



2025 SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

The summer of 2025 will bring significant construction disruptions to the city.

Highway 11 from Highway 89 to 11th Avenue NE will be completely reconstructed. In addition, the city will install a large diameter storm sewer pipe along the railroad from west of TH89 to the river.

Please use caution in areas of construction and allow extra time for construction delays and detours.

CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

Roseau River Water Trail Designated a Regional Trail by the GMRPTC

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) announced the Roseau River Water Trail has achieved regional designation in the classification of Supportive Partnership. The very first in the State to be designated under the Supportive Partnership classification.

The GMRPTC was formed in 2013 by the Minnesota Legislature to develop a statewide system of regionally significant parks and trails outside the seven county metropolitan area. Successful applicants for regional designation undergo a stringent review process to ensure the application meets the criteria and high standards set by the Commission. The procedure by which a facility, in this case the Roseau River Water Trail, is designated includes:

- Application for designation by a city or county or in Greater Minnesota
- Review of the application and a site visit by the Commission’s consultant team to further ensure all criteria and standards have been met
- Review and ranking of the application by an independent Evaluation Team
- If an applicant achieves a ranking of High, and invitation to submit for review a Master Plan which is then reviewed by the consultants and the Evaluation Team

- Approval and designation by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

“The Commission is pleased to add the Roseau River Water Trail into the Greater Minnesota System” stated Rick Anderson, Chair of the Commission. “Our designation process is thorough and methodical to ensure applicants meet our criteria to provide a high quality recreational experience of lasting value to all Minnesotans.”

The Roseau River Water Trail is the 80th regionally designated facility in the Greater Minnesota System which encompasses the 80 counties outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

For more information about the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission visit: Gmrptc.commission.org

The Roseau River Water Trail is a collaborative effort of the city of Roseau, Roseau County and Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) to promote the enjoyment and conservation of the natural, cultural, recreational and historical resources of the Roseau River by encouraging responsible and quality public access opportunities, support facilities and recreational features.

Regional park designation will allow the project part-

ners to seek Legacy Grant funding for future improvements as outlined in the Roseau River Water Trail Master Plan.

The park areas identified in the Roseau River Water Trail Master Plan include: Malung Town Hall, Roseau City Park, South Riverview Park in Roseau, the Roseau River Dam site in Roseau, Norquist Farm Park north of Roseau, Ross Town Hall and Trangsrud Landing northwest of Roseau.

Memorial Arena Listed in The National Register of Historic Places

On November 5, 2024 the U.S. Department of the Interior announced that Roseau Memorial Arena was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the nation’s official list of buildings worthy of preservation because of their significance in American history and culture. Memorial Arena was recognized for its significance to the local community and hockey history which has been documented and evaluated according to uniform standards and criteria.



City Council Provides MnDOT with Municipal Consent for TH89 Improvement Project

In October, the Roseau City Council held a public hearing on the proposed Highway 89 project. MnDOT District 2 Representatives attended the public hearing to provide background information on the proposed design and estimated costs.

MnDOT is planning to reconstruct Hwy 89 between Hwy 11 and south of Seventh St. in Roseau. The project is in the design phase and plans for construction are between 2026 and 2028. As MnDOT works towards the final design and estimated costs, a construction year will be selected.

The project aims to provide an ur-

ban curb and gutter section similar to Hwy 11. It will also address several deficiencies, including:

- Motorist safety
- Bicyclist and Pedestrian safety
- Intersection alignment and control
- Roadside drainage
- Nighttime visibility at the roundabouts
- Pedestrian crossings and accessibility
- Access location efficiency

After the public hearing the City Council passed a resolution approving the proposed project and good faith estimate as presented by MnDOT.



City Updates Zoning Ordinance for Solar

The Roseau Planning Commission and City Council recently approved changes to the Roseau Zoning Code to allow for the use of solar energy systems within the city limits. The new ordinance provides guidelines for the installation of roof-mount and ground-mount solar installations. Solar energy systems are allowed as permitted accessory uses in residential zoning districts and as a conditional use in commercial districts. All solar installations that connect to the electrical grid must also be approved through the Roseau Utility Department prior to installation.

Renovations for Memorial Arena

The City has completed an assessment of the long-term needs for Memorial Arena and identified two major deficiencies which include a leaking and uninsulated roof and an aging and obsolete ice plant.

The existing roof has failed causing water damages to the underlying wooden structure. The city has received \$250,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SPHO) to assist in replacing the roof in the summer of 2025 at an approximately cost of \$1 million.

The Council is also evaluating a plan to replace the ice plant which is reaching the end of its useful life. CIMCO Refrigeration of Winnipeg is assisting the city in developing a new natural refrigerant system to replace the current R-22 refrigerant system. R-22 has been phased out of production by the U.S. EPA.

The proposed plan is to replace the outdoor condenser tower portion of the ice plant first, which is in the worst shape, in 2025. The indoor portion of the ice plant including the chiller unit and compressors are projected for replacement in 2026 or 2027 when the chiller reaches its end of life. The estimated cost of the entire system is \$1—\$1.5 million.

**NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
COMING IN SUMMER OF 2025**

Final plans are being completed for a new pedestrian bridge to be constructed at the Roseau Dam site. The new truss bridge will span from Main Avenue N to 3rd Avenue NE at 6th Street NE. The bridge will connect to existing pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of the river.



Where: Roseau Public Library

When: Thursday, December 5, 2024

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

What: Browse the library

Visit with a friend

Make a craft

Sign up for a Door Prize

Enjoy Coffee, Cocoa & Cookies

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Hosted by Roseau Area Friends of the Library

**Nights
Of Lights**

At The Farm ROSEAU, MN

Walk Through
December 6 - 8, 13 - 15 & 20 - 23
Drive Through Only December 24
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Farm
(located west of Roseau on Hwy. 11)
Sleigh Rides and Santa Every Night!
(Weather Permitting)

Sponsored by: **POLARIS** **LifeCare MEDICAL CENTER** **MARVIN**
Citizens State Bank **BORDER BANK** **Roseau Electric Cooperative, Inc.** **GO Roseau**



The Roseau County Museum is celebrating this holiday season, and you're invited! Check out our "Light Up The Museum" tree walk, where you can see over fifteen beautifully decorated trees. Area residents, businesses, and organizations have put their creative touch on each tree, and they're all on display for you to enjoy. You can even cast a monetary vote for your favorite trees, with all the proceeds for future museum events. We're open from 9:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, and special holiday hours on Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for more info about this event and other upcoming activities!

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The Gift of Giving is Coming

Please save this year's shopping date
Tuesday, December 10th

Donations are being accepted now!
November 1st - December 7th
at the Roseau Public Library

Donations of new or gently used items can include any item children may purchase to give to their mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, sister, brother, teacher, friend or loved one to celebrate the holiday season. We are also accepting wrapping paper, gift bags, name tags, tape, tissue paper and bows.

The Gift of Giving is an opportunity for young community members to purchase gifts for loved ones while learning about the spirit of giving and the financial responsibility of spending money.



Cannabis Regulations

In 2024 the Minnesota Legislature legalized the recreational use and sale of cannabis in the State. The new cannabis legislation requires all counties to allow for at least one retail cannabis operation per 12,500 residents, which for Roseau County means a minimum of 2 retail outlets.

The Roseau County Board has adopted a countywide cannabis ordinance that sets the maximum number of retail cannabis licenses at two (2) and if all local jurisdictions (cities and townships) differ their licensing authority to the county the maximum number would remain at two. However, if any local jurisdiction chooses to

adopt its own cannabis licensing ordinance, their approved number of licenses would be added to the County maximum of two. All cannabis businesses must also be licensed by the State of Minnesota.

At its December meeting the Roseau City Council will consider a resolution differing its licensing authority to Roseau County to maintain the maximum number of retail establishments at two for the county.

In addition the Roseau City Council will also consider local zoning ordinance amendments that would regulate where and how all cannabis businesses can legally operate in the city.

The Council will also consider code amendments to restrict the use of cannabis products in public spaces, places of accommodation and other cannabis related regulations.