



# ROSEMOUNT

## *SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND PROGRESS*

### Join the Reserves

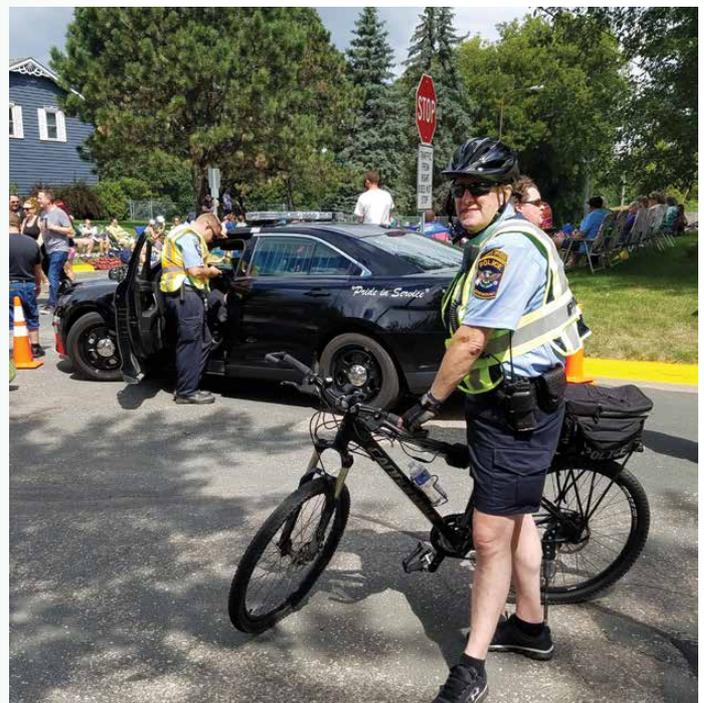
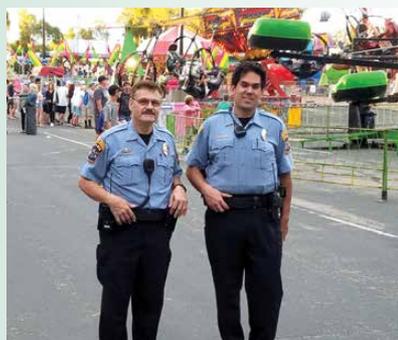
**D**o you have some free time? Are you willing to give back to your community? Looking for something rewarding and exciting? The Rosemount Police Department is looking to add to its Reserve Police Unit.

Reserve Officers are not Peace Officers by law and do not carry the same authority. Instead, they are volunteers who help the Department in a variety of ways. Reserve Officers provide security during special events in Rosemount and its neighbors. They help with the training of Police Officers by acting as role players during force-on-force training. Reserve Officers do ride-alongs with Officers, and they patrol the City and parks while responding to motorist assist, animal calls, and other public calls. Reserve Officers also help transport suspects to jail.

Reserves are provided training and uniforms and have ongoing opportunities to improve knowledge and skills. The schedule is very flexible since the Department operates 24/7. Most Reserve Officers have full-time careers outside law enforcement and bring diverse experiences and backgrounds to the team.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen at least 21 years old and living in Dakota County, have a high school diploma, and be able to pass a background check. The commitment averages ten hours a month, which includes a two-hour monthly meeting and training. A minimum of two years' commitment is preferred.

**If you would like information concerning the Reserve Police Officer program, please visit [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/reserves](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/reserves) or contact Sgt. Ryan Coughlin at 651-322-3130 or [ryan.coughlin@ci.rosemount.mn.us](mailto:ryan.coughlin@ci.rosemount.mn.us)**



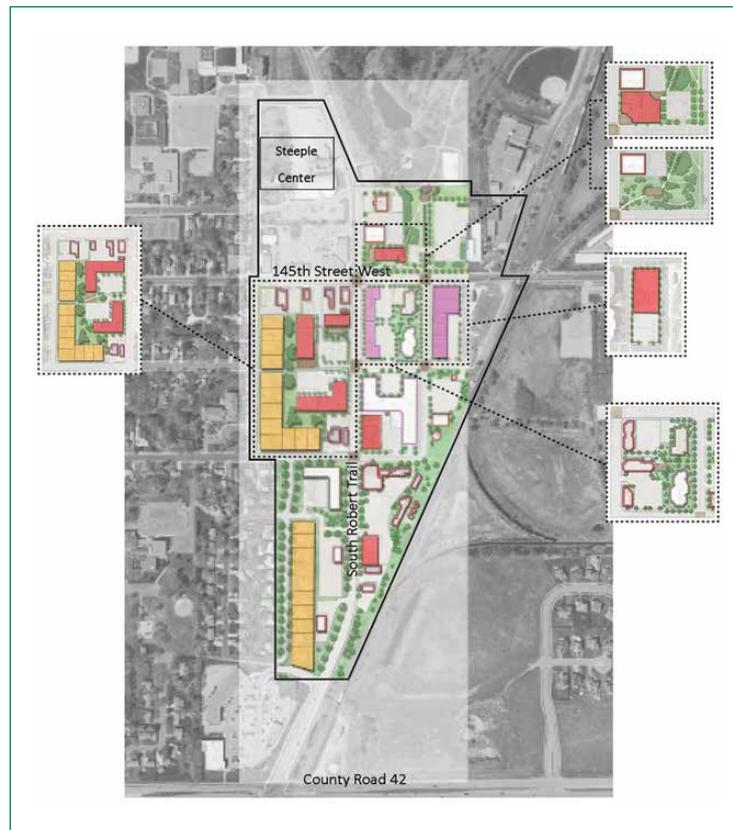
*Clockwise from top left: Reserve Officers Scott Wiig and Andy Seldon at an RHS football game; Reserve Officer Wiig on bike patrol at the Grand Day Parade during Leprechaun Days; Reserve Officers Mario Dilodovico and Johnathon Krueger at the Mid-Summer Faire.*

## Comprehensive Plan Update-Economic Development

Rosemount planners' work on an update of the City's *Comprehensive Plan* continues through next year. A key part is the City's efforts for economic development.

Goals in the existing *Plan* cover the availability of retail and services for residents, employment that pays a "head of household" wage, jobs opportunities for all residents, and creation of a vibrant Downtown. The City is taking another look at these goals to see if they should change in the new *Plan*.

While the Rosemount Planning Commission does the heavy lifting for most of the *Plan* update, the City's Port Authority is the commission that works on economic development. The Port has worked on revitalization of Downtown, creation of the Rosemount Business Park, and land acquisition



for the Steeple Center and the MVTA park and ride. The Port Authority and the Downtown Task Force have been working over the past ten months to update a 2004 document, the *Development Framework for Downtown Rosemount*.

A community meeting unveiling draft concepts for Downtown was held on February 9. All property and business owners located within Downtown's planning boundaries were invited, along with the rest of the community, and a strong turnout took part. Concepts on a block-by-block basis were presented.

The *Framework* does not call for the City to take over land and dictate its use. Instead,

the document provides a long-term vision to aid developers when they approach property owners and the City.

As part of the City wide effort, staff is meeting with property owners who have vacant commercial and industrial land. One of the main landholders, the University of Minnesota, is partnering with the City to encourage development on some of its property, as shown by a recent agreement with Opus Development to market 160 acres. The opportunity to attract businesses to the community would mean more jobs for existing and future residents. And the more jobs in town, the greater the "daytime" population, which promotes additional restaurants and services for employees and residents.

The City is always interested in residents' ideas and comments. **You can follow the progress of the *Comprehensive Plan* update at <http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/plan>.** There's also an easy way to provide comments about the *Plan* and planning for Downtown on that webpage.

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## Garden lottery

Rosemount Parks and Recreation is taking applications from its residents for a limited number of garden plots that the City is offering at several locations. The City is making land available at Biscayne, Jaycee, Winds, and Lions Parks and at the Flint Hills Outdoor Recreation Complex at the northeast corner of Akron Avenue and Bonaire Path. Plots are available in two sizes: 10-by-20 feet for \$30 and 20-by-20 feet for \$50. To enter the lottery for a spot, visit [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/garden](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/garden). Deadline to enter is March 31.

## Winter plowing damage

Please contact Public Works at 651-322-2022 to report any plowing damage to sod or mailboxes. Staff will evaluate damage and make necessary repairs once the ground is no longer frozen (usually by late April). Only mailboxes that have been damaged by direct impact with the plow will be repaired by the City. The City is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow rolling off the plow, or for any damage to landscaping, sprinkler heads, or garbage bins placed in the right-of-way.

## Water system maintenance

More than 1,200 City fire hydrants are flushed annually each spring. This process helps clear mineral deposits from water mains and ensures that each hydrant is in peak operating condition in case of emergency. Occasionally this causes discolored water in homes and businesses. If this happens at your home, run the water in all taps until the water is clear again. Avoid doing laundry until water runs clear for several minutes.

Once again this summer, Public Works staff will inspect gate valves throughout the water system. More than 1,600 gate valves are being inspected, cleaned, and repaired if necessary during the multi-year project. Like hydrant flushing, this process can stir up deposits in the mains. If you notice discolored water in your home or business any time this summer, please let your water run for several minutes to clear the lines. If you continue to have issues with discolored or odorous water, please call Public Works at 651-322-2022.

## Water quality report

### Coming soon

The 2016 *Water Quality Report* will be available soon and can be viewed and printed from our website at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/waterquality](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/waterquality).

The 2015 report will be displayed online until the 2016 report is available, typically by mid-May. If you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Public Works Department at 651-322-2022.

## Pond maintenance

The City of Rosemount contains approximately 220 storm water ponds. As a requirement of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit, approximately 20% of those ponds are inspected each year. One purpose of the inspections is to identify undesirable growth near pond inlets and outlets. Trees and woody plants on embankments and near outlet structures can be detrimental to the function and long-term stability of a pond. Tree roots can penetrate embankments, which may affect their structural integrity and if left unchecked, may cause embankments to erode or fail over time.

To ensure proper functioning of the City's storm water ponds, Public Works staff will be working throughout the year to remove the intrusive trees and brush. Please contact 651-322-2022 if you have any questions or concerns.



## Honoring Police

The Rosemount Police Department named its 2016 Officer of the Year during a ceremony for the force in January. Officer Julie Pulkrabek was selected by her colleagues, in the words of the award, for serving “with excellence and professionalism in keeping Rosemount a safe community.”

A 19-year veteran with the Department, Office Pulkrabek has served most recently as Community Resource Officer, working with neighborhood groups, schools, and community organizations. She organized the Shop with a Cop program to help young people with holiday gifting, and created the Rosemount Police Facebook page. She also worked on Night to Unite and an expanded Public Safety in the Park night. Along with community outreach, she continued her role in major investigations, often serving as the “go-to” person in the cases.

The Department also honored Community Service Officer Nick Swanson as Employee of the Year for taking on various assignments with energy and pride in his work. *(Photo courtesy Markina B. Photography LLC.)*

## Business Buzz



## New businesses

The City Council helped welcome two new restaurants to Rosemount at ribbon cuttings in recent weeks. **Arby's** opened in November off County Road 42, and **Chipotle** opened next door in January. Be sure to visit these additions to the community!

## Business luncheon

The Rosemount City Council and the Port Authority hosted the Business Appreciation Luncheon in February for local business people. More than 100 in attendance heard a discussion of projections for the City's growth and how Greater MSP is trying to help our region compete for skilled workers and new industries. We greatly appreciate our businesses and thank them for the value they add to our community.



Left: Council members Mark DeBettignies and Shaun Nelson, Mayor Bill Droste, Council members Jeff Weisensel and Heidi Freske, and City Administrator Logan Martin. Right: Council member Freske takes the oath of office.

## A new year on the Rosemount City Council

Heidi Freske took the oath of office in January to begin a four-year term on the Rosemount City Council. City Administrator Logan Martin also began his work with the City that week. The Council has been busy with its first major project of the year, reviewing and updating the goals for the City of Rosemount, which will be approved this spring.

## Financial reporting award

For the 20th consecutive year, the City of Rosemount has been recognized for the quality of its financial reporting to the public. A national professional group reviewed the City's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, and determined that it meets high standards and demonstrates a "spirit of full disclosure." See the report at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/cafr](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/cafr).

## Online Billing

Go green & make your bill payments easier.

The City offers online billing for water and sewer services.

Learn how to sign up at

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



## Employee of the year

Public Works Coordinator Christine Watson was named the City of Rosemount's 2016 Employee of the Year for her service to the organization and the community it serves. Watson was praised by the colleagues who nominated her for work to maintain services for the public by Rosemount Public Works during a year of change in the Department's staffing.

As Public Works Coordinator, Watson tracks all activities in her Department and monitors its budget. She analyzes the spending and rates charged for the City's water and sewer utility, and she tracks compliance with standards for storm sewer service, water conservation, and the condition of Public Works equipment. She also responds to citizen concerns and provides public information for newsletters and the City website.





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### Mayor's water challenge



Think of one million gallons of water. Sounds like a flood, right? But in Rosemount, it means the opposite.

Rosemount residents pledged to conserve 1,079,505 gallons of water last year, according to the Wyland Foundation, which coordinates the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Last year, Rosemount Mayor Bill Droste asked citizens to take part, and they responded. **Rosemount placed 34th in the nation for percentage of residents pledging to help, among cities with populations of 5,000 to 30,000.**

This spring, Mayor Droste is asking Rosemount to consider more steps to save. Conservation will help preserve our drinking water resources in the aquifers beneath Dakota County and will also save residents on their quarterly water bills.

Visit [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com) during the month of April to consider some simple steps that can save water, reduce waste, and conserve energy. You can also enter national drawings for eco-friendly prizes, including a new Toyota Prius and a home irrigation makeover.

### Rebate promotes water conservation

The City of Rosemount is one of 19 metro cities awarded a Water Efficiency Grant from the Metropolitan Council.

The City is using these funds to issue rebates to residential customers for the purchase and installation of:

- *WaterSense low-flow toilets (up to \$50 per toilet)*
- *EnergyStar washing machines (up to \$150 per washer)*
- *WaterSense irrigation controllers (up to \$150 per controller)*

Rebate guidelines and forms are available at City Hall or can be downloaded at [www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/publicworks](http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/publicworks). The rebate program will continue through June 2017, or until all funds have been depleted.