



**Spring Clean-Up**

*City officials will be touring the community in late May to identify clean-up and maintenance violations on public and private property. Land-owners are asked to address any clean-up issues prior to the tour.*

*Clean-Up week will be held in early May for collection of brush and other debris.*

*Watch for more information on city clean-up dates for collection of old appliances, tires and other junk items.*

*When conditions permit, the Roseau Compost Site is open Tuesdays, 8 am-10 pm and located 1 mile north of Hwy. 11 on Co. Rd 28 for disposal of brush, leaves and lawn clippings*

**Take Pride in Roseau and keep it looking beautiful**

# Gov. Dayton Hosts Housing Forum in Roseau

On February 12 Governor Mark Dayton along with the Commissioners of Housing and the Department of Employment and Economic Development were in Roseau to meet with community representatives seeking solutions to the housing shortage present across Roseau County.

The lack of affordable housing, particularly rental housing, is becoming a barrier to economic growth of our local employers and our region. The meeting with the Governor was held not only to bring attention to this important issue, but to initiate a plan of action to address the housing needs of our communities. Much of the discussion revolved around the needs of employees at our local manufacturers who's wages exceed most of the State and Federal housing programs designed to provide affordable housing, but are not high enough to pay

rents at levels needed to create purely private investor owned market-rate apartment projects.

The Governor's forum capped off a day of meetings with the State's Housing Commissioner who spent hours with local city officials, developers, lenders, federal, state, and regional housing officials along with regional employers to attempt to better understand the housing issues in the region and the barriers to new projects.

Recommendations from the meetings will be further discussed and put into action by the local Roseau County Affordable Housing Fund Committee (RCAHF) who represents communities and employers across Roseau County. The Minnesota Housing Partnership is providing guidance and support to the RCAHF group in their efforts to

increase housing options in the region.

A number of project proposals for both apartment and single family housing were discussed and it is hoped that some of these proposals could be initiated as early as this spring.

It is anticipated that solutions to our region's housing shortage will require considerable cooperation and collaboration to build successful projects. The City continues to work diligently on this issue.

## Don Ross Takes Oath of Office as Roseau's Newest Councilmember

In January, life-long Roseau resident and former business owner Don Ross was sworn in as Roseau's newest councilmember, filling the council seat vacated by retiring Councilmember Gerry Schiltz. Councilmember Ross received the most write-in votes in the November election and has agreed to serve.

We would like to welcome Don to his new role and thank Gerry Schiltz for his many years of service to Roseau.



Housing Meeting: (L-R) Jim O'Neill—Polaris Industries, Susan Marvin—Marvin Windows & Doors, Katie Clark-Seiben—DEED Commissioner, Governor Mark Dayton, Mary Tingerthal— Housing Commissioner, & State Senator LeRoy Stumpf



## SOCCER

The Roseau Parks & Recreation Department is seeking public interest in a youth spring soccer program. If you are interested in participating in a spring soccer program please contact Chad Johnson at the Parks & Recreation Office 463-1573.

## Polaris and LifeCare Medical Center donate two AED's for Memorial Arena and North Rink

LifeCare Medical Center and Polaris Industries recently made a generous donation of two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for installation at Memorial Arena and the North Rink.

An AED, or defibrillator, is a sophisticated, reliable, safe, computerized device that delivers electric shocks to a casualty in cardiac arrest when the ECG rhythm is one that is likely to respond to a shock. Modern AEDs are suitable for use by both emergency first aiders as well as healthcare professionals. All AEDs analyze the casualty's ECG rhythm and determine the need for a shock.

AEDs are very easy to use and they provide clear and concise voice prompts advising you exactly what to do every step of the way. Most all AEDs can be used by an emergency first aider or layperson.

AEDs are completely safe to use, even by an untrained layperson, and cannot make a situation worse by using it. If someone is in cardiac arrest, in clinical terms they are already classed as dead, by using an AED you increase their chances of survival. If a person is not in cardiac arrest the AED will not administer a shock. It is impossible to shock someone that does not require it, as the device only shocks if the person is in fibrillation. Furthermore, you should consider that an AED is only used on someone that is not breathing; in reality you cannot make this condition worse.



Research shows that for every minute that the first shock is delayed, the chances of the patients survival diminishes by 10%. It is recommended that the administration of a defibrillatory shock should not be delayed while waiting for more highly trained personnel to arrive. AEDs are recommended for public gathering places to allow for immediate response to an emergency situation.

The new AEDs will be installed by city staff in the two arenas this spring. The City of Roseau would like to thank both Polaris and LifeCare for this gift and all their help in providing these potentially life saving devices to the community.

## Park Board Develops Plans for Playground Upgrades at City Park



The Roseau Park Board is in the planning stages for a major upgrade to the aging playground equipment at the City Park. Much of the playground equipment at the City Park was installed during the original park development approximately 20 years ago. This equipment has witnessed extensive use and many of the items are at the point of needing of replacement.

The Park Board will be reviewing equipment options at future meetings. The plan is to develop an age appropriate equipment layout that can accommodate a wide range of children, such as was done at North Star Park. In addition, the Park Board would like to incorporate more handicapped accessible play apparatus into the layout to increase the number of children able to enjoy the park. The City Council has budgeted approximately \$45,000 for the playground improvements and it is hoped that the project will be complete by the end of the summer. The Park Board will also investigate options to move some of the existing items that are still in good shape to other city parks that have limited equipment, like West Side Park or South Riverview Park, near the fire hall.

The Park Board also anticipates the completion of permanent restroom facilities at North Star Park over this coming summer. The water and sanitary lines were installed last fall, but construction of the restrooms themselves could not be completed prior to freeze up. The restrooms will provide much needed facilities for this well used park. The board is also investigating the options for restroom facilities at Riverview (Gazebo) Park, similar to what is under construction at North Star Park.

**The City of Roseau reminds residents that with the warmer weather to use caution and stay off of the ice on the River and Storm Water pond. The ice is not safe!**



### 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.** Contact the Roseau County Emergency Management Office: 218-463-3375

## Volunteerism—Why should you consider it?

Volunteering can involve your time, energy, and money. Many times it can even be hard work, and involve seeing or doing things that are challenging and even a little scary. So why do it?

You should consider volunteering because without volunteers our community does not function. This world is not a perfect place and there are not nearly enough resources to address our community's many needs through paid staff and government agencies. That is why volunteers are so important. Volunteers make huge impacts in the betterment of our community and in the lives of many individuals.

Volunteers can:



- Care for our elderly, poor, sick, lonely, and homeless in our community
- Create a safe, clean, beautiful and enjoyable community
- Protect our homes, lives, environment and animals
- Coach, lead, mentor and educate our children

But beyond the rewards a volunteer can achieve in creating a strong and caring community, volunteers receive additional benefits such as:


- Making new friends and becoming more integrated into your community
- Feeling a sense of being needed and belonging in your community
- Spending time doing things that you care about deeply
- Obtaining new skills and experiences that may help you in the future
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Being more active, healthier and fighting boredom
- Having fun!

Volunteering will provide you with an

opportunity to lead a richer and fuller life for yourself and our community. There are a vast array of volunteer opportunities in our community, some include:

- Coaching a youth athletic team
- Reading stories to children at the Library
- Providing support to our local museum
- Visiting and assisting our elderly at LifeCare Manor and Four Seasons Center
- Leading or assisting a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H or church group 
- Serving on a city, school or other non-profit board, committee, or commission
- Serving as a volunteer firefighter, EMT or crossing guard
- Assisting a teacher in the school
- Joining a service club such as the Women of Today, Eagles or Lions 
- Working at the local food shelf
- Helping in the decorating, maintenance, planting and beautification of the city

These are just some of the many ways in which you can serve and become more involved with our community making it a better place to live. Please consider volunteering, there is a place for everyone in our community to serve.



**Upcoming Events at the  
Roseau County Museum**

**One Woman 2013 - Exhibit Opens in March**  
Roseau County Museum

**Historical Society Annual Meeting with  
Historian Dale Blanshan Program**

April 20, 2013 6pm Meeting,  
7pm Program "Buffalo Bill & Annie Oakley"  
Roseau City Center

## New Conservation Rebates for 2013



The Roseau Utility Department introduces new Conservation Improvement Program Rebate Incentives for 2013. In addition to previous incentives the city now offers:

- \$25 rebate for ENERGY STAR® refrigerators/freezers plus an additional \$25 rebate if you recycle your working old refrigerator/freezer.
- \$25/unit Tune-up rebates on Central Air Conditioning and Air-Source Heat Pump units (excludes mini-split ductless ASHPs).
- Replace incandescent bulbs with screw-in ENERGY STAR® LED bulbs and get a \$7 rebate. (Max 12 per customer)

Contact Gwen at the Roseau Utility Department for more details 463-2351.

### City Center Community Rooms available for Public and Private Use

If you are looking for a place to hold your next event consider the Roseau City Center. The community rooms can accommodate events both large and small. For more information on holding an event in the City Center contact Janet Lundbohm at 463-1542. Rental rates, rules for use and application forms are also available on the City's website:

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

## Sanitation Operator Terry Olson Retires from City

In January, after 32 years of service to the City of Roseau, Sanitation Operator Terry Olson retired from the Roseau City Crew. Terry has been a fixture in the City's Garbage Truck, reliably and professionally removing refuse from homes and businesses across Roseau. Terry's hard work, personal service and experience will be missed and we wish him well in retirement.

Thank you Terry for all of your hard work with the City!

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## Property Maintenance Ordinance

Residents are reminded that the City of Roseau maintains a hazardous conditions and nuisance ordinance governing private property maintenance. The most common violations of these ordinances include: the storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles or vehicle parts outside of an enclosed structure; uncontrolled vegetation growth (e.g. noxious weeds and grass growth over 6"), accumulations of tires, appliances, construction debris or other garbage on properties; and homes, garages or sheds in disrepair (e.g. those in need of paint/siding or having broken windows, missing doors or boards, or structures which are falling or leaning, or unsecured structures including those that may harbor pests and vermin).

Property owners who are found to have violations on their property during the City Planning Commission's annual tour or after investigation of a complaint are notified by a letter from the Roseau Police Department of their need to correct the violation and how it can be corrected.

While the Planning Commission's tour attempts to view as much of the city as possible, they cannot view everything and some violations can be missed. Residents can notify the Planning Commission of hazardous or nuisance conditions for further investigation by contacting the Roseau City Office at 463-1542 or the Roseau Police Department at 463-3129.

The City requests that property owners do their part in keeping Roseau a clean, safe and enjoyable community to live in, by addressing any and all violations that might exist on their property. Let's keep Roseau looking great!

**The Roseau Beautification Committee is looking for new members interested in helping to shape the image of our community. Committee members plan for annual plantings, community decorations and other aesthetic improvements to the city.**



Contact Linda Vatsndal for more information on becoming a Beautification Committee Member 218-452-0438

## Baseball & Recreational Youth Ball Registration

Roseau Youth Baseball and Thursday Night Recreational Youth Ball registration will be held in mid-April.

City of Roseau's Parks & Recreation Department sponsors an in-house youth recreation T-ball/coach pitch softball program on Thursday nights for ages 3-9. There is also an in-house baseball program for grades 3-6. Season runs from June 6th-August 3rd. Registration for youth ball begins April 9th and ends April 24th.

Those interested in Roseau Youth Baseball's traveling Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth baseball teams can also register through the city; however, these programs are not sponsored by the City. Registration begins on March 28th and ends April 11th for Cal Ripken and April 24th for Babe Ruth.

Registration can be done on-line on the City website. Check the city website for more details.

