



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".

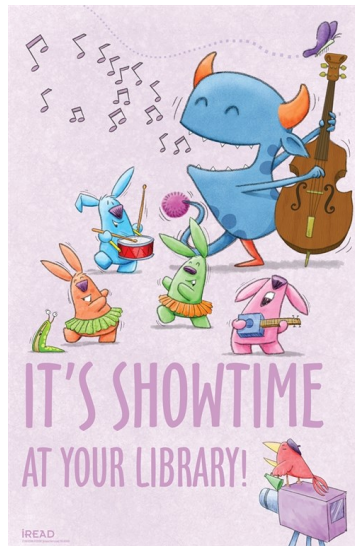
Please help keep our community looking great this summer!

CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

Summer Reading Program At the Roseau Public Library

Lights! Camera! Read! "It's Showtime At Your Library!" is this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Roseau Public Library and you still have time to sign-up!



We are encouraging all young community members ages 17 and under to take part in this free program, showing them that books can become the blockbuster hits of their summer reading! The library is giving away lots of great prizes, with drawings held every other Friday for a fun sum-

mer bundle set and Grand Prizes to include 3 Kindle Fire 8's and a \$50 VISA gift card. All you have to do is stop on by the library and check out a book! Participate as much, or as little, as you want!

The library will also host many fun, free activities throughout the summer that will appeal to all ages, including animal attractions, music shows, author visits, scavenger hunts, and magic performances!

Summer Storytime will be every Tuesday at 10:30 am. A movie feature in partnership with the Roseau County Museum is scheduled for every Thursday at 2:00pm. Follow us on Facebook, on our webpage (www.nwrlib.org/libraries/roseau), call (218-463-2825), or stop in to find out more information!

Come take your place, center stage, at the Roseau Library this summer!

Highway 89 Study Completed

A Trunk Highway 89 Corridor Study was recently completed by the City's consulting engineering firm, Houston Engineering. The study was commissioned by the City Council in an effort to improve the highway corridor from Highway 11 to 7th Street SW. The results of the study have been forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for consideration of a project to improve the highway from a rural design with an elevated roadway and ditches to a city-style curb and gutter street with adequate storm sewer, lighting and pedestrian facilities. The draft study identifies a number of safety, functional, and aesthetic improvements that could be achieved with a urban street section along this corridor. The City will work closely with MnDOT officials to seek funding opportunities to implement some of the ideas developed in the planning document.

DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

The City of Roseau has adopted the Minnesota State Building Code and 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 a few home and remodel projects that are exempt from the need to obtain a building permit. For more information on projects not requiring a permit visit the Community Development section of the City website.

City Offices will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day and September 2nd in observance of Labor Day

City of Roseau's Wellhead Protection Plan



The City of Roseau recently developed a wellhead protection plan in order to protect the groundwater which supplies the needs of our community. The goal of this plan is to: Maintain a safe and adequate drinking water supply for residents in order to protect the public's health, safety and general welfare of the community. It is important that each one of us recognize that we can have a direct influence on the quality of the groundwater which Roseau uses.

WHAT IS WELLHEAD PROTECTION?

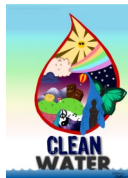
Wellhead protection is, simply stated, protecting the land area surrounding a well in order to prevent contamination of the groundwater that is likely to be drawn into the well during pumping. Wellhead protection plans are encouraged by agencies such as the Minnesota Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency and the Roseau County Water Planning. These agencies are responsible for setting safe drinking water standards and for protecting natural resources, such as groundwater.

WHAT IS GROUNDWATER?

Many people think of groundwater as an underground river or lake, but actually it occurs wherever water fills the tiny spaces in between grains of any earth material (rock or soil). Earth materials that can transmit large quantities of water through these "pore" spaces are called aquifers. Sand and gravel typically are good aquifers, while materials such as clay and shale (a type of rock) are not. Groundwater occurs be-

neath the land surface in Minnesota. In many places it lies just a few feet underground. However, in some aquifers the groundwater lies several hundred feet beneath the surface. Groundwater usually begins as rain and melted snow which falls across the land and then seeps into the ground. Because this water was once at the surface, human activities can affect the quality of the groundwater. We need to be aware that the things we do at the earth's surface can affect the quality of the water we cook with, wash with and of course, drink.

WHY PROTECT GROUNDWATER?



First of all, polluted groundwater can pose health hazards to those who drink it. Second, once it is contaminated, groundwater is very difficult to clean (if it can be cleaned at all). If the groundwater near Roseau were to become contaminated, the city would likely be required to install filters to purify the water, or be forced to find an alternative source of water for its citizens. This can be very expensive. When it comes to protecting groundwater, the old saying, "An ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure" applies. Fortunately, the city wells of Roseau do not have a contamination problem at this point. The wellhead protection plan addresses potential contamination sources in the Drinking Water Supply Management Area to help assure that Roseau maintains the quality of its groundwater. Proper management of potential contamination sources will assist in the assurance of safe quality drinking water for decades to come. If you have any questions, feel free to call the City at 218-463-2351.

Future City Development

The Roseau City Council, Economic Development Authority and Planning Commission are investigating the need for additional residential development lots for the City of Roseau. The most recent subdivision added to the City of Roseau was the Oak Crest West subdivision developed shortly after the flood of 2002 by FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initially to provide temporary housing for residents effected by flooding.



However, as a result of community growth since 2002, only a handful of lots remain in the Oak Crest West Subdivision, therefore future areas need to be opened up to accommodate continued new housing development.

The City of Roseau has made inquiries to all large parcel landowners in the city limits on their desire to sell land for future residential development. Of those expressing interest in selling land for development, the City will determine the cost feasibility of each parcel before exploring any land purchase arrangement.

It is the City's goal to bring a new subdivision on line prior to the existing lots in the community being exhausted. In order to keep our city vibrant our community must continue to have new areas to grow and expand.

Summer Parks & Recreation News



Festival at the Park!

Join us for the official kick-off to summer with a Festival in the Park on June 26th from 4-7 pm. The City Park will be host to all kinds of summer fun, food and entertainment. Some of the events taking place on the 26th include a color run hosted by Team EPIC, volleyball games, bike races and activities, Streiff's will be providing kayaks for use on the river, walking or biking scavenger hunt, as well as disc golf demonstrations and games. There will also be free food along with various food vendors, music and a lot of fun. There will be free bike rentals at the park for those who don't have bikes to bring. Prizes will be awarded based on activity participation. Come out to City Park and let's get summer started! Event sponsors include the Roseau Parks & Rec, Streiff's Sporting Goods, US Coast Guard, Roseau River Watershed District, and LifeCare Public Health.

Splash Pad & Skate Park

The South Riverview Park Splash Pad and Skate Park are open for the summer. Work at South Riverview Park is not yet complete as landscaping around the skate park is still underway and the Park Board is also working to refurbish and expand the existing basketball court to provide a regulation size half court. New for this year, the City is partnering with Chuck's Wagon to provide summer-time treats at the splash pad on certain dates. Families are encouraged to come out this summer for a splash, skate and to shoot a few hoops!

Riverview Gazebo Park Concerts

The Riverview Gazebo will again be alive with music every Thursday night with various musical artists throughout the summer. Concerts are free and open to the public with food vendors available most concert nights. The first concert is June 20th, with concerts running every Thursday through August, with the exception of 4th of July week and Fair Week. New for this year will be restroom facilities located at the concert venue. So every Thursday this summer grab your lawn chair and enjoy some good music and socializing.

Thursday Night Youth Ball

The first week of Summer Ball started on June 6th for ages 4-8. The Parks Department's goal is to grow the youth ball program with fun recreational games while at the same time adding basic skill development. The Parks Department 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 the summer ball program ends in early August. The youth soccer program runs Thursdays at North Star Park. The summer soccer program will teach basic soccer skills to youth ages 4 and up. Soccer registration will be in July and will be \$15 per child. Registration is available online or at the City Center, located at 121 Center St. E, #202.



Adult Softball League

The Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that adult softball is back! The City has registered 8 teams for the inaugural adult softball season. The league is self-officiated and plays games Monday nights at the Ram's Softball Complex North Fields. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 242-0063.

Disc Golf



What is disc golf? Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. For those interested in learning more about disc golf or playing there is a group currently running a disc golf league at City Park. This group meets at City Park on Saturdays at 3:00 pm. Disc golfers in the community are encouraged to join their league and meet other players.

Walking, Running & Biking

Roseau recently hosted a Walkable Communities workshop in April to get agency and citizen input on how to make our city more friendly for walking and bike riding. A number of suggestions on how the community could improve and enhance our existing walking and biking trails and pathways were presented. One proposal that the Park department plans to implement in the near term is better mapping and signage on the existing trails for ease of use and help in determine distance walked and locations of attractions. The walking trails will also be enhanced this summer with fitness stations to allow for additional workout options on our trail system.

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City-School Cooperative House Build

The City of Roseau, Roseau School District, Northwest Community Action and Roseau County are working on a joint effort to construct a new home on a vacant 5th Avenue NE lot in the City of Roseau this coming school year.

Not only does this project have multiple partners, but it also has multiple goals. However, the primary goal of the project is to provide the Roseau School District Technical Education Class with real world experience in the residential construction process. The high school construction trades class will be involved in, and exposed to, all aspects of the home's construction, though there are certain specialty items that will require the engagement of outside licensed contractors such as electricians, plumbers and HVAC tech-

nicians to complete some work. It is hoped that participating students will be encouraged to explore careers in the various building trades after high school because of their experience with this project. There currently exists a severe shortage of construction tradespeople, particularly in our region.



While practical experience for our high school students is the primary driver of this project, other benefits for the City and County are the addition of desperately needed housing to support community growth along with additional tax base to support

community services.

Each partner in this project is providing valuable resources including the City of Roseau providing project financing, Roseau County providing a no cost lot, Northwest Community Action providing project management and coordination, and the Roseau School providing the labor and expertise to complete construction. The entire project will be monitored and completed under a licensed building contractor to be selected by Northwest Community Action.

At the end of the project, the community will have a brand new, high quality home ready for a new occupant. Anyone interest in the project or purchasing the home upon completion should contact the City of Roseau at 463-5003.