



### PLEASE KEEP YOUR YARD MOWED



Summer is upon us and residents are reminded that all yards must be regularly mowed to contain grass and weeds to a height no higher than 6".

Please help keep our community looking great this summer!

CITY OF ROSEAU

# Hometown Update

## Roseau Fire Department Takes Delivery of New Fire Truck

In May, the Roseau Fire Department took ownership of a new fire truck. The custom-made 2018 Metro Star pumper-tanker was built by Custom Fire Apparatus out of Osceola, Wisconsin. A committee of Roseau firefighters including: Leon Hout, George Bjerk, Rick Bjorkquist, Tim Bjerk and Seth Novotny worked with Custom Fire Apparatus to develop a custom truck that meets the specific emergency service needs of our community. Custom Fire was so impressed with the final design of the Roseau rig they asked to use it as a display model in the FDIC International Fire Show in Indianapolis, and as a result, the Roseau FD received some free truck upgrades!

The final cost of Roseau's new truck was \$462,000. The Roseau Fire Department was able to raise over \$135,000 in private dona-

tions from the local community through the annual Fireman's BBQ and Ball and additional community fundraisers for the purchase of the vehicle. The remainder of the truck cost is being financed over 5-years with a lease-purchase agreement with Kenetic Leasing and Citizens State Bank.

The new tanker-pumper truck replaces a 1996 Freightliner pumper that may be purchased by the City of Badger, providing that community an affordable upgrade to their firefighting fleet.

The Roseau Fire Department would like to thank the community for its on-going support of the Roseau Volunteer Fire Department through the provision of modern equipment that allows them to perform their vital jobs in a safe and efficient manner.



## City Wellhead Protection Plan

The Roseau Municipal Water Utility, with the assistance of the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA), is completing a process for developing a wellhead protection (WHP) plan for the city's potable water supply. The City of Roseau maintains three (3) deep water wells on the west side of the city for our water supply. The WHP plan assesses the vulnerabilities of our city's aquifer and delineates a wellhead protection area most likely to be impacted by contamination.

The ultimate goal of the WHP plan is to better understand the city's potable water aquifer and the possible contamination threats from other wells, underground storage tanks or spills within an impact zone of our aquifer. The plan also provides for proactive actions that the city can take to help protect our long-term water supply. More information on the WHP plan can be found on the city's website.

**City Offices will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day and September 3rd in observance of Labor Day**

## NMPA Begins Strategic Planning Sessions to Discuss Future Power Supply

The Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA), of which the Roseau Municipal Electric is a member, has begun strategic planning efforts to look at the long-term future of the power industry and how NMPA will continue to provide affordable and reliable wholesale electric power to the 12 municipalities it serves.

NMPA has witnessed considerable changes in the power industry over the last decade. The political climate regarding carbon based power generation, such as NMPA's Coyote Station coal-fire plant, has changed dramatically with some calling for the outright end to fossil fuel power generation. However, technological advances in renewable energy sources like wind and solar, though improving, have not yet made them feasible stand alone alternatives to the reliable and controllable coal and natural gas fired power plants, like Coyote Station.

Coyote Station was put into service in 1981 and is coming to a point in its lifespan where NMPA needs to determine its long-term viability as our primary source of electricity. While Coyote Station is still very cost effective to operate today, technological and political changes in the future may significantly diminish its feasible long-term operation. In addition to NMPA's Coyote Station power plant, NMPA partners with the MinnKota Power Cooperative as part of a joint system maintaining additional power generation assets including two additional coal-fired power plants, four wind energy farms and a hydro-electric generator. Today, the MinnKota-NMPA joint system is the nation's leader in the use of renewable power supply with roughly 42% of the sys-

tem's power supply capacity coming from either wind or hydro-electric sources.

As NMPA looks to the future, it must work closely with MinnKota to determine the best long-term investments as a joint system. However, NMPA's primary focus continues to be our NMPA customer base and how our partnership with MinnKota can meet those needs. The strategic planning efforts today will provide NMPA with a solid footing for moving ahead in a changing power industry, allowing our communities to be competitive well into the future.

### 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 or 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!**



### 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

## Airport Improvement Projects



This summer will bring the first of many changes to the Roseau Airport. The City is working cooperatively with the State of Minnesota and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to make numerous improvements to the facilities at the Roseau airport. The first phase was the construction of a new bay hangar at the airport two years ago. This summer the city will construct a new arrival and departure facility for airport pilots and passengers.

The City has worked closely with the Airport Committee, Polaris Industries and the MnDNR Fire Watch to design a facility that meets the needs of these primary users. The new facility will replace an existing building that was constructed over 60 years ago. In addition to its age, the building is deficient in many areas and located in a runway safety zone. The new facility will include a passenger lounge, restrooms, kitchenette, conference room, pilot's lounge and two private offices. The private offices will be leased by Polaris Industries and the conference room will serve as the summer station for the Mn DNR Fire Watch personnel, which are currently housed in a travel trailer on airport property.

Construction on this project is tentatively scheduled for later this fall with completion by next spring. Additional projects to be completed next summer include the relocation of the auto parking area, aviation fueling facility and the aircraft parking apron. All total, approximately \$4.9 million in projects will be completed in the next two years at the Roseau Airport.

## Do I Need A Building Permit?



The City of Roseau requires building permits for all construction work within the city limits. If you have a question about a building project you should contact the city's building official Brad Bail at 218-773-5621. However, there are some projects that are exempt from the need to obtain a building permit. Some of the most common items that do not require a building permit include:

- Detached decks or patios not more than 30" above grade that do not provide access to a dwelling
- Fences not over 7' in height
- Sidewalks, walkways and driveways that are not part of an accessible route
- Playground equipment
- One-story detached accessory structures not exceeding 200 SF
- Retaining walls not over 4', unless supporting a surcharge
- Installation of storm windows and doors, sash replacements, replacements of screens, glass or other minor window and door repairs
- Installation of soffit, fascia, trim, gutters or other accessories
- Insulation in wall cavities or unfinished attics when wall finishes will not be removed
- Painting, papering, tiling, cabinets, flooring, trim, countertops, and similar finish work
- The reconnection of an existing

water supply line to a replacement appliance that is in like kind and does not require new water supply

- Replacement of sinks and toilets that do not require new water supplies or changes to piping
- Minor repairs to broken drains, waste and vent pipes, leaking fixtures, or leaking water pipes
- Replacement of dishwashers or garbage disposals.

For any other type of work a building permit is most likely required and you should contact the City Building Official.

### Water Conservation

#### Lawn & Yard

- Morning is the best time to water most lawns. Before 10:00 am is best of all because rising heat later on tends to steal a lot of water by evaporation. Another benefit is that grass and leaves have a chance to dry off quickly. Evening or night time watering leave the grass wet and can allow lawn diseases to develop.
- A lush green lawn requires 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water a week. Water three times a week applying about 1/2 inch at a time. Keep in mind the amount of rainfall that might fall on your yard and adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- If you let your grass grow to about 1 1/2 to 2 inches in the summer, water loss will be reduced because the blades will provide shade for the roots.
- Avoid watering when windy or in the heat of the day.
- Restrict the use of high nitrogen fertilizers that stimulate lawn growth and increase water requirements.
- Sprinklers throwing large drops in a flat pattern are more effective than those with fine, high sprays.
- Forget about watering streets, walks and driveways. They don't grow a thing.
- Mulch shrubs and other plantings so the soil holds moisture longer.

## Roseau Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program at the Roseau Public Library starts June 1st and ends August 2nd, for ages pre-school to 17. The fun program encourages kids to read over the summer. Sign-up and be eligible to enter drawings for cool prizes all summer long (3 Kindle Fire 7's & a \$50 Visa Gift Card), just for coming in and checking out books (and free candy every time you stop by). There are fun events every month too at the library, like our kick-off on June 1st called "Popcorn, pop and LIVE ponies to pet". Followed by other fun activities like Wild Things Zoo, a yo-yo master and a scavenger hunt! The program and the events are all free!



### CITY ATV ROUTES

The City of Roseau maintains designated ATV routes through town. Please keep all ATV's on these designated routes. The paved pedestrian and bike trails are non-motorized trails and should not be used for ATV or motorcycle traffic. For more information and ATV route maps contact the Roseau Police Department

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## Summer Parks & Recreation News

### Kayak Launch

The City is pleased to announce the installation of a new dock at City Park for easier accessibility for those who enjoy kayaking and canoeing the Roseau River. The City Park is hosting a launch party on Tuesday, June 26 from 4-7 pm at City Park to celebrate this new feature! Roseau residents, family, and friends are invited to try out the new dock, try your hand at kayaking, and learn about efforts to make the Roseau River into a State Recreational River Trail. Come and check it out! There will be food available. Dress for the water!



### Splash Pad & Skate Park

The Splash Pad opened Memorial Weekend!

This is the first full summer for our Splash Pad, which was completed in 2017. The Parks Department awaits the construction completion of our new Skate Park in June. Following its completion, the Roseau Parks Department will be hosting a South River-view Park Grand Opening Celebration, most likely in July.

### Riverview Gazebo Park

Our plan to build bathroom facilities at Riverview Gazebo Park is starting to take shape. We look to start construction in late June. We hope to have facilities available in July for the remaining Concert Series events as well as patrons enjoying the park on their own.

### Summer Youth Activity Programming

#### Thursday Night Youth Ball

Summer Ball started on June 7<sup>th</sup> for ages 4-8. The Parks Department's goal is to grow the youth ball program with fun games while at the same time adding some skill development. The Parks Depart-



ment desires to keep our youth ball program in line with those youth who desire to advance into the travelling summer ball programs associated with the high school softball and baseball teams.

#### Thursday Night Youth Soccer

Youth Soccer will be starting after summer ball program ends in early August. The Parks Department plans to start the Soccer program on August 9<sup>th</sup> and play Thursdays at North Star Park. Volunteer Coach John Hanchek is back this year to teach basic soccer skills to youth ages 4-12. Registration deadline will be Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available online or at the City Center, located at 121 Center St. E, #202. The cost will be \$15 per child and include a t-shirt.

