

Public-Private Partnership Announced

In April, the City Council took two critical steps toward the community’s vision of a bringing a recreational facility to Rosemount. The City signed a Letter of Intent with Life Time to construct and operate a 107,000 SF athletic club at Akron Ave. and Hwy 42. This state-of-the-art facility could include indoor and outdoor pools with slides,

The City will retain ownership of the recreational facility.



exercise rooms, outdoor pickleball courts, basketball courts, spa, café, child’s play areas, and more. The acquisition of the 29-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Akron and 42 was also approved, making way for this project and surrounding economic development to occur. A private developer has been engaged to actively pursue other anchor tenants on the site, which could possibly include a grocery store, restaurant, medical services, convenience store, and multi-family housing. Since this announcement, strong interest from retail operators hoping to locate on this site has already been received, which was a key factor in the City supporting this project.

The City will retain ownership of the recreational facility and will fund \$21 million of the \$48 million project. All

	City Run Facility	Non-profit Partnership Option	Public Private Partnership Option
City Project Budget	\$28.9M	\$21M	\$21M
Annual Losses Covered by City	\$500,000	50% of annual losses	\$0
City’s Annual Maintenance and Capital costs	All costs	\$420,000	\$0
Annual Sales & Property Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$1,125,000
Annual Lease Payments collected after bonds paid	\$0	\$0	\$600,000
Facility Size	87,000 ft	60,000 sq ft	107,000 sq ft
Amenities Included	Basic	Mid-range	Premier
Service Level	Basic	Mid-range	Premier
Ability to Attract Near-by Retail Investment	Low to mid	Low to mid	Proven history = high probability



other expenses (including ongoing maintenance, taxes, etc.) will be provided by Life Time. Residents will recall that the City has consistently pledged \$21 million for this project, and those funds were offered in similar deals that were explored. It’s critical to note that taxpayer funds will not be used for the City’s part of the project, but rather revenue generated annually from landfill users will be the funding source. Rosemount residents will receive several benefits and discounts at the facility, including reduced membership fees, no initiation fees, annual guest passes, and more.

Additional detail can be found online at www.rosemountmn.gov/lifetime. Watch for more actions to finalize this exciting opportunity this summer.

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Officer of the Year

After just one year with the Rosemount Police Department, Officer Paul Larson has been selected as the 2021 Officer of the Year.



Each year, employees submit nominations to the Recognition Committee for consideration. It was clear from peer-submissions that Officer Larson is respected, appreciated, and a strong asset for the future of our community. Officers of varying tenures praised his work and characterized Paul as "Officer Nice Guy"; additional sentiments reflected "a team player, hard worker and overall good person" and "an excellent role model for his students and his partners".

Specifically, nominations discussed Officer Larson stepping up to fill a sudden vacancy at Rosemount High School as the School Resource Officer (SRO). In just a short time at the high school, Officer Larson solidified strong relationships, found unique ways to engage with students and staff, and has been an exemplary representative of the law enforcement profession. He has presented in several classes, is at the front door every morning to greet students, and you may have even seen him doing the "GRIDDY" on social media with a large

group of kids. While Officer Larson has received several unsolicited comments from community members in his short time, one recent email from an administrator at Rosemount High School best encapsulates the impact he is making at the school:

"I am grateful for the extra time, patience, and understanding you extend to our marginalized students and individuals with fewer social assets," noted the administrator. "For this subset of our student community, school and the related social elements can be overwhelming, and you help them successfully navigate through these difficult matters." He continued, "Many of our students consider you their adult "go to" person, and that should be considered the highest form of positive feedback."

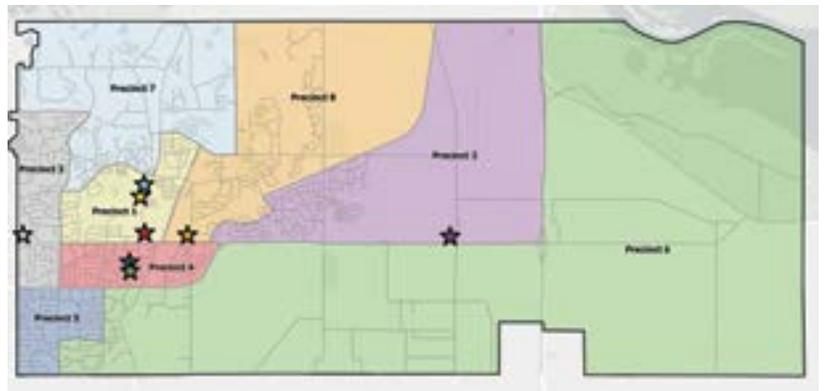
Beyond his work in the school, Officer Larson was recognized for stepping up to be a Peer Counselor for the Department, a member of the Wellness Committee, and for organizing a new community engagement event he coined "Cops and Cones." Finally, Officer Larson is one of those employees that comes in each day with a contagiously positive attitude. This optimistic persona builds morale, innovation, and production across the Department. We are proud to recognize Officer Paul Larson as the 2021 Officer of the Year.

Election Judges Needed

The City of Rosemount is still recruiting qualified individuals to hire as Election Judges for the upcoming election season. If you are interested in serving the community as an Election Judge, online applications are available on our website. You may also stop by City Hall to fill out an application. Visit www.rosemountmn.gov/elections

Redistricting and Polling Location Changes

Due to the state and local redistricting process currently underway in Minnesota, please be aware that your polling location MAY be changing in the upcoming election season. Changes will be finalized in early June of 2022. All Rosemount voters who are affected by the change will receive a postcard in the mail, so please watch for that. We will post more information on the city website and social media when the maps are finalized, or you can go to <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>. You may also stop by City Hall to fill out an application. Visit www.rosemountmn.gov/elections



Pedestrian Safety While Walking

As we progress into the warmer months, we see more and more residents getting out for bike rides or long walks around the neighborhood – both day and night. During evening calls, we often notice people out strolling through the neighborhoods or walking their dogs, even in areas where there are not any sidewalks. Unfortunately, we have observed people wearing dark clothing with no reflective gear or lighting, putting themselves at risk by making it harder for others to see them. The Rosemount Fire Department highly recommends wearing some sort of reflective gear, along with light colored clothing and an illumination source when walking after dark. There are many different types of illumination and reflective equipment that can help to keep you safe. It can be anything from something that goes around your wrist to simply carrying a flashlight and turning it on when cars are approaching. Don't forget to include some illumination gear for your dog as well to help keep them safe.



Recreational Fire Reminders

As the weather turns from winter to spring, many of us have that urge to enjoy a recreational fire in the backyard or in the driveway in a portable fire pit. The Rosemount Fire Department would like to remind residents about a couple of simple but important rules.

- Always have a source of water nearby. You just never know when an ember can leave the fire pit area and start a fire.
- Always keep fire pits, especially wood-burning types, 25 feet away from all building and combustible materials.
- When finished for the evening, be sure to fully extinguish the fire pit area, be it permanent or portable. We have seen it happen before - fires can reignite when winds pick up. It is very important to ensure the fire is completely out before leaving it unattended.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is manually extinguished.

The Rosemount Fire Department wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer.

SPRING EVENTS IN ROSEMOUNT

ARBOR DAY

Date: April 30

Time: 10 a.m.

till supplies run out.

Place: Rosemount Public Works Facility, 14425 Brazil Avenue

What: Free Tree Giveaway. 150 Bare root trees, 6-8 feet in height. Must be planted within 24 hours. One tree per household.



CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Date: May 12-14

Watch for the annual listings online and in the local newspaper.



SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Date: May 21

Time: 8 a.m. to Noon

Place: DCTC East Parking Lot, 130 145th Street East

What: Residents can drop off unwanted items that are not normally accepted by their trash hauler for low to no cost.

For details and pricing go to the website and search cleanup.





2021 Water Quality Report

The City's 2021 Water Consumer Confidence Report is available and can be viewed or printed from our website at www.rosemountmn.gov/waterquality. If you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Public Works Department at 651-322-2022.

The direct URL for the Water Quality report, as required by law, is:

<https://www.rosemountmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/217/Water-Quality-Report?bidId=>

2022 Street Improvement Project

In 2022, the City will be reconstructing street surfaces and making minor drainage and curbing improvements in the following areas: Danbury Way (north of McAndrews Road), Chinchilla Path (south of McAndrews Road), 127th Court (east of Chinchilla Avenue), Biscayne Avenue (for ½ mile north of 130th Street), and 126th Street (between Biscayne Avenue and Bacardi Avenue). Work is expected to begin mid-Spring and will take two to three months to complete. For more information regarding this and other construction projects, please visit the Construction Updates page of our website at www.rosemountmn.gov/construction.

If you prefer to receive a text message or email with construction updates, you may sign up for specific project updates by subscribing in our **Notify Me** message center.

Amber Fields In Progress

Decades in the making, development activity on the UMore property has begun! Located in the southwest quadrant of County Road 42 and Akron Avenue next to DCTC, Amber Fields will bring nearly 2,000 housing units into the City along with several commercial users. The initial phase of work will include mass grading and underground utility infrastructure installations over the next several months. Once complete, this phase will provide extensions of both Akron and Auburn Avenues, and a new east-west collector road that will serve the development. Watch for future updates as this exciting project progresses.





Springtime Hydrant Flushing

The City's annual water system maintenance program is performed each spring. During the process, more than 1,400 fire hydrants, and more than 3,400 water system valves are opened and inspected. Flushing helps clear mineral deposits from the City's 148 miles of water mains and ensures that each hydrant is in peak operating condition in case of emergency. Occasionally this process causes discolored water in homes and businesses. Not to worry, the water is still safe. If you notice water discoloration, you can wait it out or simply run the water at all taps in your home or business for just a few minutes. We do encourage you to avoid doing laundry during this time. For more information, visit the Water Services FAQs on the city website. If you notice an ongoing water issue, report it using the Report Issues tool on our website.

Water Meter Shortage

Due to global supply chain delays, meters for measuring water consumption are in short supply. Vendors are unable to guarantee when the City will receive its next shipment. This issue will ultimately impact brand-new properties in the City. Although water service will be provided and paid for by the homeowner, there will be no water meter present to measure exact consumption. Until meters become available and can be installed, properties impacted by the lack of a meter will be placed on a modified water bill structure. Property owners impacted by the issue will be sent information about how the billing will work and should keep an eye on their mailboxes for detailed information. Once meters are available, the City will be reaching out to all property owners whose homes/buildings are still in need and will coordinate installation by Rosemount Public Works staff.

Winter Pond Maintenance

This past January and February residents living near the intersection of Daffodil Path and Danube Lane may have noticed an unusual view out of their windows. A view of the occasional deer or fox trotting through the yard was replaced with dump trucks and excavators as the City's contractor worked to remove sediment that had been collecting in a stormwater pond over the last 30 years.

Rosemount has roughly 220 stormwater ponds scattered throughout the City. These ponds provide flood control to keep neighborhood properties protected. In addition, they help to improve water quality by helping to settle out pollutants (mostly sediment) before water drains further downstream into natural waterbodies. Over time, enough sediment can accumulate at the bottom of the pond to the point of negatively impacting its ability to perform as needed, and the sediment must be removed. Removal of pond sediments carries an expensive price tag that can vary widely depending on the size of the pond, the amount of sediment removed, and the content of the sediment. Accordingly, the City makes a point of routinely inspecting ponds and evaluating their performance to stay on top of this critical maintenance need.



You can help the City extend the life of these ponds and the stormwater system by following these key steps:

- Never dump any substance down the storm drain.
- Keep streets, curbs, sidewalks, and driveways free of substances that can wash into these drains (including grass clippings and leaves).
- Know where easements are on your property, and keep them free of anything that blocks water flow or maintenance equipment. Easements are shown on the property's certificate of survey.
- Register for the Adopt-a-Drain program at adopt-a-drain.org.

You can learn more about the 2022 Storm Basin Maintenance Project by visiting www.rosemountmn.gov/construction.

Reporting Illegal Dumping and Spills

If you see spills or illegal dumping, we want to hear about it. For emergencies that are immediate threats to life or property or after-hours spills that are flowing, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies during regular business hours, call Rosemount Public Works at 651-322-2022 or email pwadm@ci.rosemount.mn.us.

Storm drains in the street drain to neighborhood lakes, ponds, and wetlands; the water does not get treated first. Look for these signs of dumping and spills in curbs, on sidewalks & streets, and in local waters:

- Oily sheens, suds or foams, unusual colors and/or odors, excessive trash
- Barrels with unknown contents
- Pipes with water flowing into ponds when it has not recently
- Unexplained staining on the curb
- Sanitary sewage (wastewater that looks like it should have been flushed down a toilet)

GREEN REBATES

Rosemount Stormwater Rebate

Property owners that install approved water quality improvement projects (e.g. raingardens, pond buffers, rain barrels, and native plant gardens) can receive a one-time rebate on their stormwater utility fee through the Stormwater Rebate program. Rebates range from \$20-\$500 and cannot exceed 50% of total qualifying costs. Apply early: funding is limited, applications are competitive, and restrictions apply. Visit www.rosemountmn.gov/rebates for more information.

Water Efficiency Rebates

You can save money without sacrificing performance. Residents can apply to receive a one-time rebate on their water bill for installing WaterSense low flow toilets, Energy Star washing machines, WaterSense irrigation controllers, or by having an irrigation system audit. Rebates range in price from \$50-\$200 and cannot exceed 50% of the pretax cost. Apply early as funds are limited. Visit www.rosemountmn.gov/rebates for more information.

City Seeking Wetland Monitoring Volunteers

The Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP) seeks volunteers to monitor wetlands this summer. You could be part of this important citizen science program in its 25th year! WHEP volunteers work as a team to monitor 5 wetlands for vegetation and macroinvertebrates (bugs and other small critters) over the summer (May through July). The time commitment is about 15 hours over the course of the summer, and equipment and free training are provided. More information is available at www.mnwhep.org.



ROSEMOUNT FARMERS' MARKET

WHEN: TUESDAYS
JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 27
TIME: 1-5 P.M.
WHERE: RCC PARKING LOT
13885 S. ROBERT TRAIL



ROSEMOUNT FARMERS' MARKET

Did you know that Rosemount hosts a weekly Farmers' Market during the summer? The St. Paul Farmers' Market will once again pop up in the Rosemount Community Center parking lot every Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m., June 14 through September 27. Stop by for fresh veggies, fruit, flowers, and other locally sourced goodies! More information is available on the website: www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com.



Volunteer Recognition Night at City Hall Tuesday, April 19.

Volunteer Recognition



When you volunteer, your efforts strengthen the local services available to members of the community. Volunteering raises awareness of important social needs, connects communities, and builds friendships.

National Volunteer Week was April 17 – 23. Volunteers across our country are recognized for the countless hours of service donated to improve the lives of others. Rosemount City

Council offers its commendation and gratitude to citizens who donate their energy and time to improve the quality of life in our community.

Change your life and those around you -- volunteer! Share your talents, develop new skills, enhance your resume, and feel good about giving back to the community. Check out our website for more details on how to get started by searching keyword **Volunteer**.

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Register Now to Shape the Future

Did you participate in the most recent city survey? Over half of respondents utilized the online surveying option. If you were not part of the randomly selected participants, we would still like to hear from you. Register on our survey tool, Polco, to help give feedback on important topics such as Summer Programming, Safety in Rosemount, City Services, Bike Trail Connections, and much more. Starting next month, we will post short, monthly surveys that help us learn what residents want and need. Signup is quick and easy, and your answers remain anonymous. Go to <https://info.polco.us> and click Create Free Account, then register as a Resident. We look forward to hearing from you!

No Mow May

Rosemount is joining other cities around the county and the nation as a No Mow May supporter. No Mow May is a conservation initiative first popularized in the United Kingdom, but quickly gaining traction around the globe. The goal is to allow grass to grow unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators. A traditional manicured lawn lacks floral resources or nesting sites for bees and is often treated with large amounts of pesticides that harm bees and other insects.

In addition to benefiting pollinators,

reducing mowing frequency will save water, help your lawn become more resilient to drought, and reduce emissions from gas-powered lawn equipment. We encourage you to register to participate in this new effort. The City will temporarily suspend turf and lawn height ordinances for owner-occupied or rented residential properties who chose to participate. Applicants must be back into compliance by early-June.

Visit the city website to sign up, learn more about the importance of pollinators, get tips on mowing best practices, and download a sign to place in your yard or window.

