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ROGERS COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO COVID-19

The Rogers City Council and City staff hope that your families and businesses are weathering the COVID-19 situation as well as possible from health, financial and social standpoints. Every family and every business is impacted differently by this pandemic, and we know you all have your own stories. We also know that nearly every community in the state will be affected to a greater or lesser extent by the direct health impacts including confirmed positive cases or, unfortunately, COVID-19-related deaths.

Providing a written update at this time is challenging, as the situation is bound to evolve between the time that it is written and the time this newsletter is received, including ongoing changes to executive orders and guidance at the state and federal level.

Governor Walz' current Executive Order runs through May 4. At this time, it is unknown what things in Minnesota will look like after that date, but it is likely that this order will be extended in some form, and/or modified.

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2020 ELECTIONS

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE ELECTIONS IN 2020 WITH COVID-19?

The Secretary of State's office is currently working with election administrators to ensure that the primary and general election can occur with the public's best interest in mind. Many different options are being considered at this time. Rogers residents will be notified via City communications if there are any major changes for how voters will participate in upcoming elections. Stay up to date on elections by visiting www.rogersmn.gov/elections

Primary Election

August 11, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020



PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that any eligible voter in the City of Rogers may file as a candidate for the following positions in the upcoming Primary Election:

- One Mayor; 2 year term
- Two Council Members; 4 year terms

All candidates should file at the City Clerk's office located at 22350 S. Diamond Lake Road, Rogers, Minnesota.

Filings open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Filing fee is \$2.00.

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:
<http://www.randysenvironmentalservices.com/residential/organics-recycling>

CLEAN UP DAY 2020 CANCELED

The COVID-19 epidemic is a rapidly-evolving situation, and measures to control its spread have affected all of our daily lives. The City of Rogers is doing its part in the effort to minimize the health risk to our residents, visitors and City staff members. This includes adherence to CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines regarding gatherings and social distancing.

Therefore, we will not be holding a clean up day at the Rogers Public Works building this spring. We suggest you gather and save items you would bring to the City sponsored clean up day and take them to a Hennepin County Drop Off Facility. Please check to see if they are open and accepting drop offs before you go at www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Several projects summer construction projects are taking place including the Industrial Boulevard Extension, I-94, Main Street Reconstruction, Hassan Elementary Trail II, and the South Diamond Lake Trail Project. To find information on street construction projects please visit www.rogersmn.gov/street-projects.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE 9PM 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.

The "9pm 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!

At 9pm 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.

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The City's COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet nearly daily, in an emergency management capacity, to monitor and react to local and nationwide developments and to determine emergency response protocols as appropriate. This group spans departments including: Police and Fire, Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Information Systems (IS). If there is one operational lesson that has been reinforced during this timeframe, it is the importance of technology and our tech experts in allowing for continuity of services.

At present, all City buildings remain closed to the public in order to minimize the risk to both members of the public and City staff. Staff continues to work to provide services to residents and businesses (Visit www.rogersmn.gov/covid-19 for a list of ways to access City services remotely). State orders and other guidelines will continue to be monitored with regard to reopening City offices to the public. **All Police and Fire emergency services continue to be fully-operational and fully-staffed, with those departments coordinating closely with Hennepin County Emergency Management and ambulance/EMT services.**

Recreation buildings, including the RAC/ice arena, Community Room and Senior Center are also closed to the public with rec programs currently cancelled or postponed until guidelines allow. Parks and trails are open for use. Playground equipment, which had been previously posted as off-limits, has been "re-opened" for use at the discretion of parents, subject to social distancing and handwashing before/after.

Please refer to the City's COVID-19 web page at www.rogersmn.gov/covid-19 for the most up-to-date information on the current situation including resources for residents and businesses and general updates.

A note regarding utility billing during the COVID-19 situation: The City of Rogers recognizes there could be difficulty paying utility bills timely due to varying personal COVID-19-related circumstances. To that end, the City will not be charging late fees through June 10, 2020. Ultimately, your charges for utility services will need to be paid in full, and we hope you consider making partial payments, or a full payment even if it is late. Should you for whatever reason become unable to pay your bill, please contact the Utility Billing Department at 763-428-0920.



Finally, while it is easy and understandable to think of government as a faceless maze of bureaucracy/regulation/taxation, the Rogers City Council and staff truly do care about the safety, economic and social well-being of our residents. It is our hope that, as a community, we will strive to be patient with our families, our coworkers, our neighbors and ourselves. Regardless of how quickly things "reopen" in Minnesota, this situation is more likely to be a marathon than a sprint, and the more we work together the better our community will navigate the uncharted road ahead. Thank you and stay healthy, Rogers!

Spring brings excitement on the development front in Rogers. Over the winter, several ongoing projects came to completion, or are in the home stretch. At the same time, developers continued to pursue new projects. Much of the development buzz has focused on continued building of neighborhoods and filling a need for more housing varieties, such as apartments.

RESIDENTIAL



DR Horton Residential Project for Rogers Approved

DR Horton has submitted plans to the City, seeking approval for a 61-unit detached single-family residential development, to be called Birchwood. The 21-acre site is north on Brockton Lane, or County Road 13, about a half-mile from South Diamond Lake Road. The Brockton Meadows subdivision on Harmony Avenue borders the site to the north.

DR Horton has identified this as a first phase of a larger residential development and hopes to continue developing the land to the south of this site. DR Horton also hopes to start construction this summer.



Lennar Turns Attention to New Residential Project

Lennar has proposed a 363-unit mixed residential development at the intersection of Territorial Road and Wood Lane, called Skye Meadow. The development encompasses six properties and about 128 gross acres. If approved, this would be the second Lennar residential development in Rogers. The other Lennar development is Laurel Creek, a

480-unit mixed residential development. The new subdivision proposes twin homes, in addition to single family homes and townhomes similar to the Laurel Creek project. The project is currently working its way through the City's review process. Construction could start this summer.

Townhome Development on 129th Avenue to Begin Construction

On November 26, 2019, the City Council approved the final plat for a 38-unit rental townhome development, called Brenly Meadows. The developer estimates each unit to have a value around \$275,00 with a monthly lease rate of \$2,000 to \$2,200. Construction will occur in two (2) phases and should begin this Summer.



MULTIFAMILY

Concept Plan Submitted for Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility

Vincent Development has proposed a single-level, 40-unit senior assisted living and memory care facility. The proposed location is on the corner of South Diamond Lake Road and Brockton Lane, adjacent to the City's industrial park. The proposed unit mix is 16 memory care units and 24 assisted living units. The developer reviewed the concept plan with the City Council in March and is determining next steps.



Enclave Development Eyes Infill Opportunity

Enclave Development, a Fargo, North Dakota-based development company, has proposed a 160-unit Class A apartment building for the vacant lot on Commerce Boulevard, next to M&I Bank. The concept plan reviewed by the City Council proposes a mix of studio up to three (3) bedroom apartments, a fitness center, and large club room connected to a large outside courtyard. The site also includes 180 underground parking stalls and 100 surface spaces. Enclave is also doing projects in Maple Grove, Savage, Shakopee and St. Louis Park.



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Bedrock Motors Additions Approved

Bedrock Motors received approval for a new showroom at its Northdale Boulevard location in Rogers. The 5,683 square foot addition would create new sales offices and an enhanced vehicle display area, viewable from Highway 101. Bedrock is also proposing to add an additional 1,640 square feet for vehicle repair and service.



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CONT.

Interstate Trucking to Start Construction Soon

The City Council approved the final plans for a new truck sales and maintenance facility on County Road 81. Interstate Trucking purchased a 10-acre parcel next to Marine Max in 2018. The company hopes to start construction yet this Summer.



PROJECTS DONE; ALMOST DONE

- Graco completed its building expansion, increasing its World Headquarters from 316,194 to 795,960 square feet.
- Primrose Schools opened its doors on February 10, 2020.
- Trident Development started construction on the second, 80-unit apartment building.
- The redevelopment of the former Minne's Diner site continued. Dunkin' and Jersey Mike's were planned to open in April; the opening date for Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers was yet to be determined.

DOWNTOWN

The City Council recently approved two agreements, formally securing nearly \$1.3 million in grant funding for the Main Street Rogers redevelopment project.



Grant funds were awarded by the Department of Employment & Economic Development and Metropolitan Council. Those monies will help offset expenses related to property acquisition, building demolition, on-site storm water improvements, and construction of on-site pedestrian improvements, plazas and greenspaces. Developer Duffy Development has applied for additional grant funding through Hennepin County, and working to secure the necessary financing, including tax credits.

The project will bring new housing and commercial space to the corner of Main Street and John Deere Lane. It will feature a 40-unit active living seniors (55+) apartment building with space for a new senior center, and a 66-unit workforce and market rate apartment building. If the project gets the green light, construction would not likely start until Spring 2021.

Planning Work Supports Vision for Downtown Revitalization

The Downtown Rogers redevelopment project proposed by Duffy Development is not the only ongoing work focused on long-term downtown reinvestment. City staff are currently working on two projects aimed at re-energizing Downtown Rogers. The Main Street Streetscape Plan is focused on redesigning the look and feel of Main Street from County Road 81 to Rogers Elementary School by improving pedestrian access and creating places for active and passive enjoyment. The City is also updating its Downtown Master Plan. This Plan is a tool to guide efforts aimed at downtown revitalization. To learn more about both projects visit:

www.rogersmn.gov/planning/downtown.

Recreation Activity Disclaimer

Due to COVID-19, ALL recreational events are subject to the CDC and MN State guidelines for dates and social distancing. Please follow us on Facebook, sign-up for our email updates, and visit our city website at www.rogersmn.gov.

The following activities are being planned, subject to guidelines on social distancing and gatherings, and further details will be posted once we have more information about what programs and activities are allowed:

- [Entertainment in the Park](#)
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. | June 24 – August 26
*No entertainment July 1, August 5
- [Open Skate Sundays](#)
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
- [Movies @ Dusk](#)
August, 14, 21, 27 and September 4
Lions Central Park
- [Movie in My Park](#)
Friday, September 11, 7:45 – 10:00 p.m. (TBD)
- [Learn to Skate \(Age 3 – Adult\)](#)
Tues/Wed/Thurs | Activity Center
 - June 16 – June 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - July 14 – July 23, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Recreation for Seniors

For the health and safety of our senior population, the Senior Center will be CLOSED, and all social activities are cancelled until further notice. Please check our City website for information regarding our re-opening at www.rogersmn.gov.

Construction Continuing on the Rogers Event Center



If you have driven by Lions Central Park, you will have noticed that the building is starting to come together. Construction continues inside and on the building. While there is currently no date set for the completion of the building, you can visit www.rogersmn.gov/rogers-event-center where contact info, building updates, rental information and guidelines will be posted! We hope that you are as excited for the Rogers Event Center as we are!

Check out some of the latest pictures of the interior construction below:

