Clean Up Day 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location:
Rogers Public Works Building, 22350 South Diamond Lake Road (West of Kohl’s) will be holding a Clean Up Day.

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

Appliances
(White Goods) are $10 each.
Appliances such as Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Garbage Disposals, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Trash Compactors, Furnaces, Water Heaters, Stoves. NOTE: No RV or Ammonia refrigerators.

Tires (with or without rims)
- Automobile, $2
- Light Truck, $3
- Semi-Truck, $10
- Tractor Tires $30

Electronics
- TV’s less than 25” are $10 each
- TV’s larger than 25” are $20 each
- All other electronics are $2 each

Misellaneous
- Window Air Conditioner, $10
- Water Softener, $10
- LP Tank (up to 20 Pound), $5
- Misc. Solid Waste & Demo Debris per cubic yard, $20
- Hide-a-bed, $20
- Couch, Chair, or Love Seat, $20
- Mattress or Box Spring, $20 each

Also accepted at no charge
- Newspapers
- Tin/Steel/Aluminum
- Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles with Necks
- Phone Books
- Glass Bottles (unbroken)
- Car Batteries
- Fluorescent Bulbs: Limit 25 lamps per household; No commercial recycling
- Drain Oil, Anti-Freeze, Oil Filters
- Household Batteries
- No copiers or fax machines
- No household hazardous waste
- No paint or yard waste

Document Shredding
Minimum of $5.00 for up to two banker’s boxes; each additional box will be $2.50. Acceptable materials include: office, computer, fax paper, letterhead, adding machine rolls, envelopes, sticky notes, file folders (without metal hang- ers). Remove all staples, paper clips, and rubber bands. NO magazines, newspaper, carbon and laminator paper, phone books, 3 ring binders, hard cover books and plastic.

Rogers Public Works Department will make curbside pickups for elderly or special needs residents. To arrange for this service, call 763-428-8580 on or before Friday, May 11. Items will need to be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m., Monday, May 14.
Park and Trail Facilities Funding, Potential Sales Tax Referendum

As an active and growing community, the Rogers City Council, Park Board and City staff routinely hear from individuals and associations regarding their desire for expanded/new parks, trails and recreational facilities. In order to determine community opinions beyond those of vocal minorities/interest groups, the City undertook a statistically-valid, random-sample survey of residents (the “community survey”) in order to better gauge the true level of desire, willingness to pay and the specific types of facilities most and least desired by our residents. The results of that survey generally found that:

- No property tax increase for these purposes would find sufficient support at the polls, with 55% opposed.
- Sixty percent of likely voters would support a ¼ cent increase in the local sales tax for up to twenty years to fund construction.

An indoor pool/aquatics facilities, community center and trail connections lead the list of projects for which respondents were most willing to raise taxes (i.e., higher or new taxes).

**Financing Considerations**

Cities have very limited authority to bond/borrow for park and recreation capital improvements without approval by the voters through a general election referendum.

Due to the size and cost of most of the identified facilities, the City would likely be required to bond/borrow for most of the larger improvements, if they are to be built in the relatively near future. Saving additional tax dollars or other revenues in advance for those improvements, rather than borrowing, is an option for the community. This type of “pay-as-you-go” approach would mean that it could take a significant number of years (upwards of 20) to build out all of the items on the list. Saving and paying-as-you-go for improvements would not, however, require a referendum.

**Local Sales Tax Option**

With regard to implementation of a local option sales tax, state statute authorizes cities to enact such a tax only upon affirmative approval by the voters at a general election, with subsequent approval also required by the

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Projects under consideration

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State Legislature. Such sales taxes must be used for capital improvements, with the sales tax expiring when the debt on those projects has been fully paid.

A separate tax incidence study previously undertaken by the City illustrated that a new local option sales tax for park and trail improvements would result in lower tax impact to Rogers taxpayers as a whole (at a given level of revenue), when compared with a commensurate increase in property taxes. Information provided by the MN Department of Revenue indicate that a ¼ cent sales tax could produce funding in the range of $700,000 per year, based on the most recent data available.

Such a tax would apply to all sales in the City of Rogers currently subject to state sales tax, with minor exceptions. The current sales tax rate in Hennepin County is 7.525% (6.875% statewide tax, plus County ballpark tax of 0.15% and County transit tax of 0.50%). If approved and implemented in Rogers, a ¼ cent sales tax would make the new Rogers rate 7.775% on all applicable purchases. For a $100 purchase, the additional tax would amount to $0.25 (25 cents), $2.50 on a $1,000 purchase, and so on.

Projects Under Consideration

Based on the results of the community survey, and the City’s Park and Trail Master Plan, the Rogers Park Board has recommended a collection of improvements/facilities to the City Council for funding consideration. See chart on page 2.

The City Council then reviewed the Park Board’s list in light of the potential need to bond/borrow for such projects depending upon the desired timing of construction, and the need for additional revenue to retire any such debt (or an increase in current capital funding if a pay-as-you-go option were selected).

Based on the broad nature of the projects above and the need for additional partnerships for certain projects (e.g., School District or State of Minnesota funding), any proposed referendum/ballot question would likely be written to request authorization for the tax to fund all or a portion of those projects – in other words, “up to” the entire list of projects, but possibly not all projects, pending availability of other funding sources, reasonable bid costs, etc.

Next Steps

Given the community survey results – which indicate that residents are not amenable to a property tax increase, but are potentially open to the concept of a sales tax increase under certain circumstances – the City Council has decided to further investigate the concept of posing the question of a sales tax to the voters via referendum at the November 6, 2018, general election.

The City will be providing additional information in the coming weeks and months and will solicit feedback from residents and business representatives prior to deciding whether to ultimately place the issue on the 2018 ballot (the deadline to adopt a resolution placing the referendum question on the November ballot is July 24, 2018). But it should be noted that the City Council, as a body, and City staff will not be advocating for or against passage of any ballot question, but will simply provide information so that voters can make an informed choice.

Please visit www.park-referendum.rogersmn.gov and www.facebook.com/cityofrogers for more information, and for upcoming meetings to be scheduled on this topic.

Road Projects

In August 2015, the City Council authorized the collection of fees as a new method for funding City street maintenance. The fees, which are collected from residents as part of their gas and electric bills, proved to be more equitable to property owners over traditional assessments, providing greater efficiency related to funding and planning.

Bids were favorable in 2017 and the City was able to fund more projects than originally anticipated. Completed in 2017 are:

- Reconstruction of Phase 2 of Rogers Drive from Rapid Marine to South Diamond Lake Road.
- Mill and Overlay of Rogers Drive from South Diamond Lake Road to Richard Street.
- Reconstruction of streets in the NE Hassan neighborhood including, Country Road, 150th Avenue N, Cherokee Drive N, Carol Lane, Frederick Rd, 148th Circle N, and North Point Drive.
- Reconstruction of Justen Circle and Linden Drive (construction to be completed in 2018).

The City is preparing for several construction projects in 2018, including:

- Reconstruction/Mill and Overlay of the roadways within the Mallard Estates development.
- Reconstruction of Crow River Heights (Scenic Dr. and Park Dr.) and, if bids are favorable, Crow River Terrace (Crow River Dr, Cypress St., and Pine St.)
- Construction of Future County Road 117 to the Laurel Creek Development.
- Construction of pedestrian improvements on the TH 101 Bridge over I-94.
Can’t seem to remember when your utility payment is due? Tired of sending checks in the mail and hoping they get to the City on time? The City of Rogers offers a direct payment option for paying your utility bill called ACH in which you can have your utility payment paid automatically from your checking account. It’s easy to sign up for and still gives you the control to cancel your ACH up to 3 business days prior to the due date.

How the ACH payment plan works:

- Fill out the form below authorizing utility payments to be made from your checking account.
- After each 2-month billing cycle, you will receive your bill in the mail with your charges and the message “ACH DO NOT PAY!” You still have the ability to review your bill and call City Hall with any questions.

Payments will be made automatically on the due date, which is the 10th of the month. If you wish to cancel your ACH payment, City Hall needs to be notified at least 3 business days prior to the due date to ensure the payment is not taken out of your account.

Proof of payment will appear on your next mailed utility bill.

Note: The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate the authorization.

To take advantage of this service, complete the form below, attach a voided check, and return to City Hall, or one of the payment drop boxes:

City of Rogers
Attn: Utility Billing
22350 S. Diamond Lake Rd.
Rogers, MN 55374

Drop Box Locations
12913 Main St.
22350 S Diamond Lake Rd

Please call Amy at 763-428-0920 with any questions.

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**ACH Automatic Pay Plan Authorization for Utility Bills**

Date: ____________________________

I/we authorize the City of Rogers and the financial institution named on the attached voided check to initiate debit entries (deductions) to the account shown on the voided check. Please print legibly.

Financial Institution Name ____________________________________________

Routing Number ________________________________________________

Account Number ________________________________________________

ATTACH A VOIED CHECK. I/we understand that this authorization will continue in force unless discontinued by my/our written request. Please continue to pay your bill until the following message appears on your bill “ACH DO NOT PAY”. If at any time I/we decide to change banks or discontinue this payment service, I/we will notify the City of Rogers in writing 30 days prior to any change. The City of Rogers requires that a new authorization form be filled out in the case of a change in banks and/or bank accounts.

Signature ________________________________________________________

Full Name ________________________________________________________

Signature (for joint-account) _________________________________________

Full Name (for joint-account) _________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

Daytime Telephone Number ________________________________________
Watering Ban Reminder

The growing season may pose a potential strain on our existing water system as we begin to water lawns, trees and gardens. To meet the seasonal peak water demands, the City of Rogers has implemented an on-going Odd/Even sprinkling method. Homes with odd number addresses may sprinkle on odd number days and even number addresses may sprinkle on even number days.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires cities to address water conservation proactively. The restrictions also ensure that water is available for fire emergencies.

Homeowners with newly laid sod are eligible for a 30-day Water Exemption Permit. This allows for daily watering for one month. Permits can be obtained from the Public Works Department by calling 763-428-8580.

Violators of Odd/Even sprinkling will receive a written warning for the first violation, and a $50.00 fine for each subsequent violation.

Smarter Irrigation

Last year, municipal wells in Rogers pumped over 460 million gallons of water. The summer months of May through October accounted for nearly 70% of the water used throughout the entire year. Lawn irrigation is the number one reason for the spike in water use.

Irrigation systems have advanced significantly in recent years and are now a principal component of water conservation. Smart irrigation systems can be controlled from a smartphone, accessing local weather and soil moisture levels for better irrigation.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

The City of Rogers contracts with Lynde & McLeod, Inc., who operates the Maple Grove Yard Site, to allow Rogers residents to dispose of yard waste. Residents may obtain an annual permit for $25 that will allow for the disposal of material at no additional fees. Permits can be purchased at Rogers City Hall and at Rogers Clean Up Day. Non-permitted residents will be charged on a quantity basis. Pricing information for non-permits are listed below:

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Besides upgrading the system itself, inspecting irrigation lines for leaks and ensuring sprinkler heads are watering grass rather than pavement is an easy way to maximize water being used for irrigation. Watering your lawn during the early morning hours will limit water loss to evaporation.

Other strategies for reducing water consumption include limiting watering to every other day, planting native trees and plants that are drought resistant, and using rain barrels to capture rainwater for gardens. We all drink from the same aquifer, small changes can make a big difference in managing our drinking water supply.

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All material must be de-bagged at the site and bags removed. Biodegradable bags are not accepted. Lawn and garden waste is accepted, including leaves, grass, plant material, straw, apples, wood chips, sand and brush up to 10 inches in diameter. Material 10 to 22 inches in diameter will be charged $8.00 per cubic yard.

The site is open from April 1 to November 30 of each year. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 7:00 p.m. The site is closed Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. The site is located at: 10300 Maple Grove Parkway, Maple Grove.
**Entertainment In The Park**

Enjoy evenings of free family entertainment throughout the summer following the Farmer’s Market, June 20 - August 29. Each performance has something for everyone and will be held at Triangle Park, 24100 Rouillard Ave. Visit www.rogersmn.gov for details. For weather updates, call 763-428-0960 as some events may be rescheduled or moved. Bring your lawn chairs, as seating may be limited.

**2018 Performers:**

June 20 – Kidsdance – extended performance
June 27 – The Wendinger Polka Band – Senior special
July 11 – The Oz Brothers Storytellers
July 18 – The Blue Groove Bluegrass Band
July 25 – Kevin Doely Musical Ventriloquist
August 1 – Jolly Pops
August 15 – Magic with Mr. Norm
August 22 – Bob the Beachcomber
August 29 – The Teddy Bear Band – Interactive music for toddlers through mid-elementary kids and their stuffed friends.

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**Playground Program**  
(Grades K-4, Fall 2018)

The program runs for six weeks, meeting twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register for all six weeks, or weekly. Each week children will be involved in games, crafts and other activities based on a theme.

July 10 & 12: Safari  
July 17 & 19: Olympics  
July 24 & 26: Ocean Waters  
July 31 & August 2: Circus
August 7 & 9: Down on the Farm
August 14 & 16: Pirates

9:00 a.m.-noon
$25 per week per child; $130 for 6-weeks per child

Visit www.rogersmn.gov/rec-programs to register.

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**Vintage Baseball Game**

What was baseball like back in 1860? Join us, as we will be hosting a fundraiser with Hassan Historical Society with special events, corn feed, music, and a vintage old-timer baseball game. You won’t want to miss it! See our full event schedule at www.rogersmn.gov or visit www.facebook.com/cityofrogers.

Sunday, Aug 12 .............12:00 – 4:00pm  
North Community Park  
13750 Bittersweet St, Rogers

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**Middle School End of Year Party**

(grades 5-8)

Finish off the school year with your friends with a Glow N Skate at the RAC. See website for more details.

Wed, May 23...............3:00-5:30 p.m.  
Rogers Activity Center - 21080 141st Ave. N.
Learn To Skate Program
(Ages 3 – adult)

We offer a wide variety of skating levels for all ages from beginner, novice, and hockey basics. We focus on true skating skills but bring in fun while learning. Classes are designed and structured through Learn to Skate USA techniques and gears you to move onto other levels of skating. All classes are six sessions long, three days a week for two weeks straight. Classes are 30 min long, except for hockey classes which will run for an hour.

**Tues/Wed/Thurs**
June 12-21, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
July 10-19, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Visit our website for full details or call Heather Palumbo at 763-428-0599.

Register through Community Ed at www.728communityed.com.
$69 (Snowplow Sam & Basics)
$89 (Hockey)

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Open Skate Schedule (NO open skate April 12, May 15-June 13)

**Sundays:**
April 4 – Sept. 30.............4:00-5:15 p.m.

**Wednesdays:**
April 18 – June 6......11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
June 13-July 25 .......1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
Aug. 1-Dec. 26 .........11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: $4 per skater.
Ages 5 and under are free.

**Adult and Pond Open Hockey**
Cost: $7 per skater, goalies free for adult hockey only
Visit www.rogersmn.gov/rac for weekly updates, schedules, changes, and additions.

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Special Events Open Skate

**Glow N Skate**
$5 includes Glow necklace **(no punch cards accepted)**
Fri., April 27 .................... 8:00-9:15pm
Wed., May 23 .................... 3:00-5:30pm
Thurs., June 14 ............... 7:30-8:45pm
Thurs., July 19 ................... 7:30-8:45pm
Fri., August 3 .................. 8:15-9:30pm
Wed., September 26 ....... 6:00-7:15pm

**Mom’s the Best**
Sunday, May 13 ........... 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Bring your mom and both skate free.

**Father’s Day**
Sunday, June 17 ............ 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Bring your dad and both skate free.

**Rockin’ Rogers**
Sunday, June 24 ............. 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Wear Rockin’ Rogers button, skate free.

**Beat the Heat**
Sunday, July 15 ............... 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Free slush puppy with paid admission.

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2018 Play Ball!

**Minnesota Youth Clinic**

Minnesota Twins Community Fund will be offering a FREE youth baseball/softball skills clinic in Rogers. Learn/review fundamentals including fielding, throwing and hitting. It is hands on instruction for boys and girls, so bring a baseball/softball glove and a water bottle. Other equipment is supplied by the foundation for the clinic. NO pre-registration necessary, just show up and have FUN! Questions, call Cherie at 763-428-0975.

Saturday, May 5
Ages 6-9 ......................... 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Ages 10-13 .................11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
North Community Park (NCP)
13750 Bittersweet Lane, Rogers

Back-up location if inclement weather will be:
Rogers Middle School
20855 – 141st Ave, Rogers.

Check the weather on the weather hotline at 763-428-0960.
Step To It Challenge

May 1 – May 28, 2018

Build healthy habits by tracking your activity through the Step To It challenge. This is a fun, free program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to become more active. Join the challenge this May on behalf of your community, school, workplace or group home.

The challenge is not just about walking; convert a variety of activities into steps, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheelchair use and many others. Participate in the challenge for a chance to win Minnesota Twins tickets and/or t-shirts.

Get inspired, find more information and register for the challenge by visiting steptoit.org or calling 612-348-5618.

Arena Walking

Walking is great exercise for all ages and can be enjoyed inside, especially during rainy or hot days. Rogers Activity Center Ice Arena, 21080 141st Ave. N., offers indoor walking year-round. Eight times around the rink equals one mile. Check our website for daily and weekend hours rogersmn.gov/schedules.

Walking is open Monday-Fridays at 9:00 a.m. until last ice. Walking is not available during paid events or tournaments.

Movies at Dusk / Family Fun Nite

Join us at the movies... outdoors! We will be showing movies under the stars, so save the dates! We will supply the popcorn. Visit our website for show updates and call our weather hotline at 763-428-0960.

Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle
Friday, June 15 | 9:20pm/dusk
119 minutes | Triangle Park/Veteran's Memorial Rogers

Beauty and the Beast
Friday, August 24 | 8:15pm/dusk
129 minutes | Triangle Park/Veteran's Memorial Rogers

Wonder
Saturday, September 8 | 7:45pm/dusk
113 minutes | Triangle Park/Veteran's Memorial Rogers

Family Fun Nite

Join us for Movie in the Park Family Fun Nite. Don't miss out on bounce houses, obstacle courses, carnival games, chair massages, and more – plus an outdoor family-friendly movie! Concessions will be available at minimal cost. Questions, contact Cherie at 763-428-0975.

Despicable Me 3
Thursday Aug 9 | 6:30-8:30pm activities; 8:45pm movie
90 minutes | North Community Park Rogers

Farmer's Market

Rogers Farmer's Market emphasizes diversity, quality and freshness, encourages community participation, and supports our local food system. The market is located near the Veteran's Memorial and Triangle Park. Visit our website at for details.

Wednesdays ..................June 13 – Oct 3* 3:00-6:00pm .......... [*No Market July 4]
12724 Main Street, Rogers

Adopt a Park

Adopt a Park is a public service program for volunteers to assist their community by picking up litter, communicating maintenance needs and assisting with improvement projects for Rogers' parks. It is open to community groups, civic groups, churches, families and individual citizens for a minimum of one year. For details, visit www.rogersmn.gov/adopt-a-park.
Rogers Senior Programs

The City of Rogers provides a variety of programs for older adults in the area. Public senior programs have expanded significantly and formed a greater impact on the community since the City of Rogers opened a Senior Center a few years ago. Since attaining a dedicated building for senior programs, a variety of events are able to occur on a weekly basis, Monday-Friday.

Several regular activities can be found at the senior center such as billiards, card playing, movie showings, exercise classes, discussion groups, painting classes, bingo, driver improvement classes, computer usage, and volunteer opportunities. In addition to the regular Senior Center happenings, the Rogers Community Room is also utilized for the Senior Dining program three days a week and the Jammers event on the first Sunday of each month. The City also facilitates day trips to various sites in Minnesota, such as theaters, casinos, museums, sports stadiums, concerts, boat cruises, and more. On average, 16 trips are offered per year and there is always something new to explore.

Senior Dining

The Senior Dining program has been a staple for almost 6 years now and continues to serve locally catered meals at the Rogers Community Room three days a week. It is the longest running City senior program and serves on average 2,000 meals each year. Meals are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon and the cost is only $4 for age 55+ and $5 under age 55. This program is a great way to enjoy a healthy, convenient, and affordable lunch with others in the community. Please call 763-428-0976 to reserve a meal at least 24 hours in advance.

Senior Newsletter

Every month a senior newsletter is published that includes all of the upcoming senior events. Visit www.seniors.rogersmn.gov to view the monthly senior newsletter, senior dining menu, upcoming events, and more. Rogers residents can receive the monthly newsletter by mail and email for free. Please call Liz at 763-428-0939 to sign-up for the newsletter mailing list.

The Rogers Seniors are continuously adding new programs, trying new activities, and welcoming suggestions, with the goal of expanding our positive impact on the senior community. For more information about Rogers senior programs, please contact Liz Faust at 763-428-0939. All are welcome and encouraged to join the fun. There is always something enjoyable and interesting to participate in with plenty of free events and low cost activities.

Severe Weather Safety

The purpose of outdoor warning sirens is to warn people who may be outdoors to find shelter immediately and get information from their TV’s or radios.

Tornado and Severe Weather Watches and Warnings:

- A Watch is issued when conditions are present for a tornado or storm to develop. People are advised to continue normal routines, but be alert for changing weather conditions.
- A Warning is issued when wind speeds exceed 70 mph, and/or trained weather spotters notify the National Weather Service, and/or Doppler radar indicates severe weather is approaching. (Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated)

Outdoor Warning Sirens activate for 3 minutes, then activate again if conditions warrant. An “all clear” signal is NOT used. All clear is announced on the radio or TV.

Outdoor Warning sirens are tested at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

If you are at home during a siren activation:

- The safest place to be is in an underground shelter, basement, or safe room.
- Stay away from windows. Do not try to open or close windows.
- Stay away from outside doors and garages.
- If you have no basement, move to the lowest level and go into an interior room, such as a bathroom or closet.
Space to Host Events

The City of Rogers has two wonderful facilities to host meetings, family gatherings, birthday parties, wedding receptions and more. The Rogers Community Room and Activity Room have spacious rooms to be rented out for any occasion, both public and private. With rooms over 3,000 square feet at both facilities, a variety of setup styles available, and many amenities to choose from, a gathering of any kind will feel welcome.

The Community Room shares the same building as the Fire Station and contains a large banquet room attached to a commercial kitchen. For smaller gatherings, the banquet room can be divided into two smaller sections or there is a small conference room that shares the same hallway. Rental fees for banquets, meetings, and Rogers non-profit organizations are available on the website.

Rogers Wines and Spirits

Rogers Wines and Spirits is your hometown source for beer, wine and spirits! If you haven’t visited, stop in and check out our great selections of Minnesota Craft Beer and Minnesota Artisinal Spirits. We are located at 21725 South Diamond Lake Road in Rogers, next to Target. Visit our website at rogerswinesandspirits.com for a list of our monthly specials! Our profits are returned to the City of Rogers!

Visit the Rogers Muni Tap Room on John Milless Drive at 101 by Holiday South in Rogers. Local craft beer and pizza in a friendly atmosphere are the ticket for an enjoyable, relaxing evening!

Rogers Community Room • 21201 Memorial Drive
rogersmn.gov/community-room
Contact Liz Faust: 763-428-0939

The Rogers Fire Relief Association pull tabs and the Wednesday Roger’s Lions Meat Raffles provide additional entertainment and are great funding sources for these local non-profits. The Muni Tap Room has twelve draft lines and can be reserved for your special event, free of charge. Contact Lori at 763-428-0163 to book your special event.

Our liquor department routinely assists local organizations in their fundraising efforts! Call Gary Buysse at 763-428-0163 for more information. Remember to patronize all of our local businesses! They are the lifeblood of our community.

Remember, our profits help reduce the cost of city services!

Rogers Activity Room (overlooks ice arena) • 21080 141st Ave N
rogersmn.gov/activity-room
Contact Mike Bauer: 763-428-0974
Rogers Fire & Rescue
Seeking Paid on-call Firefighters

The Rogers Fire Department is currently accepting applications for paid-on-call firefighters in order to establish a hiring eligibility list. Rogers Fire responds to over 500 Fire and EMS calls each year covering the cities of Rogers, portions of Corcoran, and Otsego.

Firefighters are paid for responding to fire calls, training and meeting attendance, and are eligible for membership in the Rogers Fire Department Relief Pension Fund.

Firefighters must be 18 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., and hold a valid MN driver's license.

Contact Chief Feist by email at bfeist@rogersmn.gov or call 763-428-3500.

No Experience Needed

All Training Provided

Burning Permit Requirements

To apply, visit www.rogersmn.gov or stop at City Hall to pick up a permit Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Rogers City Hall, 22350 S. Diamond Lake Road

- There is a $15.00 fee for burning permits and you must be 18 years of age.
- Burning Permit allows burning only between 6:00AM to 7:00PM.
- Anything beyond the definitions of a recreational fire requires a burn permit.
- A burning permit is NOT required for a recreational fire. Recreational fires are allowed to maximum of 3 feet in diameter at the base. In addition, flames should be no higher than 3 feet.
- Piles can be no larger than 10'x10'. If you have multiple piles, they must be 25' apart.
- No burning if wind speed exceeds 15mph.
- No burning within 25' of any structure on the permitted property and conditions that would cause the spread of fire must be eliminated prior to ignition.
- No burning within 50' of an adjacent residence.
- Prevailing winds must be away from occupied buildings and public roadways.
- The fire must be extinguished if it becomes a nuisance to others or if not under supervision.
- Use a clean burning device to start the fire.

- Recreational and Burn permit fires shall be kept under control and constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire cannot be allowed to smolder unattended.
- Buckets, shovels or garden hoses shall be readily available for use.
- Only natural wood maybe be burned. No burning of prohibited materials allowed.
- Treated or painted wood, plastic, rubber, garbage, leaves and grass are not allowed.
- Must abide by all MN statutes and local ordinances pertaining to open burning.

The city reserves the right to suspend all recreational fires. Must extinguish fire immediately if the permit gets revoked.

- A burning permit is NOT required when there is continuous snow coverage of 3 inches or more.
- Permitted party assumes responsibility for all damages and costs that may result from burning done under the permit.

Burning Bans

To check our area for burning bans throughout the year visit dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html.

If you have any additional questions, email rogersfd@ci.rogers.mn.us or call 763-428-3500.

Stay Informed!

Rogers Local, State and Primary Elections

Local Offices Up for Election
The City of Rogers is a Primary City, which means if enough people file for the open City offices, the offices will appear on the Primary Ballot in August. Filing for office opens May 22 and runs through June 5.

The open offices are the Mayor and two City Councilors. The Mayor serves a two-year term, and City Councilors serve a four-year term.

State Primary and General Election
The State Primary Election is set for Tuesday, August 14 and the State General Election will be Tuesday, November 6. Rogers has two voting precincts. Where you vote depends on where you live.

All residents who live on the north side of Interstate 94 live in Precinct One and will vote at the Rogers Activity Center, 21080 141st Avenue (Co. Rd. 144). Voting is located in the upstairs activity room.

All residents who live on the south side of Interstate 94 live in Precinct Two and will vote at the Rogers Community Room, 21201 Memorial Drive, (shared building with Rogers Fire Department). Voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Early Voting/Absentee Voting
Absentee voting will occur at the Community Room for the 2018 Election Cycle; 46 days preceding the Primary Election and 46 days preceding the General Election. The hours are to be determined and will be advertised on the City’s website and Facebook page.

In addition to those hours, the Community Room will be open on Saturday, August 6 and Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of early/absentee voting per State statute.

Election information including registering to vote and the application for early/absentee vote can also be found at the Secretary of State’s website at mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us/