



40th Annual Roseau Volunteer Fireman's BBQ

September 20th, 2025

A Turkey & Pork Dinner with all of the extras will be served hybrid style (drive-in & dine-in) at the Roseau Fire Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 PM or until food is gone. (\$10 per plate, 5 and under Free). Raffles for various prizes held during Event.

Buy raffle tickets from any fireman for \$5.

Proceeds from the fundraiser help fund fire fighting equipment.

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CITY OF ROSEAU

**Hometown
Update**

Roseau Wellness Center



Work continues on the proposed Wellness Center for Roseau. The City of Roseau recently submitted an updated request to the State of Minnesota for a capital grant in the amount of \$8.3 million for consideration in the 2026 State Legislative Session. If awarded, the State Capital Grant would fund approximately 1/2 of the total project costs of \$16.6.

The Wellness Center Stakeholder Committee is investigating options to fund the other half of the project. The committee is planning a private capital campaign to solicit additional donations to the

project. To date, \$1.255 million in pledges have been made. The committee's goal would be to raise approximately \$4 million in private donations with the remaining \$4.3 million being raised through other grants or a new local retail sales tax.

The main advantage of a local retail sales tax is that it provides a stable and diversified revenue stream to fund specific capital projects without increasing property taxes. This revenue can come from a wider base of people, including non-residents, who use local amenities. Any local retail sales tax would need Legislative approval as well as passing a local referendum. A U of M study projects that approximately \$4-5 million could be financed through a local sales tax over 30 years.

Electric Undergrounding Project

The Roseau Electric Cooperative continues to work on a project to replace some of the city's aging overhead electric lines with new underground services. The Roseau Municipal Electric Department received a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce to complete the



project through a Grid Resiliency Program. The goal of the program is to reduce the vulnerability of the State's electrical system.

The 1st Phase of the 3 phase project is located on the east side of Roseau in the alley between Center Street and 2nd Street SE, from 6th Avenue SE to 10th Avenue SE.

Phase 2 will be completed in 2026 and will be in the same general area but will involve the alley between 2nd Street SE and 3rd Street SE. Phase 3 in 2027 will involve homes from 3rd Street SE to the railroad tracks.

Residents in this area should expect some minor disruptions during construction activities.

The City of Roseau recently received an \$18,000 grant from the State of Minnesota to purchase new cross-country ski trail grooming equipment. The city maintains x-country ski trails on the Oak Crest Golf Course throughout the winter. If you have ideas on ways to improve the city's x-country ski trails please contact the Roseau Parks & Recreation Director.



THE COUNTYWIDE "CODE RED" WARNING SYSTEM HAS BEEN REPLACED

Roseau County has contracted with Everbridge event management to provide emergency alerts to local residents. To register for emergency alerts from Roseau County visit the county website at www.co.roseau.mn.us or contact Rich Gross at 218-463-3375 or text 56751 to 888777 or scan the QR code below to sign up.



**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
LONG GRASS & RANK VEGETATION**

Roseau City Code requires all property owners to abate noxious weeds, long grass over 6" and rank (uncontrolled, excessive and uncultivated) vegetation on their properties, including along fence lines and around building foundations. Uncultivated gardens and overgrown foundation plantings should be managed by mowing,



cutting or spraying to keep rank vegetation under control. Areas that cannot be mowed should be managed through weed killer applications or brush cutting. Additionally volunteer trees and rank vegetation along fence lines and foundations must be cut and maintained.

Property owners with uncontrolled vegetation will be issued a notice from the city requiring abatement within 4 days of receipt. If after 4 days the violation is not corrected the city will have the nuisance abated. The property owners will be assessed a \$100 administrative fine in addition to the actual costs of abatement. After two such violation notices in a single year, the city will, without notice, automatically abate any rank vegetation.



Memorial Arena Receives New Roof

Crews from Equity Builders and Construction began work on the new Memorial Arena roof in early August. The project involves the removal of both the current rubber and asphalt roofing materials as well as the original 1949 asphalt/aluminum paint roofing that was present below the existing roofing materials. The original 1949 roofing materials contained asbestos materials requiring special removal and disposal that increased the overall project costs. The design for the new roof consists of an as-

phalt/rubber vapor barrier covered with 5" of foam insulation and 1" hard foam board covered with 60 mil EPDM (rubber) roofing material. The new roof will replicate the appearance of the original 1949 roofing, but will be insulated to greatly improve energy efficiency and have a 20-30 year lifespan. The new roof cost \$975,000 to complete and the city received \$300,000 in outside funding from the State Historical Society and an insurance settlement to help pay for the project.



**NEW HOMES FOR SALE
NORTH STAR NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

The North Star Neighbors Community Land Trust (CLT) is now taking applications for three new homes being constructed in the Oak Crest Estates Subdivision. The homes are scheduled for completion in the fall of 2026. Contact Emily Contreras 800-659-7859 with North Star Neighbors CLT for more information on the new homes, purchaser qualifications and the CLT homeownership model.

The North Star Neighbors CLT is a non-profit organization that owns land permanently to ensure long-term housing affordability and community stewardship. CLTs separate land and building ownership, with the trust leasing the land to residents while homeowners purchase and own the structure on the land at a below-market price. When the home is resold, the CLT buys it back at a below-market price, using a formula to determine the homeowner's share of the profit, which preserves affordability for future buyers. This model provides stable, affordable homeownership opportunities.



Roseau Airport Construction

The city of Roseau was recently awarded a \$3.6 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to undertake a complete reconstruction of the main runway and taxiway at the Roseau Municipal Airport. The city and State of Minnesota will cost share in the project at \$95,000 each.

In May, the city of Roseau awarded the reconstruction project to KGM Contractors, Inc. The project will be undertaken

in the summer of 2026. It is anticipated that the airport will be closed for much of the summer as construction is being completed. Construction activities are planned to be complete by the fall of 2026 at which time the airport should be fully open to air traffic.

The project addresses severe pavement deterioration and some drainage issues at the airport. The new pavement will also improve overall safety for aircraft.

Roseau Parks & Recreation Summer Adventure Camp

This summer, the Roseau Parks Department had 50 children enrolled in Adventure Camp. The ages of the children ranged from 5 years old to 11 years old. They had 3 options for attending, which were full-time (5 days a week), 3 days a week, or 2 days a week. We had approximately 23-25 full-time campers, with the rest opting for the other options. The option of 2 days a week is the most popular. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we had about 40 campers.

We had 7 counselors who dedicated their time to Adventure Camp this year. They were absolutely amazing with the kids. They conducted activities ranging from scavenger hunts, lemonade stands, movie days, water activities, and collaborations with the 4-H program to provide fun and engaging experiences for our campers.

The Parks Department hopes that it can continue this program each summer. We know that each of our parents really enjoyed knowing that their children were taken care of and exploring the outdoors.



E-SCOOTERS

WHAT IS AN E-SCOOTER?

- A device with handlebars that can be operated from a standing or sitting position that can be powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion.
- It has no more than 2, 12 inch diameter or smaller wheels and a motor that is capable of a maximum speed of 15mph.

KEY RULES FOR E-SCOOTER USE

- Operators must be at least 12 years old.
- Any operator under the age of 18, MUST wear a helmet.
- Operators must not ride on a sidewalk, except when necessary to enter or leave a property.
- Only one person is allowed per device.
- When operated at night, scooters must have headlights and taillights.

WHEN USING ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY

- Operators must ride as close to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadways as practicable.
- When crossing a roadway, the operator shall stop and dismount the scooter and then cross the street on foot, as a pedestrian must do.

SAFETY REMINDERS

- ✓ Wear at least a multisport helmet
- ✓ Only one person per scooter
- ✓ Stop and look both ways before crossing an intersection
- ✓ Avoid distractions such as cell phones
- ✓ Be respectful of others



IMPROVED PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Parks Department is working cooperatively with the Roseau School District to improve the pickleball courts located within the school tennis court complex on 6th Avenue NE. The city has painted permanent pickleball court lines on the two westernmost tennis courts to create 4 pickleball courts. The Parks Department has two portable pickleball nets at this time, but is in the process of purchasing two additional portable nets to accommodate the two new courts. The Parks Department continues to work with the school and local pickleball advocates to improve these facilities.



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The Roseau County Museum has a full lineup of fall events you won't want to

miss. On September 13, join us for a Family Oral History Workshop with Caleb Curfman to learn how to preserve and record family stories. October brings two free events: Doug Ohman returns for a program at the Warroad High School Theater on October 15, and the Girl Ghost Hunters will be at the City Center on October 24 to explore what goes bump in the night.

In November, take part in a Scandinavian weaving class in Greenbush on November 1, then get ready for our annual Light Up the Museum tree decorating contest, opening November 24 with live music by Johnny J. Stay connected on Facebook and our website for details and updates.

SNOW REMOVAL SEASON IS COMING!

Any vehicles left on the street during snow removal periods will be ticketed and towed without warning.

The City recommends that all residents identify off-street parking areas for their own use and any visitors throughout the winter, but especially during snowfall events and other winter conditions that make snow removal activities necessary, such as strong winds with blowing snow. Please use caution around snow removal machinery as these machines have very limited visibility, ability to stop, or maneuver around obstacles and vehicles.

Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. But the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in the winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 1 to April 30. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

- Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: customers receiving "any form of public assistance", including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
- The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact the Roseau Utility Department at 218-463-2351 to try and work out a payment schedule. We will try to help.

THE COLD WEATHER RULE DOES NOT FORBID ALL WINTER DISCONNECTION