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Roseville. A Way of Life.



The year 2020 brought many challenges. We offer a special thanks to the essential workers who provide health care, teach our children, care for the elderly, serve food, stock shelves and so much more through this global pandemic. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who make masks or donate goods and foods to those in need. Thanks to the firefighters, police officers, public works crews and city staff who remain on duty through such challenging times. Although we haven't mentioned the contributions of many, we recognize and appreciate all you have done for the community.

The Roseville City Council and staff wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

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# Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure

Look inside for the 2021 Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure. Because of COVID-19, many of the parks and recreation offerings have been temporarily modified. In lieu of a winter brochure, we've included an insert in the newsletter to promote winter programming. We are offering many of the same programs and services, but modified to incorporate COVID-19 related safety measures. Check out the center pages to find the many ways you can safely get involved in Roseville Parks and Recreation!



# **Roseville City Council**

One familiar and one new face will be serving on Roseville's City Council for the next four years. Councilmember Jason Etten was re-elected, while Julie Strahan was elected to her first term on the Council. They will serve with Mayor Dan Roe and Councilmembers Wayne Groff and Robert Willmus, whose terms run through 2022.



Councilmember Jason Etten enters his third term on the Council. Jason grew up in Roseville and returned with his wife Jessica in 2004 to raise their family. The couple has two children, Tommy and Abby. Prior to taking his seat on the Council, Jason served the community as a volunteer and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jason is a teacher and choir director at Irondale High School in the Mounds View Public School District. He has a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.



Councilmember Julie Strahan is beginning her first term. She has lived in Roseville with her husband Frank since 2002. The couple has three children, Cormac, Maggie and Kathleen. Julie has been actively involved in a variety of community organizations, volunteering and serving on several arts boards. Currently, Julie is the Human Resources Director for Rakma Homes, a nonprofit residential housing company. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree from Minnesota State, Mankato.

The Councilmembers will be sworn in and begin their terms at the January 4 City Council meeting.

# Roseville's State of the City

Hear the latest about Roseville. We invite you to join Mayor Dan Roe as he presents the 2021 State of the City Address. Mayor Roe will reflect on the past year and discuss how the city is moving forward. He will give the State of the City Address during the February Roseville Business Council meeting.

Wednesday, February 24 • 7:30 a.m. Visit **growroseville.com/events** to register

The address will be available on-demand on **www.cityofroseville.com/webstreaming** and replayed on Cable Channel 16. The community can also watch the address live on the city's Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/CityofRosevilleMN**.



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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

> 651-792-7080 Permits

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

Utility Problems (after hrs)

651-767-0640

Police Non-

Emergency 9-1-1

**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.

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#### **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

651-635-1600

Ramsey County Library

651-628-6803

Roseville Area 651-604-3520 Senior Program

Roseville

Circulator Bus Info 612-373-3333

Roseville

Post Office 651-631-0628

# **City Council Roundup**

The City Council meets several times a month. Here are highlights of actions the Council has taken over the past two months.

- Discussed possible regulations governing short-term rentals of homes in Roseville
- Approved an ordinance amending City Code chapters 801, 802 and 803 to update and amend water, sewage and drainage code
- Discussed changes to cigarette and tobacco codes to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products and directed staff to bring forward an ordinance for future consideration
- Discussed scope of work for consultant to update the zoning code to ensure compliance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and entered into a contract with HKGi, Inc. for those services
- Approved an ordinance to support fast food restaurant drive-thru's as a conditional use in the Community Mixed-Use-4 zoning districts
- Approved hiring Culture Brokers, LLC to provide Roseville with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consultant services
- Approved entering into a Metro-INET Joint Powers Authority agreement regarding IT services
- Received utility rate study that reviewed water and storm drainage fund and modified water utility rates based on that study.
- Approved issuing a bond to fund \$2.5 million in short-term water utility capital infrastructure needs
- Approved 2021 budget and tax levy, utility rates, EDA budget and fee schedule Council meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are open to the public. We encourage you to attend meetings when held at city hall or take part in virtual meetings by registering at www.cityofroseville.com/attendmeeting. Meetings are also streamed at www.cityofroseville. com/webstreaming and aired on Cable Channel 16. Meeting schedule is subject to change. See the calendar at www.cityofroseville.com or call 651-792-7001 for meeting dates.

**Upcoming City Council Meetings:** January 4, 11, 25 • February 8, 22

# **Know the Code**

Keep warm and know the code! We're offering a few winter reminders.

- Be respectful of your neighbor's property; do not blow or shovel snow onto their driveway or yard. It can create issues between neighbors and could damage their property.
- State law prohibits pushing snow onto the street, pathways or boulevards. This delays plowing and causes traffic hazards for the traveling public.
- Noise laws do not apply to snow removal equipment, but we encourage residents to be courteous about using them late at night or early in the morning.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants so emergency vehicles can respond quickly if there is a fire.
- Place garbage carts and recycling bins at least three feet from the curb at the end of your driveway – not in the roadway. You risk having your cart knocked over by a snowplow.
- Ensure your mailbox can withstand a Minnesota winter; inspect it for needed repairs. For uninterrupted mail delivery, keep access to your mailbox clear of snow.
- City code requires commercial property owners or managers (including multi-family buildings) to remove snow and ice from pathways and sidewalks around their properties where the public has access within 12 hours after a snowfall ends. Contact the property owner if the sidewalk in front of their business has not been cleared.
- Although it may be a hassle, apartment managers or property owners are not required to clear the interior common areas of private property, including driveways or parking lots. Contact Code Enforcement at complaints@cityofroseville.com or call 651-792-7014 if you have questions.

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# Salary Notification

Minnesota State Statute 471.701 states, "a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees." For Roseville, titles and salaries as of January 2021:

- City Manager \$171,698
- Public Works Director \$149,587
- Finance Director \$146,609





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# **Roseville Equity** Consultant

The City of Roseville is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all. In October the City Council approved a contract with Culture Brokers, LLC, to help the city identify barriers and to coordinate efforts to integrate racial equity principles into operations, projects and services offered by the city.

The goal of hiring a consultant includes creating permanent change that will make Roseville and the larger community a beacon of racial equity.

"These changes will impact every staff member, department, project, program and service that the city provides. It will help transform the organization by building capacity and utilizing an equity lens throughout the decision making processes and the delivery of services," said City Manager Patrick Trudgeon.

The city recognizes that there are historical, institutional and systemic barriers to services and opportunities for people of color, and Roseville is committed to promoting equitable service delivery and closing the gap among key indicators of success.

Minneapolis-based Culture Brokers has extensive experience working on longterm racial equity initiatives with government and private businesses. The city is partnering with Culture Brokers through 2021 to work toward undoing these barriers by implementing proven short- and longterm strategies designed to improve outcomes for all communities.





Earl Ross

# CultureBrokers® LLC

# **City Council Updates Utility Rate Structure**

The City Council adopted a new utility rate structure for 2021. The new rate structure is based on usage rather than fixed fees. It aims to address a growing inequality between residential and commercial users, encourage conservation and bring Roseville's utility rates in line with industry standards. The new rates will also cure the steadily declining cash balance in the Water Utility Fund used for water system maintenance and improvements.

Last summer, city staff initiated a study of Roseville's utility fees. The study found that residential customers were using about 41 percent of the city's water, while paying for 56 percent. To address this imbalance, the city lowered the base (fixed) rate for single family residential properties. Non-single family properties – commercial, Industrial, and apartments – will see some increases in base rates.

In addition to the base rate, the new rate structure for single family residential properties includes three consumption-based usage tiers to encourage conservation – Tier 1 (essential, up to 15,000 gallons per quarter); Tier 2 (15,000-30,000 gallons per quarter); and Tier 3 (more than 30,000 gallons per quarter).

New rates and usage tiers have also been instituted for apartment properties, which were previously billed under the commercial rates, as well as commercial properties.

No changes were made to the city's other utility fee models for recycling, storm drainage, sanitary sewer and state fees.

## **Quarterly Residential Utility Rates**

Service	2020	2021
Recycling Fee	\$9.00	\$9.30
Storm Drainage	\$14.25	\$14.54
State Fee	\$2.43	\$2.43
Sanitary Sewer		
Basic Service Fee	\$40.25	41.66
Usage Rate	2.60/1,000 gal.	2.60/1,000 gal.
Water		
Basic Service Fee	\$62.10	\$34.57
Usage up to 30,000 gals/qtr	\$2.30/1,000 gal.	See new
Over 30,000 gals./qtr – winter rate	\$2.55/1,000 gal.	rates below
Over 30,000 gals./qtr – summer rate	\$2.75/1,000 gal.	
Water Usage		
Usage up to 15,000 gals/qtr		\$3.18/1,000 gal.
Usage 15,000-30,000 gals/qtr		\$3.98/1,000 gal.
Usage more than 30,000 gals/qtr		\$4.98/1,000 gal.

# **Council Adopts** 2021 Budget, Tax Levy

The City Council has approved a \$62.8 million budget for 2021. The budget calls for the city to hold the line on spending and increases Roseville's budget just over one percent compared to 2020.

The budget continues to fund all existing city programs and services and covers inflationary costs for staff and equipment, plus the addition of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager and additional public safety personnel. The budget also includes state bonding funds of \$3.9 million that were granted to the city to make operational repairs to the Guidant John Rose Minnesota OVAL.

The result of the limited spending increase combined with commercial property values outpacing residential values in 2021 will result in many residential property owners seeing a small decrease in the city portion of their 2021 tax bill.

The tax levy's impact on residents will vary depending on a property's value and change in value compared to 2020. For the median-valued Roseville home, valued at \$280,600, the preliminary levy calls for a slight decrease in residential property taxes of about \$1.90 per month.

Commercial and residential property taxes will generate approximately \$23.7 million in revenue or 38 percent of the city's 2021 budget. The remaining balance of the budget is paid for from fees for services and user charges, intergovernmental transfers and other sources such as investments, assessments and franchise fees.

The City Council also adopted a tax levy of \$453,670 on behalf of the Roseville Economic Development Authority (REDA). The adopted total is a decrease of about \$10,000 compared to 2020 and will result in a small additional reduction in the property taxes paid on a median-valued Roseville home.

For more information on Roseville's 2021 budget or tax levy, visit www.cityofroseville.com/ **budgetinfo** or contact Finance Director Michelle Pietrick at Michelle.Pietrick@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7031.

# Commissions -**At Your Service**

You can get involved in city government – serve on a city advisory commission.

Roseville's advisory commissions provide a path to shape decisions on issues of interest to the community. Commissions offer a great way to gather citizen input and make recommendations to the City Council.

Most commissions meet once a month and members serve three-year terms. Visit www.cityofroseville.com/ **commissions** or call 651-792-7001 to get information about vacancies and to request an application.

#### **Roseville Advisory Commissions**

- Ethics
- Finance
- Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning
- Police Civil Service
- Public Works, Environment and Transportation



Roseville uses single-sort recycling. Drop recyclables, including cardboard boxes, mail, newspapers and magazines, plastic containers (#1, #2 and #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 day.

Many items do not belong in the recycling cart. That includes plastic bags, scrap metal, batteries, Styrofoam, needles and syringes, electronics and other non-recyclable items. They impact the sorting process at the recycling facility and can pose a danger to workers

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 in addition to English. Call 612-669-2783, ext. 1. for assistance.

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# Protect Against Identity Theft

It's tax season. Mail thieves will be looking for opportunities to grab your personal information.

W-2s will be delivered to homes soon. W-2s include names, social security numbers and salary. That's all the information needed for someone to steal your identity. Take steps to lower your risk of being a victim of identity theft.

- Ask your employer about picking up your W-2 in person or sending an electronic W-2 statement through a secure system rather than through the mail.
- Pick up the mail as soon as it is delivered. If you can't pick it up immediately, consider purchasing a locking mailbox, where mail can be dropped in but a key is required to retrieve the mail.
- Talk with your neighbors. Watch each other's mailboxes. Have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail when expecting tax forms to be delivered.
- If you see suspicious behavior or a mail thief, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- If you believe your mail has been stolen, call the police at 651-767-0640 and report it to the post office at 1-877-876-2455 or usps.com/postalinspectors.

Contact Police Community Relations Coordinator Corey Yunke at corey.yunke@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7209 for additional tips to prevent identity theft.



The City of Roseville's bonding request on behalf of the Guidant John Rose Minnesota OVAL was included in the 2020 Capital Budget Bonding Bill passed by both houses of the state legislature and signed by Governor Tim Walz in October.

Roseville was granted \$3.9 million in the bill. The funds will safeguard the future of the statewide recreation asset by enabling the city to fund critical operational maintenance to the 25-year old facility. Included among the essential renovations are replacement of much of the refrigeration system and brine pumping systems and repairs to the concrete refrigeration rink and infrastructure.

Renovation work on the OVAL is expected to begin as soon as the 2020-21 skating season ends. The city will include the renovation timeline in the March/April edition of City News.

Since its original construction in the 1990s, the state's investment in the Minnesota OVAL has allowed skaters from around the state, country, and world to use, train, and compete at a world-class level right here in Minnesota.

Boasting the largest continuous outdoor sheet of refrigerated ice in North America at 110,000 sq. ft., the OVAL is both a training and competition center for amateur and professional athletes as well as a statewide recreational destination.



As we write this newsletter, we're hearing promising news about the development of a COVID-19 vaccine. After living with COVID restrictions for so long, when will we return to normal? What will be normal?

In spite of the disruption COVID has caused on our lives, Roseville continues to see a strong investment in the community. By October 2020, Roseville had seen an \$85.7 million investment in new construction and a \$15.2 million investment in remodel/alternation/expansion valuation. Although many of the projects were initiated before COVID, developers remain committed to finishing these projects. Because of that, Roseville continues to see strong economic development.

Community Development Director Janice Gundlach noted that while construction activity remains steady, several restaurants and office spaces have closed and/or vacating. Gundlach also noted that following the 2008 recession, it took two years before seeing a slow-down in building permit activity. The city will remain cautious in the upcoming two years as we understand the longer-term impact COVID will have on the local economy.

Although economic development numbers look strong, the toll COVID has taken on small businesses and workers is more difficult to measure. Thousands of people lost their jobs and their safety nets. Small businesses closed and communities have forever been changed.

The city took steps to help ease some financial burdens. Business and liquor licenses were prorated or refunded, waivers for outdoor dining were approved and utility late fees were forgiven. The city partnered with Every Meal and volunteers to distribute food and masks.

The city continues to work with county, state and federal governments to distribute federal CARES Act funds that support small business, housing, employment opportunities, and other efforts to ensure our businesses and residents get the help they need during this unprecedented time.

**Business and Residential Resources** 

growroseville.com • ramseycounty.us/FoodResources • 888-711-1151

# Fire Promotes Three

Your safety is the city's top priority. And to help ensure your safety, the Fire Department is making some changes. Dan Concha, Ted Larson, and Josh Waylander have been promoted to the position of lieutenant. Lieutenant is a new position going into 2021.

The lieutenant is a supervisory role that will take on a significant part of the day-to-day shift leadership in the Fire Department.

"These are new and exciting positions for the Fire Department," said assistant fire chief David Brosnahan.

"(The lieutenants) will play a pivotal leadership role in our day-to-day operations and response. All three of these new lieutenants are well qualified to take on this role and have a unique and exciting opportunity ahead of them."

The lieutenants report to the shift battalion chief and will be responsible for supervising on-shift firefighters. They will also oversee coordinating responses, daily training, and duties around the fire station.



Ted Larson



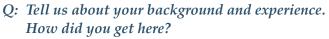
Dan Concha



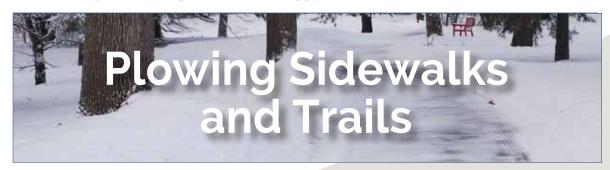
Josh Waylander

**Meet Darrin Wood** 

Serving as Roseville's Streets Foreman can be a bit of a thankless job. When you oversee everything from watermain breaks and street repairs, to pothole repairs, snow plowing and more, complaints can outnumber the pats on the back. Those considerations mean little to new Streets Foreman Darrin Wood. He just wants to serve Roseville's residents to the best of his ability. Darrin began his new role last summer. He joined the Streets Department in 2014 after working in road construction in the private sector for more than nine years.



- A: I started out as an entry level street maintenance worker and worked my way up. I decided to enter the career development program and that allowed me to earn an APWA (American Public Works Association) certificate at the University of Minnesota. Through that course work I was able to learn the bigger picture of public works, including management, and that got me interested in taking on more responsibility.
- Q: What are the primary responsibilities of this role?
- A: It's a supervisory role that serves as the main point of communication between management and employees (street maintenance workers). This position oversees daily job scheduling and job site quality, ensures that tasks are properly staffed, maintains equipment and answers the needs of residents.
- Q: What intrigued you about this position? What made you want to take on this role?
- A: Before coming to Roseville I had previously managed both crews and projects and have always enjoyed that responsibility. I received positive feedback from those I had managed in the past. So when the opportunity became available here I knew I could succeed. I have a good working relationship with the crews and have a lot of drive to do well at my job.
- Q: Are there challenges about this position that are unique to Roseville?
- A: Our pipes are from the 1960s or older so we are constantly fighting the battle of watermain breaks, especially when temperatures swing. We also have a lot of people that commute to or through Roseville. So we have a lot of eyes on our city and people notice the job we do and how we respond to our responsibilities of maintaining our
- Q: If you could tell residents one thing they might not know about your job or snow plowing, what would you want them to know?
- A: When I look at the big picture, I think what residents should know is that we are here to serve them. We are here to provide a service to the residents of Roseville and that's why we are employed. At the end of the day that is what we take pride in. The ultimate goal is to keep our residents happy.



Did you know that the city's Parks and Recreation Department is in charge of clearing Roseville's sidewalks, trails and pathways after a snow event? While Public Works maintains city streets and some parking lots, Parks and Recreation crews keep Roseville's sidewalks and trails as free of snow and ice as possible and safe for pedestrians.

The City of Roseville has more than 60 miles of public sidewalks and trails. That makes for a lot of plowing after each shot of snow. Staff's goal is to clear those walkways within 24 hours of each storm, but they occasionally are required to make a second pass on day two if pathways, especially on bridge decks and overpasses, become re-covered by snow from city or county snowplows.

Depending on the snow event and the time of year, crews employ different snowclearing tools. The city has three specialized machines to remove snow from sidewalks. These machines can be fitted with a specially designed spinning broom, a plow blade or a blower. In select areas where the sidewalks are wide enough, crews use a bobcat. Park trails are generally cleared using pick-up trucks fitted with blades and plows.

All this snow clearing can leave some snow behind. Crews do their best to minimize this spillover on to driveways by trying to blow or push snow ahead. Still, not all snow and ice can be removed, so use caution walking after a snow event.

Snow removal can be slowed by obstacles in the right of way. Crews ask that residents help crews keep moving by making sure that trash cans are not on the sidewalk or in the boulevard on trash days.

Crews generally clear snow in order of priority, with school routes and walking areas at the top of the list. Sidewalks leading out from school areas and major roads are next, followed by any residential or industrial areas for which the city is responsible. Retail areas and private pathways are the responsibility of property owners.

Park priorities are determined by usage, programs and rentals schedules.

Keeping sidewalks and trails safe for pedestrians during a Minnesota winter is a big job. Thankfully, Roseville's Parks and Recreation crews are up to the challenge.



Candlelight Snowshoeing Help set up and clean up at the snowshoeing event on Friday, January 29 at Cedarholm Golf Course. Volunteer from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Renewal Help maintain Roseville's natural resources. Volunteers each month at a local park. Join us on MLK Day, Monday, January 18, for the annual Natural Resources Planning Day. On Saturday, February 20 help with buckthorn removal near Villa Park.

**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. Three-hour shifts available Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; on-call shifts also available.

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. In this issue, we thank **Terry Newby** for volunteering.

Types of volunteering: Terry volunteers for playground builds, buckthorn/weed clearing outings in city parks, and events at Harriet Alexander Nature Center. He also served as a member and chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Currently Terry is a member of the Police Department Multi-cultural Advisory Committee (MAC), a new group charged with advising the Roseville Police Department on issues facing minority communities in Roseville.

Why he volunteers: Terry volunteers because Roseville is a great community, and volunteering is his way of giving back to the city he has called home since 2001.

Best thing about volunteering: Terry said the best thing about volunteering is meeting like-minded Roseville residents and knowing that he is doing his part to keep Roseville a great community.

Because he volunteers: Thanks to volunteers like Terry, the city can offer a variety of lowcost programs and events for the community to enjoy. Terry's involvement in the MAC will play a critical role in shaping Roseville's future into a stronger, more equitable and more welcoming community for all.



## Picnic Shelter Reservations

Roseville offers four outdoor picnic shelters that will be available for rental from April 15 to October 15. Due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions, the city plans to start accepting picnic shelter reservations in early March. Details on the shelter rental process, COVID-19 restrictions, 2021 shelter capacities and prices will be available at www.cityofroseville.com/picnicshelters in February. Please call 651-792-7006 if you have questions.



# Summer Fun – Summer Jobs

Who wants a job where work is play? It's not too early to be looking for a summer job. Roseville Parks and Recreation is hiring. Qualifications include being a responsible, creative, enthusiastic, reliable and punctual employee who loves working with kids of all ages.

We have a variety of positions, including seasonal sport coaches and seasonal recreation staff and leads to work with youth at camps, special events and preschool programs. You can even kick off your acting career by performing skits with the puppet wagon.

Hours and pay vary depending on job. Seasonal recreation staff work 20 to 40 hours per week, while seasonal sport coaches typically work 15 to 25 per week. Positions run through mid-August, with some extended to Labor Day.

#### Information/Applications

- www.cityofroseville.com/jobs select the seasonal/temporary link
- First consideration deadline: February 1
- Final deadline: March 1
- Interviews: Begin mid-February
- Mandatory staff training: June 14-19
- Hours may be available for workers who can start earlier
- Questions: 651-792-7006

## **Dementia-Friendly Air Travel**

The Dementia-Friendly Airports Working Group (DFAWG), an offshoot of RSVL A/D, has launched a new website with information about air travel for people living with dementia and their care partners. The site, <a href="https://www.dementiafriendlyairports.com">www.dementiafriendlyairports.com</a>, includes detailed suggestions on the entire flight process from booking to arrival. The information is also useful for seniors and persons with disabilities.

DFAWG's work to make air travel dementia-friendly includes promoting the adoption of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program (hiddendisabilitiesstore.com). The program enables people to self-identify as someone with a hidden/invisible disability – dementia, autism spectrum, deaf and hard of hearing, etc. DFAWG is seeking allies in the hidden disabilities communities to help expand the use of the Sunflower Program. To connect with DFAWG, email hiddendisabilitiesairports@gmail.com with the subject line: sunflower.



## **Exploring Virtual Presentations**

The Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team (RSVL A/D) continues to publish activities, care partner support services, and resources for surviving the pandemic and COVID-19 on the RSVL A/D webpage at

www.cityofroseville.com/dementiainfo. RSVL A/D is also working to find a platform for its Dementia: Caring & Coping virtual presentations on dementia caregiving, healthcare topics, and the impact of COVID-19.

The initial series will feature presentations by staff from Lyngblomsten, FamilyMeans, Wilder Aging Services, St. Paul Jewish Family Services, St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, Brookdale North Oaks, Embracing Journeys, RSVL A/D, and educator and consultant Ted Bowman. Presentation information will be posted on the Rsvl A/D Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RsvlMNDementialnfo">www.facebook.com/RsvlMNDementialnfo</a> and in Roseville City News updates.



# EVERY MEAL Providing Free Food

The City of Roseville and Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story) continue to make food available for anyone in need. Bags of food are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the vestibule at the Roseville Fire Station, located at 2701 Lexington Ave. Stop in; help yourself. No identification needed.

#### Do You Need a Mask?

The Fire Department has cloth masks for anyone in need thanks to the generous donations from many volunteers who have been making and donating homemade masks. Firefighters collect the masks, wash them and distribute them.

If you would like a mask, stop in at fire station and ask a firefighter for one. If you need a large quantity of masks for your place of business, apartment/condominium, place of worship or any other large group, contact Fire Department Assistant Emily Nelson at <a href="mailto:emily.nelson@cityofroseville.com">emily.nelson@cityofroseville.com</a> or 651-792-7309 to make arrangements to have masks delivered.



Seniors, looking for a new way to thrive through COVID-19? Roseville Area Schools offers support through the Roseville Area Senior Program (RASP). Although the drop-in lounge is closed indefinitely,

RASP offers a variety of computer-based classes that touch on a range of topics – everything from defensive driving to growing vegetables, exercise, finances and more.

RASP publishes a bi-monthly newsletter with helpful information, including at-home exercises, fun and educational resources, health and safety tips, entertainment and other fun topics. The newsletter is available by email or through the mail.

RASP also coordinates two meal programs: **Meals on Wheels** provides meals for adults over 60 years and certified disabled adults who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. There is a service fee for the meals based on a participant's annual income.

**The Flaming Spoon** offers takeout or curbside meals, weekdays from 11:00 to noon. Cost is \$4.50 per meal.

Visit www.isd623.org/RASP or call 651-604-3520 for information on classes, how to enroll in Meals on Wheels, Flaming Spoon menus and more.

## **January: Radon Action Month**

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in soil. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon can make its way into homes through cracks in the basement, and around pipes, sump pumps or drains. Homes in Ramsey County are at a high risk for elevated radon levels so it is important to test your home to see if it has elevated radon levels. Fortunately, it is easy to test.

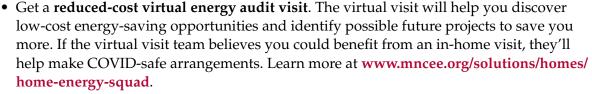
The Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health's Environmental Health Division offers \$2.00 radon test kits. Call them at 651-266-1199 or visit <a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/radon">www.ramseycounty.us/radon</a> to order a kit. If your home has a high radon count, the county will provide information on what you can do to remove radon from your home.

# Make your New Year Sustainable

Roseville has made it a priority to protect our valuable natural resources. The city is working to build a sustainable future for all. In recent years, the city has installed solar panels and geothermal technology to reduce the need of electricity from the grid, promoted and improved surface water quality by installing stormwater practices that help filter runoff, reduced salt usage by implementing smarter salting techniques, prioritized the city's fleet to transition to electric and/or hybrid vehicles, and purchased the city's first electric vehicle.

Minnesota GreenCorps volunteer Will Ristow will be working with the city through August 2021, creating ways to improve the city's sustainability efforts. Many of the ideas will address how the city does business. Other projects will include how residents can have an impact on our sustainability. We've listed a few things you can do right now to help protect the environment. Look for additional information in upcoming newsletters.

- Dispose of natural trees, wreaths and other holiday décor for free at a Ramsey County Yard Waste site. Visit RamseyRecycles.com/yardwaste or call 651-633-(EASY) 3279 for locations.
- Compost food scraps. Add to your home composting or drop food scraps at the Leaf Recycling Center, 2580 Dale St. Learn more about composting at www.cityofroseville.com/organics.
- Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt a Drain encourages residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. Visit cityofroseville.com/adopt-a-drain to learn more.



 Help protect our water supply through easy water conservation steps, including fixing leaks, replacing old toilets or turning off the tap. Get water conservations tips for your kitchen, bath and garden at www.cityofroseville.com/2021/Water-Conservation



In July 2020, the City of Roseville was accepted into Xcel Energy's **Partners in Energy** (PIE) Program. The PIE program assists communities in developing

and implementing energy plans. By being a part of PIE, Roseville can meet its energy goals and help residents and businesses reduce their energy bills and carbon

The PIE program is a two-year commitment and will include an **Energy Action Team** developing a strategic energy action plan and working to implement the energy plan. Roseville will work closely with Xcel Energy providing guidance, education, and resources for staff, businesses, and residents to achieve energy goals by specific target dates.

The Energy Action Team includes local leaders, business owners, and residents working together to outline energy goals and plans. With the guidance of Xcel Energy, the team serves as a key stakeholder group for the planning and implementation of Roseville's Energy Action Plan. Get more information at www.cityofroseville.com/ Partners-in-Energy or call 651-792-7049.

# Students: Speak Out

The year 2020 has been a one of upheaval and unrest: the death of George Floyd (and other people of color), protests against police brutality, calls for reform, calls for basic human rights, the rise of the Black Lives Matter, and COVID-19. These events have had profound effects on our community and on our lives.

The Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission invites students to create something that addresses one or more of the issues, express why it is important to them and tell how it has changed them.

Any student in middle or high school living in Roseville is encouraged to participate. Students can submit an essay, poem, song or other form of written expression, or a painting, drawing, collage, photograph or other form of visual arts. Sorry, no video or audio submissions will be accepted.

Because of COVID-19, judging will be suspended and no prizes will be given, but certificates of merit will be awarded to all participants. Depending on the number of submissions, some form of public acknowledgement will be made.

Students can submit work as an individual or part of a group and can express themselves in the language in which they are most comfortable.

Instructions for submission, additional information: www.cityofroseville.com/HRIEC Submit entries by: March 15

Questions: Contact Rebecca Olson rebecca.olson@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7446



The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted much of the programming the city can offer. The following events are scheduled to take place, with CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines being followed. Final decisions to cancel or modify an event generally will occur two weeks before the event. Please call the numbers listed or visit www.cityofroseville.com to confirm events.



## Candlelight Snowshoeing

Snowshoe by the light of the moon along candlelit trails throughout Cedarholm Golf Course, then safely distance and enjoy hot cocoa around the outdoor fire. Friday, January 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For participants 12 years and older. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Snowshoes available to rent for an additional cost. Visit www.cityofroseville.com/parks to register.

### Big-Little Activity Day

Spend time with the special kid in your life. Kids ages 4 to 12 with an adult, join us on Saturday, February 27 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Roseville Skating Center. Kidcreate Studio will lead a guided art project where each pair creates a garden on canvas. Enjoy a snack pack and get a goodie bag full of fun to take home. Cost is \$50 per pair and \$20 for additional child. Discounted OVAL Skate passes and rentals available to enjoy after the event. Strict social distancing will be followed. Visit www.cityofroseville.com/parks to register.

## Bakery Bus in a Box

Join Milwaukee Food & City Tours on a Zoom tour and enjoy sweet treats from ethnic bakeries from across the City of Milwaukee. Interactive discussion about Milwaukee's immigrant past and a chance to meet the makers behind the treats. Treats will be delivered to participants' homes. Tuesday, February 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Cost is \$73. Visit www.cityofroseville.com/parks to register.

### **AARP Tax Aide**

Free, confidential service provided by IRS trained and certified community volunteers to help senior citizens and anyone with middle or low income to complete their taxes. At the time the newsletter went to print, a decision about whether AARP will offer assistance in Roseville had not been made. Call 1-888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/taxaide for more information.

Caution: Participants are required to wear masks and to follow appropriate social distancing instructions at community events. If possible, hand sanitizer will be available, but we encourage participants to bring their own supplies.

# BUSINESSIEWS

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# Free Events for Roseville Businesses

#### Roseville Business Council

Take part in the Roseville Business Council and meet other Roseville business owners and employees to hear important information about our community.

The council meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings are being conducted virtually.

#### January 27 · 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Regional Analyst Tim O'Neill will provide a look at the current labor market.

#### February 24 · 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Dan Roe will give Roseville's State of the City Address. He will highlight activities and successes of the city over the past year and discuss issues the city will address in 2021.

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#### **Business Education Series**

Stay connected.

Attend our small business breakfast seminar.

We are hosting the bi-monthly Business Education Series in partnership with the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the cities of Shoreview and Maplewood. The educational programs are geared towards business - large or small - for training and development. Join us on Thursday, January 7 at 8:00 a.m. for an online presentation. The current environment demands organizational agility: setting plans and budgets in the face of increasing uncertainty, having the flexibility to reset priorities and shift resources to more important or urgent needs. None of us have that crystal ball, and it appears that uncertainty will last for awhile. So what are some emerging good practices to help leaders plan and manage in continuing uncertain times? Web-based meetings are free to chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

## Stay in touch

Send your contact information to **eda@cityofroseville.com** to receive email notifications or visit **growroseville.com/events** for the latest information on topics and speakers.

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#### **Rosedale Center**

1595 Highway 36 W Jones Lang LaSalle, Incorporated rosedalecenter.com



Rosedale Center opened in 1969 and draws more than 14 million visitors each year. It is operated by Jones Lang LaSalle, Incorporated (JLL, Inc.) and is one of the most recognizable landmarks in Roseville. The shopping center has more than 1.1 million square feet of retail space and more than 140 stores and dining options. An average of 1,200 employees work at Rosedale each day.

Rosedale recognizes that guests' expectations of malls have changed over the past five decades. The types of stores have changed and now feature popup boutiques and specialty shops, including local and independent shops, along with many of the familiar stores.

Guests now want experiences as well as shopping when at the mall, so Rosedale continually looks for ways to creatively use the space and encourage more people to visit. In recent years, Rosedale has introduced art hunts, wrestling matches, drag shows, a Halloween haunted house, charitable events and other activities to draw visitors.

Like many businesses, Rosedale suffered losses when COVID-19 hit. The day that businesses closed, Rosedale put safety protocols into action and ramped up its high tech approach to doing business, introducing virtual experiences and increasing its social media presence.

Rosedale will be making substantial changes to the mall over the next several years. In 2020, the road around the mall was reconfigured in both direction. Beginning in 2021, it will be adding senior and general occupancy residential housing, grocery store, hotels, office space and retail space in the area that once housed the Herbergers Store. Amenities will include structured parking, public gathering/event space and a public plaza. In addition, PNC Bank, Raising Cane's and Caribou will be built on the property outlot west of the Macy's store.

To View More Successful Businesses in 'The Center of it All,' Visit: growroseville.com/success-stories

## **Building Your Workforce**

Roseville Area High School (RAHS) Career Navigator Brynn McConnell will help Roseville businesses find their next employee.

Employers across many fields are often unable to fill high-demand, high-wage jobs that require specialized skills training but do not require a college degree. Oftentimes, students do not have the training or coursework that prepares them to enter into these careers.

RAHS is working to change that. RAHS hired McConnell to work with business and community partners to identify career opportunities, create training and educational opportunities and connect students to hands-on learning experiences.

McConnell will work with businesses to create internship and experiential learning opportunities including job shadowing, hands-on learning, classroom learning and other ways to prepare students for employment. McConnell is collaborating with Career and Technical Education teachers and working with students to develop these programs, but they need businesses to come forward to help identify learning needs and opportunities.

Businesses interested in working with RAHS can contact McConnell at **brynn.mcconnell@isd623.org**. Additional information is available at **www.isd623.org/careerpathways**.

New Commercial
Properties Under
Construction in
Roseville

US Bank	1101 Larpenteur Ave	Remodel
Mi-Sant	1881 Highway 36	Interior remodel
Total Wine	2401 Fairview Ave	Interior remodel
Artforge	1995 County Road B2	Office build out
A2 Art Storage	2830 Fairview Ave	Remodel
CTV	2670 Arthur St	Remodel
Metro Transit	2550 Walnut St	Interior remodel

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

