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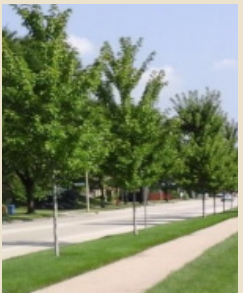
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Join the Conversation: Community Forum Planned to Pave the Way for Roselle's Future Infrastructure

Over the next decade, Roselle has a number of critical and mandated infrastructure updates that must be addressed. In order to build a strong future for Roselle and develop a funding plan that strikes a balance between creating new revenue sources and borrowing funds, Village officials and staff are seeking the community's input.

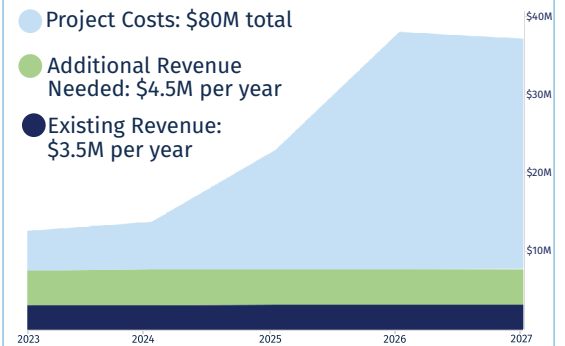
Community Forum

March 15 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall

Learn more about upcoming infrastructure improvements, get an introduction to Village finances and funding sources, and share your thoughts about the best path forward to fund our mandated infrastructure improvements.

Help us make sure everyone has a seat; to join the forum, register at www.roselle.il.us/Infrastructure. If registration fills, we will relocate the March 15 forum to a bigger venue to allow more participants or will add additional forum dates.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE



Project costs are estimates and subject to change. Additional revenue is an estimate based upon repaying loans over 20 years for the project costs.

PROJECTS INCLUDE:



**IEPA-Mandated
Water System
Updates**



**IEPA-Mandated
Wastewater Treatment
Plant Improvements**

- Removing nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater
- Expanding Devlin Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Replacing watermain and lead service lines
- Rehabilitating sewer collection system including sanitary lift stations

www.roselle.il.us/Infrastructure

Police & Fire Joining Annual St. Baldrick's Event



The Roselle "Badges For A Cure" (Police & Fire Departments) will once again be raising money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, teaming up with Pollyanna Brewing at their event on March 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Badges for a Cure has raised \$54,205 for the Foundation over the last four years to help combat pediatric cancers. Several team members will be shaving their heads this year in support of children battling pediatric cancers. If you would like to show support, join the team or donate at www.bit.ly/BadgesCure.

Mayor's Message



As winter gives way to spring it is a joy to glimpse the signs of life returning in the garden.

It is also the time of year when you can pick up the smell of thawing septic tanks—a good reminder of the benefits of municipally-managed sewage treatment.

The Village proudly started operating a municipal sewage treatment plant for the community in 1928 that is still in service to this day. Much has changed since its construction, including a second treatment plant on Central Avenue and additional regulations on wastewater that protect our watersheds for future generations.

March 2023 marks the 31st anniversary of Roselle tapping into Lake Michigan water. Prior to connecting, the Village maintained wells and treated the water. Both fresh water and sewage treatment are important to modern life and a vibrant economy but come at an increasingly steep cost. The Village Board over several administrations has put fee escalators in place and introduced the Capital Improvement Surcharge (CIS) to help cover this cost; however, the improvements required over the next decade cannot be addressed with these solutions any longer. I hope you will join us for a community conversation on how we can best position Roselle for the future and find the right revenues to pay for important infrastructure we use every day.

As the days grow longer so does my anticipation for warmer days to enjoy all that Roselle has to offer. The German Sister Cities Committee's Bockfest returns April 29th at Pollyanna. This summer, the Cleve Carney Museum of Art and the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage will host an Andy Warhol exhibition, and Roselle is joining the fun with Warhol-inspired events in the community this summer. This includes the return of the Mayor's Cup for the Rose Parade, which will be awarded to one business and one community entry that best encapsulates the spirit of Pop Art. Don't delay getting your entry submitted to the Chamber of Commerce!

Village Board Updates

Recent Accomplishments:

- Authorized purchase of tablets and docking stations for Police Department vehicles.
- Approved the Mailbox Replacement and Reimbursement policy, which standardizes procedures if a mailbox is damaged or impacted by work within the right-of-way by the Village or its contractors.
- Authorized design-build services for Chesapeake Lift Station improvements. Funding for improvements comes from the Water/Sewer Capital Fund and is a budgeted project for 2023.
- Approved updates to the Municipal Parking Lot ordinances, which includes adding the Bokelman lot to the list of municipal parking lots. For parking lot locations, free parking hours, and permit parking rates, visit www.roselle.il.us/Parking.
- Adopted a C-PACE ordinance establishing a property assessed clean energy program for commercial property owners to obtain long-term financing for energy efficiency projects.

Upcoming Considerations:

- Awarding bid for annual Street Improvement Program. Construction will begin after Memorial Day.
- Approving an updated Zoning Ordinance, which establishes regulations for building and land use within the Village. The Ordinance has not been completely updated since the 1980s.
- Considering a redevelopment agreement for 40 S Prospect St. The redevelopment anticipates a demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new building.

The Village Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agendas with instructions on submitting and making public comments and video recordings of past meetings are available online.

www.roselle.il.us/AgendaCenter

Voter Information for April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election

The offices of Village Trustee (3 seats) and Village Clerk (1 seat) are up for election on April 4, 2023.

Important Dates:

- March 20: Early Voting Begins
- April 4: Polls Open 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Find Your Polling Place

Visit www.roselle.il.us/Vote to find Cook County and DuPage County election information, including early voting locations and polling places.



Public Safety Spotlight

CPR Courses

The Roselle Fire Department will hold Heartsaver CPR/AED courses on March 2, Apr. 6, and May 4. The course includes how to administer CPR, how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), and how to provide relief from choking.

Courses cost \$45, paid in advance, and are held at the Fire Station (100 E. Maple Ave.) from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Participants who complete a CPR course will be certified by the American Heart Association.

www.roselle.il.us/CPR

Sign Up for Public Safety Notifications

Receive real-time alerts about local emergency situations and community advisories like adverse weather conditions, traffic incidents, and more from the Roselle Police Department when you sign up for Nixle.

To register, text 60172 to 888777. www.roselle.il.us/Police

Doggie Do's and Don'ts

Warmer weather means spending more time outside with your furry friends! When you head outside, please remember:

DO Leash Your Dogs

Per Village ordinance, dogs must be leashed when off their owner's property. This includes training exercises and walking your dog.

The Roselle Park District offers passes to the 4 Paws Dog Park, where pups can enjoy off-leash play. Learn more at www.rparks.org.

DON'T Bring Dogs to Public Events

For the protection of attendees and for the welfare of dogs, Village ordinance prohibits dogs (excluding service animals or official law enforcement dogs) at public events such as the Lions Carnival, Rose Parade, Fourth of July Festivities, and the Taste of Roselle.

Community News

Flags for Roselle Subscriptions Open

Flags for Roselle is a community display of patriotism where volunteers install U.S. flags in the front yards or business lots of subscribers throughout the Village on patriotic holidays. A minimum subscription of \$50 covers installations for: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day, and Veterans Day.

Learn more and subscribe at

www.FlagsForRoselle.weebly.com



Annual Historical Evening Returns April 15

The Roselle History Museum's Annual Historical Evening returns on April 15. The evening includes a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m., a presentation by Tom Piorkowski at 7:00 p.m., and refreshments to follow.

Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Office or Village Hall starting in March. Tickets for adults are \$15 when reserved in advance, \$18 at the door. Students age 6-12 will be admitted for free. Email museummanager@rosellehistory.org or call the Museum at (630) 351-5300 for more information.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather This Spring

Signs of Severe Weather

Darkening skies, increased wind, and flashes of lightning are signs a severe storm is coming. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be in danger of lightning strikes and should take shelter. Tornadoes are often preceded by dark or greenish clouds, large hail, a funnel cloud, or a roaring noise.

Watch or Warning?



A **watch** means that weather conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. A watch does not mean severe weather is about to strike; instead, residents should be alert and prepared to take shelter.



A **warning** means that severe weather has been spotted in the immediate area or that radar indicates a circulating thunderstorm is capable of spawning a tornado. When a warning is issued, take safety precautions immediately.

Severe Weather Safety Tips

- When you hear tornado sirens, seek shelter immediately and track weather updates for further instructions or alerts.
- Take shelter away from windows, ideally in a basement, crawl space, or windowless room like a first-floor bathroom.
- Make a "72 hour kit" with essential supplies like a battery-operated flashlight and radio, extra batteries, spare clothes and shoes, first aid kit, cell phone, bottled water (one gallon per person, per day), ready-to-eat food, hygiene supplies, pens and paper, cash, blankets, etc.
- Create and practice an emergency evacuation or shelter plan for your home.
- Avoid flood waters. Flash floods can occur during or after severe weather and can easily sweep away people or cars.

Yard Waste & Composting Programs Return in April



Yard Waste

Flood Brothers begins their yard waste pickup program during the first week of April. Yard waste is collected during your regular garbage pickup day. Residents receive free yard waste pickup for the first collection of the year (up to 7 bundles or bags). Residents can choose their preferred option for disposing of yard waste:

- **Order a Yard Waste Cart from Flood Brothers**
Billed annually each April.
2023 cost: \$207.65
- **Purchase Individual Yard Waste Stickers**
2023 cost: \$2.45 each.
See purchase locations at www.roselle.il.us/Yard-Waste

Composting

Residents who purchase a yard waste cart may participate in the Flood Brothers composting program by including food scraps in the cart. Composting is not available through the bag and sticker yard waste program.

www.roselle.il.us/Yard-Waste

Recycle Your Plastic Film into a Public Bench

Green Roselle and the Lake Park Earth Club plans to bring attention to plastic pollution by upcycling 500 lbs. of plastic film waste into a public bench!

From now until July 31, bundle your clean, dry plastic bags/films (stretchy plastic like grocery bags, bubble wrap, shipping envelopes, or case wrap) and bring them to one of the drop-off locations:

- Clauss Recreation Center
- Roselle Public Library
- Lake Park East & West Campuses

Applications for Shared Cost Parkway Tree Program Due March 31

As part of the Village's annual efforts to replace trees that were removed due to emerald ash borer infestations, residents can request additional trees to be planted in the parkway adjacent to their home through the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program.

This shared cost program allows residents to select and purchase one or two trees, depending on the length of the parkway, with the Village sharing 50% of the cost. Planting will occur in the spring and/or fall depending on the species of tree selected.

Applications for the 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting program must be submitted by March 31, 2023. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis once payment is received. Learn more and apply at www.roselle.il.us/Trees.



Parkway trees are on the public property between the sidewalk and the street. Parkway trees are maintained by the Public Works Department.

Planning a Home Improvement Project?



Building permits are required for many home improvement projects, such as installing/repairing a driveway, building decks or sheds, and more. Learn more and apply for permits at www.roselle.il.us/BuildingPermits.

Village Offers Yard Flooding Assistance

The Village has a cost-sharing Yard Flooding Assistance Program designed to assist property owners as they address yard flooding problems. The Village may share the cost of up to 50% of eligible improvements.

Eligible improvements include:

- Installing a rain garden
- Re-grading yard to reestablish proper pitch
- Installing a private gravity storm sewer or pumped storm sewer

Participation in this program is based on a first come, first served basis and is subject to available funding. Learn more about the yard flooding assistance program at www.roselle.il.us/YardFlood.

Order a Rain Barrel for Your Garden



Rain barrels are large recycled containers that capture rainwater at the end of your downspout. Installing a rain barrel is a great way to conserve water while you care for your garden and lawn!

Visit www.roselle.il.us/Clerk to download the Rain Barrel Order Form. To place your order, return the form to Village Hall with cash or a check made payable to Village of Roselle. Rain barrels cost \$75. You can also order a rain barrel stand for \$30.