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Roseville Fire
Receives \$3.9
Million FEMA Grant

The City of Roseville has been awarded a \$3.9 million federal grant to help pay for 15 new firefighter positions to meet rising demand for emergency services.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration Staffing for Fire and Emergency Response Grant, also called the FEMA SAFER Grant, helps cover a portion of the new firefighters’ salaries for three years. In years one and two, FEMA covers 75% of the personnel costs. In year three, FEMA covers 35% of the cost.

Roseville Fire competed with other cities across the county for the grant.

The Roseville City Council formally accepted the grant at the October 13 council meeting. This grant will help the City Council make decisions concerning the 2026 City Budget, which will be finalized in December.



Learn more at
CityofRoseville.com/Fire

John Rose MN OVAL Ready for the Season

The John Rose Minnesota OVAL is gearing up for another exciting winter season with upgrades and new events!

This summer, crews installed a new video scoreboard, replacing the old one, which was at the end of its useful life. The new video scoreboard is larger and has more functionality than its predecessor. It will improve operational efficiency and add a new level of energy to events throughout the season. The new scoreboard was partially funded through generous donations from the Friends of the OVAL Foundation and the Midway Speedskating Association.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, for the second year in a row, the Friends of the OVAL Foundation will “Light the OVAL.” Beginning in late November, the trees surrounding the rink will sparkle with seasonal lights, creating a warm glow that highlights the OVAL’s signature winter charm.

View public skate schedules and more at
CityofRoseville.com/OVAL

Additionally, new this year, the Friends of the OVAL Foundation will also host a Winter Kickoff Event on November 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. The family-friendly event includes information on the Friends of the OVAL, discounted public skating, prizes, giveaways, and snacks.

The OVAL is tentatively scheduled to open for the 2025-26 season on November 7, depending on weather.



2026 Preliminary City Budget and
Tax Levy Approved

Property taxes are one of the ways Roseville funds services including police, fire, streets, and parks. Each year, the City Council adopts a budget, which is the City’s overall spending plan for these services.

To pay for this budget, the Council sets a property tax levy, which is the amount of money the City collects from property owners. Property taxes comprise about 41% of the revenue that pays for the budget. Other sources of budget revenue include fees, charges for services (e.g. utilities), fines, interest earnings, use of reserves, and intergovernmental revenue and grants.

On September 22, the City Council adopted a preliminary city tax levy of \$33.9 million for 2026. This ‘not-to-exceed’ levy establishes the maximum amount of property taxes the City can collect next year. The final levy will be adopted in December and may be lowered based on budget decisions, but it cannot be increased above the preliminary amount.

The Council also adopted a 2026 Economic Development Authority (EDA) tax levy of \$264,826. Together, the preliminary City and EDA levies represent a 12% increase over 2025. For the median-valued home worth \$378,600, that increase equals about \$15.70 more per month, or \$188.40 for the year.

At the same meeting, the City Council adopted a preliminary 2026 budget of \$81.5 million. While the levy determines how much revenue will be raised from property taxes, the budget outlines how that money, along with other City revenues, will be spent. The preliminary budget, which can be adjusted before final adoption, includes additional police and fire department employees to meet growing service demands.

Earlier this year, Police and Fire department leaders completed staffing studies and identified a need for 22 additional public safety positions to keep pace with rising service demands. In response, City leaders are carefully weighing how to balance these needs with the tax impacts on residents. The Council is reviewing several levy scenarios that incorporate strategies to manage rising costs, including utilizing federal and state grants for public safety personnel, reducing expenses in other areas, and exploring options such as utility franchise fees.



Learn more and
share your feedback at
CityofRoseville.com/Budget

2026 Budget
Process Calendar

- Nov. 10, 2025**
Council Reviews 2026 Proposed Utility Rates and Fee Schedule
- Dec. 1, 2025**
Final Budget Hearing (Truth-in-Taxation Hearing)
- Dec. 8, 2025**
Adopt Final Budget, Tax Levy, Utility Rates, and Fee Schedule

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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 5:00 p.m.
Passport Services 2735 Lexington Ave N
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7:30 a.m. to 5:00 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:** Request for a Noise Variance for the County Road D Pavement Project
- ✓ **Selected:** LHB Architects as the Architect for Civic Campus Project
- ✓ **Approved:** 2026 Insurance Benefit Renewals and City Cafeteria Contributions
- ✓ **Approved:** Animal Service Contract with The Companion Animal Center
- ✓ **Approved:** Liquor License for BRKTHROUGH Rosedale, LLC located at 1595 Hwy 36 W, Ste 150
- ✓ **Appointed:** Katie Brokaw-Palalay to the Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission
- ✓ **Approved:** Authorization to Enter into Agreement with MetLife for Group Insurance Benefits and Paid Family and Medical Leave Administration
- ✓ **Approved:** Grant Contract Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Accept Auto Theft Prevention Grant Funds
- ✓ **Approved:** Approve Contract with State to Utilize Building Located at 1500 Highway 36 West for Fire Department Training
- ✓ **Received:** Presentation from NewTrax regarding Roseville Area Circulator Bus Service
- ✓ **Approved:** Appointing Aldous Bergquist to the Finance Commission and Sofia Salinas-Ruiz to the Equity and Inclusion Commission
- ✓ **Approved:** Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Agreement to implement the City’s Natural Resources Plan
- ✓ **Approved:** Agreement with Reach for Resources for Parks and Recreation Inclusion Services in 2026

Upcoming City Council Meetings: November 10, 24 • December 1, 8

Annual Local Sales and Use Tax Notice

Starting July 1, 2025, Roseville began collecting a 0.5% sales and use tax to fund the construction of the new City of Roseville Maintenance Operations Center for Public Works and Parks & Recreation.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue administers this half-cent tax.

The 0.5% sales tax applies to retail sales made in Roseville. The use tax applies to taxable items used in Roseville if the local sales tax was not paid.

Local-use taxes on purchases of goods and services made outside the City of Roseville that are used in the City of Roseville are subject to local-use taxes, pursuant to Minnesota statute.

Voter-Approved

In November 2024, Roseville voters approved a ballot question allowing the City to enact a half-cent local sales tax to build a new Public Works and Parks Operations Facility at a cost of \$64.2 million.

It passed with 55% voting yes. On March 17, 2025, the Roseville City Council adopted an ordinance formally authorizing the collection of the 0.5% sales and use tax.

The new facility, to be located on the northwest corner of Lexington Ave. N. and Woodhill Drive and on the existing City Hall campus, will serve as a more efficient, centralized hub for the essential City services, including:

- Water distribution and sanitary sewer systems
- Road work and pathway work
- Snow removal
- Maintenance of the City’s 33 parks
- Storage and repair of more than 300 vehicles, including snowplows, street sweepers, and fire engines

Who Must Register and Collect the Tax

All retailers who have a taxable presence (nexus) in Roseville, even if an out-of-state retailer or marketplace, and are registered for Minnesota sales and use tax. This includes all sellers outside Roseville if they have a taxable presence such as:

Have an office, distribution, sales, sample or warehouse location, or other place of business in Roseville, either directly or by a subsidiary.

Perform taxable services in Roseville.

Ship taxable items into Roseville, including all sales made using the internet, mail order, or telephone.

An out-of-state retailer that exceeds Minnesota sales tax thresholds and make sales into Roseville. If you are already registered for this tax, you do not need to register again.

Additional information can be found at Revenue.State.mn.us.

Be Aware of Thin Ice this Winter

The City of Roseville uses an underwater aeration system to support the fish population throughout the winter months. The system increases the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water, which supports the lake’s sunfish, bluegill, and bass population, said Roseville Environmental Manager Ryan Johnson. It also creates thin spots in the ice.

Johnson said residents should avoid walking on the ice at Bennett Lake and any body of water in the City due to the potential of thin ice spots.

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/Public-Works



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Social Worker Amber Ruth Joins Roseville Police Community Action Team

Social Worker Amber Ruth has worked in community mental health for 20+ years. She was one of the first social workers in the state of Minnesota to be embedded within law enforcement, where she previously served 6 years with the St. Paul Police Department. During this time, she helped connect individuals in crisis with services and worked to meet the needs of the unsheltered community.

Ruth has now joined the City of Roseville Police Department as a member of the Community Action Team. The 9-member team is made up of a sergeant, five police officers, two social workers, and a homeless outreach coordinator.



The Roseville Police Department and city leaders created the Community Action Team, or CAT, in 2021 to respond to pressing community needs, including homelessness and behavioral health issues in a meaningful way. The goals of CAT are to:

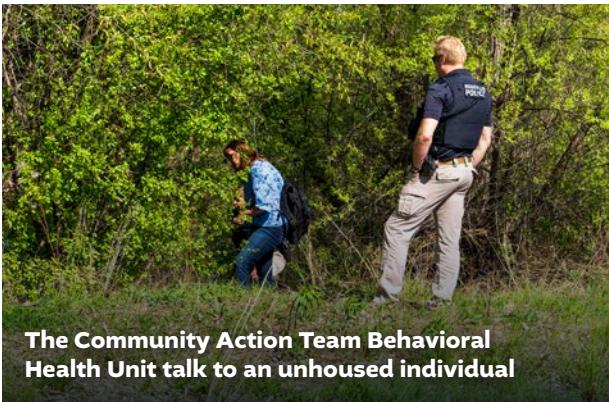
- Help connect people with resources
- Improve the quality of life of affected individuals and their families
- Reduce 911 calls and use of emergency police services
- Prevent future crises and high-risk scenarios often caused by complex societal issues

Ruth, fellow Roseville Social Worker Molli Slade, and Housing Navigator Cari McCollor respond to calls alongside police officers. They also follow up and help connect individuals with services.

“We are that community liaison piece, which is really cool. So often, folks get lost in the cracks because there’s that time gap between the police call and meaningful intervention. We can be there in the moment. We’ll walk that path with them,” said Ruth, who has both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in social work.

“People in need of services often get stuck in limbo for a very long time. They may not have the resources to establish services and connect with support systems. There are so many barriers, we can be present in the moment.”

The team works quickly and intentionally to pull in clients’ support systems. Often, the goal is to build a care team before the next crisis occurs. CAT members often start with meeting safety concerns and basic needs. They then look for and support long-term solutions for their identified goals.



Early statistics show CAT is helping to reduce repeat 911 calls of individuals in crisis through better coordination with caregivers and group homes; help unhoused individuals find shelter and prevent homelessness. CAT’s behavioral health team worked with 405 clients in 2024. The team worked closely with 40 clients with a history of behavioral health issues, helping to stabilize their situations and reduce repetitive police calls.

Originally, the City relied heavily on funding and partnerships with Ramsey County and the nonprofit People Incorporated. Seeing the value of CAT, city leaders are now funding the program with city dollars and additional grant funding.

The Community Action Team specializes in:

- Behavioral health cases including frequent 911 callers with mental illness and substance abuse
- Homelessness and homelessness prevention
- Human trafficking cases
- Problem properties including hoarding situations
- Auto theft and prevention

Ruth knows the area well. She was born and raised in Saint Paul and still lives there today. Her mother started multiple nonprofits which was the springboard for Ruth’s career in social services and community engagement.

Ruth has previously worked for local nonprofits working in various positions from direct practice to program management. In her free time, she enjoys horses, motorcycle rides, and traveling with her family.

“I’m just very excited to be part of this team and the community,” Ruth said. “It’s so dynamic and the passion is there.”

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/CAT



The City of Roseville is developing its first Climate Equity Action Plan.

This plan will improve upon the City’s existing emissions reduction goals set forth in Roseville’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2020, and develop additional goals to align with or exceed the State of Minnesota climate framework and Ramsey County climate goals.

The City’s current goal is to reduce city-wide emissions by 80% by 2050, relative to 2005 levels, which now lags behind the goals of the state and other neighboring cities.

This strategic roadmap will engage stakeholders, including local businesses, government agencies, and residents.



Stay informed and get involved at CityofRoseville.com/Climate-equity

Accepting Donations for 2025 Shop with a Cop

On December 3, the Roseville Police Department will host its annual Shop with a Cop program. This year marks the 20th consecutive year that the department has paired officers up with children from the community to go on a shopping spree and spend some time getting to know each other.

The Shop with a Cop program is made possible through financial and in-kind donations from the community. Donations for Shop with a Cop can be dropped off or mailed to the Roseville Police Department.

Donations can be sent to:

c/o Shop with a Cop,
2660 Civic Center Dr
Roseville, MN 55113



ROSEVILLE CALENDAR

Designer Handbag Bingo

Saturday, November 8, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cedarholm Community Building
2323 Hamline Ave N

Have a good time while raising money for projects in our parks. Learn more at FriendsOfRosevilleParks.org

John Rose MN OVAL Opening Night

Friday, November 7, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

John Rose MN OVAL
2661 Civic Center Dr

Celebrate the opening of the MN OVAL’s winter season of outdoor ice skating. Learn more at SkatetheOval.com.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Cedarholm Community Building
2323 Hamline Ave N

Cedarholm has the mic for all musicians, comedians, poetry readers, or entertainers. Call 651-792-7154 to sign up for a time slot starting the Monday before the show or sign up at the event. All ages are welcome.

Cocoa and Cookies with Kris Kringle

Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
or 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cedarholm Community Building
2323 Hamline Ave N

See Santa and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Decorate a cookie and create a festive craft. Pre-registration required. Registration opens November 18 on Dash at CityofRoseville.com

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 7, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Roseville City Hall
2660 Civic Center Dr

More than 50 artisans offer unique holiday gifts, including woodcrafts, handknit items, clothing, greeting cards, photography, paper goods, pottery, jewelry, and more. Vendor fees benefit the Harriet Alexander Nature Center (HANC). Get more information at CityofRoseville.com

New Year's Eve on Ice

Wednesday, December 31, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

John Rose MN OVAL
2661 Civic Center Dr

Bring your family, meet your friends, or just come by yourself to the John Rose MN OVAL to celebrate the New Year! Activities include skating or open hockey on the outdoor OVAL, indoor arena skating, bounce house, magician, and more! \$10.00 admission, \$5.00 skate rentals.

Sponsored by Genysis Credit Union, Goodmanson Construction, Tsunami Express Car Wash

VIEW MORE:

For a full calendar of events, please visit CityofRoseville.com



SPEED SKATING AT THE MN OVAL

PHOTOS BY NOEL STAVE

Elite speedskaters who train at the John Rose Minnesota OVAL will chase their Olympic dreams this January.

Seven members of the Midway Speedskating Club, headquartered in Roseville, have qualified for the 2026 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Milwaukee this January.



The Oval is one of just a handful of state-of-the-art ice facilities in the country where aspiring long track speed skaters can learn the basics of the sport, train, and compete at the elite level, including the World Championships and the Olympics.

Two-time Olympian Nick Pearson is the program director for the Midway Speedskating Club. Before moving to Minnesota, Pearson was the national program director for U.S. Speedskating in Salt Lake City.

“Roseville’s OVAL may be one of the nicest outdoor speedskating facilities in the world. “Everything they do here is world-class,” said Pearson, who competed in the Salt Lake City Games in 2002 and Vancouver in 2010.



Learn to Speed Skate

Pearson said many of Midway’s speed skaters join the program as children and teens and learn the basics at the OVAL.

“Most of our athletes start in the Learn to Speed Skate program. It’s a great partnership we have with the Roseville Parks and Recreation Department. They help run the program, provide the ice time, and the registration. Our nonprofit club provides the coaching, programming, and the equipment,” Pearson said.



There are no age limits and children as young as 7 and adults as old as 70 have signed up for the Learn to Speed skate program. The one requirement: Students must be proficient at basic ice skating.

“We encourage them to be part of that for two years. We also see kids who are really talented at skating join our Learn to Speed Skate course. They learned in hockey or figure skating, and they are able to fast-track through the program.”

The beginner program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in November through mid February. They typically register 100 skaters for the beginner program each year.

“It’s a lot of fun. It’s a good introduction to the sport,” Pearson said. “It’s also very affordable with fees as low as \$75 for residents and \$150 for non-residents.”

They learn positioning and technique. Pearson said the basic position requires a deep knee bend and feels like sitting in a chair while bending over at the same time.

“It’s a very hard sport. It’s not natural to be in that position,” Pearson said. “It takes a lot of hard work and dedication. “

Skaters also learn how to push to the side, which generates more speed and power, versus pushing straight back, he said.

Elite Competition

Roseville sisters Elise and Elena Stave first stepped on the ice as aspiring figure skaters. But when they saw Midway Club skaters taking laps around the OVAL, the girls abandoned spirals and spins in pursuit of speed.

“The Learn to Speed Skate” program really made them fall in love with the sport,” said their mom Rhianna Stave, who is now the president of the Midway Speedskating Club. “They never looked back.”

The teens have both qualified for the Olympic Trials in Milwaukee. Both attend Roseville Area High School and train at the OVAL. They also travel to Salt Lake City and Milwaukee for additional off-season ice time and training.

Elise, 17, is eligible to make the U.S. Speed Skating Team, which will compete in February in the Olympics in Milan, Italy. Elena, 15, can compete at the U.S. Trials to gain experience, but cannot make the team because she is under 16. Elise and Elena will also be vying to represent Team USA at the Junior World Championships later this season, held in Germany. Last year, Elise traveled to Italy, representing the US with 8 other US athletes that were selected to the team.

“They are eating, sleeping, dreaming about where they are going,” their mom said.

During the height of the season, both girls practice six days a week, including time off the ice and weight training.

“It’s a sport where hard work pays off and Elise and Elena are prime examples,” Pearson said.



The girls have long careers ahead of them. Typically, speed skaters peak in the sport in their 20s or 30s, depending on the event.

One member of the Stave team has already secured his spot at the 2026 Olympics. The girls’ father Noel Stave is a freelance sports photographer, specializing in speed skating. He will be one of a limited number of accredited freelance photographers covering the games.

Learn more about the Learn to Speed Skate program as well as the Midway Speedskating Club at MidwaySpeedskating.org



ATTENTION!



New Parks and Recreation Registration Software

Effective Monday, November 17, Roseville Parks and Recreation will switch to Dash for registration and facility rentals. Get a head start and set up your Dash account today.

CityofRoseville.com/Parks | 651-792-7006



New Signage at Harriet Alexander Nature Center

The new signs were completed in August and were funded entirely through a generous private donation.

Interactive Mural Brings Nature to Life



The vibrant new mural at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center flows seamlessly through the four seasons, teeming with local wildlife including deer, fox, turtles, and songbirds.

Artist Jan Keleny volunteered to paint the 28-foot-long piece of art in the lower classroom with the idea that it would be interactive.

"I really like the pheasant, the red fox, and the grey fox with its puppies. There's a coyote and a rabbit in a hollow, which is really cool," she said. "There's an ermine, also called a white weasel standing behind a log," Keleny said. "There's an owl, and a beehive and the turtles were so much fun to paint."

Keleny, a retired shop teacher, is a self-taught artist. She loved to draw and color as a young child. She spread her wings to oil and watercolor as she became more confident in her abilities. Keleny said she still loves color and is drawn to natural subject matters including flowers, so the mural project was a perfect fit.

It took about two years to complete the mural. The painting process itself was interactive. Children watched her progress and would often make helpful suggestions.

While at first glance, the mural appears to represent the four seasons, Keleny said she actually divided it more precisely into the 12 months of the year. Keleny then sealed it with clear acrylic so children and parents could get close, touch it and delight in it.



"The goal was to put as many flora and fauna in there as possible, so that children could find them. My daughter Molly is a Roseville naturalist, and she and I have a list of native plants and animals to include in the mural," Keleny said. "I wanted it to engage kids by having really small objects throughout it like the robins nest with the eggs and the bunny rabbits in the field eating the wild strawberries. There's so much to see!"

Keleny said she looked up photos of the species online and then painted them as realistically as possible in natural settings. Her two daughters also helped out and painted a few of the animals.

Keleny said it's difficult to narrow down her favorites.

"I'm really glad I was able to do it. It was a fun adventure," she said.



Nature Inspires Creativity at "Art Night in Nature"

A new class is inspiring a group of residents to explore the wild beauty of Roseville's Parks and then channel those observations and the emotions they evoke into works of art.

"Art Night in Nature" is offered at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center about one Saturday a month for adults interested in exploring their creative side.

The class is taught by mixed media artist and retired art teacher Sheila Elie, who now moonlights as a City of Roseville naturalist.



"You get to hike. You get to experiment, and you get to take home a piece of art. We provide everything you need, but students are welcome to bring their own additional materials," Elie said. "They also learn some new technical skills. I find that my adult students want to feel they've learned something, and they are leaving with a new skill."

In one class, students used blades of grass, twigs, and leaves that they gathered on a hike as paintbrushes to create art.

During another class, the group drew inspiration from a sunset stroll through Central Park's marshes and forests. Using basic watercolor techniques that they learned in that same class, students painted their own landscapes.

Students used paper, magazines, leaves, and other items found in nature to make collages. Another time, they created nature-inspired mandalas, which are geometric designs that can be calming to make and can hold symbolic meaning. In another class, they constructed art books.

"It's a lot of folding and pasting. People really liked the art books because they get to take home something they've never done before," she said.



Elie taught art for more than three decades in upstate New York, St. Paul and most recently in Stillwater. When she joined Harriet Alexander Nature Center in the Spring of 2024, her supervisor, Deon Haider, was thinking about new ways for residents to engage with the space.

"She sees what we are good at, and she channels it," Elie said.

Drawing on her teaching experience, Elie helped shape a program that would bring art and nature together for the community. Art in Nature launched in the fall of 2024.

"We have so many adult visitors who come to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center for relaxation and inspiration. As we continually evolve our programming to reach different audiences and interests, Art Night felt like a perfect fit," Haider said.

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

Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) Update

The City of Roseville has selected an architect and a construction manager to oversee the Civic Campus Project, which includes construction of a new Maintenance Operations Center funded through a local sales tax.

In September, the City Council approved contracting with LHB for Architectural Services. In October, the City Council approved KrausAnderson for Construction Manager at Risk Services. The City utilized a competitive request for proposal process, which included interviews and scoring, to select the two firms.

Earlier this year, the City Council selected a concept plan that best fits the property currently owned by the City. This concept plan also preserves most of neighboring Veteran’s Park and leaves the adjacent nonprofit VFW in its current location.

The plan splits the maintenance operations into two sites with the bulk of daily activity occurring south of Woodhill Drive in a significantly renovated and updated maintenance center. A new maintenance yard, which will include fuel pumps and additional storage, will be constructed on the north side of Woodhill Drive.

As a result of the new Maintenance Operations Center, the License and Passport Center and Dance Studio need to be relocated to make room for the maintenance yard.

City leaders explored ways to replace the license center and dance studio, including the possibility of renting space away from the City Hall campus. A majority of the council ultimately voted to build a new license center and dance studio next to the City Hall campus, directly south of Veteran’s Park.

LHB and KrausAnderson will also oversee the design and construction of the license center and dance studio.

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/MOC



Roseville Bike Plan Seeking Community Input

The City of Roseville, in collaboration with Ramsey County and Roseville Area Schools, has drafted a bike plan, with the goal of expanding our community’s bike network.

The vision is to create a bicycle network that is safe, comfortable, and accessible for riders of all abilities, especially for people experiencing systemic barriers and inequities.

Roseville currently has 102 miles of sidewalks, shared-use paths, and striped shoulders for bicycling. The plan identifies strategic investments that will expand the City’s bike network and improve safety.



Share your thoughts at CityofRoseville.com/Bike-plan



From Skater to Coach: Kelli Hagen Inspires the Next Generation

Kelli Hagen first laced up her skates and tiptoed onto the ice at the Roseville Skating Center at age 5. She learned the basics of ice skating and later advanced to the difficult jumps, spins, and elegant footwork of figure skating.

Decades later, Hagen, who grew up in the Roseville ice skating program, is now teaching children, teens, and adults how to ice skate as the City of Roseville’s Skate School Coordinator and head coach. She’s been in this leadership role for about one year, where she oversees a team of about 16 skate instructors and coaches.

“I have either been a skater in the Roseville Ice Show or coached part of the ice show every spring since I was five years old,” Hagen said. “I have seen a full generation, if not two generations, go through the program during the time I was a skater and now a coach.”

Hagen grew up in Roseville, and she remembers her mom getting the City of Roseville flier in the mail for ice skating lessons. She was immediately smitten with the sport. While she tried other activities, including dance and gymnastics, ice skating was her first love.

Hagen began coaching ice skating at age 15. Even after she graduated from Mounds View High School and began studying finance at the University of Minnesota, she kept coaching. She recently left her full-time job to focus on coaching and never looked back.

“Coaching has never felt like work. It was fun. I always loved working with kids,” Hagen said. “Each age group has its perks! There is something really fun about the 6 to 8-year-old group. They are fearless, and they are little sponges. They just love to learn,” Hagen adds.



As many as 450 students a week attend Roseville’s ice skating program. Classes are offered year-round. Students include preschoolers learning to skate, youngsters striving to improve their footwork for hockey or speedskating, aspiring figure skaters, and adults who want to better their balance and stride on the ice.

“We teach the basics of skating. We are a really consistent program with year-round classes. A lot of parents have their kids learn how to skate here. Kids then decide it’s fun, and they go on to hockey, speed skating, or figure skating,” Hagen said.

Students proudly show off their skills each year at the Roseville Ice Show. The annual event, complete with an imaginative theme, playful music, and eye-catching costumes, is the highlight of the year for many students.

Roseville also offers adult classes, which prove popular. She said parents often become interested in learning more about skating as their own children progress in figure skating or hockey.

“I’m so lucky to share my passion and love for this sport with so many skaters of all ages from so many surrounding communities. It’s truly a blessing to get to do what I love every day, surrounded by a wonderful team of coaches and see skaters improving month after month, and know it’s building confidence and leaving lasting impressions.”

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/skating

Preparing for Winter: Parking, Plowing, and Safety Reminders for Residents

Roseville plow drivers will soon be out on the streets and the City of Roseville’s winter parking restrictions go into effect. The City typically deploys up to a 16-person team to plow streets after each snow event.



Winter weather reminders:

- Place garbage and recycling bins on your driveway apron on trash day instead of on the curb. This will allow plow drivers to more thoroughly clear the street and will help prevent carts from being toppled by plowing activities.
- Avoid plowing snow back into the road when you are clearing your own driveway and walkways.
- Please be patient with pedestrian pathway plowing. City public works crews plow roadways first and parks crews follow up with pedestrian paths after a snow event.

Learn more at CityofRoseville.com/Snow

No parking is allowed on city streets when there has been two inches or more of snowfall until the street has been plowed curb to curb.

Volunteer Spotlight

Roseville's Lead Volunteers Drive Conservation and Community

Volunteers help keep the doors open at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center. Volunteers ensure that the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum is beautifully maintained, and volunteers are the boots on the ground for Roseville's Natural Resources Management Plan, which restores wetlands, woodland, and prairie in our parks.

A special group of lead volunteers keeps these programs running smoothly. They help train and mentor new volunteers. They work closely with City staff to plan and prepare for events and ensure best practices during natural resources events. They also help with emails and group communications.

"We could not accomplish all that we do without our lead volunteers," said Roseville Volunteer Manager Rachel Boggs. "Roseville volunteers contributed 5,446 hours of service last year, equivalent of 2.6 full-time positions. My lead volunteers help me oversee volunteer operations on our very tight budget. Lead volunteers make sure programs and events are running smoothly and that other volunteers feel properly trained and welcomed."

Meet some of Roseville's lead volunteers!



Cathy Wagner, Harriet Alexander Nature Center

Retired English Teacher Cathy Wagner started helping at the nature center shortly after moving to Roseville in 2020. She greeted

visitors and answered questions at the front desk. She agreed to take on the responsibilities of lead volunteer in 2022. Cathy trains new nature center volunteers and creates a monthly newsletter that lists upcoming events, open shifts, and important information for volunteers.

"I love the activity here, including the engagement our guests have with our exhibits, our animals, and the artwork," Cathy said. "It is wonderful that HANC is free to the community, in large part due to volunteers."

Cathy said she appreciates how the nature center, well known for its children's programming, has expanded its offerings to community members of all ages in recent years. The nature center now hosts "Nature at Nine," which includes a presentation, coffee, and conversation on unique nature topics. This program is held every second Wednesday. There are also art classes for adult learners and special events, including a Symphony of the Birds, where musicians used their instruments to mimic the sounds of nature.



"I've loved the programming innovations for adults. This has become not just a children's nature center, but a real community resource," Cathy said.

In addition to lead volunteering, Cathy still staffs the nature center front desk once a week, where she can watch families and children delight in the camping center, puppet theater, and live animals on display.

"They enjoy live animals, especially our little turtle Pistachio who is an absolute favorite. He's so social," she said.



Carl Anderson, Natural Resources Management Plan

Carl Anderson and his wife first started volunteering for the City more than a decade ago when Roseville's award-

winning natural resource management plan was just being conceived. The couple went to natural resource planning meetings. When the work started, the Andersons helped cut and remove invasive plants in the City's parks. They seeded native flowers and grasses, and they volunteered at the nature center.

Three years ago, Carl agreed to serve as a lead volunteer. He leads a group of volunteers at larger natural resources events, ensuring they're following best practices and answering questions posed by new volunteers.



Carl, who majored in biology in college, but then pursued a career in computer science, said he's always been drawn to science and nature. He's made good friends through volunteering and he's seen once marginalized Roseville property transformed into blooming natural areas.

While he loves spending time outdoors, he's really motivated by his children and his grandchildren. "It goes back to that old adage. I am not inheriting from my ancestors. I am stealing from my children. We want to leave this place better than we found it," he said. "Plus, it's fun to be outside. You never know what you are going to see as far as animals."



Bill Jenner, Natural Resources Management Plan

Camaraderie and community pride prompted Bill Jenner and his wife to volunteer for the City of Roseville more than a decade ago.

He helped stack and remove buckthorn from his neighborhood greenspace, Oasis Park. "I enjoy working with people and trying to make Roseville cool and beautiful," said Bill, a retired computer programmer. "I just want to help."

Today, Bill is a trusted lead volunteer. He leads groups at natural resources events, ensuring best practices. He also likes to volunteer at the arboretum, pulling weeds and helping to harvest fruit from the orchard.

As part of the natural resources crew, Bill has done a lot of cutting, stacking, and removing of buckthorn and other invasive species. Bill also helps plant trees and seed native plants.

Bill has lived in Roseville for 49 years, so he is gratified to see the changes take hold. "It's fun to watch the area be cleared out of invasives and come back differently," he said. "You can see the improvement when you are done working."

Learn more at
CityofRoseville.com/Volunteer

VOLUNTEER ROSEVILLE

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 Resources Volunteer Events at Materion Park

Saturday, November 15, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 20, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Materion Park
225 Minnesota Ave

Join City staff and volunteers in restoring the natural areas in Materion Park. Volunteers can expect to cut, stack, and treat buckthorn and other woody invasive plants in preparation for the January MLK seeding event.

Roseville Holiday Craft Fair

Friday, December 5, set-up, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, front desk reception, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, front desk reception, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., or 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., post-event clean up, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Roseville City Hall
2660 Civic Center Dr

The event will be at Roseville City Hall, and all vendor fees go to support the nature center. Get more information at CityofRoseville.com

Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle

Saturday, December 6, 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Cedarholm Community Building
2323 Hamline Ave N

Help participants with crafts, snacks and clean-up.

MLK Day Natural Resources Volunteer Event

Monday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Materion Park
225 Minnesota Ave

Volunteer your time with us on Martin Luther King Jr. Day for a "day on, not a day off." We will be seeding a native seed mix at the site. After the volunteer work is done, we will gather for a brunch at Cedarholm Community Building. Please RSVP to Rachel.Boggs@cityofroseville.com if you will be joining us for brunch.

Volunteers should dress for the weather as this event is outside. Sturdy boots or shoes and gloves are strongly recommended.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Roseville Alzheimer's and Dementia Community Action Team (RSVL A/D) proactively assists people living with dementia and their caregivers living in Roseville.



Find resources at
CityofRoseville.com/dementiainfo

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GrowRoseville.com

Resources for Roseville Businesses

Roseville Business Exchange

Cedarholm Community Building
2323 Hamline Ave N

December 3, 2025
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our end-of-year free networking event. It's an opportunity for you to meet with other local businesses, chat with City officials and staff, and make connections with others in the community.

Light refreshments will be provided with a cash bar.

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Game Night in the North: How Games by James Fuels Minnesota's Board Game Craze

Minnesota has one of the strongest board game cultures in the nation, says professional game purveyor Logan McKee.



McKee attributes it to our long, cold winters, our highly educated population, and, of course, our Midwestern obsession with friendly competition.

McKee's local chain of stores, Games by James, feeds the region's passion for game night, selling the buzziest, newest strategy games, as well as the classics.

McKee owns and operates six Games by James locations, that includes, Rosedale Center and Mall of America. McKee also owns a puzzle store at MOA, and Air Traffic Toys, a pair of stores that sell kites, science kits, and skill toys, including yo-yos and juggling gear.

"We are Minnesota-based," said McKee, who lives with his wife and three children in Prior Lake. "A lot of people assume we are a nationwide chain because we are in shopping malls."

He employs about 55 people across his stores. His workforce doubles during the holiday shopping season. He said his business is still going strong because technology simply cannot compete with game night.

"You cannot replace the board game with any amount of screen time. The connection that you make with people sitting around a kitchen table and playing a board game, there's no substitute for that," McKee said.



Games by James was first started in 1979 by James Gabbert, whose family owned the Gabbert's Furniture store. McKee's father, Glenn McKee, bought into the business as a franchisee in the early 1980s.

The Games by James brand has switched hands several times over the years, and its history feels a bit like a freewheeling game of Monopoly with expansions and bankruptcies.

McKee's father played the long game. He hung on to his business and was able to strategically acquire additional Games by James stores in the most promising locations including Mall of America, Southdale Center, Ridgedale Center, and Rosedale.



"It's a cash flow game. We don't have great margins, and in November and December, we need to hire a lot of people, and buy a lot of inventory," McKee said.

It's also about anticipating and stocking the next hot trend. McKee spends time attending trade shows, scouting new games and amusements. What's hot this season: card games and lighter strategy games that you can play in less time.

Games by James also stocks locally made games.

"Fantasy Flight Games, one of the biggest board game publishers in the country, is in Roseville. We pride ourselves on how many local games that we carry," McKee said.

McKee said other forms of entertainment are their biggest competition.

"There was obviously a shift. Everybody can see that happen, but I think we found our place where we're not going anywhere," McKee said. "There are enough people out there who want to come talk about games and get good advice."

Games by James also does a brisk business in the classics.

"We carry Catchphrase, Apples to Apples. A big part of our business since COVID has been jigsaw puzzles. Magic The Gathering, Pokémon, and those collectible card games are a big part of our business," he said.



McKee said his Roseville store has been very successful, and he credits mall management with keeping the shopping center relevant and busy even as America's shopping habits have evolved. He also credits his amazing staff, including longtime manager Aaron Karmins-Foss.

#ShopSmall on Saturday, November 29, 2025!

Join us to celebrate small business contributions to our community by shopping at a small business on November 29, Small Business Saturday.

A few other places for unique Holiday gifts:

- Bricks and Minifigs, 1692 Lexington Ave N
- Comic Book College, 1430 County Road C W
- Dreamers Vault Games, 1143 Larpenteur Ave W
- Legacy Toys, Rosedale Mall
- Rose & Loon, Rosedale Center 1595 Highway 36
- Source Comics and Games, 2057 Snelling Ave N