



East Diversion Project Update



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Spring Clean-Up

City officials will be touring the city to identify clean-up and maintenance violations on public and private property. Landowners are asked to address clean-up issues prior to the tour in late May.

Clean-Up week will be held in early May for collection of brush and other debris. Watch for more information on city clean-up dates for collection of appliances, tires and other items.

When conditions permit, the Roseau Compost Site is open Tuesdays, 8 am-10 pm and located 1 mile north of Hwy. 11 on Co. Rd 28 for disposal of brush, leaves and lawn clippings

Take Pride in Roseau and keep it looking beautiful

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Davidson Construction have initiated pre-construction meetings in preparation for the commencement of the next phase of the Roseau East Diversion Project. This phase will be the largest construction phase of the entire diversion project with a cost of \$13 million. The project will involve the construction of over 2 miles of diversion channel from 330th Street (north of the Roseau sewage lagoons) to a point just south of the abandoned railroad corridor. This construction activity will require the moving of approximately

500,000 cy of earth. This is the equivalent to a hole the size of a football field nearly 80' deep.

In addition to the excavation of the channel, the contractor will be constructing approximately 6 miles of setback and high flow storage levees adjacent to the diversion channel from Highway 11 north to the outlet. Additional construction activities will involve the removal of 330th Street north of the city's sewage lagoons and the reconstruction and extension of 400th Avenue which runs north past the city's northeast water tower up to a number of private residences along the river.

Construction on this phase of the project is projected to take two years to fully complete.

The City of Roseau continues to pursue additional funding to complete the remaining phases of the diversion project and has recently submitted a \$2 million grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce—Economic Development Administration to fund the completion of the project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was also recently awarded an additional \$300,000 in 2012 funding to continue construction activities. The U.S. Army Corps continues to seek additional funding sources.

City Improvement Projects for 2012

This year is expected to be a busy year in Roseau for improvement projects. This is a result of many projects from 2011 being carried over to 2012 in an effort to put together a larger package and attract more competitive bids.

In addition to the \$13 million diversion project construction detailed above, the city will advertise three street projects for construction this summer. These projects include 7th Street SE from the railroad line south to the end of the street. Aging water main, sewer main and storm sewer will all be replaced as a part of this street reconstruction project. Another area that will see street and infrastructure repair are 2nd Avenue NW/4th Street NW between Memorial Arena and the American Legion. The final street project for 2012 is the reconstruction of the frontage road between Border State Bank and Sven & Ole's Car Wash. The frontage road reconstruction project is planned to include some storm

water improvements to resolve drainage issues along the frontage road. The projected cost of these street improvements is \$1.35 million

The Roseau Municipal Airport will also see significant construction work in 2012 as some of the older aprons and taxiways will be reconstructed. These improvements have already been bid. Minn-Dak Asphalt will be completing the work and the final cost to complete this project is estimated at \$625,000. The City has secured 95% of the construction funding from the Federal Aviation Administration for the completion of this project.

Other smaller improvements planned for 2012 include improvements to a number of the parks around Roseau. The Board will complete the improvements to the new patio constructed north of the main shelter at City Park, construct a new restroom at North Star Park, picnic shelter at West Side Park, and install new park signs at Riverview (Gazebo)

Park and the Mother's Memory Garden. The City will also facilitate the completion of a new paver and retaining wall base for the new sculpture placed on the City Center grounds. Private funds have been donated for the materials needed to complete this project.

Finally the Roseau Fire Hall will have a new roof installed in 2012.

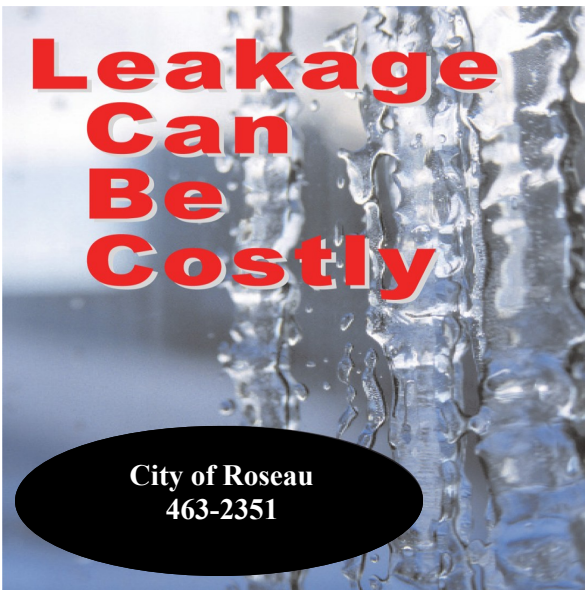
Baseball & Youth Ball Registration

Roseau Baseball and Thursday Night Youth Ball registration will be held in mid-April.

Roseau sponsors an in-house youth recreation T-ball/coach pitch softball program on Thursday nights for ages 3-9. There is also an in-house baseball program for grades 3-6.

Those interested in Roseau's traveling Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth baseball teams can also register through the city.

Registration can be done online on the City website. Check the city website for details.



Don't Let Water Leakages Cost You Money

Your monthly water bill and usage should be fairly consistent. Watch your usage each month on your utility bill and if you notice an increase, check your house for leaks right away.

A common source of leaks is your toilet. Toilet leaks can waste up to 200 gallons per day which comes out to over 5000 gallons per billing cycle. Some toilet leaks are silent or difficult to hear. These can be tested by placing 2-3 drops of food coloring, red works best, in the toilet tank. Wait 1-2 hours and do not flush. Colored water in the bowl indicates there is a leak.

Faucet leaks are easier to see and most can be fixed by you. Just remember every faucet model is different so be sure to get the correct repair kit and instructions. Bring the original parts with you to the hardware store when replacing parts.

After repairing all visible leaks, do a test for invisible leaks. Make sure no water is being used inside or outside the house. Find your water meter and record the current reading. Wait at least an hour if you can, making sure no water is used during this time. Read the meter again. If the reading is changed, you have a leak. If you cannot find the leak, you may want to contact a plumber.

LEAK THIS SIZE	WATER LOSS IN GALLONS		3 MTH LOSS IN DOLLARS
	Average per day	Average per month	\$2.60 per 1000 Gal. Rate
1/32" Dia.	264	8,030	63
1/16" Dia.	943	28,700	224
1/8" Dia.	3800	115,600	902
1/4" Dia.	8000	243,333	1898

Leakage based on 50psi pressure and 365 days per year.

Prevent Street Flooding & River Contamination

Help protect the Roseau River by keeping leaves, grass clipping, garbage, and other contaminants out of gutters, storm drains and catch basins. Please compost vegetative items and properly dispose of garbage and wastes.



The City of Roseau reminds residents that with the warmer weather to use caution and stay off of the ice on the River and Storm Water pond.



NEW TO ROSEAU?

The Welcome to Roseau Committee encourages you to contact the Roseau City Clerk's Office for a New Resident Welcome Bag filled with community information and gifts from local merchants. If you are new to Roseau or know of someone who has recently moved to the community please call Janet Lundbohm at 463-1542. "Welcome to Roseau" is on Facebook, check us out and find out what is happening in Roseau!

Private Property Maintenance Ordinance

Residents are reminded that the City of Roseau maintains a hazardous conditions and nuisance ordinance governing private property maintenance. The most common violations of these ordinances include: the storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles or vehicle parts outside of an enclosed structure; uncontrolled vegetation growth (e.g. noxious weeds and grass growth over 6"), accumulations of tires, appliances, construction debris or other garbage on properties; and homes, garages or sheds in disrepair (e.g. those in need of paint/siding or having broken windows, missing doors or boards, or structures which are falling or leaning, or unsecured structures including those that may harbor pests and vermin).



Property owners who are found to have violations on their property during the City Planning Commission's annual tour or after investigation of a complaint are notified by a letter from the Roseau Police Department of their need to correct the violation and how it can be corrected.

While the Planning Commission's tour attempts to view as much of the city as possible, they cannot view everything and some violations can be missed. Residents can notify the Planning Commission of hazardous or nuisance conditions for further investigation by contacting the Roseau City Office at 463-1542 or the Roseau Police Department at 463-3129.

The City requests that property owners do their part in keeping Roseau a clean, safe and enjoyable community to live in, by addressing any and all violations that might exist on their property. Let's keep Roseau looking great!

Minnesota DNR Community Tree Survey

In 2010 Minnesota DNR Forestry crews conducted field surveys of trees in 700 Minnesota communities, including Roseau, to determine tree genera, range of sizes and the general health of trees in residential neighborhoods and business corridors. The crews were on foot, walking pre-selected streets in each community, counting both public and private trees if they were within 60 feet of the roadway. The results of these surveys show how vulnerable many communities are to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) due to the lack of tree species diversity. Nearly every community in Minnesota had an overabundance of maple and ash.

Ash population varies by community, ranging from 0.2% to 59.6%. On average, 20.3% of all trees within a particular community in Minnesota are ash. Roseau had roughly 8.2% of its trees comprising ash and nearly 30% of its trees made up of ash and maple (including Boxelder). Of the 700 communities surveyed, 165 (23.6%) are highly susceptible to EAB infestation. The resulting ash mortality could decrease tree population by a third. Similar to Dutch elm disease, EAB poses a serious threat to urban forest health.

Appropriate Planting for Community Tree Diversity

Local communities increase their tree maintenance costs by planting only a few types of trees.

A diverse community forest is far less susceptible to devastation by a pest or disease that affects a single type of tree. Selecting a wide variety of trees native to specific areas of Minnesota and providing proper care helps ensure that trees will be strong and healthy-while reducing vulnerability to forest pest invaders in the future.

A diverse community forest has:

- 10 percent or less of a single species (e.g. red maple, sugar maple)
- 20 percent or less of a single genus (e.g. maple, oak, ash, spruce)
- 30 percent or less of a single family (e.g. maple and boxelder are in the same Maple family)

While Roseau's tree survey does not show a major threat of EAB loss it does show an overabundance of spruce and boxelder within our community. The City recommends residents consider other native species of trees identified by the DNR to help diversify our urban forest.

The DNR Forestry Recommends planting a variety of the following Native Trees for Roseau (Agassiz Lowlands & Aspen Parklands Ecological Regions):

Maple Family: (Red Maple, Silver Maple, Sugar Maple, Boxelder)

Birch Family: (Alder, Yellow Birch, Paper Birch)

Beech Family: (Northern Pin Oak, Bur Oak, Northern Red Oak)

Olive Family: (Green Ash, Black Ash)

Buckthorn Family: (Ironwood)

Rose Family: (Serviceberry, Chokecherry, Pin Cherry, Showy Mountain Ash)

Willow Family: (Balsam Poplar, Eastern Cottonwood, Bigtooth Aspen, Quaking Aspen, Willow)

Basswood Family: (Basswood/Linden)

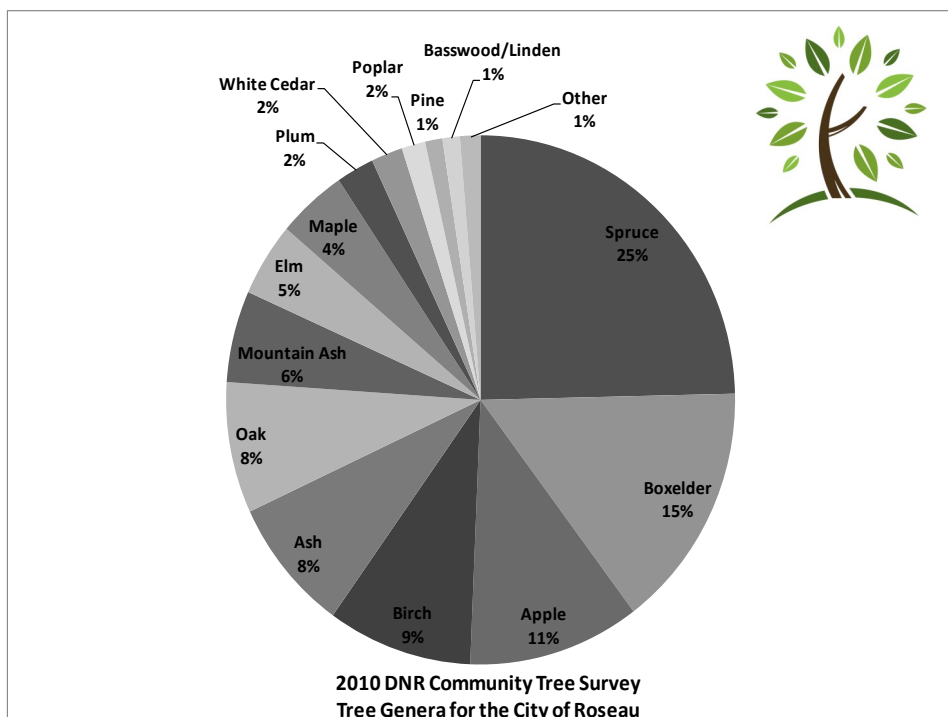
Elm Family: (American Elm, Rock Elm)

Pine Family: (Balsam Fir, White Spruce, Black Spruce, Jack Pine, Red Pine, Eastern White Pine, Canada Yew, Northern White Cedar, Tamarack)

Roseau officials encourage the use of a wide variety of native trees throughout the community. The City has undertaken two tree planting projects in the past along highways 11 & 89 utilizing a diverse selection of native trees and has submitted a grant application for 2012 for a project to plant an additional 225 native trees on the city's parklands and trails. Grant announcements will be made in March.

TREES = MONEY

When properly cared for, trees provide benefits worth three times the investment in planting and care. Trees are community assets, adding value to property, beautifying our landscape and providing food and shelter for wildlife. Trees provide shade, act as wind breaks, and reduce storm water runoff. In addition, mature trees remove and store air pollutants, improving air quality.



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Northern Lights Concert Association Bringing High Quality Entertainment to Roseau

The Northern Lights Concert Association is a local organization whose stated mission is to bring high quality entertainment not typically available in smaller communities like Roseau.

Each year the Northern Lights Concert Association brings in a wide range of cultural experiences. These may range from a classical piano, violin, flute trio to steel drums from the Caribbean, to Chinese acrobats, to a musical comedy. The purpose is to stretch the audience through entertainment to new experiences they do not normally encounter, expose students to artists and virtuoso performers, and provide in-school classes and programs when possible.

In 2011-2012 the Northern Lights Concert Association's selections included:

- (Sept 26) Tribute to Frankie Valli & Broadway
- (Nov 11) Anderson & Roe (Piano Duet)
- (Feb 6) Scott Woods Band (Fiddle Music)

- (Mar 11) Rastrelli Cello Quartet
- (May 12) Matales M5 (Mexican Brass Quintet)



Matales M5 - Performing May 12th in Roseau

The Northern Lights Concert Association's local Board of Directors select each year's performers and attempts to find a wide variety of talent and performance types.

All performances are held in the Roseau High School Theater at 7:30 p.m. and attendance at performances is by season ticket purchase in advance only. For 2011-2012 season ticket prices were \$30 for adult and \$10 for students (spring '11 purchase) or \$35/\$10 for fall purchase.

For more information on membership in the Northern Lights Concert Association check their website at www.concertassociation.net or contact Lana Anderson - 218-463-4088 (day) or 218-463-0073 (evening).

The Roseau County Historical Society and Museum celebrated the Grand Opening of the 2012 "One Woman" on March 4 at the Roseau City Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and program. Twelve county women were selected for this honor by the cities and townships in Roseau County.

Legacy Funding Used to Sponsor Events at Library

In November 2008, Minnesotans passed the clean water, land, and legacy amendment to the Minnesota Constitution. As a result, over the next twenty-five years, 3/8 of one percent of the state's sales tax will be dedicated for a Clean Water Fund, an Outdoor Heritage Fund, a Parks and Trails Fund, and an Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has been actively used by the NW Regional Library and the Roseau Public Library to fund various cultural events such as the upcoming Fort Frances Highlanders Pipes and Drums performance at the Roseau Public Library on March 17th at 3:30 pm. Various Legacy funded events occur throughout the year.