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CITY NEWS

Celebrate the Start of Summer at Rosefest 2023!



This year’s Rosefest festivities include more than 20 family-friendly events spanning eight days.

Events include live music and theater at the Frank Rog Ampitheatre in Central Park, the 31st Annual Rose Parade, Taste of Rosefest, Run for the Roses, and the July 4th Party in the Park culminating with fireworks at sunset.

The theme of this year’s annual city celebration is “Rosefest 2023: Celebrating 75 Years of Roseville” to commemorate when the farming community of Rose Township incorporated as a village.

“Rosefest is a great opportunity to celebrate our wonderful community,” says Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Johnson. “There’s something for everyone.”

There are several events ideal for children and families including the Superhero Carnival, Touch-A-Truck at Central Park, and the Rosefest Campfire at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center complete with storytelling, a sing-along, and s’mores!



Visit Page 4 for a full list of summer events.
Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/rosefest
or scan the QR Code to the left.



Help Pollinators This Spring

Give bees and butterflies a healthy head start!

The City of Roseville invites residents to participate in the international conservation movement that encourages property owners to delay the first mow of the season to help nurture pollinators.

“Less Mow May is a program to promote pollinator health,” said Roseville’s Sustainability Intern Noelle Bakken. “The goal is to mow less and let some of those early spring flowers, including dandelions and clover to come up and bloom. This allows early season bees a chance to feed when there’s not much blooming.”

City leaders have branded this year’s event Less Mow May – a variation on last year’s No Mow May - after receiving feedback from residents and city staff.

The City Council has suspended code enforcement for mowing until June 1.

Bakken said there are several ways residents can participate without completely idling their lawn mowers.

“We are recommending that people mow the perimeter of their yard to show that it’s intentional,” Bakken said. “You can even create a little spot that you want to grow up and mow the rest of your lawn.”

Residents can also pick up “Less Mow May” lawn signs from the city to share their intentions with neighbors.

Bakken actually recommends that participants mow their lawn one time in mid-May.



“This will help the clover to re-bloom. You can also mow over those dandelions before they go to seed. That helps to keep your neighbors happy as well,” she said.

A mid-month mow will also reduce strain on mowers when returning to regular lawn maintenance in June, Bakken said.

Minnesota is home to more than 500 species of bees that emerge from hibernation in the spring. Other pollinators include butterflies, moths, wasps, and hornets. Even some songbirds including goldfinches, which eat coneflower seeds, can help with the pollination process.



Learn more about Less Mow May at CityofRoseville.com/lessmowmay or scan the QR Code to the left.

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

Emergency 9-1-1
Police
Non- Emergency 651-767-0640
Fire
Non-Emergency 651-767-0640

Roseville License Center	651-792-7010 2737 Lexington Ave. N Roseville, MN 55113 Open: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Passport Services	2735 Lexington Ave. Open: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Council Roundup

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

Business Items

- ✓ APPROVED: Professional Services Agreement with the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the cities of Maplewood and St. Paul regarding continued funding of the Rice and Larpenteur Alliance
- ✓ APPROVED: Partnership with People Incorporated to expand mental health services at the police department
- ✓ AWARDED: Contract for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for city staff
- ✓ REAPPOINTED: Siafa Barclay and Bruce Bester to the Finance Commission; Richard James to the Human Rights, Inclusion, and Engagement Commission; Tammy McGehee to the Planning Commission; Shawna Dees to Police Civil Service Commission; and Jarrod Cicha to Public Works, Environment, and Transportation Commission
- ✓ APPOINTED: Karen Beckman and Jessica Raygor to the Park and Recreation Commission; Matthew Bauer to the Planning Commission; Karin Derauf and Joe Tupy to the Finance Commission; Elliot Francke, Jeena Gurung Vomhof, William Hill, and David Tidball to the Human Rights, Inclusion, and Engagement Commission; and Des Mueller to the Public Works, Environment, and Transportation Commission.
- ✓ APPROVED: Planning and design services for new park at 2381 Co. Road B. W
- ✓ APPROVED: Ordinances amending Title 8 and 10 of the city code regarding shoreland, wetland, stormwater, and sustainability regulations
- ✓ APPROVED: Resolution of support for federal funding for Victoria Street Pathway
- ✓ AWARDED: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as grants to nonprofits serving the community
- ✓ RECEIVED: 2022 Cash Reserve Fund Report and approved transfers



Upcoming City Council Meetings: May 8, 15, 22 • June 5, 20

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Kicks Off

City of Roseville staff will be out walking neighborhoods starting in May for the annual Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

Now in its 15th year, the program is part of the city’s ongoing commitment to keep neighborhoods and business districts clean, safe, and well-maintained. The city inspects half of the city, or about 5,000 properties, each year looking for property code violations. This year, staff will focus on the southern half of Roseville.

A city staff member, wearing city identification and a reflective safety vest, will complete the inspections on foot looking for obvious violations that are clearly visible from the street.

Staff spend about 30 seconds reviewing each property and will photograph violations. Staff will immediately place yellow door hangers on properties where violations are spotted. Residents and business owners are asked to correct issues or contact the city if they have questions.

Roseville Building Official Dave Englund said the yellow door hangers are designed to be a gentle reminder so residents and business owners can correct issues before they become larger safety and health hazards.

“People live in their houses, so they are looking from the inside out. They don’t always notice issues,” Englund explained. “The point is to make residents aware of potential and current code violations on their property.”

In 2022, the city inspected about 5,000 properties on the north side of the city and found 613 violations. That number was an increase compared to recent years. That’s because city leaders relaxed inspections during the COVID-19 pandemic to

lower stress on residents, but are now catching up, Englund said.

About 95 percent of residents who receive a yellow door hanger correct issues quickly, Englund said. The intent of the program is to seek voluntary compliance through education related to City Code.

The most common violation observed in 2022 was inoperable and/or unregistered vehicles. All vehicles must be parked on a hard surface, must be legal to operate, and must have up-to-date license plates or tabs. Other common violations include grass or weeds taller than eight inches, and illegal outdoor storage of items including old tires, couches, appliances, indoor furniture, and lumber.

“We focus on issues neighbors routinely complain about,” Englund said. “We are that intermediary to address those issues.”

Inspections run through August. City workers typically walk 120 miles each year as part of the enhancement program.

Learn more about NEP at CityofRoseville.com/NEP



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Roseville Awards \$60,000 to Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19

The City of Roseville has awarded \$60,000 to six local nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including a food shelf, furniture bank, and a mental health and youth services provider.

On Monday March 20, 2023 the Roseville City Council approved \$10,000 grants to:

- Bhutanese Community Organization of Minnesota (BCOM)
- Bridging
- Keystone Community Services
- Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM)
- Kids in Need Foundation
- Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS)



City leaders are using a portion of the \$4 million in federal funds that Roseville received as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 delivered \$350 billion in aid to states, municipalities, counties, and tribal governments across the country. One of the key objectives of the funding was to support an equitable recovery for households and businesses and to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Local nonprofit grant recipients were vetted through an application process. To be eligible, organizations needed to provide direct services, education, or advocacy to Roseville residents in response to the pandemic or to have experienced documented negative financial impacts from the pandemic.

Roseville Welcomes New Nature Center Supervisor

There’s a new leader of the pack at the City of Roseville’s Harriet Alexander Nature Center!

Deon Haider is the new parks and recreation supervisor overseeing programming and staff at the nature center.

Haider oversees a team of naturalists who help visitors explore the center and the surrounding 52 acres of marsh, prairie, and forest. A network of trails and boardwalks allow visitors to discover all three habitats. She will also manage the Live @ The Rog summer entertainment series including the popular Creative Crossroads series featuring a different region of the world each Sunday evening.

“Parks are the heart of a community,” Haider said. “It’s amazing to have this piece of property preserved and open to the public in a large metropolitan area.”



Naturalist-led programming and special events help visitors learn more about the distinctive plants and animals that live in this region. The nature center is open year round and includes interactive displays, live animals, and a touch-and-see area. It’s part of Roseville’s larger 225-acre Central Park.

“The Central Park corridor is just an amazing opportunity for all types of outdoor engagement,” Haider said.



Haider has a bachelor’s of environmental studies and theater arts from the University of Minnesota-Morris. She comes from the University of Minnesota-Extension SNAP-ed program, which works with people eligible for nutrition benefits. Before that, she worked for the Minnesota Historical Society at the Oliver Kelley Farm site in Elk River during a major revisualization of that site.

Haider lives in Roseville and she is an avid gardener.

“My dad actually grew up in Roseville, so I’ve always felt a connection to the place. Roseville has a little bit of that small town vibe with that big city energy too.”

Learn more about Harriet Alexander Nature Center at CityofRoseville.com/HANC

CITY Proclamations

- MAY
 - Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Older Adults Month
 - Poppy Days

- JUNE
 - LGBTQIA+ Pride Month



Have you been putting off making home improvements? Don’t wait any longer!

Spring is a perfect time to schedule your home improvement projects. The Center for Energy and Environment, which partners with the City of Roseville and Ramsey County, can help you get started with their easy home improvement financing programs.

When you take out a loan with CEE, you are getting:

- Advice on best loan options for home improvement needs
- Energy improvement products
- Support through the entire process from CEE’s team of loan officers

Whether you are looking to upgrade to new windows, replace siding, remodel a room, or install solar panels, CEE can help you get started!

Visit mncee.org/programs-roseville-residents to see specific loans and programs for Roseville residents. Visit mncee.org/loans to see CEE’s state-wide loan options.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Saturday June 17, 2023 11 AM – 3 PM

- Free Food & Entertainment
- Featuring Black-Owned Businesses & Careers

Roseville Central Park
2540 Lexington Ave N

CityofRoseville.com/Juneteenth

Artwork by Sabine

ROSEVILLE SUMMER FUN

JUNE

- 11

Iranian Culture Collective

6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Iranian Music
- 13

Roseville Big Band

7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Big Band/Swing
- 15

The 22nd Row

7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Elton John Tribute
- 17

Roseville Juneteenth Celebration

11 a.m-3 p.m. Central Park Lexington
- 18

Festa de Sao Joao:
Robert Everest & Friends

6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Brazilian Music
- 20

Roseville Community Band

7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Concert Band



THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 5PM-8PM

Roseville Rotary presents:
Taste of Rosefest

Ticketed event for age 21 & older.
Tickets & info @ TasteofRosefest.org
Central Park Muriel Sahlin Arboretum
- 6:50PM

Golden Rose Medallion Hunt Kickoff

The first clue in the Golden Rose Medallion Hunt will be read prior to the Thursday evening concert at the ROG. Come on down to get a jump on your search.
- 7PM

Katy Tessman and the Turnbuckles

Live @ The Rog - Pop/Rock

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 1:30PM-6:30PM

Nine & Dine

\$10 buys you a round of golf, on-course contests & meal. Reservations begin June 16 @ 651-633-TEES
Cedarholm Golf Course
- 6:30PM-8PM

Free Family Skate

Indoor Skating Fun for the Entire Family - Free!
Roseville Skating Center
- 7PM

Arts Garden Community Theater
Presents: Bye Bye Birdie

Central Park Frank Rog Amphitheatre

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 7:55AM-9AM

Run for the Roses 5k & 10k
& Kids Fun Run 1/2 Mile

Info & Registration @ cityofroseville.com/run
Roseville Skating Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 3PM&7PM

Arts Garden Community Theater
Presents: Bye Bye Birdie

Central Park Frank Rog Amphitheatre
- 7PM-8:30PM

Rosefest Campfire

Campfire, sing-along, storytelling & s'mores - Free!
Harriet Alexander Nature Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- 10AM

Rosefest Golf Tourney

9-hole scramble with contests & prizes.
Registration begins May 9.
Cedarholm Golf Course
- 10AM-1PM

All Porsche Car Show

View the largest gathering of Porsches in the Midwest.
Central Park Dale Street Athletic Fields
- 5PM-7PM

Kids Garage Sale & Touch-a-Truck

Check out the big rigs plus visit the sale tables for treasures.
Central Park Lexington
- 6:30PM

Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade

Live @ The Frank Rog Amphitheatre - Family Fun

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- 6:15PM

31st Annual Rose Parade

A Roseville tradition like no other!
1 mile route on Lexington Ave. from RAHS to the Roseville Skating Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- 7PM

MN Sinfonia

Live @ The Rog - Concert Band

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- 6PM-8PM

Superhero Carnival

A Hero Powered Discover Your Parks.
Come dressed as your favorite Superhero!
Howard Johnson Park

SUNDAY, JULY 2

- 10AM-11AM

Yoga in the Park

at Oasis Park

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- 2PM-7PM

July 4 Party in the Park

Tickets for activities can be purchased on-site for a nominal fee.
Central Park Lexington
- 2:45PM-10PM

Free Music @ the Rog

Join us for a day of assorted musical acts.
- 10PM

Fireworks

End the night "with a bang" watching Roseville's fabulous fireworks display
Central Park

JUNE

29 The Michael Handler Project
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Acoustic Trio

JULY

- 2 Duniya Drum & Dance
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - West African Rhythms
- 6 Amy & Adams
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Americana
- 9 Dirty Shorts Brass Band & Everett Smithson Band
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - New Orleans Brass
- 11 Minnesota State Band
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Concert Band
- 13 Swingin' on a Star
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Great American Songbook
- 16 Bond Does Belly
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - James Bond Themes with an Arabic Twist plus Belly Dancing
- 18 Roseville Big Band
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Big Band/Swing
- 20 Riff Rangers
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Diverse Music Styles
- 23 Pan-handlers Steel Drum Band
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Caribbean Steel Drum
- 25 Roseville Community Band
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Concert Band
- 27 Encore Wind Ensemble
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Wind Instruments
- 30 Viva South America!: Ecuador Manta
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Ecuadorian Music

AUGUST

- 1 Paul Barry Blues Band
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Blues Music
- 3 Brio Brass
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Large Brass Band
- 6 The Bavarian Musikmeisters
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - German/Austrian Music
- 8 St. Anthony Park Community Band
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Concert Band
- 10 The Changeups
7-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Alternative Americana
- 13 Asian Wave: Asian Media Access
6-8 p.m. Live @ The Rog - Modern and traditional Pan-Asian Music and Dance



Discover Your Parks

Meet at a different Roseville park each week to connect with your community. Enjoy themed activities, recreation fun, crafts, refreshments, and Roseville favorites: the bounce castle and puppet show. All times 6:30-8 p.m.

- June 21 Valley Park
- June 28 Howard Johnson Park: Superhero Carnival (6-8 p.m.)
- July 12 Tamarack Park
- July 19 Woodhill Park
- July 26 Oasis Park
- August 2 Keller Mayflower
- August 9 Langton Lake Ball Fields

Fridays with Firefighters

Roseville Fire Department,
2701 Lexington Ave N
Join us for three different Fridays with Firefighters events this summer.
All times 10 a.m. – noon
June 23, July 21, August 18

Roll-In Movies @ The Oval

Family movies under the stars and on the big screen. Bring the kids, the treats and a comfy seat for these free outdoor movies. All times 7:30 p.m.

- June 9 Encanto
- July 14 Minions: Rise of Gru
- August 4 Zootopia

Roseville's Legendary Puppet Wagon

June 21 - August 17 (no regular shows July 4)
Catch a new show each week. The Roseville Puppet Wagon presents 15-20 minute themed shows on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All shows are family friendly and include a variety of classic tales.

	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Tues	Oasis Park	Villa Park	Lexington Park
Wed	Acorn Park	CP Victoria West	Autumn Grove
Thurs	Owasso Hills Park	Rosebrook Park	Lauderdale Park



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CityofRoseville.com/Rosefest



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How Roseville Prepares for all Types of Emergencies

Roseville prides itself on being a peaceful community. Our team of professional first responders are regularly training and preparing for all types of emergencies including natural disasters.



How specifically has Roseville prepared for emergencies?

Roseville has an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). The EOP is a guiding document that we share with Ramsey County Emergency Management. The mission of this plan is to establish and maintain an emergency operational capability to save lives, prevent further injury, secure critical infrastructure, provide for continuity of government, and to mobilize resources to recover from any emergency.

The EOP details what agencies will do during a disaster. It also lays out crucial details including incident command implementation, command center location, and activities and specific plans by department.

We are working with Ramsey County to update the existing EOP. We are working to finalize a new EOP by spring. The overhaul process has taken about a year to complete.



Roseville Area High School Resource Officer Elizabeth Rieffer devotes a portion of each day chatting with students about everything from homework hassles to the finer points of the latest viral video game.

Over at Roseville Area Middle School, School Resource Officer Alaina Carrion is outside every day greeting students and parents during morning drop off and afternoon pickup.

“My mom thinks you are really nice,” one student recently told Carrion. “She loves seeing you outside every day.”

Strengthening connections between law enforcement and students and their families is an integral part of the newly expanded Roseville School Resource Officer [SRO] program.

“Our purpose is to build relationships and solve problems at the lowest levels,” said Roseville Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams.

This is the first year a Roseville Police SRO has been assigned to the middle school, in addition to the high school. The SROs work at the schools full time, collaborating with staff and administrators. They serve on the District Safety and Security Team alongside the assistant superintendent and other leaders. The SRO positions are jointly funded by the City of Roseville and Roseville Area Schools.

How does Roseville’s emergency planning compare to other communities?

Roseville is the only FEMA compliant city in Ramsey County. This means all of our staff have varying and specific levels of emergency preparedness training commensurate with their job duties and/or role within the city. Our city trains staff on at least an annual basis in emergency planning and response.

During the last decade, our city leadership has trained on significant weather events, including winter and summer storms, active shooter incidents, hazardous materials, and train derailments. Roseville is home to several industrial facilities including the Magellan Pipeline Tank Farm. Our EOP includes specific planning and procedures for those facilities.

We are entering tornado season. Do you have any tips to stay safe?

First, get inside to a safer location if you are outside. Once inside, go down to the basement area in the center of the home, away from any windows. Cover up, if at all possible. Use a blanket or sheet to protect yourself from debris or other items that may hit you or come into contact with you.

If possible, have a basic safety kit in your area of refuge. This can include bottled water, flashlight, batteries, first-aid kit, and non-perishable food. In a significant emergency, you want to have access to items that can help sustain you and keep you safe for at least 12-24 hours.

In an emergency, where can residents find out more information quickly?

Weather Underground is a prominent smartphone application that can be used for severe weather information, as well as local news media. Also check the City of Roseville’s website and social media accounts for localized updates.

What do the sirens mean? What should I do?

The City of Roseville has 10 severe weather sirens. Their purpose is to alert people outdoors to take immediate shelter. Sirens will go off if there is a tornado warning, a severe thunderstorm with hail greater than 1 inch in diameter, and winds greater than 70 mph.

Often times, we get feedback that people are unable to hear the siren in their homes, which is truly not their purpose. If you’re inside your home, we recommend using the television, radio, smartphone weather apps, or weather radio for weather-related updates.

The sirens can be individually activated by the Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center, so it is not an all-or-nothing alert for all of Ramsey County. This is done in an effort to truly alert those in the path of severe weather. If there is severe weather going through other areas of Ramsey County that will not immediately impact Roseville, our sirens may not activate. So, if one does activate, please take it very seriously!

Learn more at [CityofRoseville.com/Fire](https://www.cityofroseville.com/Fire)



School Resource Officers Building Meaningful Relationships

In addition to her work in the middle school, Carrion also collaborates with leaders at the district’s elementary schools.

“We know that every person that walks into our schools is somebody’s somebody. The weight of that responsibility is something we think about a lot,” explains Roseville Area Schools Assistant Superintendent Melissa Sonnek. “The purpose of the District Safety & Security Team is to keep our schools safe and secure and to create alignment and support for site-based school safety. Our partnership with Roseville Police Department and our SROs is an important part of that.”

Roseville Area Middle School

Student safety is a top priority at the middle school. That’s why Carrion is outside every day in the rain and snow greeting students.

“I feel like these are my kids and if they’re outside, I need to be outside,” Carrion said. “I am greeting but I am also outside observing and protecting.”

Many parents have expressed their support for adding an SRO to the middle school, she said.

“I am another resource. I have connections to emergency medical service and law enforcement, and I can get help here very quickly,” Carrion said.

During a typical day, Carrion is focused on those positive moments with students. That can include impromptu chats in the hallway and activities including art projects and board games with her and other officers. Some of that artwork has been framed and is now hung at the police department.

“The school has welcomed me with open arms. The staff is phenomenal. They are so positive,” Carrion said.



Roseville Area High School

Rieffer, who moved from patrol into the SRO role last fall, said protecting students is at the heart of her mission.

“I took this position because I want to be here to help these kids if something happens.” Rieffer said.

Rieffer said she’s also using her position to encourage teens to make good decisions and get excited about their futures. She chats with students sitting in the commons during their open periods. She is in the hallways walking stragglers to class and getting life updates at the same time.

“They talk to me about everything. They tell me about family vacations, siblings, Pokémon Go,” Rieffer said. “Sometimes, they just need to vent about homework or, ‘My parents took my phone away!’”

Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Robbins



Nancy Robbins said she views volunteering as her profession. Each year, she generously devotes 500+ hours volunteering for the City of Roseville, in addition to helping out several other local charities. Most years, she is the city’s top volunteer, based on hours. Robbins has designed fliers, signs, and webpages for many of Roseville Parks & Recreation’s signature events including the Wild Rice Festival and Rosefest Parade. For nearly two decades, she has volunteered at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center, including overseeing and promoting the Holiday Craft Fair each December. In addition, she maintains the websites for the nonprofit booster group Friends of Roseville Parks and its annual Tapped and Uncorked fundraising event. Robbins has a library science degree, but her website skills are largely self-taught. In addition to volunteering Robbins is also a part-time city parks and recreation employee.

What inspires you to volunteer?

I enjoy doing things that need to be done, especially those things that employ my skills and talents. I love learning new technology, particularly on the computer, having basically grown up during the rise of the computer.

What is your favorite aspect of the work?

Working on websites is one of my favorites! I love learning how to make them do what I want them to do, sometimes with great frustration and stress but great satisfaction when they work. I also love and appreciate good signs and try to ensure good signage for events I'm helping promote. Promotion is another favorite aspect of my volunteering efforts.

Why do you choose to volunteer for the city?

The nature center is close to my home and I'd gone there with our son when he was young. Now I have friends who also volunteer here so it's quite easy. I've been managing the Holiday Craft Fair for about 15 years, building its reputation to the point where most of the vendors return year after year and the shoppers look forward to the sale. It's a ton of work but so satisfying when it concludes every year with another success.



Volunteer Opportunities

Please call or email **Rachel Boggs at 651.792.7028** or **Rachel.Boggs@cityofroseville.com** for more information. THANK YOU for volunteering!

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Acorn Park – Tree Trust Tent
286 County Road C West, Roseville, MN 55113

We provide hands-on training, so no experience is required to volunteer. This planting opportunity is great for individuals and small groups (the nature of the planting locations may make them challenging for smaller children). Because we are planting along the streets of Roseville, this activity will require either a vehicle to drive between sites, or the ability to walk up to 1/2 mile between planting sites.

Lexington Boulevard Planting

Saturday, May 20: Two shifts available,
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. – noon
Central Park at Lexington Avenue

The annual planting of the iconic Lexington Boulevard will again be a great time to come together with other volunteers to create a fabulous community asset. Many volunteers are needed and welcomed to assist in filling the flowerbeds to the brim with blooming color. Please call or email to reserve your time today.

Villa Park Garlic Mustard Pull

Saturday, June 18, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join other natural resource volunteers as they pull invasive garlic mustard in Villa Park. Volunteers meet by the park building and should wear long pants and bring gloves and a water bottle. Sturdy boots or shoes are highly recommended.

Run for the Roses

Registration help: Friday, June 23
Race help: Saturday, June 24, 7:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration on June 23, and help is needed on race day with traffic control and race monitoring, and help at the finish line. Shifts for the race start at 7:15 a.m. and finish no later than 10:00 a.m.

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Rose Parade

Monday, June 26, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Don't just watch the parade, BE THE PARADE! Individuals and groups are needed to carry banners along the approximately one mile parade route. Perfect for scout groups or individuals.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER Wednesdays at the Arboretum

2525 North Dale Street, Roseville, MN, 55113
8:00 a.m. – noon

Join the team of volunteers who assure that the public gardens are picture perfect and continue to spark community pride. Help weed and maintain the beautiful flowerbeds as an individual or bring your own team of friends, co-workers, or family members.

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.

Dementia: Caring & Coping

The Roseville Alzheimer’s & Dementia Community Action Team announces a new series of in-person Dementia: Caring & Coping presentations. The three topics are intended to actively improve the quality of life for persons living with dementia and their care partners. A panel of experts will discuss their experiences and insights followed by a question and answer session.

These presentations will take place in person at Roseville City Hall at City Council Chambers at 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN. They will be available later as recordings. These presentations are free and no registration is required.

Traveling with Dementia - from Day Trips to Air Travel July 11, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters will discuss how to plan ahead and prepare for all types of travels, from short local trips to navigating an airport. Learn about resources available to make traveling with dementia work! The panelists are: Amy House, Certified Dementia Practitioner & creator of SilverCrest Staycations, Carol Giuliani, owner of Senior Travel Companions, and Sara Barsel, organizer of the Dementia-Friendly Airports Working Group.

The Dementia Journey - Teepa Snow’s Approach to Dementia Care August 8, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Learn about the ongoing changes and stages of dementia and effective ways to respond to various situations in this interactive presentation. Brittany Harris, Certified Coach, and Amy House C.D.P., Certified Trainer, in Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care®, will help you understand the different stages experienced by persons living with dementia.

Dementia Research: What's Happening Nearby and What's in It for Me? September 12, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dementia research isn’t just about clinical trials! Many studies and projects are aimed at finding out what can make daily life better for care partners and persons living with dementia. The panelists from the University of Minnesota’s Families and Long Term Care Projects & Research Studies will demystify the topic of dementia research and talk about what is available in and around the Twin Cities, the benefits of participating, and how to identify reputable research opportunities.



Dementia: Caring & Coping is sponsored by the City of Roseville and the Roseville Area Senior Program

If you are a caregiver and would like more resources to help your loved one, scan the QR code or visit CityofRoseville.com/dementiainfo

Free Shredding Day May 20, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Protect yourself from identity theft with a free solution from the City of Roseville. Roseville residents (no Businesses) can bring up to a total of 3 Banker boxes or grocery bags of documents for shredding.



Roseville City Hall
2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville

Learn more at
CityofRoseville.com/shredding-day

ROSEVILLE BUSINESS NEWS

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

Roseville City Hall - 7:30 a.m.
2660 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

May 24, 2023 - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Local elected officials will join us to provide a recap of the 2023 session of the Minnesota Legislature and other news at the Capitol.

June 28, 2023 - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Bruce Nustad from the Minnesota Retailers Association will provide an annual update on the retail sector.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
APRIL 30 - MAY 6
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Get Social!



Mi-Sant Brings Vietnamese Favorites to Roseville



"We make everything from scratch," said co-owner Linh Nguyen. "We make everything to order. We don't use preservatives. It's very fresh. But we also wanted to present it in a way that people could get the food quickly but still maintain the integrity and quality."

It's the second location the family has started. The first Mi-Sant opened in Brooklyn Park in a remodeled KFC in 2018 and quickly created a buzz, even garnering a mention in the New York Times.

The family purchased the former Baker's Square site, at 1881 Highway 36 in Roseville, right before Covid-19 became national news. They had an option to cancel the sale, but took the risk to continue at the Roseville site. Now, customers line up outside most mornings to purchase their buttery, lighter-than-air croissants, coffees and teas.



A Twin Cities family of foodies is reimagining fast-casual cuisine with fresh ingredients, made-from-scratch pastries, and the bold and bright flavors that nod to their Vietnamese roots.

Mi-Sant opened in Roseville in the spring of 2021 serving Asian-inspired noodle bowls, French pastries, and banh mi sandwiches, which fuse together those two delicious traditions.

In fact, their name Mi-Sant is a play on their two most popular items: banh mi and croissants.



Lunch and dinner customers stop in for noodle bowls, spring rolls and banh mi sandwiches, made with a choice of meat, jalapeño, cilantro, cucumber, pickled daikons, and carrots on a French baguette.

Customers who order at the counter can either carry out their meals or find a seat in the brightly remodeled dining room.

Mi-Sant isn't simply a fusion of flavors. It's also the coming together of two entrepreneurial immigrant families. The restaurants were started by married couple Quoc Le and Kim Loan Nguyen and Kim's sister Linh Nguyen.

Kim and Linh Nguyen's parents immigrated from Vietnam to the United States and owned a successful Vietnamese grocery and deli in St. Cloud for decades. One of their specialties was the banh mi sandwich. Kim Nguyen would regularly drive to St. Paul to pick up fresh French baguettes at the legendary Trung Nam French Bakery on University Avenue.

The bakery owner's son Quoc Le loaded the bread into Kim's truck. Sparks flew. The couple married in 2010 and now have four children.

Both of the Nguyen sisters earned their bachelor's degrees in finance. Linh Nguyen landed a corporate job in downtown Minneapolis, but she found herself drawn back into the family business. The sisters and Quoc Le began brainstorming and they came up with Mi-Sant.

Initially, the women's parents expressed trepidation about their daughters following them into the food business.

"My parents knew how hard running a business was. My mom never wanted us to do it because she wanted us to have an easy life. She spent most of her life working. Her biggest regret was not spending more time with us," Linh Nguyen said. "But for us. It's working on something we are passionate about."

The three owners say Mi-Sant is a tribute to their parents' years of hard work and homage to their craft.

All three owners along with other members of their extended family have moved to Roseville.

"My family likes to flock together. We have a lot of children in our family and we wanted to pick a city that was good for them," Linh said. "I love this area. I love that it's so close to Minneapolis and St. Paul, but you still have that suburban feel. It's really a sweet spot."

Mi-Sant is located at 1881 MN-36, Roseville. Learn more at Mi-Sant.com



New Business Properties Under Construction in Roseville



View the interactive map. Scan the QR Code to the left or visit GrowRoseville.com/development-activity