



# ROSEMOUNT

## SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND PROGRESS

### Leaves

The beautiful leaves of autumn put on a wonderful show along Rosemount's streets this fall. And when they drop onto lawns, they can improve the soil by adding nutrients.

But when they fall onto pavement, leaves cause problems. They lead to a bumper crop of algae in ponds next summer. And they can clog storm sewer grates, leading to flooding. Rosemount Public Works crews sweep the streets, but they can't get to every drain in the 85-mile system before each rain- or snowfall. The City asks residents to help out by clearing grates near their homes.



*Autumn scenes by City Building Official Alan Strand on the City's FB page.*

*The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency offers other suggestions:*

**Never burn or trash leaves.** The smoke damages the health of people with breathing issues and may cause long-term pollution effects. And it's illegal to dump leaves in the regular trash.

**Create a backyard compost pile.** If you don't have one, take the leaves to a compost site listed at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us).

**Use a mower to shred leaves and put them on your garden and lawn.** It can even reduce weeds.

**Ask your garbage hauler for curbside pickup.**

### What's the plan for Rosemount?

#### *Work continues to plan for the next 20 years*

The City of Rosemount continues to work on a major update to its Comprehensive Plan, a document that help will guide land use decisions in the City out to 2040. The Plan was last revised in 2008. The final revision should be drafted by the end of 2017. It will contain updated demographic information about the community and specific elements on land use, housing, water resources, parks, transportation, and employment. For the first time, there will be a section for strategies allowing Rosemount to be more resilient in the face of changing environmental, economic, and social factors.

One of the key objectives of the Plan is to examine where new growth and development will occur. Over the next 20-plus years, the City will need to plan for an additional 5,700 households—roughly 15,000 more people moving into Rosemount.

To begin, the City has focused on three smaller planning areas that are expected to grow or feel pressure for growth soon: Downtown, the north central rural area, and land east of Highway 52 and south of Highway 42. For each of these areas, the City conducted at least one meeting to share information and gather public feedback from residents. A public meeting will be scheduled in early 2017 to gain input on potential Downtown recommendations. The other two planning groups will reconvene once more information is available to share.

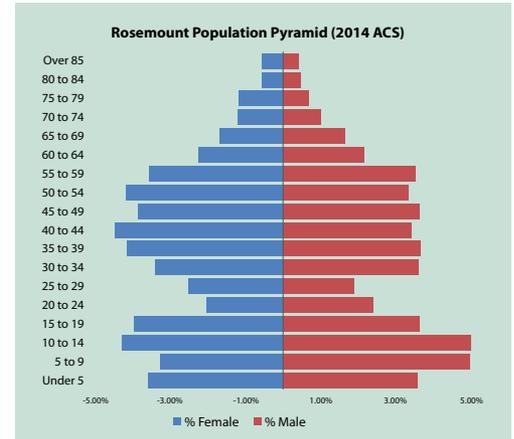
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### Highlights include:

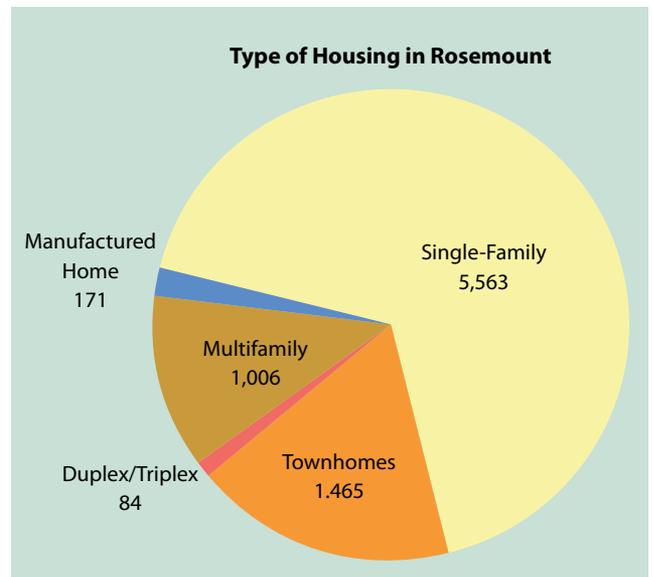
The **Community Context**, examining population trends in the community. The City's overall population is expected to increase from 23,244 today to 38,000 by the year 2040. Rosemount's current population is predominately younger families, with 60% of the population either ages 25-44 or under 17. One age group that is consistently lower than the others is the number of college age adults within the community. This is a concern to Rosemount if these young adults do not return to Rosemount after attending college. This trend is commonly referred to as a "brain drain" because the bright students taught at Rosemount High School end up living in other communities without returning the benefit of their quality education to the community.



Population by Age and Gender: There is a noticeable gap of residents between 20 and 29 years old.

Although they still comprise a relatively small part of the overall population, the number and percentage of individuals at or above retirement age has been steadily increasing over the past 10-20 years. As the Rosemount's population ages, it will become important to recognize and plan for the unique needs of an older population.

The **Housing** plan will contain an examination of the City's residential needs. Historically, new housing development in Rosemount has been primarily single-family homes, but recent trends show single-family attached and multi-family housing are comprising a larger share of construction. The City expects to see an increasing demand for those styles, and the land use plan will guide certain areas for this type of development.



Building Permits by Dwelling Type: Townhouse and Multi-family comprise a larger portion of the City's new permits in recent years.

In **Land Use**, identifying space for future growth and development is key. The Planning Commission reviewed a draft land use map in response to comments received through public review. This map identifies areas for new growth in the southeast portion of the City and the northern portions of the UMore property along Highway 42.

Rosemount residents who have an interest in the future of their community are encouraged to participate in the small area planning efforts. Updates throughout the process will be available on the City's website. For more information, please contact Rosemount Community Development at 651-322-2051.



## Before it snows . . .

City maintenance crews are preparing the plow trucks and deicing equipment for the upcoming winter. Before the snow flies, residents are also asked to prepare for the plowing season in the following ways:

- » Keep all garbage and recycling bins at least 4 feet behind the curb
- » Verify that your mailbox is structurally sound and installed according to these parameters:
  - Vertical post is set back 10 to 15 inches from back edge of curb
  - Bottom of mailbox is 42 to 48 inches off the ground
  - Front of mailbox is 0 to 6 inches behind back edge of curb
  - Front of paper boxes are flush with vertical post
- » Mark your curb lines to minimize sod damage, especially if you live on a curve. Wooden stakes can be picked up free of charge at the Public Works maintenance building, 14425 Brazil Avenue, weekdays through November
- » Do not park on the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. daily, or any time after a snowfall until the street is cleared curb-to-curb

## Receive plowing notices on your phone

Visit our website to sign up for text or email notices regarding snowplow operations. You will be alerted when plowing will begin, with helpful reminders about parking restrictions and other important information.

Go to [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us)

- > **Notify Me**
- > **Alert Center**
- > **Snowplowing updates**

## Limit your salt use this winter

When snow and ice begin to accumulate on your driveway, think twice before applying salt. Salt is a harmful contaminant to our natural water bodies. When snow and ice melt, most of the salt goes directly into nearby lakes, ponds, rivers, and wetlands. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride, which is harmful to fish and plant life.

Remember, it only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water.

*There are ways you can reduce salt use while still making sure your sidewalk and driveway are safe:*

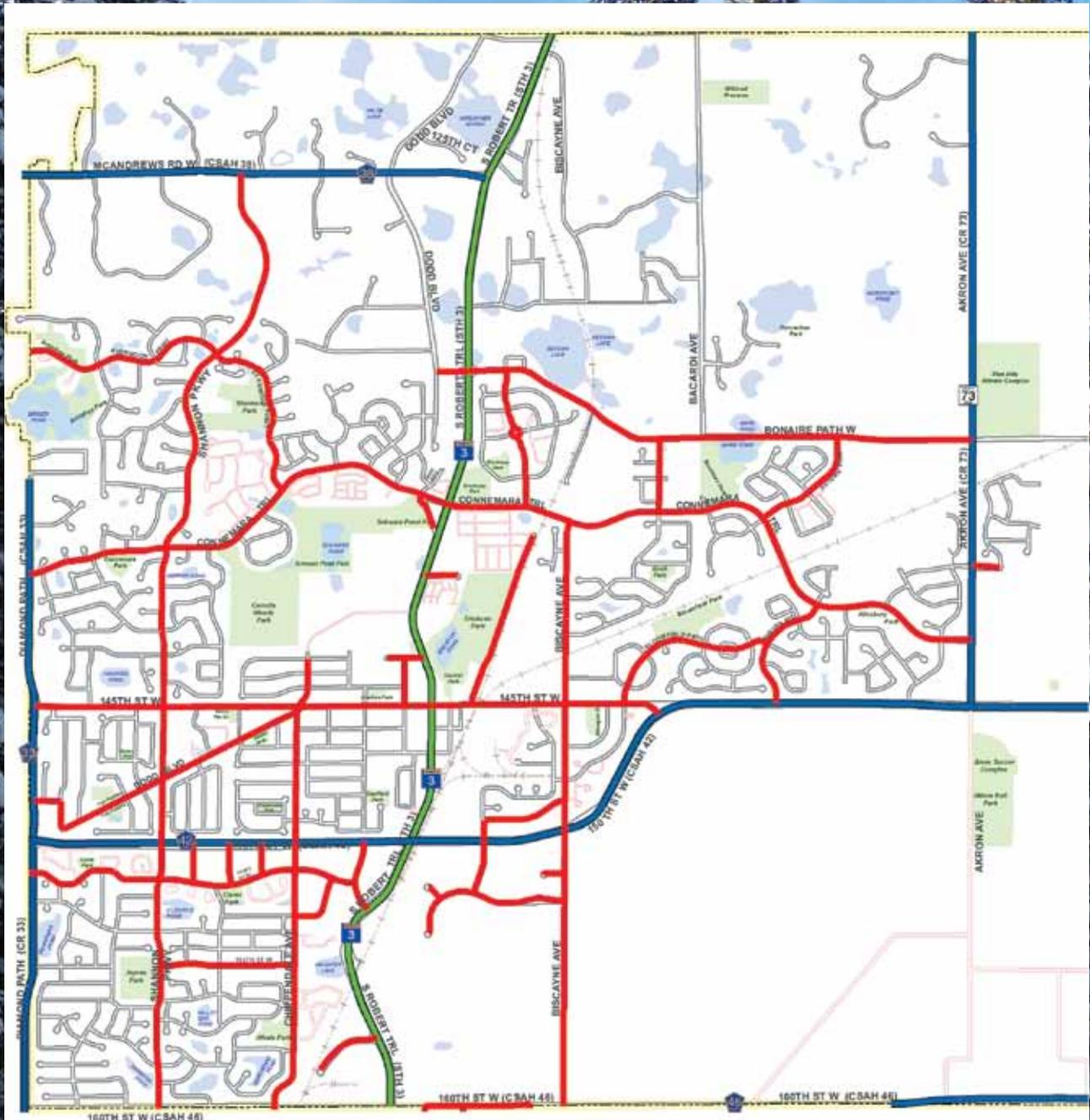
- » Shovel as soon as possible after a snowfall to prevent snow and ice accumulation
- » Do not apply salt in very cold temperatures; most salt loses its effectiveness below 15° F
- » Do not use more than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet of surface
- » Sweep up any extra salt left on dry pavement once the snow and ice have melted



## Be alert for frozen water service lines

The water service line that comes into your home from the water main may be susceptible to freezing during sustained extremely cold temperatures like those that occurred several years ago. A simple way to monitor the condition of your water service line is by checking the temperature of the water at your tap. If your cold water temperature gets below 40° F, leaving your tap to run at a slow, steady stream (about the width of a pencil) can help prevent your service line from freezing.

More winter maintenance information is available on our website: [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/snowplowing](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/snowplowing)



### 2016-2017 Priority Plow Routes

 Priority Plow Routes  Plowed by State  Plowed by County

## Transparency

Rosemount residents can take an in-depth look at where the City raises and spends its money in a new online tool available as part of the City's transparency efforts.

Visitors to the City's website at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/transparency](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/transparency) can call up detailed graphs and tables on the City's spending and collection of revenues over the past five years. Users can dig into areas of special interest and track changes over time.

Rosemount is utilizing a digital platform powered by OpenGov that provides residents, elected officials, and staff unprecedented access to the City's finances and performance information. The OpenGov platform transforms complex financial data into an interactive format that enables better analysis and understanding of public finances.

OpenGov's intuitive design makes it easier to explore how taxpayer money is collected and spent. Users can view historical revenue and expenditure trends over time and explore multiple views of financial data, including by fund, department, expense, or revenue type. Thanks to monthly updates, the current year report provides insight into spending and revenues year-to-date.

For instance, with a single click, visitors can answer the question "How much money has been spent from the City's General Fund since the first of the year?" and "How does that spending compare to the last few years?"

Visitors can share what they find directly from the platform via email or on social media. They can also contact the City with follow-up questions.

Beyond sharing information with the public, Rosemount Council members and the City's staff can use OpenGov internally to create custom reports, manage operations, and keep administrators informed of financial trends.



## Electronic utility billing

The City of Rosemount continues to make it easier to handle the bills for your water and sewer service. You can see your bill online and make a payment by one of several methods. Many customers find it a quicker and more secure way to pay for service than the traditional paper-based billing system.

Customers are now able to make a payment online without registering. Your account number will be needed, but information is not held for future use. To use this feature, visit [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/billpay](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/billpay), click on "Make a Payment," and follow the steps to make a one-time payment without registering.

Here are some hints to use the system more smoothly. If you register for online payments, make sure you set up your profile correctly. For recurring payments, most residents will want to select to pay your balance in full quarterly. If you set up your account to pay monthly, you may overpay your quarterly balance (leading to a credit balance) or underpay (leading to late penalties). If you opt out of paper bills, make sure you log on to your account periodically to check your history and balances.

Need help to change your online setup? Call the City's billing vendor, PSN, toll-free at 1 (877) 885-7968.

## See election results online

*The November 8 General Election took place after this issue of the Rosemount City News went to press.*

*For links to results of the vote for two seats on the Rosemount City Council, visit [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/vote](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/vote).*

## Budget hearing

The Rosemount City Council is considering a budget proposal for 2017 that would lead to an increase of \$18 a year in the City's share of property taxes on the median-valued home. That share remains below what the level was in 2009.

**See details of the proposal at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/budget](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/budget).**

Under state law, the Council must pass the final budget in December. Before that vote, the Council will hold a public hearing to take comments on the budget.

The hearing will be held during the Council meeting that begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6.



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## Welcome New Businesses!

*The City has welcomed several new establishments to Rosemount in the last few months.*



*Swag Shop*



*HealthPro Chiropractic*



*Culver's*



*Cambrian Commons*

See a list of local businesses on the City website at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/business](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/business).  
(And if you'd like to add your business, email [amy.roudebush@ci.rosemount.mn.us](mailto:amy.roudebush@ci.rosemount.mn.us).)