

CITY NEWS



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Rogers Firefighter Spotlight: Meet Greg!

The Rogers Fire Department is a combination fire department with paid on-call firefighters along with full-time staff. We would like to introduce one of our paid-on call firefighters, Lieutenant Greg Nykiel.

How long have you been a member?
"It will be 9 Years in May."

How long have you lived in Rogers?
"12 Years."

Why did you want to join the Rogers Fire Department?

"Honestly, I've never really wanted to be a 'Firefighter', but whenever passing an emergency scene I would find myself wondering if the Firefighters/Police 'need any help'. I decided to join the Rogers Fire Department because I thought I could be an asset to their team. I like helping people, solving problems, learning new skills, gaining life experience, and being a productive member of society. The final thing that pushed me to join the

fire department was the desire to have a greater sense of community so that Rogers isn't just part of my mailing address."

What is one important thing you want the public to know about the department?

"Paid on-call fire departments have come a long way from the 'good 'ol boys' clubs of years past. I was hesitant to join because of my preconceived notions of what a 'Paid on-call fire department' was all about. I'm glad to say I was wrong. We are professional firefighters providing the same level of service as a full-time department. Our customers expect a high-level of service in their time of need; which means the training, dedication, and professionalism of our paid on-call team needs to meet these expectations."

What is something unique about yourself?

"I have a knack for improvised problem solving...some of which would make MacGyver proud!"

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Rogers Firefighter Spotlight: Meet Greg! Continued

What is your full time career outside of being a paid-on-call firefighter?

"I am the VP of Operations for a supplier of Industrial Machinery. I help to solve problems and streamline the business to handle continued growth, while improving the overall quality experienced by our customers."

What is one of your most memorable calls you've been on?

"On April 1st, 2015, we were paged out to 3 homes on fire in Otsego. One of our firefighters who lives in the neighborhood updated that it was actually 4 homes on fire...and multiple acres of wildland behind the homes. Between fighting the house fires and the DNR air planes dropping water right behind us, it was a once in a career experience."

Can you tell us what you love about being a firefighter, and being on Rogers Fire Department?

"I love being behind the "caution tape" and working with a great team of people. We have a lot of laughs, but I know I can count on the person next to me when the tones sound and it's time to get serious."



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While you are on a fire call, who's waiting for you at home?

"My supportive wife and two kids (5 and 3)."

What would you say to someone who is on the fence about applying to become a firefighter?

"I strongly suggest scheduling a visit to ask any questions you have and to tour the fire station. If you still aren't sure, I'd be happy to have a candid conversation of what "a day in the life" looks like so there are no surprises. It's not all house fires, car accidents, and cats in trees; most calls are uneventful, winter is cold, and there are training and attendance obligations that need to be met."



Picture of Rogers Fire Department. Photo Credit: Josh Schave.

**Be part of the tradition.
Be part of the excitement.
Be part of the community.**

Rogers Fire is seeking paid on-call firefighters. No experience is required.

Contact Fire Chief Brad Feist for more information at 763-428-3500 or visit our website!

www.rogersmn.gov/firedepartment

Pedestrian Safety: Look Out

Spring is almost here, and residents and guests of the city are enjoying the many outdoor attractions Rogers has to offer.

A quick safety reminder to all those visiting and driving through our City so we can all be mindful of laws related to pedestrians.

Minnesota law gives pedestrians the right of way at marked crosswalks and at intersections without marked crosswalks, and drivers must stop and allow pedestrians to cross the road. Pedestrians must not enter the roadway when a vehicle traveling at the posted speed limit would not be able to stop safely in time to allow them to cross the roadway. Pedestrians must also obey pedestrian control devices at intersections when they are present. Pedestrians shall travel on the left side of the roadway so approaching traffic can see them when no sidewalk is present. Never assume a driver of a vehicle sees you when you are attempting to cross at any crosswalk or intersection.

Make certain the vehicle is stopped completely before crossing the road and eye contact is made with the driver.

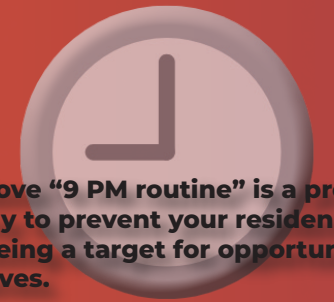
As always, if there is a problem or concern with a particular street or crosswalk, please contact the Rogers Police Department.



9 PM Routine

As we approach spring and summer, it is important that we remain vigilant as it relates to thefts and burglaries. The warmer weather months is when the Rogers Police Department typically sees an increase in thefts from unlocked vehicles, and burglaries from open garages and residences in the overnight hours. We developed the "9pm Routine" as a daily routine to develop a habit of keeping your valuables locked up and to prevent your residence from being a target for thieves. At 9 p.m. each night (or earlier), try to do the following:

- ! Remove the garage door openers out of any vehicles parked in the driveway, and ensure your vehicle(s) are locked.
- ! Ensure your garage door is shut, and lock the door from the garage to the residence.
- ! Check that the doors at your residence are locked, and windows are closed and locked when appropriate.
- ! Turn on your outside residence lights.

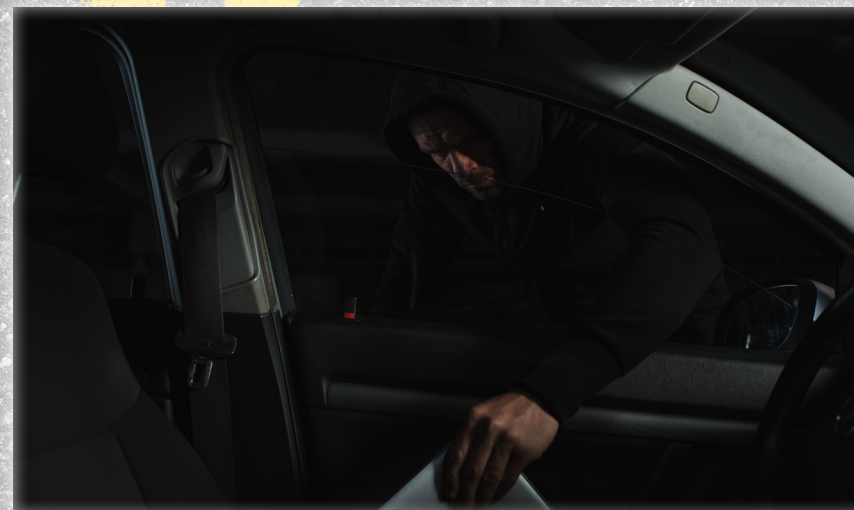


The above "9 PM routine" is a proactive way to prevent your residence from being a target for opportunistic thieves.

Most thefts and burglaries in Rogers are a result from an "opportunity" that our residents give the thieves, and rarely is there a "forced entry" theft or burglary from locked vehicles and residences. As always, if you see something suspicious, do not hesitate to call 911.



Together, we can prevent crimes of opportunity for thieves in our community and keep Rogers a wonderful city to live, work and play!





CLEAN UP DAY 2021



Clean Up Day is Back for 2021!

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the Rogers Public Works Department will hold a Clean Up Day. This event will be held at the Rogers Public Works Building, 22350 South Diamond Lake Road (West of Kohl's), from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This event is subject to change or cancellation, if COVID cases spike, as time gets closer to this event. Staff working this event will be masked and attendees are asked to stay in their vehicle or to wear a mask if they need to get out to open a hatch/trailer, etc.

This service is available for Rogers residents only. Contractors must find alternative services.

Electronics



- TVs smaller than 25", \$15 each
- TVs larger than 25", \$25 each
- All other electronics are \$5 each

Tires



- Automobile Tires, \$2 each
- Light Truck Tires, \$3 each
- Semi-Truck Tires, \$10 each
- Tractor Tires, \$30 each

Miscellaneous Items



- Window Air Conditioner, \$20 each
- LP Tank (up to 20 pounds), \$5 each
- Misc. Solid Waste & Demo Debris per cubic yard, \$30
- Hide-a-bed, \$30 each
- Couch, Chair or Love Seat, \$30 each
- Mattress or Box Spring, \$30 each



Clean Up Day, Continued



Appliances

(White Goods) are \$10 each. Appliances such as:

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Washers
- Dryers
- Dishwashers
- Garbage Disposals
- Microwaves
- Dehumidifiers
- Trash Compactors
- Furnaces
- Water Heaters
- Water Softeners
- Stoves
- Space Heaters

Note: No RV or Ammonia Refrigerators

Also Accepted at No Charge

- Newspapers
- Tin/Steel/Aluminum
- Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles with Necks
- Phone Books
- Glass Bottles (unbroken)
- Lead Acid Batteries (i.e. Car Batteries)
- Fluorescent Bulbs
 - *Limit 25 bulbs per household
 - *No Commercial Recycling
- Drain Oil
- Anti-Freezer
- Oil Filters

Note: No Copiers, Fax Machines, Household Hazardous Waste, Paint, Yard Waste or Household Batteries

The City of Rogers Public Works Department will be making curbside pickups for the elderly and residents with disabilities. To arrange for this service, please call the Public Works Department at (763)-428-8580, Ext. 208 on or before Friday, May 14, 2021. You will need to have your items placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. Monday, May 17, 2021. Staff will not be able to assist with getting the items to the curb.

Organics Recycling



City of Rogers residents who are also Randy's Environmental Services customers have the ability to recycle their organics. Contact Randy's Environmental Services to start organics recycling today at 763-972-3335.

More information can be found at: www.randyenvironmental.com/residential/organics-recycling.

Learn About Projects in Rogers, All in One Place



To keep residents up to date on what is going on in their community, the City of Rogers has developed a Project Spotlight page on the City's website.

The Project Spotlight will be updated regularly with information on various projects going on within the City, including new streets, parks, trails and developments. It will also provide links to Hennepin County and Minnesota Department of Transportation projects that are being built in and around the City.

We expect this new webpage to be an efficient way to provide information to our residents and we hope everyone enjoys it! Visit www.rogersmn.gov/projects-spotlight.



2021 Rogers Recreation News

Check out the latest announcements from the Rogers Parks & Recreation Department!



Upcoming Recreation Programming in 2021!

Rogers Tennis Club

The City of Rogers has been working towards an agreement for a public/private partnership for a tennis center, since June of 2014, on the land north of the ground storage reservoir, north of the Rogers High School athletic fields.

On September 20, 2020, a ribbon-cutting was held to commemorate the Rogers Tennis Club's opening. This is a unique public-private partnership that brought a high-value recreational asset to the City of Rogers and the surrounding athletic community.

Ultimate Tennis's Del Bauers said his goal for the Rogers Tennis Club is to meet the needs of all tennis players, from children to seniors.

"We'd like to be a place where kids can feel safe, and seniors can come and stay active," Bauers said. "There's something about the environment [that] we have all talked about where it feels like they're home when they come here. It's like their club. They feel welcome, and it's like a big family."

Rogers Tennis Club offers junior tennis classes, adult tennis classes, and private lessons. Visit www.rogerstennisclub.com to learn more.

Planning for the City of Rogers recreation programs is underway and should be available in the summer. Visit www.rogersmn.gov/recreationprograms for additional info.



Learn to Skate

Summer learn to skate lessons are still available. We offer classes for ages 3½ -adult for figure skating, hockey, and recreational skating. It is a great way to cool down in the summer and build your skills for the upcoming winter. All classes are six sessions long, three days a week for two weeks straight. Classes are 30 minutes long, except for hockey classes which will run for an hour.

Tues./Wed./Thurs.
July 15 - July 25
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$69 (Snowplow Sam, Basics, Hockey Jr) - \$89 (Hockey Beg & Adv).

Check our website for full class details or call [763-428-1033](tel:763-428-1033). Register through Community Ed at www.rogersmn.gov/rac-programs.

Rogers Farmers' Market

Rogers Farmers' Market has approximately 20 local vendors (farmers, growers, artists, crafters and select Rogers businesses) emphasizing diversity, quality and freshness. Our market encourages community participation and support of our local food system.

The market is located near the Veteran's Memorial and Lions Central Park (formerly Triangle Park). Visit our website at www.rogersmn.gov/farmers-market for updated information, vendor applications and information about the community booth.

Wed., Jun. 9-Oct 6 | 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
12724 Main Street Rogers
*No Farmers' Market on July 7.



Rogers Senior Center

The Senior Center is open Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is for those who would like to:

- Grab a library book
- Use the computers
- Buy an upcycled greeting card
- Borrow a puzzle

Each person will sign in with their name, date, their phone number and must wear a mask. If

you are not able to visit the Senior Center during these hours, please email jriebel@rogersmn.gov or call Jackie at [763-428-0939](tel:763-428-0939) for an appointment.

Please view the Senior Newsletters for upcoming Senior hours and events and gatherings at www.rogersmn.gov/senior-newsletter.



Rogers Event Center

The Rogers Event Center has a range of amenities to meet our community's needs, from business meetings to weddings to other private and public events. The Event Center features a conference room that will accommodate 50+ people, a full-service commercial kitchen for caterers, and a permanent coffee & wine bar.

The Great Hall can accommodate up to 300 seated guests. The Event Center is located in Lions Central Park (formerly Triangle Park) on Main Street, just south of Downtown Rogers, a centralized location for community gatherings.

Visit our website www.rogersmn.gov/rogers-event-center to find out more information on how you can schedule your next event or tour! We also have Sponsorships available for naming rights and the Legacy Garden. Please note: current COVID guidelines need to be followed when renting.

Senior Dining

Tentative Start Date: May 4, 2021

We are thinking positively, hoping to safely reinstate our Senior Dining program at the beginning of May. Once again, we will get our delicious lunches from Center Cut Meats.

We will be looking for kitchen volunteers to help with Senior Dining. This includes setting tables before the meal, making coffee, and getting condiments ready, as well as serving the food and cleaning up. The volunteer time is usually between an hour to an hour-and-a-half (around 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays. We are also looking for cashiers. This position will greet attendees in a polite friendly manner and take tickets or money for the lunches that day.

Watch for our new prices and menu starting in the May Newsletter. Contact Jackie if you would like to volunteer in the kitchen. Contact info: jriebel@rogersmn.gov or [763-428-0939](tel:763-428-0939).



Movies at Dusk | All Ages

Join us at the movies...outdoors at North Community Park or Lions Central Park throughout the summer. We will be showing movies under the stars, so mark your calendar and save the dates! We will supply the popcorn. Check our website for show updates, location and inclement weather - call our weather hotline at [763-428-0960](tel:763-428-0960).

Blast to the Past: Cool Runnings - PG 98 min.
Friday, Aug. 13* | 8:30 p.m./dusk

*Weather alternate date
Saturday, Aug. 14

Onward - PG 102 min.
Friday, Aug. 20* | 8:15 p.m./dusk

*Weather alternate date
Saturday, Aug. 21

Finding Dory - PG 97 min.
Friday, Aug 27* | 8:10 p.m./dusk
*Weather alternate date
Saturday, Aug. 28

Up - PG 96 min.
Friday, Sept. 3* | 8:00 p.m./dusk
*Weather alternate date
Saturday, Sept. 4

Movie in My Park | All Ages

Let us show an outdoor movie at your local neighborhood park. Vote by visiting www.rogersmn.gov/movieinmypark or Facebook link to vote for your park and movie selection by Aug. 21. Votes will be collected and the winning park and movie will be posted. We will bring the popcorn and movie to your park! Movie choices are:

Moana - PG 113 min.
Kung Fu Panda 3 - PG 97 min.

Movie Title & Location TBD

Friday, Sept. 10* | 7:45 p.m./dusk

*Weather alternate date
Saturday, Sept. 11

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About Us

The City of Rogers operates under a Council-Administrator form of government. Elected positions include the Mayor (two-year term) and four Council Members (four-year alternating terms). There are several standing commissions including: the Arena Commission, Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, and Senior Advisory Commission that meet to discuss and make recommendations on important issues within the City. Visit our City website at www.rogersmn.gov.



City Contacts

City Hall: 763-428-2253
Fire Department: 763-428-3500
Police Department: 763-428-3450
Public Works: 763-428-8580
Recreation Department: 763-428-1033
Rogers Activity Center: 763-428-1033
Rogers Senior Center: 763-428-0939
Wines & Spirits: 763-428-0163

Rogers City Council

Rick Ihli- Mayor

Mark Eiden- City Council Member

Bruce Gorecki- City Council Member

Kevin Jullie- City Council Member

Shannon Klick- City Council Member

Visit www.rogersmn.gov/citycouncil for more info!



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Entertainment in the Park | All Ages

Rogers Parks and Recreation will have free entertainment in the park on Wednesday's evenings throughout the summer. Full entertainment series will be posted on Facebook and our website. Visit www.rogersmn.gov/recreation-eventinfo for full details. For weather updates, call our weather Hotline at 763-428-0960.

Wednesdays, Jun. 23-Aug. 25* | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Free

Lions Central Park (formerly Triangle Park)

*No programming on July 7 and Aug. 4.

Rogers Wines and Spirit and the Rogers MUNI are control mechanisms; first and foremost. Since its inception Municipal liquor's major focus is control of the sale of alcohol. We work very hard to assure that we do not allow the sale of alcohol to obviously intoxicated persons or anyone who is not of legal drinking age; we are the first line of defense. We understand that the sale of a controlled substance is a serious responsibility, not merely a revenue generator.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve our community, and the surrounding communities, in an effort to control the sale of alcohol and simultaneously reduce the cost of roads, playgrounds and fire protection. We are proud to assist Rogers P.D. in keeping our streets safe. Our profits stay in Rogers where they belong! Thanks very much for your continued support and your support of local business!

Rogers Wines & Spirits

