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CITY OF ROSEAU

Hometown Update

# The Cans Are Coming!



The Roseau Sanitation Department is excited to announce that it will be implementing new trash carts for garbage collection beginning this summer. The uniform city supplied carts will replace all private trash cans for the collection of city garbage. Each residence will be issued one new 95 gallon cart. All garbage must be placed in the new cart for collection including breaking down boxes and other larger items to fit into the carts. No garbage that is outside of the cart will be picked up by city staff. Residents are reminded that certain recyclable items can be brought to the recycle bins located on the north side of the County Courthouse campus to reduce the amount of garbage collection.



The new carts are designed to be lifted by an automated hydraulic lifter on the garbage truck. This provides increased safety to our garbage truck operators.

When your new cart is delivered it will be placed in the

location where it should be placed on collection day. No carts should be left in the boulevard, street or alley after collection.

The city has approved a \$3/month garbage rate increase to cover the cost of the new carts. Residents may elect to purchase a second cart for the cost of the cart (\$65), plus an additional \$10/month collection fee for a total monthly garbage fee of \$33.36. All carts have serial numbers and will be marked with address identifiers to determine which carts are assigned to each homeowner. Small businesses may also be assigned trash carts where appropriate instead of utilizing dumpsters in an effort to reduce the number of dumpsters across the community.

The sanitation department also has available dumpsters for one-time residential clean-up that can be provided on-site for the following charge: 4yd \$100, 6yd \$150 and 9yd \$225. The cost is per pick up.

The Sanitation Department reminds residents that it is illegal to place trash generated outside of the city into city trash collection either in residential garbage collection or unauthorized dumping in any commercial dumpster. The placement of garbage generated from outside the city in city garbage is illegal and punishable with fines up to \$300. Illegal trash dumping increases the costs of garbage collection for all city residents and curbing the practice will keep your garbage rates more affordable.



RIVER VIEW PARK

Free Concerts Every Thursday Night Through the Summer at the Riverview Park Gazebo!

### 2025 Lineup

- June 13-The Faster Horses
- June 19-Divas Through the Decades
- June 26-Al Simmons
- July 10-Jeremy Brekke Group
- July 17- Mike Hokanson
- July 31-Terry Mackner
- August 7-60's Chicks
- August 14-Local Talent Night

City Staff recently completed the planting of 410 new trees all around Roseau over the past two years. The tree stock was provided through a MN Department of Natural Resources tree planting grant. The new trees were planted in boulevards, parks and public grounds to increase and diversify the existing tree stock. City staff are doing their best to water all the trees regularly, but they can use your help, if you have a tree that has recently been planted near your home and looks like it is struggling in the heat and dry conditions, please give it a good long drink of water!



# Construction Nearly Complete on Major Storm Water Project

Residents have probably noticed the large concrete pipes and excavation equipment digging along the railroad tracks this spring. This is a significant storm water construction project the city is undertaking to address some urban flooding issues the city has experienced after heavy rains.



was contracted to do the project, anticipates that it will complete the installation of a new west side storm sewer pipe by July 4th. Additional clean-up, landscaping work will carry on into the summer, but all roads should be paved and open by the 4th of July.

The city received over \$4 million in grant funds from both State and Federal sources to complete the project. The main funding partners are the U.S. Department of Commerce EDA which provided \$1.6 million and the State of Minnesota through the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Program providing \$1.8 million. The city also obtained a \$500,000 Federal PROTECT grant through MnDOT and just over \$100,000 from MPCA's Petrofund. The city's local share of the project is just over \$150,000.

The West Side Storm Water Project, as it is called, will alleviate the frequent flooding experienced along the Highway 89 corridor, in and around Polaris Industries and an area around the West Side Trailer Court and Super One Foods. The new storm water pipe, which reaches diameters of 72" will more than double the capacity for storm runoff on the west side of Roseau. This project will also provide

future capacity for the reconstruction of Highway 89 into an urban street corridor in 2027 with curb, gutter and full storm sewer infrastructure.

The Spruce Valley Corporation, who

## HIGHWAY 11 CONSTRUCTION

MnDOT has initiated construction on Highway 11 through Roseau. Expect some detours for the remainder of the summer and fall. Sidewalk construction will be taking place on the highway east of the Roseau River Bridge for most of the summer, but the road will remain open to highway traffic for the duration of that work. The highway east of the bridge will only be closed for about two weeks when the pavement is milled up and a new asphalt surface is laid down later this summer or early fall. Construction west of the bridge will involve more significant construction that will require the roadway to be closed for most of the summer. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times, please continue to support our businesses. Center Street will be the detour for all Highway 11 construction. Please be patient, slow down, and use caution in construction zones.

## PLANNING COMMISSION TOUR OF THE CITY

The Roseau Planning Commission made its annual tour of the City on June 2nd. The purpose of the tour, as outlined in the Roseau City Code, is to identify any nuisance and building code violations on both public and private properties. Deferred maintenance, and nuisances properties, if left unchecked, can lead to blight conditions and a general decline in the community.

The most common violations found during these tours are the following: Inoperable, unlicensed and junk cars, boats, and ATVs that are not properly stored within an enclosed garage/shed or fenced yard so as to not be seen from a public street or alley; storage sheds and garages in states of disrepair (for example: excessive peeling paint, rotted or loose siding, broken windows and doors, leaning or unstable condition); houses with considerable peeling paint, missing or broken windows, replaced or infilled doors and windows that are not properly sided to match the remainder of the house, missing siding or un-sided (for example: exposed plywood, house-wrap or other unfinished material); car parts, machinery, furniture, construction materials or other debris outside of an enclosed storage building; and long grass and weeds exceeding 6" in length. If you have any of these conditions please address them promptly.

The city will be sending out administrative notices of any violations found during the tour. Property owners will be notified of the violation of the amount of time they have to come into compliance before an administrative fine is issued.

# Memorial Arena Improvements

The city has completed the first phase of an ice plant replacement at Memorial Arena. Memorial's ice plant cooling tower which had reached its end of life, has now been replaced with a new tower (see below). The new tower, provided by



CIMCO Refrigeration out of Winnipeg, is nearly twice the size of tower it replaced and will be compatible with the new ammonia ice plant planned for Memorial Arena. The cost of the new tower was \$263,250 plus installation. The city would like to especially thank the following businesses for donating time, equipment and materials for the condenser tower installation: Stoskopf Redi-mix, Lance Novacek Welding and Spruce Valley Corp.

The next phase of the project involves replacing the interior components of the ice plant including the refrigerant compressors and chiller. All of these ice plant components operate on an obsolete refrigerant R-22 which was banned for production and import by the U.S. EPA in 2020. While the city could continue to rebuild the existing R-22 compressors indefinitely, the costs of R-22 refrigerant and R-22 compressor parts will become prohibitively expensive as they become more scarce. Furthermore, the ice plant's main R-22 chiller, which is not servicea-

ble, is reaching the end of its 20-25 year lifespan, as it was installed in 2004. Once the chiller needs replacing, the entire ice plant must be converted to be compatible with the new refrigerant.

The next phase of the ice plant replacement is expected to cost between \$1-1.2 million and the city is currently seeking funding assistance to offset some of those costs. The city has currently submitted a \$500,000 grant request to the National Parks Service—Save America's Treasures program to assist with this project. It is hoped that the project can be completed before a catastrophic failure of any critical ice plant component.

## Upcoming Events at the Roseau Museum

Continue your summer fun with the Roseau County Museum! Join us June 28 for a tie-dye workshop, pre-registration required. *Summer Explorers* youth craft events run through July 15, with free make-and-take projects every Tuesday from 10 AM to 3 PM in the museum theater. On July 12, don't miss our summer fundraiser at Springsteel Island with a meal, raffle, and live music by The Snowmen band. Find us mid-July at the Roseau County Fair. On August 7, we're sponsoring the meal and live music at Roseau's Gazebo Night. Then, on August 24, join us at the Pioneer Farm for an old-time potluck picnic with Cathy Erickson. Free admission always! Open Monday–Friday, 9:30 AM–5 PM. Visit

[www.roseaucohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.roseaucohistoricalsociety.org) or call 218-463-1918 for details.



## Roseau Youth Soccer Program

The Parks & Recreation Department sponsors an in-house youth recreational soccer program for kids ages 3-12 in August and September. In-house teams are created based on registrations. The program is run on Thursday nights and consist of 20-30 minutes of drills and instruction with an intermural game to follow. Registration for youth soccer opens on June 16th. Check the Parks & Recreation Facebook page or the City Website for more information on registration.

## Water Conservation Tips Lawn & Yard



Morning is the best time to water your lawn, before 10 am is best.

A lush green lawn requires 1 1/2" of water per week. Watering 1/2" three times a week is best. (remember to account for rain)

Keeping your lawn at a height of 1 1/2-2" is optimal for keeping roots cool and moist.

Avoid watering on windy days or in the heat of the day when water evaporates quickly.

Reduce the use of high nitrogen fertilizers that stimulate rapid growth and increase water requirements.

Using sprinklers with large drops in a flat pattern are better than those with high fine spray patterns

Utilize mulch around trees, shrubs and plantings to retain moisture

Forget about watering streets, driveway, and sidewalks, they won't grow a thing!

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## City Partners with North Star Neighbors CLT to Build Homes

Two new homes are under construction in the Oak Crest Estates neighborhood as part of a new program to help make homeownership more affordable for families in Roseau. The new homes will be part of what is called a community land trust or CLT. A CLT is a different type of homeownership model that makes new homes more affordable by taking the land cost out of the equation as well as providing a permanent subsidy to the overall cost of the home. A purchaser of a CLT home, in exchange for a discount on the purchase price of their home, agrees to a formula based resale price that preserves the original discount for the subsequent homebuyers. The CLT also maintains permanent ownership of the land and offers a ground lease to the homeowner. The CLT and homebuyer have a

permanent relationship as a result of this ground lease and resale agreement. However, homebuyers can obtain a home at a deep discount from the market price.

North Star Neighbors CLT is constructing the homes in Roseau. North Star Neighbors was created by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation as part of their mission to create more



affordable housing options in Northwest Minnesota. North Star Neighbors has contracted with Rod Wulff Construction of Roseau to complete 4 homes along Oak Crest Boulevard. The homes will be single level 3 bed-

room, 2 bath homes with attached two car garages. The market rate cost of these homes is estimated to be around \$350,000. Similarly valued North Star Neighbors homes in Thief River Falls and Red Lake Falls are being marketed at between \$195,000-\$210,000 for qualified buyers. To participate in the North Star Neighbors CLT program prospective buyers must have qualified incomes at or less than \$89,500.

Anyone interested in learning more about the community land trust model of homeownership is encouraged to contact Emily Contreras, Homeownership Coordinator, for North Star Neighbors CLT. Ms. Contreras has extensive experience with community land trusts and can explain the homebuying process as well as providing information about the new homes being constructed in Roseau under this program. For more information on North Star Neighbors CLT call 800-659-7859 or online at [NorthStarNeighbors.org](http://NorthStarNeighbors.org)