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Community Orchard Thriving

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Roseville residents will elect two councilmembers in the November 3 election. Voters will also vote for several federal, state and judicial offices.

General Election: Tuesday, November 3 Polls open: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Questions: Call 651-266-2171

Candidates for City Council (vote for 2)

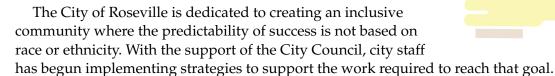
- Jason Etten
- Lisa Laliberte
- Julie Strahan
- Dannah Thompson

Visit mnvotes.org to see a sample ballot, find your polling place and get other election-related information.

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City Equity Initiatives Move Forward



Those efforts got underway with the launch of the city's Racial Equity and Inclusion webpage in August. The page, at www.cityofroseville.com/racialequity, is dedicated to the ongoing work to help foster equity and inclusion in our community. The page provides a background of work that has occurred as well as updates on efforts that are in progress.

One of the many features on the page is a series of equity updates. The updates, which are delivered to the City Council at the last meeting of each month, highlight the progress made on specific racial equity initiatives undertaken by staff.

An area identified to help the city begin embedding a racial equity lens in its day-to-day business is hiring a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant. In September, the city issued a Request for Proposals for consultants to provide immediate, on-going and long-term actions the city can take. The process of reviewing proposals and interviewing consults began in October, and we will provide an update on this initiative in the next City News. The role will eventually transition to the position of Equity and Inclusion Manager as authorized by the City Council in the adopted 2021 preliminary budget.

The Police Department's new Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) also took flight this fall, with the MAC holding its inaugural meeting in August. Over the summer, the department put out a call for residents to get involved with the new committee, which will discuss community policing concerns, strategize ways for the Roseville Police to best engage with the community, and share information about police policies and procedures.

City News looks forward to bringing additional news and information about the city's ongoing efforts to make Roseville an equitable and inclusive community for all residents.

2021 Budget Hits the Home Stretch

The finishing line is in sight for Roseville's 2021 budget process. The 2021 city budget will feature prominently in three meetings in November and December. City Council members will review the proposed 2021 fee schedule and utility rates on November 9, followed by the final Budget Hearing (Truth-in-Taxation hearing) on November 30. The vote on adoption of the 2021 budget, tax levy, utility rates, fee schedule, EDA budget and tax levy is scheduled for December 7.

The City Council approved a \$62.9 million preliminary budget in September. The preliminary budget calls for the city to hold the line on spending and is an increase of just over one percent compared to Roseville's 2020 budget of \$62.1 million.

The impact of the limited spending increase in the preliminary budget on Roseville's adopted preliminary tax levy, combined with commercial property values outpacing residential values in 2021, will result in many of the city's residential property owners seeing a small decrease in the city portion of their 2021 tax bill. By state statute, once the preliminary levy is adopted it can be lowered, but not increased.

The combined total of residential and commercial properties taxes in the preliminary levy would generate approximately \$23.8 million in revenue or 38 percent of the city's 2021 budget.



The remaining revenue comes from fees for services and user charges, intergovernmental transfers and other sources such as investments, assessments and franchise fees.

The City Council encourages residents to review budget documents and participate in virtual meetings. For more details about Roseville's 2021 budget, visit www.cityofroseville.com/budgetinfo.



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Important Numbers

Code

651-792-7014 Enforcement

Economic

Development

Authority 651-792-7015

Fire Administration 651-792-7009 Job Line 651-792-7190

License Center 651-792-7010

Parks &

Recreation 651-792-7006

> Permits 651-792-7080

Police

Administration 651-792-7008 Recycling 651-792-7004

Skating Center 651-792-7007

Street/Utility

Maintenance 651-792-7004 Utility Billing 651-792-7196 651-767-0640

Utility Problems (after hrs)

Emergency 9-1-1

Police Non-

Emergency 651-767-0640

651-484-1267 Non-emergency

> **Roseville** 651-792-7010 Center

License 2737 Lexington Ave. N Roseville, MN 55113

> Open: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Passport 2735 Lexington Ave

Open: Monday through Friday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional Phone Numbers

651-222-7678 Recycling-

612-(NO-WASTE) 669-2783 Missed Pickup

Recycling Hotline 651-633-EASY (3279)

Lending Center Center for Energy &

Environment 612-335-5884

Mounds View School District 621

651-639-6216

Roseville School District 623

Ramsey County

651-635-1600

Library

651-628-6803

Roseville Area 651-604-3520 Senior Program

Circulator Bus Info

612-373-3333

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Post Office 651-631-0628

City Council Roundup

The City Council and the Economic Development Authority meet several times a month. Here are highlights of actions the Council and EDA have taken over the past two months.

- Approved RFP (Request for Proposal) to hire a diversity and inclusion consultant to assist the city in its equity work and adopted the GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity) Racial Equity Narrative
- Approved resolution authorizing a listing agreement with Bill Melin of Cushman & Wakefield for sale of the fire station at 2501 Fairview Ave.
- Discussed short-term rentals in Roseville and directed staff to develop options for the City Council to consider regarding to new regulations
- Discussed the Marion Street/The Brittany's rental license revocation and authorized staff to file a petition in Ramsey County Court under the Emergency Tenant's Remedies Act if the new property management company fails to correct code violations in a timely manner
- Approved waiving late fees for unpaid utility bills through December 2020
- Approved the decertification of Tax Increment Financing District #19, Applewood Pointe
- Adopted preliminary 2021 tax levy and budget and 2021 preliminary EDA tax levy
- Received update on the civic campus master planning process
- Approved resolution to continue to participate in the Local Housing Incentive Account Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act, which provides grant funds for affordable housing preservation and creation efforts
- Accepted federal SAFER grant to hire six firefighters
- Approved use of federal CARES Act funds

Council meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are open to the public. In conjunction with state health officials, the city will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 to determine when it's safe to host in-person meetings. Information regarding the location of meetings will be posted on www.cityofroseville.com as soon as it is known.

Council meetings are streamed live at www.cityofroseville.com/webstreaming. Meetings are also aired free on Comcast Channel 16 to Roseville cable subscribers.

Upcoming City Council Meetings: November 9, 13, 30 • December 7

Know the Code -Neighborhood Enhancement

The city wrapped up its Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) in early September. Inspector Xao Vang visited approximately 3,673 residential homes and 347 commercial properties, looking for maintenance issues and code violations that can detract from a home or business and impact property values.

Vehicle violations – unlicensed or inoperable vehicles – were the most commonly cited violation for both residential and commercial properties. Debris was the second most common violation for commercial properties while property maintenance was the second most common violation for residential properties.

Vang reported seeing a cluster effect in some neighborhoods, while others only had sporadic code violations. Residents and businesses have been very responsive when notified of code violations. Some were not aware of city code regulations while others faced struggles with the COVID-19 pandemic. Vang worked with property owners, offering resources to help make needed repairs.

NEP helps identify and resolve small code violations before they become big problems, and it helps raise awareness about the importance of keeping homes and business properties in good repair.

To learn more about NEP, visit www.cityofroseville.com/NEP.

The Roseville Fire Department recently purchased a LUCAS 3 device, an automated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) machine that will help improve cardiac arrest survival rates. Firefighters will be able perform other lifesaving measures as the LUCAS 3 automatically provides

chest compressions.

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Meet Police Chief Erika Scheider

New Roseville Chief of Police Erika Scheider took the helm of the Roseville Police Department on September 1. Chief Scheider was named to the post following the retirement of Chief Rick Mathwig. Chief Scheider began her law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Roseville Police Department in 1997 before rising through the ranks to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief of Police in 2017. We caught up with Roseville's new Chief to find out how the transition is going.

- Q: Congratulations on your promotion to Chief of Police. How has that initial time as Chief gone? What has been the most interesting revelation about taking on the role of Chief?
- A: My initial focus was on getting the department's senior leadership team in place and backfilling other positions. With the retirement of Chief Mathwig and Lieutenant (Scott) Williams, we had several important leadership roles to fill, including the Deputy Chief and two Lieutenants. I am confident in those selected to fill these roles. Each has demonstrated tremendous leadership skills and are committed to the department's core values of service, integrity, respect and innovation.
- Q: You have been with the Police Department since 1997. Thinking back to those early days, did you imagine being the Chief? Or has rising to this position always been a goal of yours?
- A: When I started in 1997, becoming a Chief was certainly not on my radar or a goal that I had. I hadn't even thought about becoming a police office until my senior year at Augsburg College after doing a ride along as part of an internship. What brought me to police work was the ability to make a difference and the ability to help someone in need. In 2003, I earned a master of arts from the University of St. Thomas. My original motivation to obtain a master's degree was to someday teach, but through the graduate program, I became interested in leadership opportunities and the impact I could have in shaping policing services in our community.
- Q: What are the key experiences in your career that have best prepared you to take on this role?
- A: I have been fortunate to work for a city and department that places a strong value on training. To be an effective leader, especially given the increased complexities police face, training is more critical than ever. I have attended a number of training programs throughout my career that have helped prepare me for this role. The 10 weeks that I spent at the FBI National Academy in Quantico was probably the most influential.
- Q: What are the biggest challenges for the Police Department as you look toward the future?
- A: One of the biggest challenges we continue to face is recruiting and retention. Law enforcement agencies across the country are struggling to recruit police officers, and we are seeing similar challenges here. Hiring the right people is critically important. It is essential that we hire quality individuals who share the core values of the department and who reflect the community we serve. We are committed to hiring officers that encompass a broad range of diversity – race, gender, life experience, cultural competence, and speaking a second language – and then supporting them in order to help foster retention with wellness programs and the necessary training required to meet the complex challenges they face daily on the job.
- Q: If you could speak directly to each resident of Roseville, what would you want to tell them and what should they expect from Roseville PD during your tenure as Chief of Police?
- A: For the past several years, the department has strived to be as transparent as possible, not only with crime data, but also with information about the department and its operations (see www.cityofroseville.com/police/transparency). The Police Department will continue to maintain a culture of transparency and accountability to build public trust. We are committed to continuing to work with our community to reduce crime and improve quality of life.

In addition to Chief Scheider's promotion,



Lt. Joe Adams was named Roseville's new Deputy Chief of Police.



Sergeant Jenn Engh was promoted to Lieutenant of Investigations.



Sergeant Travis Steinberg was promoted to Lieutenant of Patrol.

License Center Temporary Closure -MNDRIVE Coming in **November**

The Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles will be migrating to MNDRIVE, the new state-wide computer system, for Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registrations.

To make this transition, license centers across the state will close Tuesday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. and reopen on Monday, November 16. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Roseville License Center

By appointment only 2737 Lexington Ave. N.

cityofroseville.com/licensecenter Phone: 651-792-7010

Roseville's Passport Office will be open by appointment on those days. Make appointments at cityofroseville.com/ passports.

Roseville Passport Center

2735 Lexington Ave. N. Phone: 651-792-7010



Food Scraps Recycling

After just a year, Roseville's food scraps collection site has proven to be a resounding success. Already, 52 tons of food scraps and other organic materials – materials that would have otherwise gone into the trash – have been collected for composting.

The food scraps recycling site is located at the Leaf Recycling Center, 2580 Dale St. It is open 24/7 and open to all Ramsey County residents. This site is for residential use only. No business waste please.

Setting up a home organics recycling program is easy. Call 651-633-EASY (3279) or visit RamseyRecycles.com/FoodScraps to learn more.

Holiday Hours

Roseville City Hall and the Roseville License and Passport Center will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day and November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The License and Passport Center will additionally be closed on November 28. Police and Fire will remain on duty.

City offices, including the License and Passport Center, will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and closed January 1 for New Year's Day. Police and Fire will remain on duty.

Thursday and Friday garbage and recycling collection will be delayed by one day following the Thanksgiving holiday. Garbage and recycling collection will be delayed on Friday the weeks of December 25 and January 1.

The Future of Highway 36

Washington County Public Works, in partnership with Ramsey County, Hennepin County, MnDOT and Metropolitan Council, is leading a transit feasibility study of Highway 36. With Highway 36 running through Roseville, study principals are interested in hearing from Roseville residents.

The study will last approximately one year. Throughout the survey period, residents and businesses of communities along the corridor will have a chance to help establish a common vision of priorities for the highway's future and identify steps necessary for implementation.

The goals of the study are to analyze existing and emerging needs for east-west transit service between Stillwater and downtown Minneapolis, identify opportunities to develop or enhance transit service, and improve connections to the regional transit system.

To receive more information about the study and to provide feedback through a short survey, visit www. highway36transit.com.



Recycling in Roseville

Roseville uses single-sort recycling. Drop recyclables, including cardboard boxes, mail, newspapers, magazines, plastic containers (#1, #2, #5), glass bottles and jars, aluminum and metal cans, beverage cartons, and juice boxes in your recycling cart. Have it at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your recycling

Recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as your trash. Call Eureka Recycling at 612-NO-WASTE (612-669-2783) with recycling questions or to report a missed pick-up. Interpreters are available to respond to inquiries in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish. Call 612-669-2783, ext. 1 for assistance.

Recycling Reminder

Plastic bags do not go in the recycling cart. They get caught in the sorting machines at the recycling facility. Instead, drop them off at local retailer. Find the closest retailer at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.

> RamseyRecycles.com 651-633-EASY (3279) Answered 24/7



Snow in Minnesota will be flying soon. When it does, Roseville's Streets Department will be ready to roll. The City of Roseville takes pride in the snowplowing services it provides. The city makes every effort to clear snow as quickly as possible after each snow event. Plows often operate overnight, when fewer cars are on the road. Crews generally start with what the department call collectors – the most heavily trafficked roads – before moving on to other roads, cul-de-sacs and sidewalks.

On-street parking

Snow and ice removal on city streets is time consuming. To do the best job as quickly as possible, the streets crews need cooperation from residents. On-street parking is prohibited by city code after 2 inches or more of continuous snowfall. The parking ban lasts until streets have been plowed curb to curb.

Stay alert

Want to know when city snowplows are about to roll? Sign up for snowplow alerts. When 2 inches of snow has accumulated, a parking ban immediately goes into effect and parking is prohibited on all city streets. Your vehicle could be ticketed and towed. The city sends snowplow alerts via text and/or email in advance of every plow. Sign up at www.cityofroseville.com/ **receiveupdates** and click the Alert – Snow Plows link.

Residents can also stay up to date on the latest snowplow activities via the city's social media pages on Twitter, Facebook and Nextdoor. Follow @RosevillePlows or @CityofRoseville on Twitter and @CityofRosevilleMN on Facebook to find out what street maintenance crews are anticipating and when plows may be hitting the road.

See snowplows

Roseville's fleet of snowplows generally clear streets of snow during the overnight hours and typically after midnight. But there are times when crews are required to plow when roads are busier. Please stay alert and yield to snowplows. Snowplows weigh approximately 17 times more than cars, making it difficult to stop. An accident with a plow can result in significant injuries to a car's occupants. Allow at least five car lengths between your vehicle and a snowplow, and be mindful of snowplow blind spots and avoid driving into a snow cloud created by a snowplow.

Pre-treating for safety, and the environment

Roseville Streets crews treat roads with an anti-icing brine solution to make it tougher for snow and ice to stick. After it is sprayed on the streets, the solution evaporates and leaves behind thin deposits of salt. The salt prevents the bonding of snow and ice so plows can more easily scrape the street clean. The brine also reduces the amount of salt required to clear streets following a snow event. This, in turn, protects the surrounding bodies of water from salt runoff in the spring.

Shovel smart

To reduce the chances of having to shovel more than once, wait to clear the end of your driveway until your street has been plowed from curb to curb. Snowplows may plow snow from the road into driveways that have already been shoveled.

Garbage and Recycling Carts

Consider weather conditions when putting your garbage and recycling carts out on collection day. Place carts at least five feet from vehicles, mailboxes, trees, bushes and other objects. Carts should also be placed back from the end of the driveway to avoid being struck by plows and other snow removal equipment.



Hydrant Heroes

In a fire emergency, could firefighters find the hydrant near your home? Or is it buried under the snow? Make sure it is not buried. Become a Hydrant Hero. When shoveling snow, take time to shovel the snow from around the closest fire hydrant. This helps reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up a hose if there is a fire in your neighborhood.



Salt Less

When it comes to sidewalks and driveways, a little salt goes a long way. Why not try to go saltfree this winter? The easiest thing to do is shovel snow before it gets packed down to eliminate the need for salt. If salt is needed, use a light hand for application. It takes less than a 12-ounce coffee cup of salt to treat 1,000 square feet (about the size of a typical two-car driveway.) Also, salt's effectiveness lessens as temperatures drop. Salt will not melt ice if the pavement is below 15 degrees.

Mailbox Damage

City Code requires mailboxes to be set back eight inches from the curb and 48 inches above the pavement. But sometimes even properly installed mailboxes can suffer damage from snow removal operations. If you believe your mailbox has been damaged by a snowplow, report it to Public Works by calling 651-792-7004 or completing an online form at www.cityofroseville.com/mailboxrepair.

Visit www.cityofroseville.com/snow for links to Roseville's plowing and snow and ice control policies.

Socially Distant Outdoor Fun!

Snow Shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

Looking for a great socially distant winter activity? Try cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Roseville offers a groomed ski trail at the Cedarholm Community Building and Golf Course, and Parks and Recreation has a list of other groomed trails in the area. For a great place to snowshoe try the Boardwalk at Harriet Alexander Nature Center, Reservoir Woods Park or anywhere there is fluffy snow.

Don't have equipment? No problem. Parks and Recreation has a limited supply of both skis and snowshoes available for rent. For details on rentals and trails visit cityofroseville.com/ski.

Check out Roseville's Skating Rinks

Ice skating lovers, grab your skates and join the fun. Roseville offers free skating at several outdoor skating rinks – a great, socially distant outdoor activity for this winter. Depending on the weather, rinks will be open December 18 through mid-February. This winter all rinks will have outdoor, physically distanced changing areas. We plan to have warming houses open select hours with limited indoor capacity, additional cleaning, physical distance markings, masking and other social distancing protocols in place.

The following parks offer both hockey and pleasure skating rinks

Acorn Park	286 County Road C
Autumn Grove Park	1395 Lydia Ave
Lexington Park	2131 Lexington Ave
Sandcastle Park	3060 Patton Road
Villa Park	2055 Cohansey Blvd

Rinks have push button lighting so that users can turn on the lights between 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. even when the warming house is not open. In addition to the above rinks, Mapleview Park has a pleasure rink but does not have lights or warming house.

Check for more information and updates as the season nears at www. cityofroseville.com/rinks or call 651-792-7006. Activities subject to change or cancellation based on changes in the COVID-19 situation.

Walk/Run Roseville's Pathways and Trails

Did you know that the city plows more than 60 miles of pathways throughout the winter? Walking, running or even riding (with the right tires) is a great way to get safe, outdoor, wintertime exercise and can be a great break from indoor isolation.

Parks and Recreation aims to have all pathways cleared within 24 hours of the conclusion of any 2 inches or more snow event.



Settling in to a temporary new normal

As 2020 winds down, life has settled in to a (hopefully) temporary new normal in the City of Roseville. Residents, Council Members and city staff have had to reimagine old routines and adapt to new ones in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Change is never easy. But having pulled together and embraced the challenges, Roseville can be proud of the actions taken that simultaneously kept our community safe while continuing to meet the needs and expectations of residents.

From conducting city business at Council, Commission and Board meetings, to safely providing services from both in-person and remote locations, Roseville banded together weather the storm brought on by COVID-19.

Roseville began holding its meetings virtually with public participation in April. The city anticipates continuing to provide a remote participation option to the community into the New Year, when it is expected regathering for public meetings will begin.

Though City Hall remains closed to the public, most city facilities, including the License Center, Skating Center, Nature Center, Cedarholm Community Building, and more, are open and operating under safety protocols at reduced capacities.

CARES Act funds have allowed Roseville's first responders, who continue to contend with COVID-19 in their daily calls for service, to be prepared with PPE and other vital equipment. Meanwhile, the city's Public Works and Utilities services, Planning, Permit and Inspections divisions, and Administration, Finance and Information Technology departments are working at full capacity to serve the community as they have throughout the pandemic, many from remote locations.

As a needed community diversion, Parks and Recreation programming has also made a return under safety guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

With change being the only constant in life, the city remains vigilant in its role to find ways to serve the community without interruption. For more information about facilities, online and in-person services, and city meetings, call 651-792-7000 or visit www.cityofroseville.com/3469/Whats-Open-and-Closed.



OVAL Season

Grab your skates and join us for another Minnesota winter at the OVAL, 2661 Civic Center Dr. Operations may look a bit different, but we have high hopes to

continue to offer a fun season of skating. The season is set to begin Friday, November 13. Admission is \$7.00



or \$62.00 for 10-session punch card. Call 651-792-7191 ext. 2, or visit www.cityofroseville.com/skatingcenter for additional information.

New Year's Eve on Ice

Join us as we ring in 2021. It won't be Roseville's traditional New Year celebration but we plan to celebrate the New Year with a special evening at the Skating Center. Look for information at www.cityofroseville.com/skatingcenter or call 651-792-7191 ext. 2.

Virtual Holiday Craft Fair

Show your support for the Harriet Alexander Nature Center (HANC). Shop at the virtual Holiday Craft Fair.



For the past 17 years, volunteers have sponsored an annual craft fair with vendors' fees supporting HANC programs. This year, the craft fair is going online. We expect more than 55 artisans will be offering unique holiday gifts, including woodcrafts, handknit items, clothing, greeting cards, photography, paper goods, pottery, jewelry and more. Vendors will post photographs, description of items for sale, and contact information such as phone number, email addresses, website and/or social media links. Shoppers can safely peruse the webpages and contact vendors directly to make purchases. Available online at HolidayCraftFair.com from November 27 to December 31.



Photo by Mark Connolly

Community Orchard Thriving

Apples, cherries and plums; strawberries, kiwi and rhubarb; beans, tomatoes cucumbers and beets. We're not naming our favorite fruits and veggies; we're listing some of the trees, shrubs and vegetables grown at Roseville's community orchard.

In 2016 the city partnered with The Food Group to establish a community orchard with vegetables, herbs and annual flowers donated by Hennepin Technical College. Volunteers helped plant trees, shrubs and vegetables, and each year, volunteers help maintain the orchard. This year, the apple crop was donated to "Every Meal" for distribution through the Grow and Give program.

Visit www.cityofroseville.com/orchard to learn more about the orchard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Boggs at 651-792-7028 or Rachel.boggs@cityofroseville.com if you would like to volunteer.

City Receives SAFER Grant

Thanks to a generous federal grant, six new firefighters will be working in Roseville in 2021. In September, the city learned that it was the recipient of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

The \$1.87 million grant provides three years' worth of funding for Roseville to increase its number of firefighters. With the funding, the Fire Department will complete its Phase II staffing plan, which means the department will have three staffed vehicles available 24/7 to respond to fire and medical emergencies and two fire companies on the scene at any fire incident.

This ensures that the city will be better staffed to respond to emergency calls and provide for the safety of all firefighters.



Picnic Shelter Reservations to Begin in March

Roseville Parks and Recreation outdoor picnic shelters are the perfect place for your outdoor gatherings. With four locations in Central Park, there is a shelter for everyone. Picnic shelters will be available for rental from April 15 to October 15.

Due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions, shelter rental reservations are anticipated to begin Tuesday, March 2. Details on the shelter rental process, COVID-19 restrictions, 2021 shelter capacities and prices will be available at www.cityofroseville.com/picnicshelters beginning February 2. Look for more information in the next issue of the Roseville City News.

Flu Shots - Important Preventative Medicine

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that anyone 6 months of age and older get a flu vaccine. Getting a flu vaccine helps protect you from getting the flu and prevents you from passing it to people who could get very sick.

People age 65 and older, young children, especially those under 2 years old, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease and American Indian and Alaska Natives are most at risk. Although these groups are at highest risk, anyone can become very sick with flu.

Most health insurance policies cover the flu vaccine, and no-cost or low-cost options are available. Visit www.health.state.mn.us or call 651-201-5000 for more information.

RSVL A/D and CHAT Update



The Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team (RSVL A/D) is continuing to publish activities, information about care partner support services, and resources for surviving the COVID-19 pandemic on its webpage at www.cityofroseville.com/dementiainfo. Information is updated as new material becomes available.



RSVL A/D and the Roseville Community Health Action Team (CHAT) are developing virtual presentations about dementia caregiving, healthcare and the impact of COVID-19. Keep an eye on the RSVL A/D Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RsvlMNDementiaInfo for details about upcoming presentations.



The Dementia-Friendly Airports Working Group (DFAWG), an outgrowth of RSVL A/D, has developed a website with information about air travel for people living with dementia and their care partners. You can find the website at www.dementiafriendlyairports.com. Information is also applicable to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Roseville Reaches GreenStep 4

Congratulations! The City of Roseville has earned Step 4 status in the Minnesota GreenStep program. The statewide initiative, coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, preserves and protects Minnesota's environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals.

Roseville is one of 140 cities and tribal nations participating in the program. Actions taken focus on cost savings, energy-use reduction, resource conservation, climate change and civic



innovation. Roseville has worked hard to implement best practices to meet sustainability goals.



Will Ristow

Roseville will take its GreenStep efforts even further over the next year. In September, Will Ristow joined the city as a Minnesota GreenCorps member. Ristow will be with the city through August 2021.

A recent college graduate, Ristow will be creating a voluntary benchmarking system and other projects to improve the city's sustainability efforts. Some of the projects include assessing fleet inventory, providing community outreach and education and coordinating regional sustainability efforts.

For information on best practices included in the GreenStep program, visit www.MnGreenStep.org.

Visit www.pca.state.mn.us/mngreencorps, for information on GreenCorps.

Generous Donation Seeks to Expand Inclusive Opportunities in Roseville

Roseville Parks and Recreation and the Friends of Roseville Parks (FOR Parks) are working to provide expanded inclusive opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities in Central Park.

The proposed project aims to provide a more accessible, exciting and complete experience for users of all abilities. One component of the project's goals is to expand and enhance the playground at Central Park Victoria West by including all chair-friendly surfacing, additional universally-designed play equipment and a modified layout to improve play experience for users of all abilities. A second component envisions adding outdoor "fitness pods" in Central Park, which visitors of all ages can use while enjoying the park.

The city has received input from more than 130 residents, experts in inclusive play and individuals with disabilities on the proposed project through targeted outreach, in-person and virtual meetings and online feedback.

The proposed project is being funded entirely by a generous donation facilitated by the Friends of Roseville Parks.

The project is currently in development with preliminary work possible beginning as early as this fall and final completion in 2021. To find out more, visit **cityofroseville.com/inclusiveplay** or contact Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Matthew Johnson at 651-792-7102.

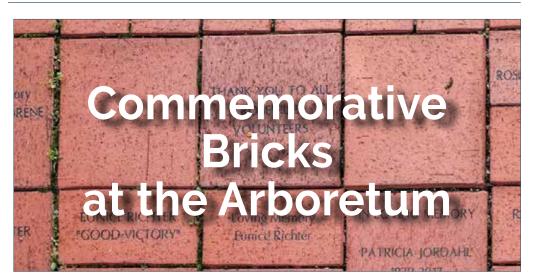


Roseville Police Officers Honored

Congratulations to Police Officer Kevin Johnson and Police Sergeant Jeff Lopez. Johnson and Lopez recently were honored by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association with the Lifesaver Award.

Officer Johnson and Sergeant Lopez were selected from law enforcement officers from across the state to receive the award. The Lifesaver Award is presented to law enforcement officers whose actions rise above the normal course of duty and involve extraordinary performance or significant risk in the course of a lifesaving action.

Johnson and Lopez were recognized for their work in disarming a person who was attempting suicide. The officers were called to the scene of a Person in Crisis and found a man who was stabbing himself. The pair quickly interceded and their actions saved the man's life.



Commemorative bricks offer a great way to celebrate or honor family or friends. Photo by Mark Connolly

Looking for a unique holiday gift? Give a personalized brick. The Central Park Muriel Sahlin Arboretum offers engraved bricks as a special way to commemorate a special occasion, to honor a loved one or to leave a lasting legacy.

Brick purchases are tax deductible. Cost is \$100 for a 4 by 8 inch engraved brick or \$200 for an 8 by 8 inch engraved brick. Visit www. rosevillecentralpark.com for an order form or call 651-792-7006 and one will be sent to you. Order by February 12 for placement in the spring.

Shop with a Cop

The weeks leading up to the season of gift giving can be a fun-filled time of year, but if a family is worried about paying for presents, it can also be a time of stress. This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has made it even more stressful for some families. Each year, Roseville police step in to help a few families experiencing a tough holiday season.

In past years, officers were paired with area youngsters to go shopping for gifts for their family members. Then they returned to the City Hall campus to wrap presents and share some holiday cheer.

This year it's going to look different. Officers will still be paired with families but they will shop online or individually, and they will have to skip wrapping the presents. Shop with a Cop gives families who have experienced traumatic events in their lives a chance to enjoy a fun afternoon and get to know police officers and others in the community. This event is funded through donations from local business and community members.

Contact Police Community Relations Coordinator Corey Yunke at **corey.yunke@cityofroseville.com** or 651-792-7209 if you have questions.

Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:

Roseville Police Department Shop with a Cop 2660 Civic Center Drive • Roseville, MN 55113 Make check payable to Roseville Police Department

VOLUNTEER, Roseville

Natural Resources Renewal Help maintain Roseville's natural resources. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at a local park to help maintain our parks. On November 21, meet at the north side of Bennett Lake in Central Park to help with savanna restoration. On December 21, meet at Villa Park, between McCarrons Blvd. and McCarrons Lake to drag and stack firewood from invasive tree species.

HANC Front Desk

Share your love of nature. Looking for volunteers, 18 years and older, to staff the nature center front desk. Greet visitors, answer phones, complete office projects, and other responsibilities. Training provided. Biweekly or monthly



shifts available 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays, or 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Check on Your Neighbors Job loss and social distancing can lead to increased isolation. Health and safety worries or not having a vehicle can make it difficult for a person to get the help they need. A phone call, a text or an offer to pick up something from the grocery store can help relieve a stressful situation.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Boggs at rachel.boggs@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7028 or visit www.cityofroseville.com/volunteer.

Our favorite type of people - volunteers!



Volunteers enhance our outreach to the community. This issue we thank arboretum volunteer **Chris Buckley**. Although Chris is not new to volunteering (he is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Red Cross) he is relatively new to volunteering in the City of Roseville.

Type of volunteering: Chris has helped set up the Wild Rice Festival and the Halloween Spook-tacular. He also helped the city select residents to serve on the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC).

Why he volunteers: Chris and his family have been impressed with the services and opportunities offered by Roseville. His family had been attending and enjoying many of the Park and Recreation activities. He wanted to help to ensure that the programming continued and to set an example for his children. Chris volunteered to be on the MAC interview panel because he believes it is important for the city to learn and grow. He appreciated the chance to hear from other residents and supports the city's efforts to foster citizen engagement.

Because he volunteers: Thanks to Chris and other volunteers, the city is able to offer many free and low cost activities for families to enjoy. Because of Chris's help, the city was able to select a strong mix of residents so that the MAC can best foster a strong relationship between the city, the police and the community.

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Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the cities
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this month's presentation and register at
www.saintpaulchamber.com.

Thursday, December 3, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, the program will be presented through the Zoom platform. Web-based meetings are free for chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

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Roseville, MN Economic Development Authority

Ramsey County Will Help Find your Next Employee

Ramsey County has created a dynamic webpage to help businesses find the right talent to grow their business and to help job seekers find the right job opportunity.

Making a great match between an employer and job seeker is the best way to ensure a vibrant economy. Ramsey County Job Connect is a free job board that provides a place for employers representing all industries to post job openings and find the right employee.

Businesses can quickly and easily post jobs while job seekers can search for opportunities by industry, location, job type and transportation needs. Visit www.ramseycountymeansbusiness. com/workforce/jobconnect to learn more.

City Receives Award

Congratulations to the City of Roseville! Roseville was named the 2020 Minnesota Real Estate Municipality of the Year by the Minnesota Real Estate Journal. Roseville was honored for the work the Economic Development Authority has been doing to support Roseville businesses.

Business Success Stories

Artistic Finishes

2224 Terminal Road www.artisticfinishes.com



Artistic Finishes is a premier custom floor moldings and accessories business-to-business company. Founded in 1985 and located in Roseville since 1989, Artistic Finishes started as a finisher of wood products. The owners saw a lack of options for customers in the hardwood accessories market and a growing need for innovation in the field.

In 1995, Artistic Finishes found its role in the world of manufacturing, evolving into a prefinished hardwood accessories manufacturing company that offers finishes and durability that match prefinished hardwood floors. It quickly grew from a three-employee company to its current 90 employees. Artistic Finishes has sales in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

As with many companies, COVID-19 has impacted Artistic Finishes' business. While the company was deemed essential, it recognized that its employees' health and well-being was its highest priority. They took a proactive approach to doing business by following CDC recommendations and educating employees on safety protocols.

Artistic Finishes saw a downturn in business in March and April, but business in the following months quickly rebounded and grew, in large part because of home remodeling as more and more people continue to work from home.

Artistic Finishes' business philosophy in one of continuous improvement. One of its main focuses has been Investment in Human Capital, encouraging team members to get outside its four walls and see and learn what others are doing. Team members are involved in educational seminars, peer group meetings and training certifications. The company has partnered with another manufacturer to expand the growth of its continuous improvement leaders.

Earlier this year, the Manufacturers Alliance selected Artistic Finishes the 2020 Manufacturer of the Year in the small business category. Artistic Finishes accepted this award for its contribution and cooperation with other manufacturers.

The Manufacturers Alliance is a group of more than 500 manufacturing companies. It brings local manufacturers together to celebrate and recognize manufacturers who share improvement experiences with fellow manufacturers in a cooperative fashion.



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New Commercial Properties Under Construction in Roseville

Oasis at Twin Lakes 1, 2, 3	2705-2745 Hershel St	Family apartments (224 units)
Isaac Apartments	2740 Fairview Ave	127 unit building
Tareen Dermatology	2720 Fairview Ave	Second story build out
TVH	2501 Rosegate	Tenant improvements
Roseville Estates	2599 Lexington Ave	Rebuild storm shelter
Roseville Terrace	1760 Fernwood Ave	New 18 unit garage

An interactive map of new construction in Roseville is available at **growroseville.com/development-map**







