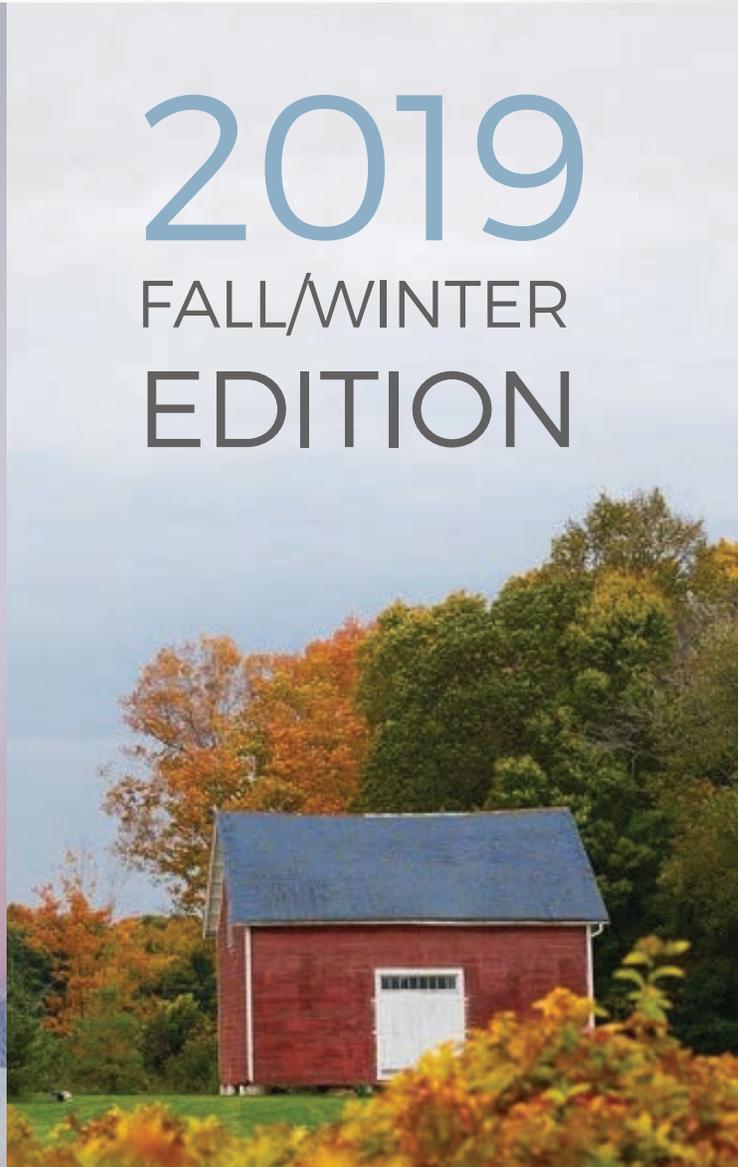
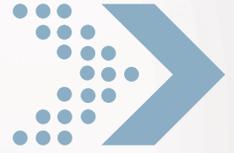


# CITY NEWS

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about the PNP  
Election in  
March 2020?!**  
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# 2019

## FALL/WINTER EDITION

CITY OF ROGERS

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## CITY OF ROGERS

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Mark Eiden- Council Member  
Bruce Gorecki- Council Member  
Darren Jakel- Council Member  
Shannon Klick- Council Member

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Connect With Us [Rogersmn.gov/connect](http://Rogersmn.gov/connect)



### Contact Us [Rogersmn.gov/contact](http://Rogersmn.gov/contact)

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



## Do You Know How Old Your Smoke Alarms Are?



**S**moke alarms should be replaced every 10 years from the manufacture date. Over time, the sensors in the alarms become dusty and cloudy causing alarms to go off for no reason or to not alarm when intended. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. There are two kinds of smoke alarms ionization – which detect flaming fires quickly and photoelectrical – which detects smoldering fires quickly. It is recommended to use both types or a combination alarm in your home. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least every six months depending upon battery duration.

## 2020 Recycling Calendar Now Available!



**H**ow do I view the 2020 Recycling Calendar?

- ➔ Visit [www.rogersmn.gov/recycling](http://www.rogersmn.gov/recycling)
- ➔ Click on the Curbside Recycling dropdown tab!

## Vitals App Continues To Make A Difference!

**I**n the spring of 2018, the Vitals App was implemented into the Rogers Police Department. Just in one year, this app has made a tremendous impact. It is amazing how much this app can help our officers prepare to deal with situations related to intellectual, behavioral disabilities, developmental, and mental health conditions more efficiently! If you are interested in learning more, visit [www.thevitalsapp.com](http://www.thevitalsapp.com) or contact Officer Jeff Madson ([jmadson@rogersmn.gov](mailto:jmadson@rogersmn.gov)).



Development activity in the City of Rogers maintained a steady pace since the end of 2017. Plan approvals and construction projects underway (or recently complete) have included everything from residential to institutional to commercial. Other proposed developments are entering the City review process, and several developers and businesses continue to explore site options and pursue project concepts City-wide. Here is a look at the current development activity.

## DOWNTOWN

### City Lands Nearly \$1.3 Million for Downtown Redevelopment

Re-energizing Downtown Rogers is a top priority for the City Council. The Council and City staff have been working with Duffy Development since February 2019 on a project that will bring new housing and commercial space to the corner of Main Street and John Deere Lane. Recently, the City was awarded a \$350,000 redevelopment grant through the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development. It will be used as a public venue for smaller community events.



The project was also recommended a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities grant totaling \$942,500. Duffy anticipates a two-phased construction approach, starting with the active living senior (55+) apartment building, new senior center and commercial space, followed by the workforce and market rate apartment building. The development includes large plaza areas and community green, which will be used as a public venue for smaller community events.



## RESIDENTIAL

### First new apartment complex to open in years

Trident Development received City Council approval in October 2018 for a 168-unit market rate apartment project. The property is located just east from Downtown Rogers, next to Lemar Estates on County Road 81. Site amenities feature a scenic internal trail system, pet exercise area and playground. Building #1 is nearly complete and work on Building #2 is underway. Trident anticipates a tenant move-in date for Building #1 of January 2020; followed by Building #2 in October 2020.



### Lennar Seeks Approval for Laurel Creek 5th Addition

US Home Corporation, known locally as Lennar, has submitted application for the 5th Addition of Laurel Creek. Laurel Creek is a 480-unit residential development, featuring a mix of home types including single-family homes, villas, townhomes and quad homes. The 5th Addition includes 97 single-family and villa home lots. Lennar anticipates submitting application for the final 77 lots (6th Addition) in 2020.

## COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

### Graco Expansion Races to Completion

In October 2018, Graco received City Council approval for a major expansion of its Rogers facility. The project is adding a training center and new laboratory space (114,699 square feet) and larger manufacturing, warehousing and distribution areas (365,169 square feet). Once complete, the facility will stand at a robust 795,960 square feet. Prior to the expansion the facility was 316,194 square feet. Rogers is the Graco World Headquarters. Locally, Graco does research and development and manufacturing of contractor equipment.



### Freddy's & Dunkin' to Occupy Former Minne's Diner Site

After years of sitting vacant, the former Minne's Diner has started its long-awaited transformation. The old restaurant building was razed in August to make way for two smaller retail buildings – a freestanding building for Freddy's Custard and Steakburger and a multi-tenant building featuring Dunkin'.



### Primrose Schools to open soon

Construction on Primrose Schools is nearing completion. The 11,450 square foot child care facility is located on South Diamond Lake Road, across from Holiday Inn Express and Short or Tall restaurant. The school will provide child care for infants (3 months) to pre-Kindergarten. Owners Scott and Laura Johnsrud anticipate a grand opening in December 2019 or early 2020. Rogers is the 20th Primrose Schools location in Minnesota.

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## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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### → Interstate Trucking to Open Rogers Facility

Interstate Trucking, a truck sales and maintenance company, is putting down roots in Rogers. The company acquired 10 acres of land next to Marine Max on County Road 81 in 2018, and has submitted its Site Plan application for review and approval.



## LOCAL SALES TAX FOR PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION FACILITIES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

On October 1, 2019, a 0.25% (quarter percent) local sales tax went into effect in the City of Rogers. Authorization for the tax was granted by both the Minnesota House and Senate during the 2019 legislative session following the November 6, 2018 local referendum as approved by Rogers voters. The sales tax, along with a \$20 motor vehicle excise tax on vehicle purchases from dealers (in lieu of any sales tax on such vehicles) is designated to fund specified park, trail and recreation facilities in Rogers. It will remain in effect the earlier of 20 years or until \$16.5 million plus the cost of bond issuance/borrowing costs is collected to fund the projects.

For residents and property owners, benefits of the sales tax approach include the fact that an estimated 60% of revenue will come from purchases made by non-Rogers residents as compared to funding such projects through a property tax referendum where 100% of the dollars would have been paid by homeowners and other property tax payers.

Project prioritization and financing will be determined once the actual amount of quarterly revenues are known (i.e., one to two quarters of revenue in hand). It is likely that construction efforts will begin with modest projects demonstrating immediate impact and access by residents.

### → Update: 2040 Comprehensive Plan

#### Adoption of the 2040 Plan Nearing

This past June, the Planning Commission and City Council approved the draft Rogers 2040 Comprehensive Plan and submitted it to the Metropolitan Council for initial review. Comments were received from the agency in August and City staff have been working on revisions. Once resubmitted the Met Council has 120 days to complete its review. Once the City has the thumbs up from the agency, the 2040 Plan will be scheduled for final review and adoption. That will include a public hearing by the Planning Commission before going to the City Council for approval.

### → Spotlight: New Zoning Code

#### New Zoning Code to Focus on Simplicity

State Statute requires cities to update their zoning codes within nine months of adopting their Comprehensive Plans. Rogers is not waiting. With City Council support, City staff have jump-started this process with a goal of adopting the new zoning code by March 2020. With the accelerated pace, planning consulting firm Landform was hired to help City staff complete the project. The goal of the update: a simpler approach to zoning with an emphasis on defining clear processes and easily accessible information for the “everyday user” (i.e. residents and businesses).

## Designated Projects

### Trail and Pedestrian Facilities

- I-94 Pedestrian Bridge
- County Road 144 Pedestrian Tunnel, and new trails/trail connections

### Aquatic Facilities

- Splash Pad
- Contribution toward the community portion of a school pool

### Community Athletic Facilities

- South Community Park
- Site Improvements For Future Recreational Facilities
- Multipurpose Indoor Turf Facility



[www.rogersmn.gov/localoptionsalestax](http://www.rogersmn.gov/localoptionsalestax)



**PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY  
"SUPER TUESDAY" MARCH 3, 2020**

This coming March, the State of Minnesota will hold its first Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) since 1992. In 2018, a law was passed establishing the PNP.

**What to expect for the PNP:**

- To be held the first Tuesday in March, 2020
- Voter must declare political party preference
- Political party preference is information that will be disclosed to the major political party chairs
- Each party gets its own ballot; in Minnesota that could mean up to four ballot styles

There will be an absentee voting period from January 17, 2020 to March 2, 2020. The voter must declare on their absentee application which major political party they are voting. On election day, the voter will declare their major political party on the PollPads that are used by election judges. The major political party will appear on the voter's receipt that will be handed to the ballot judge. The ballot judge will then hand the appropriate ballot type to the voter.

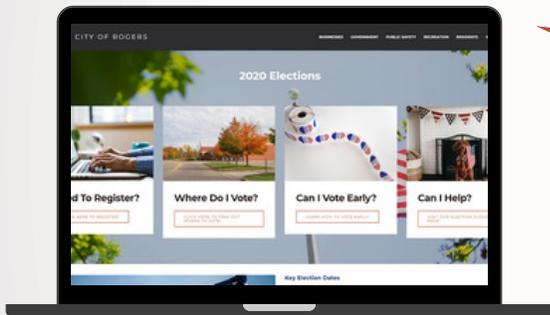
**NEED TO REGISTER?**

**WANT TO VOTE EARLY?**



Visit **[mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)**

**See our elections page for quick links and election resources!**



**[www.rogersmn.gov/elections](http://www.rogersmn.gov/elections)**

**ELECTION JUDGES WANTED!**

Being an election judge is a great way to help out in our community! The City maintains a list of persons that have served as election judges in prior elections. City staff is always looking for more interested people in serving as judges.

**[www.rogersmn.gov/election-judge](http://www.rogersmn.gov/election-judge)**

# WINTER IS COMING...

Another winter driving season is just around the corner! The Rogers Police Department would like to remind you of some simple winter driving survival tips to keep you safe during the upcoming winter season.



## FREE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL!

From December 26 to January 17, dispose of your Christmas tree at Rogers City Hall! Only real trees without decorations will be accepted.



# 1

## DO NOT DRIVE DISTRACTED!

Minnesota state law prohibits operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device when the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic, if it is not in hands-free mode.

# 2

## MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

Check tire pressure, change worn out wiper blades, check the battery condition, check fluid levels, and clean off the windshield prior to driving are simple things that if not maintained properly, can cause issues or breakdowns on winter roads.

# 3

## SLOW DOWN!

Wet, icy, and snow packed roads can easily double the amount of space required to adequately stop your vehicle once you apply the brakes. Pay close attention to changing road conditions and traffic while you are driving.

# 4

## STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.

If you are involved in an accident, and if feasible, move to safe location and call 911. Staying inside of your vehicle will be a much safer rather than standing on the side of a roadway where other vehicles may strike you.

# 5

## CARRY A SIMPLE WINTER SURVIVAL KIT.

A survival kit can be made out of items you have in your home, which can be placed in a tote, and be left in your vehicle during the winter. A shovel, blanket, first aid kit, small bag of kitty litter for tire traction, and a flashlight are items that can easily be stored in your vehicle in case of an emergency. Even within the city limits during severe weather, officers can respond to dozens of crashes and vehicle spinouts in a single day, and response times for assistance can be much longer than usual. Please plan accordingly and let someone know your travel plans should you be traveling long distances.

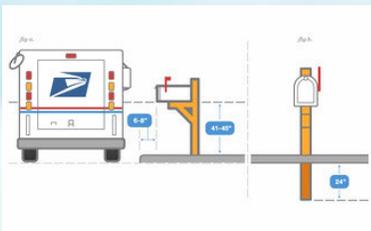


The City of Rogers begins plowing when snowfall reaches two inches, or when roadway conditions warrant a response by the Public Works Department. Equipment is dispatched dependent upon timing and intensity, weather, personnel and equipment availability. Trails and sidewalks are cleared based upon a priority ranking that includes school walking zones. The City's snow and ice maintenance policy prioritizes main collector streets and other safety considerations. The City continues to strive to reduce chloride/salt over application due to environmental impacts of excess sand/salt.

# CHECK OUT THESE SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON!

## Mail Boxes

Mail and paper boxes must be mounted a minimum of 45 inches above street level. Properly installed mailboxes will be considered for repair or replacement only if physically struck by snow plow equipment. Mailboxes damaged by snow or ice coming from the plow blade will not be repaired or replaced. The City of Rogers Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Post Office are requesting you help keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow. This will enable the postal carriers to deliver your mail without delay.



## Right-Of-Way

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

## Trash/Recycling

Please place trash and recycling containers in your driveway for collection. If snowplow operators have to stop and get out of the truck to move them off the right of way, it increases the time and costs of snow removal.



## Private Property

The City of Rogers reminds property owners that state law prohibits shoveling snow or ice onto streets and highways. This not only creates unsafe driving conditions, it increases the cost of snow removal.

## Winter Fun

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

## Sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours. Please keep sidewalks clear of snow so you and your neighbors can safely walk on the sidewalks this winter.



## 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 between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Vehicles found parked at these times, will be issued a citation and may be towed.

## Fire Hydrants

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.

# ROGERS RECREATION

## ROGERS ACTIVITY CENTER

The Rogers Activity Center offers many forms of ice-skating for the winter, including Learn to Skate, Special Events, Glow 'N' Skates, Open Skating, Adult Open & Pond Hockey, and Break-Away Hockey. Visit

[www.rogersmn.gov/activity-center](http://www.rogersmn.gov/activity-center) for details, schedules, events, updates and cancellations.

## OUTDOOR RINKS

Neighborhood skating rinks will open mid-December (weather permitting). Ice rinks will close when temperature drops -20° with wind chill. Locations are Lions Central Park and Rogers Activity Center (RAC); however, note that Lions Central Park will only have a skating rink, no hockey. Outdoor hockey will be available at the RAC; check times and availability as there may be scheduled youth practices and rink closures due to high school hockey games. Updates may be found at [www.rogersmn.gov/outdoor-skating](http://www.rogersmn.gov/outdoor-skating) or call 763-428-1033.

## OPEN GYM

Open gym is for all ages, families and individuals. Gyms are supervised by Community Education staff and is pay at the door.

Adult: \$5/day, \$40/10-day pass or \$75/20-day pass  
Student: \$4/day, \$30/10-day pass or \$55/20-day pass  
Family: \$12/day, \$79/10-day pass or \$150/20-day pass

Changes may occur to the schedule, so always check before dropping a child off at the school. Verify changes/cancellations at [www.isd728.org/open-gym](http://www.isd728.org/open-gym) or twitter feed at **CE728ALERT**. Youth under age 11 must have a responsible adult in attendance.

## ARENA WALKING

Free indoor walking at the Rogers Activity Center/ice arena. Eight times around equals a mile. The arena is open Mon-Fri at 9:00 a.m. Visit [www.rogersmn.gov/schedules](http://www.rogersmn.gov/schedules) to review daily closings and weekend hours. Arena is not open for walking during paid events such as tournaments or high school hockey games. The route around the rink and past the locker rooms is ramped.

## FEATURED EVENTS

CHECK OUT ALL OF THE RECREATION EVENTS AT [WWW.ROGERSMN.GOV/RECREATION-EVENTS](http://WWW.ROGERSMN.GOV/RECREATION-EVENTS)



### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Rogers' annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be even grander than ever. Join us as we will provide hot chocolate, cookies, caroling, Santa, and other special events. Activities will begin at 5:00pm and tree lighting will be at 8:00pm. Be sure to put your name in the raffle to be selected to flip the switch! Event updates will be posted on [www.rogersmn.gov/rec](http://www.rogersmn.gov/rec).

Friday, Dec 13 | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Veteran's Memorial  
12724 Main Street, Rogers



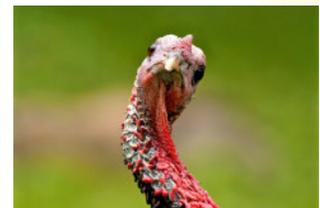
### SKATE WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 15  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

\$4/skater;  
Ages 5 & under free!

Free hot chocolate with  
paid admission

Rogers Activity Center



### GOBBLER SKATE

Sunday, November 24  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Free admission with a  
non-perishable food  
item for local Food  
Shelf!

Rogers Activity Center

# Utility Billing Spotlight

## GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER MONTHS?



Don't forget to notify the City of Rogers prior to leaving for the winter by calling **763-428-0920** or via email **UB@RogersMN.gov** to arrange for your utility bill to be forwarded to a different address. This will also assist us in identifying any high-water usage that may have resulted from leaks in your home while you are away.

## ACH PAYMENTS

You can set up an ACH payment, in which you can have your utility payment automatically deducted from your checking account on the due date. It is 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. To enroll in this service, find the ACH Form online at [www.ub.rogersmn.gov](http://www.ub.rogersmn.gov) or complete the form below:



### ACH Direct Payment 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/ENCLOSE A VOIDED 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 (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (for joint checking account) \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name (printed for joint-checking account) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return to City Hall or one of the payment drop boxes: City of Rogers 22350 Diamond Lake Rd Rogers, MN 55374  
Drop Box Locations: 12913 Main St. and 22350 S Diamond Lake Rd.



## Mondays

9 a.m. - Coffee Club  
10 a.m. to Noon - Senior Community Services  
11 a.m. to Noon - SAIL Exercise Class  
1 p.m. - UNO (1st Monday of the month)

## Tuesdays

9 a.m. - Coffee Club  
10 a.m.- Billiards  
10 a.m. to Noon - Recycled Cards  
Noon - Senior Dining  
1 p.m. - Texas Canasta  
1 p.m. - Pinochle

## Wednesdays

Noon - Senior Dining  
1 p.m. - Cribbage  
1 p.m. - Texas Canasta

## Thursdays

10 a.m. - Billiards  
Noon - Senior Dining  
1 p.m. - Texas Canasta

## Fridays

9 a.m. - Mah Jongg  
12:30 p.m. - Free Movie

# CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY SENIOR EVENTS! QUESTIONS? MORE INFO?

## VISIT [ROGERSMN.GOV/SENIORS](http://ROGERSMN.GOV/SENIORS)

Contact Jen Graham, Recreation Coordinator

Phone: 763-428-0939

Email: [jgraham@rogersmn.gov](mailto:jgraham@rogersmn.gov)

### *Volunteer Opportunities:*

We want you! The Senior Center has a variety of volunteer opportunities and as the snowbirds begin to fly, we find ourselves with a greater need for volunteers with the senior program. No need to be a senior to help out – just have a desire to serve your community. Schedules are flexible, fun and rewarding. Contact Jen ([jgraham@rogersmn.gov](mailto:jgraham@rogersmn.gov) or 763-428-0939) if you are interested in helping out or have further questions. Opportunities currently available include:

- Senior Dining Helper: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.-choose 1 day/week to help serve the seniors that gather for a social lunch at the Community Room.
- Senior Center Front Desk/Greeter (days/times flexible between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – choose a shift that works for you (even just a couple hours 1/day/week) where you will greet and assist visitors downtown at the Senior Center.



We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and are especially proud that all revenue generated by us in this community stays in this community, working for you!

**Shopping locally makes sense, support all of our local businesses!**

**Rogers Wines & Spirits values the partnerships with local organizations and our mutual goal of a community awareness and community value.**

**[www.rogersmn.gov/wines&spirits](http://www.rogersmn.gov/wines&spirits)**