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National Hispanic Heritage Month spans September through October. The month commemorates independence for seven Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, the United States celebrates the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

The City of Roseville invites all members of the community to celebrate 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month. The theme, "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation," encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation.

The Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

## **Budget Presented for 2023**

2023 preliminary budget discussions are progressing and City Council members are looking to Roseville residents for feedback. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon presented the preliminary recommended budget to City Council on August 22. City Council will vote on approving the preliminary budget and property tax levy at its September 26 meeting. State statute requires cities to set a preliminary tax levy before September 30 for the upcoming fiscal year. Once the preliminary tax levy is adopted it can be reduced, but not increased. Additional budget discussions will continue throughout the fall at City Council meetings. The final budget hearing (Truth-in-Taxation Hearing) is scheduled for November 28. The City Council will vote on adoption of the final 2023 City budget and tax levy on December 5.

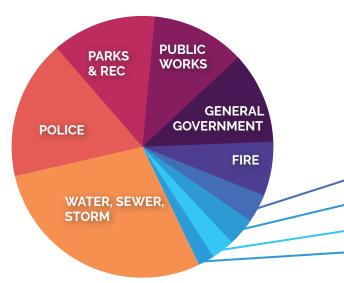


A video of the preliminary budget presentation as well as documents are available at CityofRoseville.com/budgetinfo.

Share your thoughts with the Council by completing the budget priorities card included in this edition of City News or visit CityofRoseville.com/ budgetfeedback to complete an online budget feedback form. Budget questions can also be emailed to the City Council at city.council@cityofroseville.com.

### What is in the 2023 budget?

A commitment to maintaining core City programs and services in high inflation times was emphasized in City Manager Trudgeon's 2023 preliminary budget recommendation. The proposed \$63.3 million budget limits new spending initiatives as the Roseville community continues to emerge economically from the COVID-19 pandemic. The few investments included in the budget proposal are limited to the areas of sustainability and capital infrastructure as well as inflationary costs of items like equipment, fuel, materials, and personnel. The proposed 2023 budget funds a new full-time Environmental Sustainability Specialist position and the Fire Department's Advanced Life Support program. Overall, the recommended budget for 2023 sees city expenditures rise by about 8.6 percent for an increase of approximately \$5 million compared to the City's 2022 budget. "The increase is primarily due to inflationary costs and increased expenditures from existing fund balances," says Trudgeon.

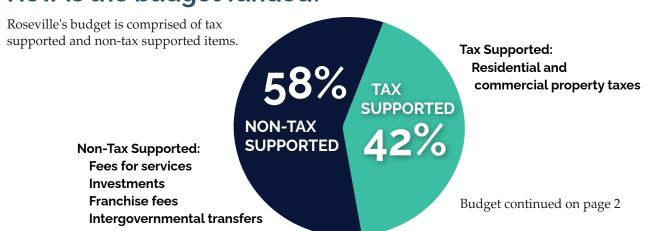


### 2023 Budget by Function

WATER, SEWER, STORM \$18,084,984
POLICE\$10,916,405
PARKS AND RECREATION\$8,169,000
PUBLIC WORKS\$7,293,653
GENERAL GOVERNMENT*\$7,186,635
FIRE\$4,252,139
DEBT SERVICE\$2,213,715
LICENSE CENTER\$ 2,194,830
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT\$1,810,479
GENERAL FACILITIES\$1,268,400
2023 TOTAL CITY BUDGET \$63,390,240

\*General government includes administration, finance, IT, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), lawful gambling and other miscellaneous expenses.

## How is the budget funded?



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#### **Important Phone Numbers**

Code Enforcement 651-792-7014 **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 Utility Problems (after hrs) 651-767-0640

Emergency 9-1-1

Police Non-

**Emergency** 651-767-0640

651-767-0640 Non-emergency

**Roseville** 651-792-7010

License 2737 Lexington Ave. N Center Roseville, MN 55113 Open: Mon, Wed, Fri

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open: Tues, Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Services

Passport 2735 Lexington Ave.

Open: Monday through Friday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Residential values continue to see strong growth

Roseville home values continue to rise. The value of the median home now stands at \$335,400 according to values set by the Ramsey County Assessor. This represents an increase of \$38,900 or 13% in the last year.

### Did you know that only about a quarter of the typical Roseville residential property tax bill goes to the City of Roseville?

In 2022, the City's portion of a typical Roseville homeowner's tax bill was 26 percent of the total property tax bill. The remaining portion of taxes paid went to Ramsey County (36 percent), school districts (34 to 35 percent) and other taxing districts like the Metropolitan Council and Watershed Districts (3 to 4 percent).

With the rise in property value factored in, the 2023 preliminary budget proposes an increase in residential property taxes of about \$7.18 per month for the median home valued at \$335,400, yielding a median monthly tax bill of \$99.08.

### **Next Steps:**

Sept. 19 - Receive budget recommendations from Finance Commission

**Sept. 26** - Adoption of Preliminary **Budget, Tax Levy and EDA Levy** 

**Nov. 7** - Review proposed 2023 fee schedule and utility rates

Nov. 28 - Final 2023 Budget **Hearing (Truth-in-Taxation hearing)** 

Dec. 5 - Adopt final 2023 budget, tax levy, utility rates, fee schedule and EDA budget and tax levy

Name (print)

### **Estimated Monthly Taxes** for City Services

Your city tax dollars at work



**\$99 - Total** 



### 2023 Roseville Resident Budget Priorities Form

**Property Address** Roseville City Manager Patrick Trudgeon presented the 2023 preliminary budget to the City Council on August 22. Details of the preliminary budget presented, including a link to video of the meeting, can be reviewed online at cityofroseville.com/budgetinfo. 1. In what ways does the preliminary budget align with your priorities for Roseville?

2. In what ways does the preliminary budget not align with your priorities for Roseville?

3. What changes would you suggest for the 2023 City Budget?

#### Please return this form to:

City of Roseville Administration RE: BUDGET FEEDBACK 2660 Civic Center Drive Roseville, MN 55113



Save time and postage by providing your response online at:

www.cityofroseville.com/budgetfeedback or email city.council@cityofroseville.com





## Why We Lead with Race

"As we continue to make

decisions at the city level, it is

important to discuss and think

about how the decisions could

disparities or how the decisions

potentially contribute to the

could potentially reduce the

- Thomas Brooks, Equity and

disparities."

**Inclusion Manager** 

A year into the first iteration of the Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan (SREAP), the City is making steady progress with its top three priorities to help improve racial equity in the City of Roseville: diversify its workforce, diversify its boards and commissions, and implement a racial equity toolkit.

The City's approach to the SREAP and plan to address systemic equity begins with the foundational concept that the entire community's success is dependent on every individual's ability to succeed. Data has consistently shown that the most persistent and detrimental disparities in regard to education, housing, workforce, public safety, healthcare, and entrepreneurship are largest when looking at race.

The City recognizes that racial inequities, across all indicators for success, are deep and pervasive. The City also realizes that there are many other groups of people who are still marginalized. "Everyone in the community has a cross section of identities often defined by age, gender identity, race, culture, sexual orientation, disability, and economic status, to name a few," says Equity and Inclusion Manager, Thomas Brooks. "Each of these identities, particularly those not in traditionally dominant groups, have experienced a number of systemic barriers and inequities that play a role in their ability to thrive in our communities today."

By focusing on racial equity, the City is able to use the framework, tools, and resources it develops and apply it to other marginalized areas.

While it may seem that laws can be changed quickly, it can take generations to undue harm caused to families and communities by exclusive and discriminatory processes and policies. The SREAP and the Racial Equity Toolkit were created to put race in the forefront of the decisions made at the City level. An example of this can be seen in the rate of homeownership. "Redlining," the discriminatory practice of denying mortgages to residents of certain areas based on their race or ethnicity, first happened in the early 20th century. Yet the repercussions of this practice are still felt today.

"According to the 2016-20 American Community Survey, in Roseville, the homeownership rate of both Black and Hispanic populations are about 27.5%. Homeownership of white households is 73.3%. Conversely, renter statistics show the opposite trend," says Brooks.

The City of Roseville is working on several programs and projects that support its equity and inclusion goals. For more information about the SREAP visit the City of Roseville Racial Equity and Inclusion webpage for quarterly updates or contact Equity and Inclusion Manager, Thomas Brooks at 651-792-7029 or thomas.brooks@cityofroseville.com.

## **City Council Roundup**

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

#### **Business Items**

- RECEIVED full Roseville Equity and Inclusion report from all City departments
- APPROVED Police School Resource Officers for Middle School and High school for 2022-2023
- ACCEPTED grants for Reservoir Woods habitat enhancement and emerald ash borer programs
- REVIEWED 2023 changes in property tax base, legislative changes, and discussion on City Council 2023 budget goals
- APPROVED resolution condemning the use of discriminatory covenants, discharging discriminatory covenants on city-owned property, and approving participation in the Just Deeds
- APPROVED ordinance amending City Code Chapter 302 regarding intoxicating liquor licenses
- ✓ APPROVED Homeless Outreach and Housing Navigator positions
- APPROVED contract with Zan Associates for services related to the community-wide visioning
- APPROVED temporary moratorium on sale of edibles and beverages infused with tetrahydrocannibinol (THC)

Upcoming City Council Meetings: September 12, 19, 26 • October 10, 17, 24



## **Rebate Program Helps Residents** Save Water and Money

Utility billing is based on the amount of consumption for a household, so as residents use less water, their water bill will decrease.

This is why the City of Roseville has partnered with the Metropolitan Council and Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to offer rebates for residents who want to decrease their water usage and save money.

Last year, the program offered rebates for replacing irrigation controllers with Watersense® smartcontrollers. This year, the City expanded the program to include other water-using appliances. Now, when you replace your older appliance with a Watersense® toilet, or ENERGY STAR-Certified clothes washers, and dishwashers, you may receive a rebate for 50% of the cost of the equipment, up to a total of \$300.

"The more people we can get to know about these programs, the better for our community," says Roseville Public Works Director Marc Culver. "This is a great opportunity for residents to save money and resources."



Additional information about the rebate program is available at CityofRoseville.com/water\_ rebates

### Roseville Sustainable **Steward Award Program**

Now through November 30, home and business owners may be recognized to win the Sustainable Steward Annual Award.

The program is intended to recognize and reward properties that incorporate green improvements to the interior or exterior of a home or business in Roseville. Residents and businesses can also apply for Sustainable Steward recognition for any activity that makes our community more sustainable, no matter the size and scope.

Selections are based on information provided on an application or through building permit data, as well as from photos of the home or business before and after the improvement.

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/1824/ Sustainable-Steward-Award

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Your suggestions and comments are welcome! Contact Corey Yunke at 651-792-7027 or corey.yunke@cityofroseville.com. The City does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed color, national origin, place of residence, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, pregnancy, age or any other class protected by local, state or federal law.











#### 2022 Candidate Forum

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join City Council and mayoral candidates virtually to learn more about their priorities. Learn more at lwvrosevillearea.org

#### Golftoberfest

Friday, September 16, 5:15 p.m.

Cedarholm Golf Course 2323 Hamline Ave N, Roseville

Nine holes of golf (scramble format) with on-course contests and a German inspired meal following golf. Pre-registration required at cityofroseville.com/golf

#### Tapped & Uncorked

Friday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Guidant John Rose MN Oval 2661 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

Tapped & Uncorked brings the community together to sample local craft beer, wine, and cider, all while supporting local small businesses. This fundraising event is presented by the Friends of Roseville Parks, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the City parks and recreation facilities.

#### Fall OVAL inline/skate park season

September 6 - October 2, 9 a.m. - sunset

Guidant John Rose MN Oval 2661 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

Enjoy the fall weather while riding the skating center's outdoor aggressive skate park or inline skating on the track. Admission is FREE.

#### Roseville Fire Open House

Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Roseville Fire Station

2701 Lexington Ave N, Roseville

Celebrate Fire Prevention Week at the Roseville Fire Station!

#### Roseville Senior Health Fair

Monday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Roseville Fire Station 2701 Lexington Ave N, Roseville

Attend the 2022 Roseville Senior Health Fair, and receive flu shots, COVID-19 boosters, learn about preventing falls, and receive blood pressure checks, stroke and heart health resources.

#### **Open Mic Night**

3rd Thursday of the month starting October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Cedarholm Community Building 2323 Hamline Ave N, Roseville

Cedarholm has the mic for all musicians, comedians, poetry readers, or entertainers. Call to sign up for a time slot starting the Monday before the show or sign up at the event. All ages are welcome.

#### Halloween at HANC!

Saturday, October 29, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Harriet Alexander Nature Center 2520 Dale St N, Roseville

Spook-tacular family fun may include nature programs, an outdoor story trail, carnival games, crafts, and refreshments. Registration begins October 3.

## Guidant John Rose MN OVAL Opening night

Friday, November 11, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2661 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

Celebrate the opening of the Guidant John Rose MN OVAL's 29th Winter season of outdoor ice skating. General public skating for \$8.00 per skater, \$5.00 skate rentals.



How do you see the future of Roseville? What does it look like? What type of buildings are there? Where do people live? What are the public spaces like? How do people get around? The City is undertaking a community visioning process to help answer these questions and more. This project is about confirming and updating the vision for the community and translating that vision into action. The city has seen a multitude of changes over the past decade. This project will help create a roadmap for the future of the city – one that responds to the values, needs, and aspirations of Roseville.



This planning process is just getting started and we need your help. Look for opportunities to get involved in the near future including fun events and an exciting interactive engagement experience! In addition to the traditional ways to share your vision, we are excited to try a new interactive community engagement tool called 'Hello Lamp Post.' This tool uses everyday objects in the community – like a park bench or a light pole – to start two-way conversations with people about what matters most in the community.

MERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

W.cityofroseville.com/eab

KILLS ASH TREES



The city is finalizing the workplan and the project will be underway soon. Look for more information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, sign up to receive updates and for information on upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Sign up to receive updates at CityofRoseville.com/visioning or scan the QR Code to the left.

### **Emerald Ash Borer Update**

This spring, the City of Roseville and Tree Trust continued their work to restore and repopulate the tree population of Roseville as part of the City's accelerated emerald ash borer (EAB) program. In 2013, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture declared the City of Roseville to be within the emerald ash borer infestation zone and placed a quarantine on ash trees in Ramsey and Hennepin counties. This means that all ash trees within the city are considered to be infested with emerald ash borer, or

will become infested with emerald ash borer.

In 2021, the City enlisted the services of Tree Trust to implement a multi-pronged, proactive approach to managing public ash trees. This plan includes removing diseased trees on public rights of way that have shown significant signs of decay, planting trees of different species to replace ash, and treating select ash trees.

"The process has been moving along well in Roseville, says Karen Zumach, Director of Community Forestry with Tree Trust. "But we need more community members to help us this fall and in the coming months to help with repopulating the tree population."

While the city has begun the process to remove 914 trees as part of the accelerated management program, the City will be replanting a total of 1,152 trees across the City in the next three years in accordance to the city of Roseville's urban forest master plan. On August 15, the City began its fall tree sale in which 150 trees were offered to residents. Those trees will be available for pickup in October.



"Planting a tree on your private property is a great way to improve your community, increase property values, and lower your energy costs," says Zumach.

Stay up to date on EAB at CityofRoseville.com/EAB or scan the QR Code to the left.



HARRIET ALEXANDER NATURE CENTER | **SEPTEMBER 17, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**2520 DALE ST N, ROSEVILLE

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

# Volunteer Spotlight: Group Volunteers Make It Happen!

From green space cleanup to helping with summer events, the City of Roseville's group volunteers play an important role in our community. We're grateful for the local businesses, non-profits, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and other organizations who collectively donate hundreds of hours each year to the various volunteer opportunities in the community.

For the past two years, the Sustainability At Veritas Empowered (SAVE) group has headed out to Langton Lake Park, with buckets and grabbers in hand, to help clean up the park. Veritas is one of many groups that have chosen to adopt a Roseville park.



"I enjoy doing the park cleanups because it's a good way to get outside and talk to people from work," says Veritas employee Amy Nguyen. "Plus, I get to give back to the community. I like walking in the park and it's good to know that we're helping to keep it clean."



It's hard to find a place to fit more than 50 volunteers who want to make a difference, but City of Roseville Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Boggs is an expert. When the Keller Williams Roseville office closed down for the day for their annual "Red Day" of service, she put them to work at Murial Sahlin Arboretum to plant, weed, and beautify the park.

"It's really a two-way street," says Boggs. "When people come together with the team they work with, to participate in something outside of their normal day at the office, it becomes a great team building experience, while giving back to the community." When you sign your group up to volunteer with Roseville, you can expect an organized and purposeful experience. Boggs adds, "I truly value our volunteers' time and want to provide a great experience."

If you had the opportunity to watch or participate in the Run for the Roses at Rosefest, you likely saw or heard the Keller Williams cheer squad who joined this year with bells, whistles, and some great signage to cheer on Rosefest runners.

"One of the reasons I love the city of Roseville and why it's on my radar is because they appreciate their volunteers and they are so well organized," says Sandy Steiner from the Vaz + Harwood Team at Keller Williams. "There are always events that you can do."

## **Understanding Your Utility Bill**

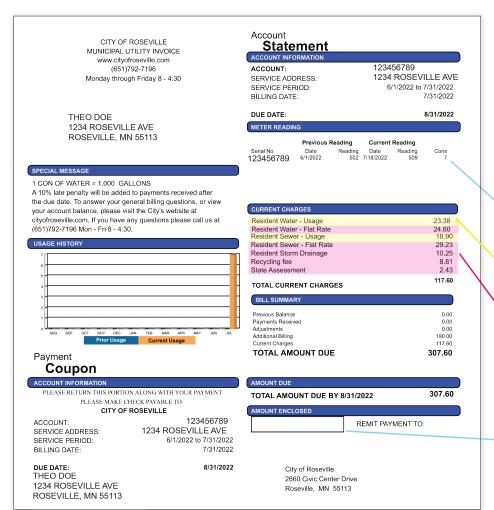
The City of Roseville bills quarterly for water and sewage. Take a look at the sections below in pink and yellow to help you better understand the charges on your utility bill.

To lower your utility bill, you may reduce your residential water usage. A reduction in usage will reduce your charges in the sections highlighted in yellow.

The pink sections represent fixed charges that do not change from month to month.

For more detailed information about your utility bill visit CityofRoseville.com/651/Billing-Rates.

If you have questions, please contact 651-792-7196 or info@cityofroseville.com.





#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Please call or email **Rachel Boggs at 651-792-7028 or Rachel.Boggs@cityofroseville.com** for more information. THANK YOU for volunteering!

#### Natural Resource Event

Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Unity Park - 1716 Marion St, Roseville

Join other natural resource volunteers as they pull invasive buckthorn in Unity Park. Volunteers should wear long pants and bring gloves and a water bottle. Sturdy boots or shoes are highly recommended.

## Wild Rice Festival \*\*MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*

Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Harriet Alexander Nature Center 2520 Dale St N, Roseville

Fall celebration of wild rice, Native American culture, and Minnesota's harvest season.

#### Roseville Tree Planting Project

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - noon Multiple Locations in Roseville

Join us on Saturday, October 15 as we plant more than 100 trees in Roseville. We will need many community members to participate, call to reserve your spot.

#### Halloween at HANC!

Saturday, October 29, noon - 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Harriet Alexander Nature Center 2520 Dale St N, Roseville

Volunteers are needed for the annual Halloween festival at the nature center. We need help with set-up, outdoor games, and story stations. Non-scary costumes are encouraged.

#### Wednesdays at the Arboretum

Through October

Muriel Sahlin Arboretum 2520 Dale St N, Roseville

We will continue our Wednesdays at the Arboretum as long as the weather holds. We will be digging up bulbs, planting bulbs, digging up annuals, and other autumnal gardening tasks as we prep our gardens for winter.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

The City of Roseville strongly encourages and welcomes community members who are people of color, indigenous, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQIA+, and people with disabilities to volunteer.

#### **KEY**

CONS = "CONSUMPTION"

1 CON OF WATER = 1,000 GALLONS

VARIABLE CHARGES (based on usage)

FIXED CHARGES (flat rates, state surcharge, and service fees)

NOTE: If you see "auto-pay" in the rectangle to the left, it means you have selected auto-pay, and your payment will be automatically deducted on the due date.

### **Thank You Summer Sponsors**

On behalf of Roseville Parks and Recreation, it is our privilege to recognize our 2022 sponsors and partners. We thank each business and organization for their contributions to our community and to the quality of life in Roseville.

Ongoing support of Roseville Parks and Recreation through sponsorships, partnerships, and donations is an invaluable asset. Contributions like these make a significant difference in our community.

#### **ROSEFEST SPONSORS**

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Minnesota Renaissance Festival

Chianti Grill - Roseville

Roseville Genisys Credit Union

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Osaka Sushi and Hibachi - Roseville

St. Paul Saints

#### **COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORS**

Summer Entertainment Hiway Credit Union

## Are You Looking to Make a **Positive Change** in Roseville?

We encourage you to consider serving as a City of Roseville Commissioner. Commissioners serve as advisors to our City Council and City staff.

Current commissions with vacancies (applications due September 9):

Public Works, Environment and Transportation (PWET)

The Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission advises the City Council, City Manager and the Director of Public Works on matters pertaining to public works infrastructure, connectivity, and environmental sustainability.

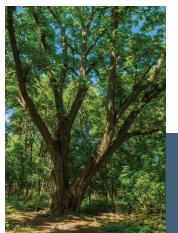
#### Planning and Variance

The Planning Commission (and Variance Board) identifies and addresses issues concerning development plans, policies, and specific applications. The group offers recommendations to the city council for final action on planning cases.



Learn more and apply at CityofRoseville.com/73/ **Boards-Commissions** or scan the QR Code.

## **Community Corner: Reservoir** Woods - Roseville's Hidden Gem



We have a natural gem hidden in Roseville: A historic open-air water reservoir is located here on the summit of the highest hill in the city (hence the name "Reservoir Woods,") bounded by oak forest, prairie and wetland on the west, and by pine forest to the east. In addition to more familiar birds, the "Woods" are home to indigo buntings, bluebirds, flycatchers, orioles, and rose-breasted grosbeaks. There are hawks and owls, warblers and

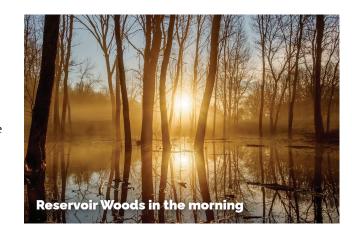
The park even hosts the state's largest Butternut tree. In 2004 it was measured at 76 feet tall and 236 inches in circumference (75.1 inches in diameter). The butternut tree is considered to be an endangered species of tree. It is remarkable to have an intact natural area like this so close to an urban core.

In the twenty years since the City of Roseville Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Management Final Report was released, City staff, consultants and volunteers together have removed invasive species and restored the prairie and woodlands. It is gratifying to see rue anemone and Jack-in-the-Pulpits growing

where invasive European buckthorn used to be, and wild lupines bloom in response to a prescribed prairie burn.

Reservoir Woods is home to red, pin, and white oaks, with bur oaks on drier upland slopes. These trees are invaluable to wildlife both for food (acorns) and shelter. As a vital link in the food chain, oaks support the largest diversity and biomass of insects (think caterpillars) that birds need to feed themselves and their young, of any tree in North America.

About the author: Anna Newton has lived in Roseville since 2015 and has volunteered in various capacities around town. She is an avid gardener and observer of nature.



Read the full article to learn more about the ongoing forest restoration efforts at Reservoir Woods at CityofRoseville.com/Community-Corner.

## **Gaining Experience** with Roseville Fire

A new cadet program at Roseville Fire aims to strengthen and diversify the pool of candidates looking to become professional fire fighters.

Ella DeVine is Roseville Fire's first Fire Cadet. Through the cadet program, DeVine will gain valuable experience working alongside fire fighters in the field, while attending courses to receive her Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and fire certification.

The program is designed to recruit people from diverse backgrounds to the fire service industry. Cadets earn pay and benefits while they work toward their fire and EMS certifications.

DeVine graduated from Roseville High School in 2022 and is excited to continue her journey to become a fire fighter. Once passing her firefighting and emergency medical services certification through Century College later this year, she will be eligible to be hired as a full-time member of any fire department.

"We look at this position as a way to help strengthen the fire profession as a whole," says Neil Sjostrom, Assistant Fire Chief with Roseville Fire. "It's a concrete way to be supportive of bringing women and people of color into the fire service."

In addition to the Cadet Program, Roseville Fire has an Explorer Program to help foster interest in the fire services profession for anyone 13 to 21 years of age. Contact Emily Nelson at 651-792-7309 or emily.nelson@cityofroseville.com to learn more.



## **New School Resource Officers** Ready for a Great School Year



Roseville Police School Resource Officers (SROs) are ready for their first day of school. Officers Liz Peterson and Alaina Carrion will join Roseville Area Schools (RAS) this year as the district's newest SROs.

SROs provide assistance to students and their families, staff, and administrators during difficult situations. Roseville Police Chief Erika Scheider says it's all about building relationships with students and their families.

"When we respond to things like family crisis calls, students don't have to see an unfamiliar face each time. Hopefully they have had some positive interactions with this officer, so that when we respond to a crisis or to a family issue, there is a level of comfort and familiarity between the student and our department."

In the 2022-2023 school year, Roseville Police will have one SRO devoted to the middle school and another at the high school. The middle school post is a new position approved by City Council on May 23, 2022.

SRO positions are two-year positions. After serving as an SRO, officers may choose to go back out into patrol or the investigation division at the department.



## **City of Roseville Seeks Youth Commissioners**

communities!"

High School students can make a difference in the community on Roseville commissions!

STATEMENT FROM ROSEVILLE

"Roseville Area Schools values the partnership and collaboration with

the Roseville Police Department and

the school resource officers (SROs)

and communities. We look forward

who serve our students, families,

to continuing this partnership in

the 2022-2023 school year with our

newest SROs — Officer Liz Peterson

and Officer Alaina Carrion. Among their many tasks, the SROs mentor

students, provide resources, offer law

emergency response teams. They are

enforcement-related career advice,

and serve on school and district

dedicated to building supportive

relationships with students and we appreciate all they do for our school

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## **Community Land Trust Pilot Program Sees Early Success**



A first-of-its kind partnership is on track to create more opportunities for affordable home ownership in Roseville. In November 2021, the Roseville City Council approved a partnership between Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and the City of Roseville Economic Development Authority (EDA) to create a Community Land Trust with the goal of adding up to four affordable homes to the City of Roseville each year. As of July 2022, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity closed on its fourth home and has two more on deck to close before the end of the year.

#### **How The Land Trust Partnership Works:**

- Roseville's Community Development Department seeks out interested homeowners whose homes fall into a target sale price.
- Habitat for Humanity appraises the home and offers a fair market price.
- Habitat for Humanity assesses the condition of the home and makes necessary improvements in preparation for the future owner.
- The land goes into a trust, owned by Twin Cities Habitat. The new homeowners own the house and any structures on the property. They gain equity on all structures on the
- Twin Cities Habitat executes a ground lease with the home buyer and they lease the land for a 99-year term, which can be renewed and passed on to heirs.

The City of Roseville and Habitat For Humanity, while looking for homes to buy, initially struggled to secure any purchases when examining homes listed on the MLS. In an attempt to gain a competetive edge, the City decided to focus on future sellers and sent out letters targeted to Roseville homeowners whose home has a County Assessed Value of \$300,000 or less. For Thelma Boeder, a Roseville resident of 45 years, the letter she received from the City came at the perfect time. Boeder said the strong reputation of Habitat for Humanity, the flexibility of the closing date, not having to make repairs to her home, and the overall ease of transfer of ownership appealed to her.

Boeder adds, "this program aligns with my ideas of what cities can do to promote equity. I got a very reasonable price, didn't have to pay realtor fees and I didn't have to do any kind of staging."

This partnership and program were made possible through Community Development Block Grant funds, Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Pooling funds, and Housing Replacement funds.

"At the end of the day, it made me really proud of our community," says Jeanne Kelsey, Housing and Economic Development Manager for the City of Roseville. "I'm impressed that so many people want their home to go to a first-time home buyer, and that they say they are thrilled that it will be in their community for the long term—this is a good thing!"

Interested in selling your home to improve housing affordability? Contact Jeanne Kelsey at 651-792-7086 or jeanne.kelsey@cityofroseville.com



## 2022 General **Election**

General election absentee voting begins September 23. Roseville residents can vote in any of the early voting locations throughout Ramsey County, including Ramsey County Library Roseville located at 2180 Hamline Ave.

#### **Offices:**

Roseville City Council (2 open seats): Siafa R. Barclay, Wayne Groff, Dale M. Howey, Robin Schroeder

Roseville Mayor: Dan Roe, Julie Strahan



Learn more about the candidates and find your voting location at CityofRoseville.com/82/ Elections or call 651-266-2171.

### **Free Events for** Roseville Businesses

#### Roseville Business Council

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

The business council meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

> McGough Headquarters - 7:30 a.m. 2737 Fairview Ave, Roseville

#### September 28, 2022 - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Come learn alternative ways to recruit employees for your business with Ling Becker, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions Director.

#### October 26, 2022 - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Roseville city staff will give an update on activities related to the Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan and modifications to the zoning ordinance.

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### **Ramsey County Workforce Recruitment Resource Fair**

October 5, 2022 · 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Olympic Room, Roseville Skating Center 2661 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

This event is not a job fair – rather, employers will be able to gain access to community-based organizations that focus on training programs for a variety of industries and occupations as a means for recruitment.

### **Leadership Burnout** Solutions and Strategies, **Presented as Part of Our Business Education Series**

October 6, 2022 · 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This virtual event will be hosted on Zoom.

Burnout is real and more prevalent given the unpredictability and constant pivoting of these last two years. A panel of experts in this field will address this topic and provide solutions and strategies. Moderated by Terry Wu, Ph. D., this is a meeting you will not want to miss.

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### The Isaac Brings Vibrant Living to Roseville

Roseville has long been lauded as a great community in the northern metropolitan area between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Residents enjoy suburban living with proximately to both downtowns. Quiet neighborhoods with easy access to retail and commercial centers have been a draw for years. However, those seeking a modern rental option in the area have been disappointed. That is until recently when the first marketrate general occupancy apartment project in 35 years was completed and opened for lease.



The Isaac was constructed on the east side of Fairview

Avenue, just north of County Road C. Located less than a mile from Rosedale Mall, amid the redevelopment area known as Twin Lakes, The Isaac has been met with considerable success. It was fully-leased within a few months of opening. The developer, Reuter Walton, has found that similar projects can take nine to 12 months to fill. Because the City lacked any modern, market-rate general occupancy housing, rents typical of the area would not financially support new construction. In an effort to overcome that challenge, and recognizing the City was in need of new market-rate general occupancy rental housing, Roseville's Economic Development Authority (REDA) supported offering the developer Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to help fund the gap created by the cost of new construction compared to what the project could charge for market rents.

The REDA coordinates and administers various economic development and redevelopment initiatives, including Tax Increment Financing, on behalf of the City. These programs and initiatives support startup businesses, ensure housing of a variety of types and affordability levels are available, and help to retain and grow jobs. Roseville aspires to be economically prosperous and to provide quality housing. The REDA's work is just one important way the City is working to achieve these community aspirations.

### **Energy/Sustainability Resources Available for Roseville Businesses**



Take advantage of these energy programs to help reduce energy costs and reduce your

Visit GrowRoseville.com/business/energy-sustainability-resources or scan the QR code to learn more.







# Introducing Luis Mendoza, the New Business Advisor for the MCCD

The Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) announces Luis Mendoza as their new business advisor for the Open to Business program. The program provides free, confidential business counseling.

Mendoza has a community lending background with a passion to help BIPOC communities improve their wealth and fulfill their business ownership dreams. He is originally from Cozumel, an island located in the Mexican Caribbean, and often visits. Previously, he worked as a community loan officer and underwriter and has also served in the non-profit sector as a homeownership advisor, financial coach, and business advisor. Luis has a strong passion for helping individuals and small businesses to succeed.

To get connected, contact Luis at 651.216.6252 or email him at lmendoza@mccdmn.org.





### **New Business Properties Under Construction in Roseville**



