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Mayor Dan Roe shares the city's highlights and accomplishments from the past year during his 2024 State of the City address.

The mayor's speech premieres **July 24** on Facebook and Youtube.

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(Proposed)

36%
\$27 million

64%
\$49 million

Roseville residents and property owners would pay

Non-Roseville residents would pay

Property Tax
(Residential and Commercial)

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\$76.9 million

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This illustration includes the latest data from the University of Minnesota Extension.

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Ashes earns service dog certification

We have some very exciting news to share! Roseville Fire Department's dog Ashes and her handlers have completed their Service/Therapy K9 certification exam.

This marks an important milestone in Ashes' journey. While she will continue to train and learn new skills for her therapy work, this is a huge moment for her and the entire Fire Department.

Ashes, a silver lab, joined the Roseville Fire Department in the fall of 2023. She was just eight weeks old. Her mission is to help soothe and calm our firefighters, who work stressful 24-hour shifts. She also offers comfort to other agencies including Minnesota State Patrol, Ramsey County Emergency Dispatch; as well as members of the public including families displaced by house fires.

Ashes and her handlers train with Soldier Six, a Minnesota-based nonprofit that provides veterans and first responders with specially trained dogs. Several generous donations have made this venture possible.

"We are excited to continue to expand Ashes' reach and impact beyond the walls of our fire station knowing that mental health awareness is an important topic for everyone. We are incredibly grateful for the support from the greater Roseville community and look forward to opportunities throughout the summer to meet and engage with everyone!"
– Assistant Fire Chief Neil Sjostrom

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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 and 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 hours)	651-767-0640

Emergency 9-1-1

Police and 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 N
Open: Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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

- ✓ **Received:** 2024 Community Survey and Analysis Presentation by the Morris Leatherman Company
- ✓ **Approved:** Ordinance establishing an Equity and Inclusion Commission
- ✓ **Approved:** 2024–2025 Business License Renewals
- ✓ **Approved:** Grant Application for funding through the U.S. Department of Justice to Support Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation
- ✓ **Approved:** Professional Services Agreement with Center for Energy and Environment for energy audit services
- ✓ **Received:** Fire Department Staffing Review Presentation
- ✓ **Received:** MnDOT Update on the Highway 36 Transportation Study
- ✓ **Accepted:** State of Minnesota Pathways to Policing Grant Award
- ✓ **Approved:** Community Aspirations and Authorized Next Steps for Receiving Strategic Planning Proposals
- ✓ **Discussed:** Smoke-Free Multi-Family Housing Strategies



Upcoming City Council Meetings: July 8, 15, 22 • August 5, 19

Roseville is creating its first Bike Plan!

Roseville is one of 12 Minnesota communities receiving state funds for active transportation planning. The Bike Plan will supplement the existing Pathway Master Plan, which was updated in 2021.

The city owns and maintains approximately 91 miles of multimodal pathways, including trails, sidewalks, and off-road paths. Efforts are underway to gather community input on future bike infrastructure.



Roseville **Sustainability Specialist and Roseville resident Noelle Bakken** bikes to work once or twice a week. She shares some tips for changing up your commute.

What prompted you to add biking to your commute?

I started cycling to work back when I lived in Golden Valley and worked in downtown Minneapolis. It was a 7-mile ride, mostly along the Cedar Lake Trail. I was really drawn to the idea of getting to work under my own leg power, and it was extra special to use a “highway” just for bikers and walkers that went through woods and prairies.



What is the biggest adjustment you’ve had to make?

The biggest change for me was planning how to carry what I need on my bike. Between that, getting comfortable with your route and learning how to lock up your bike – expect that your first few trips will take a little longer than you might expect. Now that

I have those details ironed out, my bike commute isn’t significantly longer than driving (for my short commute, at least). For example, driving to work takes me 5 to 8 minutes depending on traffic lights. If I bike, it takes 10 to 12 minutes.

ROSEVILLE BIKE PLAN



What are some of the benefits of bike commuting?

In addition to some of the obvious health benefits, traveling on a bike gives you a different context to your neighborhood and city compared to being in a car. When I am on my bike, I hear and see so much more – I can hear birds chirping, smell flowers blooming, and I interact more with my neighbors. Starting and ending my workday with some gentle movement and fresh air is rejuvenating.

Do you commute year-round?

Yes, that is my new goal. I installed studded tires this last season to manage the icy conditions, but didn’t need them much with how mild it was!

What kind of equipment have you invested in?

I have an electric bike (e-bike), and it’s been a game changer. E-bikes are more expensive, but they make commuting much more accessible for a lot of people – and for the first time, the state is offering rebates to offset the cost. A few key accessories make commuting easier: a rack or basket to carry items, fenders to keep you dry, and lights, which are really important for making yourself visible.

If you invest in only one accessory, make it a good set of lights. That’s critical safety equipment for everyone who cycles. I also always wear a helmet, and a reflective vest when it’s dark.

Do you have any advice for folks interested in bike commuting?

Like so many sustainable habits, people often view bike commuting as an all-or-nothing proposition. My advice to those interested in bike commuting is to start small – try getting to a nearby neighborhood destination on your bike first, and add distance and complexity as your confidence builds.

Share your feedback at
CityofRoseville.com/bikeplan



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Digging deeper into Roseville’s underground infrastructure

The City of Roseville maintains 305 miles of underground pipes including watermains and sanitary sewer lines.

Roseville **Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer** shares how the city maintains, monitors and updates these essential services, and things residents can do to help prevent problems.



Sanitary Sewers

The city maintains 143 miles of the city sanitary sewer lines.

The city cleans all sewer lines every three years. A nozzle similar to a pressure washer is threaded through the pipe to clean out any roots, debris, and solids. Crews also run a camera through the lines to check for problems.

Most of Roseville’s water and sewer pipes were installed in the 1960s and were made of clay, the standard at that time. The city is systemically upgrading all its sewer pipes by inserting PVC liners into the existing lines. This can typically be done without digging. About half of the city’s sewer pipes have been upgraded and crews do about \$1 million of sewer upgrades each year.

Tree roots, aging joints, and flushing anything other than toilet paper are the main cause of backups and breaks, Freihammer said.

“The only paper product safe to flush is toilet paper,” Freihammer said. “The manufacturer’s packaging often labels these other items ‘flushable,’ but these paper products cause sewer backups and jam up sewer pumps.”

Watermains

The city maintains 162 miles of watermains. The City of Roseville buys its water from St. Paul Regional Water Service.

City staff classify the condition of all watermains. “We look at this classification annually and try to replace some pipe every year,” Freihammer said.

Roseville’s watermains were primarily installed in the 1960s and are made of cast iron, which typically lasts about 75 years. There is no way to retrofit these lines. They must be replaced with new watermains, made of either ductal iron or PVC. Watermain replacement is often done in tandem with street repairs.

The age of the system is the biggest challenge. Crews repair about two dozen watermain breaks each year.

When a leak is reported, crews immediately lower the water pressure at the nearest valve to minimize the flow of the leak while still maintaining water service to residents. Residents are notified, typically via a door hanger, that water service will be interrupted while repairs are made.

City crews typically start residential repairs at 9:00 a.m. when residents are at school and work. Crews aim to complete work and restore water service within four hours. Crews fix commercial leaks at night, to reduce disruption to businesses.

Learn more at
CityofRoseville.com/PublicWorks

Partner with the city to advance equity and inclusion

Apply to be a member of the new Equity and Inclusion Commission (EIC). As our Roseville community continues to grow and our city government works to advance our community aspirations, it's important we have community partnership in this work. As a member, you will:

- Review and provide feedback on equity and inclusion work plans
- Review and provide feedback on the city's Strategic Racial Equity Action Plan
- Participate in the city's Equity and Inclusion Action Team

 Join the city as we continue to build an equitable and inclusive community where all residents can thrive!

Learn more at
CityofRoseville.com/Commissions

Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Roseville's water is safe and meets federal and state health regulations governing drinking water.

The city tests the water several times each year by collecting samples from residents' homes. The City of Roseville purchases its water from St. Paul Regional Water Service. That water is distributed to Roseville homes and businesses through more than 100 miles of pipes.

The city's water supply is regulated by both The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Minnesota Department of Health.

The EPA requires water suppliers to provide consumers with an annual report detailing all substances detected in the water in the prior year. This report is designed to advance our customers' understanding of drinking water and heightens awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.



For more information visit
CityofRoseville.com/WaterReport
Paper copies are available upon request by calling 651-792-7004.

Thank you 2024 Rosefest sponsors!

On behalf of Roseville Parks and Recreation, it is our privilege to recognize our 2024 sponsors and partners. We thank each business and organization for their contributions to our active community and to the quality of life in Roseville.

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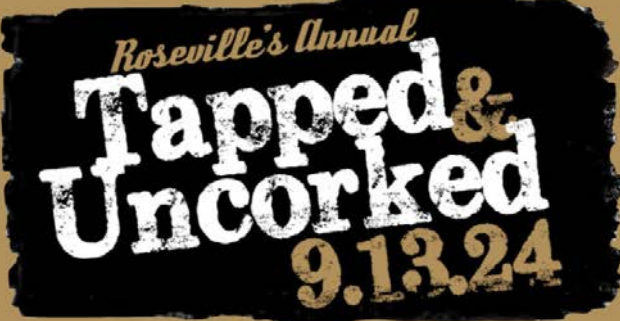
NIGHT to UNITE!

Neighbors Creating Community August 6, 2024

We encourage neighborhoods to host a neighborhood block party for Night to Unite 2024! Night to Unite is a great way for neighbors to get to know each other, and it's a great opportunity for police officers and firefighters to meet members of the community.



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This November, Roseville voters will consider two separate ballot questions to finance the 1) Maintenance Operations Center for \$64.2 million and 2) License and Passport Center for \$12.7 million.

Residents will vote on November 5 on whether to support both projects with a half-cent local sales tax. If approved by voters, the sales tax would be in place for 20 years, or until the approved projects are paid for — whichever happens first. The proposed sales tax will pay for both projects.

Why is the city proposing to build a new Maintenance Operations Center?



The building serves as the operational hub for a fleet of more than 300 city vehicles, water and sewer systems, road work, snow removal, and critical maintenance of the city’s 32 parks.

Portions of the existing Maintenance Facility date back to 1957 and are no longer equipped for the variety of maintenance operations and essential city services it supports. Many of the facility’s central systems are past their useful life, including the fuel system, security system, roof, and drainage systems.

Due to cramped quarters, the city has been forced to lease space offsite for storing large equipment and vehicles including snowplows that require regular maintenance. This slows response times to the 12,000 service calls received annually and adding time to complete ongoing project work.

How will a new Maintenance Operations Center help?

The new Maintenance Operations Center will be a versatile, multipurpose facility roughly three times the size of the current building. It will be a modern and centralized, one-stop-shop for service, storage, and maintenance needs.

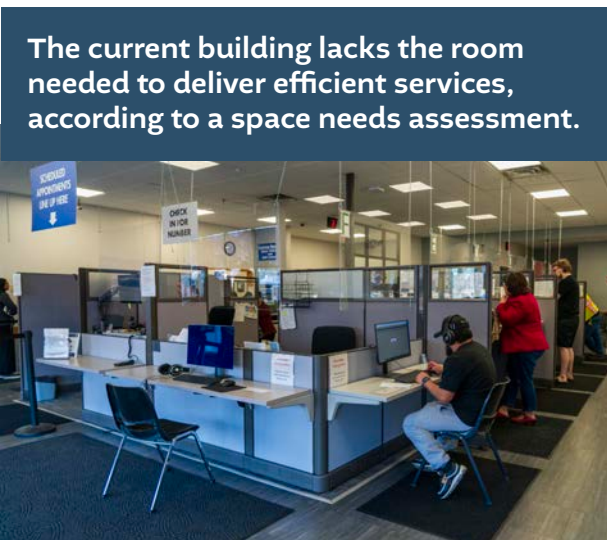
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This illustration includes the latest data, as of June 20, 2024, from the University of Minnesota.

Why is the city proposing to build a new License and Passport Center?

The License and Passport Center has become one of the busiest in the state processing more than 185,000 transactions per year for driver’s licenses, vehicle tabs, hunting and fishing licenses, and passports.



The current building lacks the room needed to deliver efficient services, according to a space needs assessment.

How will a new License and Passport Center help?

The new License and Passport Center will support more efficient license and passport processing for thousands of city residents and other Minnesotans. With nearly two times the amount of space, the new center will create an improved customer experience. The License and Passport Center is a significant revenue generator for the city. In fact, approximately \$400,000 annually from the center is used to offset the costs of other city operations for Roseville residents.

Why a local sales tax?

The City Council determined that a local sales tax was the best local funding option because both residents and nonresidents would share the cost of this investment.

According to the University of Minnesota, 64 percent (\$49 million) of the sales tax would be paid by nonresidents who regularly use the city’s parks and public amenities.

The cost of the half-percent sales tax for each Roseville resident is estimated to be \$4.62 per month, or \$55.48 a year, according to the study by the University of Minnesota. If a property tax increase was used to cover the costs, the owner of a \$350,000 home in Roseville would pay about \$30 a month, or \$360 a year.

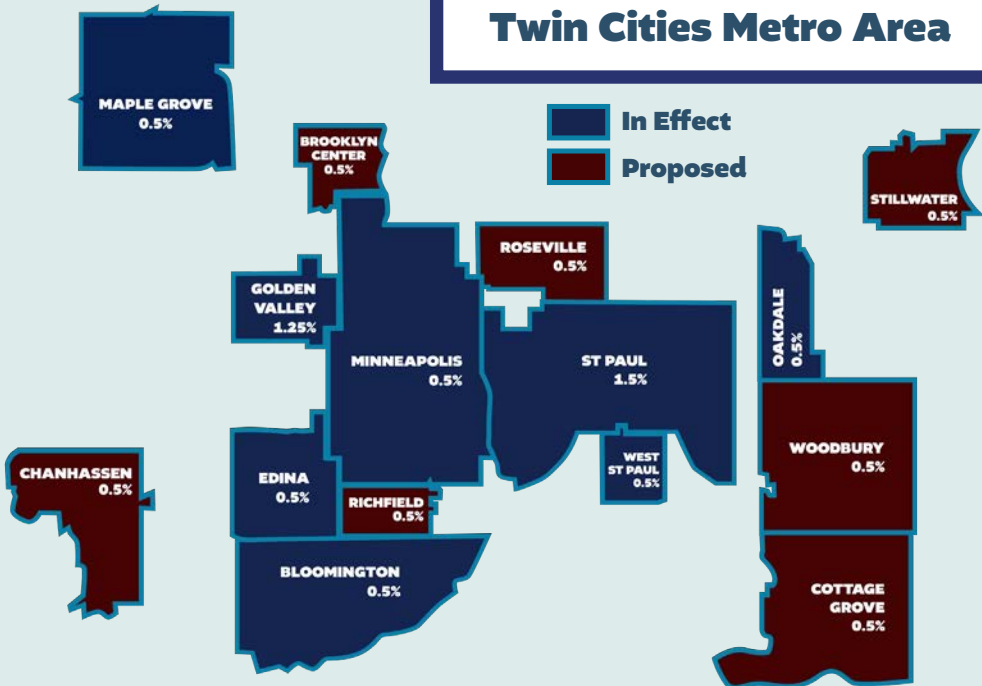
The State Legislature authorized the city to seek a half-percent sales tax to finance the construction of the projects. Same as the state sales tax, a wide range of essential goods would be exempt from the city sales tax, including groceries, clothing and prescriptions.

If approved, the sales tax would be in place for 20 years, or until the projects are paid for — whichever happens first.

How do we stack up to other cities?

Many communities in the Twin Cities have passed local sales taxes including St. Paul, Minneapolis, Edina, Bloomington, Golden Valley, Oakdale, and Maple Grove.

Local Sales Tax in the Twin Cities Metro Area



ELECTIONS



Aug 13, 2024 - Primary Election
Nov 5, 2024 - General Election
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- 7/14 — BAVARIAN MUSIKMEISTERS**
Traditional German Band Songs – 6PM–7:30PM
- 7/18 — ST. LOUIS PARK COMMUNITY BAND**
Concert Band – 6:30PM–7:30PM
- 7/21 — JAMBALAYA**
Blues, Funk, Southern Rock – 6PM–7:30PM
- 7/25 — ROSEVILLE BIG BAND**
Swing/Jazz – 6:30PM–7:30PM
- 7/28 — ECUADOR MANTA**
Andes Music, Latin Fusion – 6PM–7:30PM

AUGUST

- 8/1 — THE WALKER BROTHERS BAND**
Diverse, Folk, Funk – 6:30PM–7:30PM
- 8/4 — BRIO BRASS**
Brass Variety Band – 6PM–7:30PM
- 8/8 — ALL GOOD COMPANY**
American Jam Band – 6:30PM–7:30PM
- 8/11 — ROOT RIVER JAM**
Americana, Roots, Blues, Country – 6PM–7:30PM
- 8/15 — MN MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA**
Classical and World Plucked String – 6:30PM–7:30PM
- 8/18 — HURRICANE BLAZE**
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- JUNE 26** Acorn Park Rosefest Superhero Carnival (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)
- JULY 10** Keller Mayflower Park
- JULY 17** Villa Park
- JULY 24** Lake McCarrons County Park
- JULY 31** Keya Park
- AUGUST 7** Applewood Park
- AUGUST 14** Lexington Park

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
JULY 12, AUGUST 9

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 **John Rose MN OVAL**
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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.

JULY 12 Elemental
AUGUST 2 The Mighty Ducks

ROSEVILLE'S LEGENDARY PUPPET WAGON

JUNE 18 – AUGUST 15

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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Roseville Tree Report

With work on Emerald Ash Borer nearly done, City leaders focus on nurturing a new trees

The City of Roseville has nearly completed its Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer Program, the multi-year plan designed to counteract the devastating impact of the invasive beetle destroying America’s ash trees.

When the program is complete by the spring of 2025, Roseville crews and volunteers will have added 1,600 new trees to the urban canopy. That’s 77 percent more than the 914 ash trees that were removed. That includes 1,152 trees planted in parks and along boulevards as well as 450 distributed to property owners.

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“We are doing a much better job in diversifying our tree canopy,” said Parks Superintendent Jim Taylor. “One of our overarching goals is to make sure we don’t get ourselves in this situation again.”

According to the city’s tree plan, a different species should be planted every 500 feet, said Taylor.

In addition, the city has also treated 265 high-value ash trees on city property and boulevards to further preserve our canopy. The city secured \$389,000 in state and local grant funding to offset costs of the \$1.39 million program.



“We have a young urban canopy out there from all the planting we’ve done.”
— **JIM TAYLOR, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT**

Roseville also recently completed an inventory of all trees along boulevards and in manicured park areas. The results:

Roseville has 10,383 city trees on city property and more than 95% of those trees are in good or fair condition. Slightly more than half the city’s trees have a trunk diameter between 1 and 10 inches. City leaders are prioritizing watering and maintaining these young trees.

Top 10 trees found in Roseville parks and boulevards:

- 891** WHITE SPRUCE
- 709** COLORADO SPRUCE
- 668** SILVER MAPLE
- 599** ARBORVITAE
- 517** CRABAPPLE
- 389** AUTUMN MAPLE
- 345** GREEN ASH
- 333** NORWAY MAPLE
- 311** HONEY LOCUST
- 311** SWAMP WHITE OAK

Planning Commission helps shape Roseville community

Roseville’s Planning Commission plays a vital - and legally mandated - role in shaping our community’s built environment including neighborhoods, schools, and the city’s bustling business districts.

“They are the only commission that has statutory authority. The Planning Commission is actually a requirement under state law,” said **Roseville Community Development Director Janice Gundlach**.



“Any city that has a comprehensive plan is required to have a planning commission to review land use to ensure compliance with that comprehensive plan and the zoning code. The zoning code is the actual enforcement mechanism for that comprehensive plan.”

The Roseville Planning Commission is made up of seven residents appointed by the City Council. They meet each month.

Their work includes:

- analyzing how proposed development projects comply with existing regulations including the zoning code and the comprehensive plan
- holding public hearings where residents can provide feedback on specific planning applications
- offering recommendations to the city council for final action on planning cases

Gundlach said planning commission public meetings and packet materials keep the public informed.

“If staff was just behind closed doors doing all the analysis, there would not be as much transparency as you would hope for in government,” Gundlach said. “The Planning Commission serves that unique role.”



Roseville sets meeting dates for 2025 budget

Roseville leaders have started work on the city’s 2025 budget and are seeking community input.

The Roseville City Council has approved a timeline establishing dates where they’ll publicly review and discuss key aspects of next year’s budget including the property tax levy, utility rates, and the capital improvement plan.

Roseville’s budget totaled \$69.6 million in 2024 and funds critical services including police, fire, public works, water and sewer, and parks and recreation.



Residents can get involved at CityofRoseville.com/budgetfeedback

Clearing up confusion

One of the biggest misconceptions around the Planning Commission: many members of the public believe the commission has unilateral discretion to recommend approval or denial of all projects and plans.

There are times when the public’s broad feedback is very consequential including rezoning and changes to the comprehensive plan, Gundlach said.

“That’s when the city has the highest level of discretion on whether to approve or deny. The public’s impact is taken very seriously,” Gundlach said.

Gundlach said much of the commission’s work is narrowly tailored based on state statute and the city’s zoning code.

One example is subdivision requests. Some subdivision requests are required by state law to have a public hearing, but if they meet all requirements in the zoning code, there is a legal obligation to approve them.

“There can be a disconnect and frustration when we invite residents to a public hearing and they see that as an unlimited opportunity to weigh in, when, in reality, we are confined to the rules and regulations of the City’s zoning code and state statute,” Gundlach said.

This summer, Roseville planning staff launched new public hearing notices to help residents better understand what type of feedback is being sought through the public hearing process. The goal is to better inform residents on the different levels of public feedback, specifically referencing the International Association for Public Participation’s **Public Participation Spectrum**.

“A lot of where the Planning Commission operates is the consult stage of the levels of public involvement. We are seeking feedback, but on a very defined issue,” Gundlach said

“We are hoping this will allow us to better connect with the public about the reasons for specific hearings and so residents feel less frustrated by the process, especially when controversial projects get approved” Gundlach said.

Watch Planning Commission Meetings at CityofRoseville.com/planning

2025 Budget Meeting Dates:

7/15/2024
Capital Improvement Plan

7/15/2024
EDA Budget and Tax Levy Discussion

8/19/2024
Receive the 2025 City Manager Recommended Budget to include Tax Base Changes

9/16/2024
Receive Budget recommendations from the Finance Commission

9/23/2024
Adopt Preliminary 2025 Budget, Tax Levy, and EDA Levy

11/4/2024
Review 2025 Proposed Utility Rates

11/4/2024
Review 2025 Fee Schedule

11/25/2024
Final Budget Hearing (Truth-in-Taxation Hearing)

12/2/2024
Adopt Final 2025 EDA Tax Levy



Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers help Nature Center grow and thrive

Thousands of visitors stop by Roseville’s Harriet Alexander Nature Center each year to learn more about the marsh, prairie, and forest habitats surrounding this beloved community space.

A dedicated team of about two dozen volunteers, working closely with staff, keep the family-friendly nature center open and free to the public.



“We couldn’t do this without our wonderful volunteers,” said Deon Haider, the Roseville Parks and Recreation supervisor overseeing programming and staff at the nature center.

Volunteers greet visitors at the front desk and answer questions. They help with programs and camps for children and teens. Volunteers also make special events possible including Tapping Time in the spring and the Wild Rice Festival in the fall.



Wild Rice Festival 2023 at HANC

Roseville resident receives prestigious award for community service

Sara Barsel has been awarded the 2023 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service for Minnesota. The annual award is AARP’s most prestigious and visible volunteer award.

“If we didn’t have volunteers, none of this would happen. Our volunteers are professionals in senior services, retirees from senior services, journalists, former teachers, medical professionals, faith community members. None of this would happen if we didn’t have people who thought this was important. Volunteers are the heart of this work.”

– Sara Barsel

Sara Barsel is a long-time advocate, researcher, educator, and leader, working to improve the quality of life, care, and inclusion for those living with dementia and their care partners. From Roseville, Minnesota, Sara knew working locally, being data-driven and creating a responsive team of community members could make a difference in her own community. In 2013, she co-founded the Roseville Alzheimer’s and Dementia Community Action Team, whose mission is to improve the lives of people with dementia and their care partners by providing access to meaningful programs, services, and education.

Read the full article at CityofRoseville.com/AARP-Award

They also roll up their sleeves and help with chores including filling the bird feeders and tidying up. Volunteers have also made facility improvements including rebuilding the puppet theater and helping fund and establish the new camping play area.

“The nature center volunteers are so passionate about what they do, and they provide a welcoming environment for visitors. They are the heart and soul of HANC, and are a wonderful asset to Roseville,” said Roseville Volunteer Manager Rachel Boggs.

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– RACHEL BOGGS
ROSEVILLE VOLUNTEER MANAGER

High school student Troy Broton and his mom Sarah regularly volunteer.

Troy designed his Eagle Scout project around the nature center, creating signs with QR codes so visitors can easily access online resources.

“We have been coming here since I was a baby. We love it and just wanted to give back” Troy explained.

Thank you to the nature center volunteers who help the City of Roseville keep this wonderful community resource open and thriving.

Learn more about HANC at CityofRoseville.com/HANC



VOLUNTEER ROSEVILLE

Volunteer Opportunities

Please call or email Rachel Boggs at 651.792.7028 or Rachel.Boggs@cityofroseville.com for more information.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! We truly could not have the Run for the Roses, the parade, and our other events without you. Volunteers are the reason that Roseville is such a special place, we appreciate all that they do to contribute to the community.

Cooking Camp Assistant

Various Dates
Harriet Alexander Nature Center – 2520 Dale St N

- Assist with cooking activities as part of youth camps. Duties may include measuring out ingredients, setting up supplies, guiding kids through recipes, and washing dishes. No culinary expertise required!
- July 8 – 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Adventure Alliance)
- July 15 – 19, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Cooking Across America)
- July 22 – 26, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Campfire Cooking)
- July 29 – August 2, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(On the Wild Side)
- August 12 – August 16, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Bugs and Beasts)
- August 19 – August 23, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Time Warp Wilderness)

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.

New utility billing software

The City of Roseville has transitioned to a new utility billing software.

All accounts that were set up before May 29, 2024 as an electronic transfer of funds, or auto payment will need to re-register.

NEW FEATURE:
Pay by Phone
(855) 750-3728



LEARN MORE AT
CityofRoseville.com/Utilitybilling

Roseville Alzheimer's/Dementia Caring and Coping 2024 Events

July 9, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Physical Activity for a Healthier Brain
Roseville City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Dr

August 13, 2024 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM CDT
Hospice Care for Persons with Dementia
Roseville City Hall - City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Dr

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/Alzheimers



ROSEVILLE BUSINESS NEWS

GrowRoseville.com

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.

Roseville City Hall

2660 Civic Center Dr, Roseville

Roseville Business Council will now meet quarterly at 8:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October

July 24, 2024 • 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Hear speakers discuss the state of the metro area commercial and industrial real estate market, as well as an update on the Roseville specific commercial market and its immediate surroundings.

Presenters

Maxx Schindel - CBRE

Chad Heer - Keller Williams Commercial

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Send your contact information to eda@cityofroseville.com to receive email notifications or visit GrowRoseville.com/events for registration information.

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Roseville, MN Economic
Development Authority

New Lego store a perfect fit for Roseville

Two Danish words, "leg godt," meaning "play well," have become the beloved plastic toys we all know as Legos.



A new center for Lego adventures, Bricks and Minifigs Roseville, has opened Lexington Plaza Shoppes. It's the 100th location of the national franchise owned by Roseville residents Mindy and Rob Warland.

Bricks and Minifigs Roseville buys, sells, and trades the building blocks with the motto "rebuild, reuse and reimagine." Customers can peruse bulk tables to build new creations; find new or retired complete sets; or find missing pieces for personal sets.

"Bricks and Minifigs is a physical place where persons and families of all ages can come together and spark joy and creativity," Mindy Warland said. "I love to see the excitement when someone, no matter their age, finds that set or piece they've been looking for."

The Roseville location also has a party room for birthday bashes, summer classes, educational programs, Lego User Groups (LUG) and Adult Fans of LEGO (AFOL) gatherings.

FAMILY BUSINESS

The Warland's newest business venture is rooted in a family love of Legos, with their oldest son always intrigued with them, even finding a Bricks and Minifigs store in Phoenix while on a family vacation.

The store fit Rob and Mindy's longtime interest in starting a business venture that involved the whole family. The Bricks and Minifigs concept meshed with the nonprofit createMPLS, which Rob has led as Executive Director since 2019, which also focuses on preparing youth for rewarding careers through accessible STEM learning programs.

"We wanted to be in a business where our children could be involved in learning entrepreneurial and business skills," Rob Warland said.

**Bricks and Minifigs is located at
1692 Lexington Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113**

BricksandMinifigs.com/Roseville-MN



City studying to-go food packaging

The City of Roseville is considering an ordinance requiring food establishments to provide either recyclable or compostable single-use containers for to-go food packaging.

Packaging includes containers used to transport foods or beverages for immediate consumption such as serving trays, plates, containers, boxes, and cans. It does not include plastic shopping bags. Compostable materials must be BPI certified, and recyclable materials must be accepted by the City's current recycling hauler.

City staff and elected officials began exploring an ordinance to address waste from Styrofoam food containers after a University of Minnesota presentation on microplastics in early 2022. At that time, the packaging supply chains were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and many restaurants were still recovering from the pandemic's effects on the service industry, so the idea was tabled until early 2024 when City Council gave their approval for staff to begin an outreach process.



Since staff began researching this topic, the City of Edina became the fourth Minnesota city to enact a similar ordinance in 2022, following the cities of Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and Saint Paul. In the 2024 legislative session, Minnesota lawmakers passed the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act, which requires that all packaging must be reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2032.

This ordinance would affect any Roseville business that provide take-out food packaging, containers, or utensils. This includes restaurants, gas stations, food trucks, grocery stores, convenience stores, and any organizations providing to-go food or beverages (free or paid) at events that require a permit or license.



Please visit CityofRoseville.com/GreenToGo or scan the QR code to learn more.



Please complete our online survey or send your comments directly to Noelle.Bakken@CityofRoseville.com

