

Rogers City

News



Avoid The Lines – Vote Today!

In under 5 minutes, you can apply to absentee vote and avoid a long wait time on election day!

In the state of Minnesota, you no longer have to be absent on election day to vote early/absentee. If you'd rather skip the long lines on election day, follow these easy steps to receive your ballot with return postage:

- Go to 'mnvotes.org'
- Click on 'Other ways to vote'
- Click on 'Vote early by mail'
- Under 'Apply Online', click on 'Go to online application'
- Enter in your County, City, State, Zip Code, and Election and click 'Continue'
- Enter in your personal information and click 'Submit'

That's it! It's that easy to apply and vote absentee!

If you don't want to vote early online, City Hall will also have early voting/direct balloting available from November 1-7. You can come into City Hall during regular business hours (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to place your ballot during the week prior to election day. City Hall will also be open Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for early voting/direct balloting.

Why should you absentee vote or vote early/direct ballot?

Hennepin County is expecting a 100% voter turn-out for the November 8 election. If you decide to go to your polling place on election day, you should

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Register To Vote At MnVotes.org

Register by October 18 for the General Election on November 8. To vote in Minnesota you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence

You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote. You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

Register online

It's quick and easy! You will need an email address to register online. Also, you will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your Social Security number.



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Stormwater pollution affects us in all seasons

Stormwater pollution is an issue that affects the environment year round, not just during the summer months. A major contributor to stormwater pollution is chloride, which is the main element in deicer compounds.

Road salt is not often thought of as a pollutant to the environment and is easy to overlook once it washes away with stormwater runoff. However, this chloride enters our lakes, streams, wetlands, and, potentially, groundwater where it is nearly impossible to remove. At high concentrations, chloride can harm the freshwater fish and plants.

Living in Minnesota presents us all with slippery situations and salt can ensure

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anticipate a 45-60 minute process to vote, especially if you are going during rush hour times which are typically 7-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.



Although election equipment has been improved, with a 100% anticipated voter turn-out, only 50 people will be allowed into the voting area at a time to avoid congestion in the polling place.

At precinct 1 (Rogers Activity Center/Ice Arena), voters will be asked to wait on the upper mezzanine and stairs. At precinct 2 (Rogers Community Center/Fire Department), voters will be asked to wait in the hallway. Election judges will be monitoring the number of persons in the polling room, limiting the number to approximately 50 voters at a time.

Not sure which precinct you live in? Precinct 1 is for residents living North of Interstate 94 and Precinct 2 is for residents living South of Interstate 94.

the safety of residents, but some simple tips can help reduce the amount of chloride entering our waterways.

Shovel

The more snow and ice that you remove manually, the more you will not only reduce the overall amount of salt needed, but also make the salt that is applied more effective.

15 degrees or below is too cold for salt. The typically sodium-chloride salt will stop working at this temperature, and sand should be considered instead.

Slow down

Drive at a speed for which conditions allow, and give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.

Be patient

Just because you don't see salt on the road doesn't mean it hasn't been



applied. These products take time to work.

More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a 12-ounce coffee mug. You may consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help apply a consistent amount.

Sweep up extra

If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer useful and will be washed away. You can sweep up this salt or sand and use it elsewhere.

Snow Removal From Around Fire Hydrants

The Rogers Fire Department would like to ask residents, during your snow removal efforts this winter season to keep fire hydrants free from obstruction of snow.

As you shovel or push snow off your driveways and sidewalks, take time to clear the snow from around fire hydrants (three-foot radius).

During a fire, seconds count. The extra minute removing snow from around fire hydrants may save your neighbor's home or yours.

Also, keep your house numbers readily visible. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Brad Feist at 763-428-3500.



Snow Removal & Safety

The City of Rogers begins plowing when snowfall depth reaches at least 2" or when roadway conditions warrant a response by Public Works Personnel. Equipment dispatch is dependent upon timing and intensity, weather forecast, personnel and equipment availability, and street priority classification. The primary objective is to open streets to two-way traffic beginning with arterial and collector streets and followed by local streets. Cul-de-sacs are generally opened by plowing the outside edge first with full clearing occurring within 24 to 48 hours.

Due to environmental concerns, sanding/salting will be limited to steep grades, high volume intersections, school crossings, or icy patches on priority routes. Trails and sidewalks within arterial and collector street corridors and those within school walking zones will be plowed when accumulation exceeds 2" in a 24-hour period.

Sidewalks

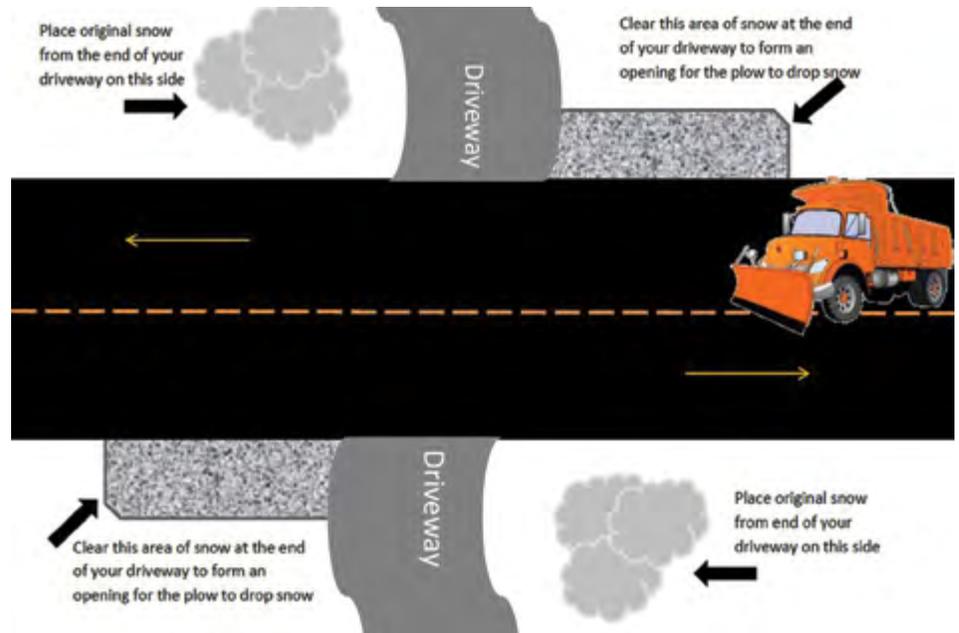
Residents are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours. Although the primary responsibility is the residents, the City will assist as time and equipment allows. Priority routes such as those leading to schools will be done first with all others being done as time permits.

Parking

The City of Rogers would like to remind residents that there is NO parking allowed on any City street from November 1 to March 31 from 2-6 a.m. If a vehicle is found to be parked between these hours, you can be given a citation and your vehicle may be towed.

Private Property Snow Removal

The City of Rogers reminds property owners that State Law prohibits the placement of snow and ice from driveways in the public right-of-way. Shovel-ing snow/ice onto streets and highways



creates unsafe driving conditions and increases the cost of snow removal.

Right-of-Way Obstructions

Items which are properly installed and allowed by ordinance to be located in the right-of-way will be considered for repair/replacement only if physically struck by a snow plow blade, wing, or other piece of snowplowing equipment. Trees, shrubbery, landscaping, irrigation, and other items located within right-of-way will not be considered for compensation.

Mailbox and Paper box

Mailboxes and paperboxes must be mounted at minimum of 46" above the street level. Properly installed mailboxes will be considered for repair or replacement with a standard residential mailbox and post only if physically struck by snowplow equipment. Installations damaged by heavy wet snow or ice coming from the plow blade will not be repaired or replaced. The City of Rogers, Rogers Fire Department, and Rogers Post Office are requesting your help in keeping the area around your mailbox clear of snow. This will enable the postal carriers to deliver your mail without delay.

Sod Damage

When streets and sidewalks are covered with snow, it is almost impossible for the snowplow operator to determine the edge of the road or sidewalk. To minimize sod damage residents may place brightly painted stakes just behind the curb or sidewalks.

Winter Driving

Plows often need to slow, stop or back up, and falling, blowing, or swirling snow decreases visibility. Allow ample room between your vehicle and snow removal equipment, and always assume the driver cannot see you. Do not pass until the plow has reached a safe clear area and never pass on the right side of the snowplow vehicle. Always assume that intersections, curves, bridges, and hills are slippery and drive according to road conditions.

Winter Fun

Discourage children from building snow forts at the street edge or sliding from snow banks into the roadway. Instruct children that snow removal vehicles are dangerous, and they should move away from the road until it has been cleared and the vehicle has moved from the vicinity.



Parks & Recreation Winter Programming

View all programming at www.parkandrec.rogersmn.gov

Learn to Skate USA

(Ages 3 – adult)

Learn to Skate Basic Skills Program is now called Learn to Skate USA and has been restructured to better fit the needs of all skaters. It is designed to teach children and adults the fundamentals of ice skating, build confidence, and ensure success to reach their recreation or competitive goals.

Classes offer multiple levels of skating for all ages (3–adult). Snowplow Sam classes are designed to introduce basic skills to new young skaters, Basic Skills are planned levels designed to progress skaters from beginning to advance ice skating skills, and Hockey Prep has

multiple levels to strengthen hockey skating abilities with and without sticks. Adult classes will provide you with all the basics and are fine-tuned to your needs.

Classes are held on Saturday mornings and each session runs for six weeks. Register through Community Education 763-241-3520, or www.728communityed.com.

Visit www.rogersmn.gov/rec-programs or call 763-428-0975 for complete details or questions regarding our skating program.

Fall: 2 Sessions	Oct. 22 - Nov. 26
Winter: 1 Session	Jan. 21 - Feb. 25
Cost \$69 - \$89	

Try Hockey for Free Day

(Ages 4-9)

Rogers Youth Hockey is offering two days to *Try Hockey for Free*. Sample the game of ice hockey and learn some basic skills such as skating, puck handling and shooting; all free with quality coaching instruction.

All necessary hockey equipment will be available for newcomers, with on-ice support to teach kids how to get dressed, stand on skates, hold a stick and more.

To learn more, or to pre-register, visit www.rac.rogersmn.gov or www.rogershockey.com.

Sat., Nov. 12	2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 25	2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Cost:	FREE
Rogers Activity Center	

Special Event Open Skates

Haunted Glow "N" Skate

Sun., Oct 30 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

\$5 – includes glow necklace

Come in costume & Trick or Treat

Gobbler Skate

Wed. Nov. 23 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Free admission if you bring a non-perishable food item

Other Glow "N" Skates

Last Wednesday of the month

Oct. - Feb. 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

\$5 – includes glow necklace

Adult Open and Pond Hockey

Adult Open Hockey

Fridays 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

\$7/skater; goalies free for Adult Hockey

Pond and additional Adult Hockey are updated weekly at www.rac.rogersmn.gov. Goalies are not free for Pond Hockey.

Open Skate Sundays

Sept. 11-May 7 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Sept. 7-May 10 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

Sept. 14-May 10 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Fee: \$4/skater; age 5 & under free;

\$36/10-day punch card

Skate times are subject to change.

Visit www.rac.rogersmn.gov for updates

Outdoor Open Skate

Neighborhood skating rinks will be open to the public mid-December (weather permitting). When the temperature drops 20° below zero with wind chill, the rinks will be closed. For more information, contact Rogers Activity Center at 763-428-1033 or visit www.rogersmn.gov/rec-programs, or www.facebook.com/cityofrogers.

Skate with Santa

Sun., Dec 18, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Kid's Carnival 3:00 – 5:00pm. , Free

Skate with Santa 4:00 – 5:30pm.
\$4 per skater; ages 5 and under free.

Join us at the
Rogers Activity Center



Space to Host Events

The City of Rogers has two wonderful facilities to host meetings, family gatherings, 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. A gathering of any kind will feel welcoming with rooms over 3,000 square feet, a variety of setup styles and available amenities.

The Community Room contains a large banquet room that can be divided into two smaller rooms and is attached to a commercial kitchen. Sharing a hallway, there is also a small conference room



Community Room

21201 Memorial Drive
Cityofrogers.org/community-room
Contact Liz Dirks: 763-428-0939

that can be used for more intimate meetings. Rental fees for banquets, meetings, and Rogers non-profit organizations are available on the website.

The functional Activity Room sits on the second floor of the Rogers Activity Center, overlooking the Ice Arena. This open banquet room can be rented out for \$30 an hour for Rogers residents with a \$150 maximum daily charge and \$40 an hour for non-residents with a \$200 maximum daily charge. Both facilities have convenient locations in Rogers right off of Hwy 101 and 81.



Activity Center

21080 141st Ave. N.
Rac.cityofrogers.org
Contact Mike Bauer: 763-428-0974

Arena Walking

Need a place to walk other than outdoors? Walk indoors at the ice arena. 8 times around the arena equals a mile and it's free!

The Rogers Activity Center is open Monday-Friday at 9:00 a.m. Visit www.rogersmn.gov/schedules for daily closings and weekend hours. The arena is not open for walking during paid events such as tournaments or high school hockey games.

Open Gym

Did you know that there is "open gym" time for all ages in Rogers? Open gym is supervised recreation time for families and individuals to work on sports, get a workout, spend quality time together, and socialize. Pay at the door, or purchase a 10-day or season pass online at www.728communityed.com.

Pay at the door.

\$4/day student; \$5/day/adult; \$12/day family (6 max with one adult)

All Ages

Sundays

Oct. 2 - April 30 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Rogers Middle School Gym Door A

No meeting Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Apr. 16

Grades 9 – 12 & Adult

Wednesdays

Oct. 19 - April 26 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

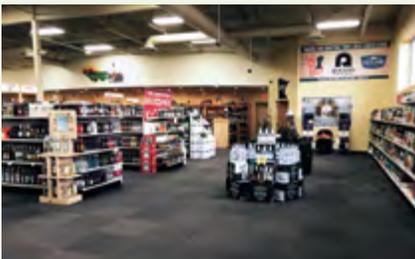
Rogers High School Gym Door I

No meeting Nov. 23, Dec. 14

Changes may be made to this schedule, so check before dropping off your child at the school. Follow the community education twitter feed at CE728ALERT or check online at www.728communityed.com for possible cancellations.

Rogers Wines and Spirits

Rogers Wine and Spirits is your community asset. Our profits are utilized to reduce the cost of city services. If you haven't visited recently, please stop by and check out your local wine, spirits and craft beer store. Our profits are returned to the City of Rogers to help reduce the cost of city services.



Visit www.rogerswinesandspirits.com for a list of our monthly specials!

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

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 nonprofits.

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.

Rogers Senior Programs

The City of Rogers provides a variety of programs for older adults in the area. Public senior programs expanded greatly when the City of Rogers opened a Senior Center on Main Street in Spring of 2015. Since opening, a variety of events are provided five days a week.

Several regularly scheduled activities can be found at the senior center such as billiards, card playing, movies, exercise classes, discussion groups, bingo, driver improvement classes, computer usage, and volunteer opportunities. Beyond the daily senior center happenings, the City hosts a Senior Congregate Dining program at the Rogers Community Room three days a week and Jammers (music + potluck event) on the first Sunday of each month. The City of Rogers also facilitates day trips to various locations in Minnesota; there is always something new to explore.

Senior Congregate Dining has served locally catered meals at the Rogers Community Room for over 4 years. 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. Please call 763-428-0976 to reserve a meal in advance.

The City of Rogers organizes an assortment of programs both at the Rogers Senior Center (12913 Main Street) and at the Rogers Community Room (21201



Rogers seniors enjoy tea time with the Rogers Area Girl Scouts troop.

Memorial Drive). 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.

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

The Rogers Seniors are continually 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 Dirks at 763-428-0939.



Play Ball! Rogers senior programming included an excursion to the Minnesota Saints new baseball stadium.



Rogers Elementary students share ice cream sundaes and their favorite stories with Rogers seniors.

Recycling

With the single sort carts, recycling is easier than ever before. Below is a quick guide to what can and cannot be placed in the single sort cart. Think before you throw!

Accepted Items:

- ✓ Aluminium beverage cans
- ✓ Metal food cans
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars (all colors)
- ✓ Plastic containers & lids (#1 through #7)
- ✓ Cartons- milk, soup, broth & wine
- ✓ Juice Boxes
- ✓ Cardboard, newspaper
- ✓ Boxboard ie: cereal, cracker, shoe boxes
- ✓ Mixed mail, magazines, office paper envelopes
- ✓ Holiday Lights

Not Accepted Items:

- ✗ No plastic bags
- ✗ No egg cartons
- ✗ No Styrofoam
- ✗ No pizza boxes or soiled paper
- ✗ No mirror, window or plate glass
- ✗ No ceramic or porcelain
- ✗ No toys, dishes, flower pots
- ✗ No plastic hangers
- ✗ No motor oil jugs
- ✗ No metal car parts

Randy's Environmental Services also offers Blue Bag Organics recycling. For more information on how to get involved with the Blue Bag Organics program, please contact Randy's, or visit www.randyssantiation.com and click on the Blue Bag Organics link.

Hennepin County Household Waste Disposal Information

Fall clean up can be frustrating, especially when you find yourself with a pile of stuff that needs to go. But where? The Green Disposal Guide tells you the best way to get rid of your stuff

www.hennepin.us/greendisposalguide With a click on your computer or smart phone, find ways to recycle, reuse or dispose of items from your home with the new online resource for Hennepin County residents.

The Green Disposal Guide provides simple content about how to get rid of items. Easy to use and mobile friendly, the Green Disposal Guide offers a range of disposal options and also encourages responsible disposal practices.

Yard waste, mattresses, paint or fluorescent light bulbs and more—find out how to get rid of your stuff. The online Green Disposal Guide also has tips for shopping smarter, living greener and creating less waste.

Prescription Drop-off Site

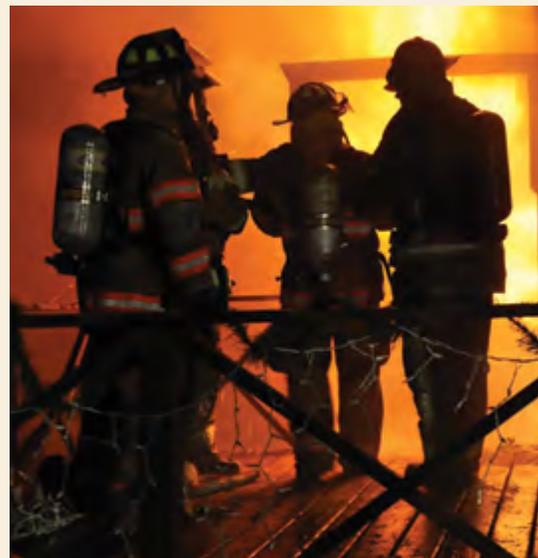
The Rogers Police Department is an authorized drop-off site for old or unwanted prescriptions. The drop off box is located in the lobby of the police department and it is available to the public Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The service is free of charge. We only ask that you leave the medications in their original containers. No ID is required. Medications accepted include controlled substances, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements and pet medications. Medications from health care facilities, pharmacies and clinics, or liquids, needles and sharps are not accepted.

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/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.



**No Experience Needed
All Training Provided**

**Please contact Chief Feist
at bfeist@rogersmn.gov
or call
763-428-3500**



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Winter Parking Regulations

In order to keep our streets clear of parked vehicles during the winter months, the City of Rogers prohibits parking on all city streets between 2 and 6 a.m., from November 1 to March 31 each year.

This prohibition is designed to keep vehicles off the street during the times snow removal typically occurs. Although snow removal does not take place every night, this is the best practice for insuring that when snows do occur, the City plows will have clear access to all roadways. It takes the guess work out of trying to determine if you should or should not park on the street during the winter months.

Residents who have overnight guests or other immediate parking needs, may



contact the police department at 763-428-3450 to make a “no tag” request. Absent any immediate snow removal needs, these are typically approved and will allow for temporary overnight parking during these prohibited times.



Safe Shoveling Tips

1. Don't shovel snow if you're not physically fit.
2. Warm your muscles with a few stretches before you shovel.
3. Lighten the load with a shovel that is about elbow height.
4. Don't race. Slow and steady shoveling produces less strain.
5. Turn your feet to the direction you're lifting or throwing.
6. Take a ten-minute water break about every 15 minutes.