

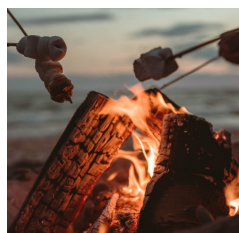


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Sustainability Newsletter

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Safe Outdoor Fires



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Sustainability Tip of the Month

As proud, woodsy Minnesotans, we do love the smell of a good campfire. However, burning wood can also bring harmful side effects, including the release of particulate matter.

Here are some tips to burn responsibly:

- Only burn seasoned, dry wood—it will burn cleaner and hotter, and produce less smoke.
- **Avoid fires on these days:**
 - **Poor air quality days**—the release of additional particulate matter can worsen air quality
 - **Windy (>10mph) days**
 - **During periods of excessively dry weather**
- Keep fire at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material
- Have a hose or fire extinguisher nearby
- **Do not leave fires unattended until completely burned out**



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See our [website about wood burning](#) for more information, chapter 404 of [Roseville City Code](#), and check current air quality at the [MPCA's website](#).

Highway 36 Multimodal Study



The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is conducting a **study of Highway 36 from Roseville to Maplewood**, to better understand the needs of people traversing north and south along roads that intersect with the highway's exit and entrance ramps, especially those who travel on foot, by bike, or via other mobility devices.

Many of us in Roseville frequently cross Hwy 36 (I do at least twice a day!), so we are a key part of who MnDOT wants to engage. There are two opportunities to get involved during the first phase of the study: fill out the

Hwy 36 survey (this took me about 30-45 minutes to fill out—be prepared for short-answer questions and a mapping tool), and/or attend one of two upcoming public meetings:

Tuesday, May 23, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Ramsey County Library, 2180 Hamline Ave N., Roseville (stop in anytime during this time frame)

Wednesday, May 31, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Virtual (on Zoom) - [Register here](#)

New Environmental Service Center Coming!

Ramsey County is planning to build a new Environmental Service Center at 1700 Kent Street in Roseville. This facility will make it easier for residents to reduce waste, reuse and recycle. Services at the center will include:

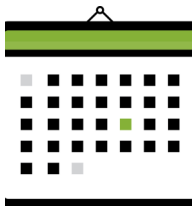
- Household hazardous waste and electronics drop off.
- A free product reuse room.
- Space for Fix-It Clinics and other environmental education and activities.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2023.

Learn more, provide feedback and sign up to receive emails about project updates [here](#).



Upcoming Events



Hwy 36 Multimodal Study Public Meetings—Tuesday May 23, 4:30-6:30pm, Roseville Public Library, or Wednesday May 31, 12:00-2:00pm on [Zoom](#). Learn more about the project, ask MnDOT staff questions, and provide feedback.

Waterfest—Saturday, June 3, 11:00am-4:00pm, Lake Phalen Park. This free, family festival celebrating our clean lakes provides an opportunity for outdoor hands-on learning about clean water, wildlife, and land and water conservation.

Donate Good Stuff Eco Fair—Saturday, June 17, 9:00am-4:00pm. Experience sustainable living with creative & interactive exhibits, and activities for all ages. See website for item donation opportunities and mini-classes available throughout the day! Arriving to the event via walking, biking, or public transportation is encouraged.

Juneteenth—Saturday, June 17, 11:00am-3:00pm, Central Park in Roseville. This day celebrating what's also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, the Black Fourth of July, or Independence Day, commemorates the day in 1865 when slaves in Galveston, Texas were finally informed they were free, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863. This event is a collaboration of Do Good Roseville, the City of Roseville, M Health Fairview, Roseville Community Fund, Bremer Bank, UCare, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Caribou Coffee, and more.

Rosefest—June 22-28, July 4. Every summer, Roseville Parks and Recreation looks forward to a summer filled with in-person events and programs. The biggest event, Rosefest, in late June, is a series of events that includes the Rose Parade, Run for the Roses, Taste of Rosefest, theatrical and musical entertainment, and much more, culminating in the Party in the Park on the 4th of July. Taste of Rosefest (Thursday 6/22) and Run for the Roses (Saturday 6/24) are zero waste events!

City of Roseville Public Works & Engineering

Positive Climate News

Minnesota state lawmakers agree to 'historic' environment and climate bill:

The \$2 billion bill includes over \$30 million to add solar panels to schools and public buildings, \$16 million for electric vehicle rebates, and \$13 million for grants and rebates to install residential electric heat pumps.

Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon fell by 68% in April: Relative to data from April 2022, deforestation dropped sharply after new president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva pledged to combat illegal deforestation took office at the beginning of 2023. Logging is down 41% in 2023 overall.

Nature Lawyers Up: A growing number of countries and courts say the environment should be endowed with legal rights. This has been tested in Minnesota as well, in the case **Manoomin, et.al., v. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**, the first "rights of nature" case to go before tribal court. This case was eventually dismissed but added to the ongoing dialogue of whether natural features should have legally protected rights.



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