-up. Please notify the city utility department of locations of filled garbage bags needing pick-up.



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



Pet Regulations

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 restraining your pets, cleaning up their waste and controlling barking/whining.

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

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!

City Contracts for Building Official Services



In February the City of Roseau entered into a contract for building officials service with Indepth Inspections of East Grand Forks., MN Indepth Inspections is a consulting firm that provides contracted building official, building inspection and code enforcement services for a number of communities including the cities of East Grand Forks, Ada and Fisher as well as Grand Forks County.

The City of Roseau is required by law to enforce the Minnesota Building Code as a city with population over 2,500; however, the number of hours required to complete building official duties in our community is not sufficient to warrant a full-time position. As a result, the city sought out a part-time contractual relationship with an existing certified building official to take over these duties after the retirement of the city's existing full-time building official. After an exhaustive search, the city was unable to find any local candidate that had the required certifications and/or willingness to enter into a contract, so the city extended our search to any qualified building official that could perform these services for our community. Indepth Inspections provided the closest certified building official services to our community.

Indepth Inspections will provide all building permits, plan reviews and code enforcement inspections for the community. The majority of these services will be provided via telephone, e-mail and fax for construction questions, plan reviews and building permit applications. However, on site inspections will require more coordination than in the past as representatives from Indepth Inspections will require considerable lead time to be on-site in Roseau from their offices in East Grand Forks.

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Persons planning construction activities are encouraged to contact city staff in advance of their project so that all land use, zoning and other non-construction related issues can be reviewed prior to seeking a building permit from Indepth Inspections. Building permit applications can be found online on the city website along with additional information on the building permit process. Permit applications may also be obtained at the Roseau Utility Department on West Center Street and Administration Offices in the Roseau City Center.

MHS Traveling Exhibit Fur Trade in MN

The Roseau Historical Society invites the public to discover an 1800s-era international industry along the Great Lakes and in Minnesota. Fur Trade in MN is on display at the Roseau County Museum now through April 27. This Minnesota Historical Society exhibit, rich with activities and objects, shows how plentiful beaver and furbearers brought together native people, explorers, and international trade.

At the Fur Post, see the goods from around the world that were traded for furs and crafts. See if you have the strength to be a Voyageur or skills to be a clerk. Try your hand at Ojibwe beadwork. Learn how furs were transformed into fashionable hats.



Two Long-Time City Employees Retire

December and February saw two long-time city employees retire from the Roseau Utility Department. Kevin Wiskow and Mary Lou Johnson both ended long careers with the City. Kevin Wiskow's tenure at the City spanned over 36 years in which he served as both the City's Building Official as well as a Public Works Operator.

Mary Lou Johnson was initially hired into the City Clerk's Office to work with the city's utility billing, she subsequently moved out to the Roseau Utility Department when all billing operations were relocated to that office. Mary Lou dedicated over 26 years to the city of Roseau.

The City is grateful to both for their years of service and wishes them well in their next endeavors.



Summer Baseball & Softball Programs

In April the City Parks & Recreation Department will open registration for the Thursday Night Recreation Youth Ball Program. The Thursday Night Recreational Ball program provides an introductory recreational ball experience for boys and girls ages 3-8 from beginner t-ball to coach pitch softball. For more information and registration go the to City website.

The Roseau Baseball and Softball Associations provide competitive summer travel baseball and softball teams for boys and girls ages 8 and up.

Registration for Roseau Baseball leagues are available at www.roseausummerbaseball.com. Roseau Softball League information can be obtained from Teresa Hulst at teresa_hulst@roseauschool.org.

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Roseau River Water Trail Initiative

The Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) in conjunction with a new community group, Roseau Outdoor Adventures & Recreation (ROAR), has organized an effort to increase awareness and recreational use of the Roseau River for canoeing, kayaking, boating, paddle boarding, fishing and other uses. A stakeholders group representing a wide variety of interest groups has been established to work on getting the Roseau River on the Minnesota Water Trails Map.

ROAR has been tasked, by this stakeholders group, with seeking community input and support for this effort, particularly from landowners adjacent to the river. In February, a survey was sent out by ROAR seeking landowner feedback and knowledge about river usage. By having the Roseau River designated as a mapped state water trail it would increase the use of the river from the Canadian Border to Hayes Lake State Park along with the South Branch to Wannaska.

One of the main goals of this project is to promote the Roseau River as a trail of regional significance in NW Minnesota. Water trails connect individuals, families, and groups with a variety of hiking trails, bikeways, campgrounds, historic sites, parks, and public lands. They cultivate a sense of place and love of the community. The RRWD has secured grant funding for project planning and development as well as the installation of a kayak launch at the Roseau City Park. The kickoff for this initiative includes a planned "launch party" at the City Park in June to celebrate the installation of a new kayak launch and promote this effort. Watch for more details.



Oak Crest 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 golf 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!