DO GOOD ROSEVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Lunch Together Tuesdays

Every Tuesday beginning May 20 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Lions Shelter 2527 Victoria St. N., Roseville

Tired of eating lunch alone - especially if you're a remote worker? Want to get to know some new people? Building on the success of our Wednesday Morning Park Chats, starting Tuesday, May 20, Do Good Roseville is partnering with the Roseville Parks and Recreation Department to host "Lunch Together Tuesdays"!

The idea is simple. When your schedule allows it, BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) and come join us at the Lions Park Shelter! Kathy will be there to greet you. Come whenever you want, stay as long as you want, eat, chat, or just enjoy the outdoors in the company of others, it's up to you! Since it's a shelter, we'll be there rain or shine.

FYI, if you park in the lot near the street, you have to walk up a slight hill to the shelter. At the back of the lot, there's a walking path.





As you know, Do Good Roseville has hosted a number of events for the residents of Roseville Seniors House near Lexington and Larpenteur.

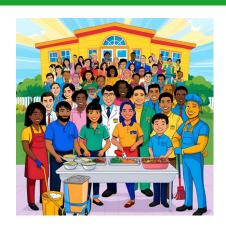
We have a special Spring request. They need someone who has a rotary tiller who can help them prepare their gardens for planting anytime in mid-May. If you have a rotary tiller we can use, or better yet, if you can operate it, please contact Kathy Ramundt at kramundt@hotmail.com or 612-221-5451.



Next up! Cards for School Staff

Thursday, May 8 Tuesday, May 13 Monday, May 19 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Roseville Lutheran Church 1215 Roselawn Ave. W., Roseville



We have one last card writing project for the school year! This time we are going to support Roseville Lutheran Church's project to write messages of support for school teachers and staff at Title 1 Elementary Schools and Roseville Area Middle School. They will give the cards and small gifts to staff before the end of the school year. We'll need over 600 cards!

As with our other card writing events, we'll have the cards, markers and stickers, and suggested comments for those that want to use them. You bring your goodwill and time. Thank you!



Introducing: Roseville Reporter

Thursday May 22 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Lexington Park Building 2131 Lexington Ave N., Roseville

There's a new local newspaper coming to Roseville and the surrounding communities. Come join Do Good Roseville to find out all about it!

This is an initiative lead by a group of Roseville residents, and will have paid staff for an editor and reporters. The website will be available on June 1, 2025. This paper will be digital initially, but by the Fall there will be a print version. Come find out what has been done so far, and what you can do to support this new community newspaper. There are lots of roles to be filled!

Please note: This is NOT the same as the <u>Roseville Reader</u> we wrote about last November, which is an online newspaper created by Naomi Krueger in 2024. Naomi is an independent journalist and she is not trying to replicate a full newspaper, which is the goal of the Roseville Reporter.

Do Good Roseville is not involved with either of these publications however, we support all efforts to keep our community informed! For more information about the Roseville Reporter, please attend this meeting or contact the Roseville Reporter, Box 13611, Roseville, MN, 55113 or 651-633-1434.



"No Garage" Garage Sale Signup

Saturday, May 31 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Calvary Church 2120 Lexington Ave., N., Roseville

Sign up here

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but no where to do it? Join us for our 5th Annual "No Garage Garage Sale"! As part of the Roseville City Wide Garage Sale the last weekend in May, Do Good Roseville and Calvary Church are making free space available for anyone who has things to sell! There is no fee to participate. To see a video about it, click <u>here</u>. To register to participate, sign up <u>here</u>.

Here are the details:

- Do Good Roseville is managing the sign-up process and monitoring the sale.
- Calvary Church is providing the parking lot space.
- By signing up, you will receive a space equal to two parking spaces (approx. 19' x 17').
- Spots will be on a first come, first served basis, but please do not arrive before
 9:00 am!
- You will provide your own tables and chairs.
- You may bring a canopy. This will be in open parking lot, with no shade.
- The event is rain or shine!
- You will be responsible for removing everything at the end of the sale. There will be no garbage disposal available.
- Setup time will begin at 9:00 am. Everything must be removed by 4:30 pm.
- There will be no bathroom facilities on-site. There are bathrooms available at the Lexington park building on the other side of Lexington, and a Speedway 1 block away.

Questions? Email Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com or call 612-221-5451.



Red Bin Collection - Washable Yarn

Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 17

1161 Laurie Road West, Roseville

We have received a special request from <u>Bundles of Love</u> for washable yarn. BOL makes and delivers of 150 bundles with 35 handmade items to moms in need each month. To keep up, they need more yarn. It must be washable.

You can drop it off anytime on these dates in the Red Bin at the end of Kathy's driveway. Not familiar with our Red Bin Collections? Find out more <u>here.</u>



Teacher Year-End Classroom Cleanup

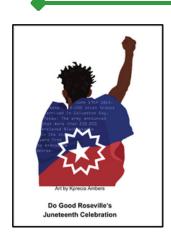
Tuesday, June 10 Wednesday, June 11

Central Park Elementary 535 County Rd B2 West

Let's help the teachers at CPE to bundle up their classrooms for the end of the year! Please let us know when you can help by signing up <u>here</u>.

Projects could include packing things away, helping teachers move items from one room to another, cover things up so their items are not used during summer programming, removing names from desks and other items, preparing supplies for the start of the school year, etc.

There are 3 shifts. Wednesday, June 11 from 8-12, and also Tuesday, June 10 from 8-12 or 12-3:45, or . The majority of help is most appreciated on Wednesday when students are gone but some staff may want help on Tuesday, the last day with students. Thank you!



Volunteer at our Juneteenth Roseville Celebration

Saturday, June 14 Shifts beginning at 9 am till 3:00 pm

Central Park 2540 Lexington Ave. N., Roseville

Juneteenth is by far our biggest event of the year. We've been planning since January and it's almost here! It's a great day with free food, entertainment, and many vendors and exhibitors.

To make this event a success, we need volunteers! We need people to help us check in volunteers and exhibitors, and we need people who will be greeters throughout the park to welcome people and answer questions. Everyone attending will get free food, but volunteers will also receive a custom Juneteenth t-shirt!

To volunteer, please sign-up here. Thank you in advance for your help!

Juneteenth Roseville Celebration

Always our biggest event of the year, please join us for Juneteenth Roseville!





Wednesday Park Chats

Our Wednesday Morning Park Chats will be moving back to the parks now that the weather is warming up. Here is a list of the parks you will find us each week.

Not sure what a Park Chat is? Find out more here.

2nd Week	Howard Johnson Park	1260 Woodhill Drive
3rd Week	Bruce Russell Park	1175 Roselawn Ave W
4th Week	Keller Mayflower Park	2070 Fernwood St
1st Week	Central Park - Victoria West	2495 Victoria St. N
2nd Week	Howard Johnson Park	1260 Woodhill Drive
3rd Week	Bruce Russell Park	1175 Roselawn Ave W
4th Week	Keller Mayflower Park	2070 Fernwood St
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2nd Week	Howard Johnson Park	1260 Woodhill Drive
3rd Week	Bruce Russell Park	1175 Roselawn Ave W
4th Week	Keller Mayflower Park	2070 Fernwood St
5th Week	Keya Park	2540 Pascal St
1st Week	Central Park - Victoria West	2495 Victoria St. N
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Faith Community Discussion on Immigrants and Refugees

On April 10 Do Good Roseville hosted a discussion with local Faith Communities on Immigrants and Refugees. We were honored to have speakers from the International Institute, Karen Organization of MN, Roseville Area School District, and the Roseville Police Department discuss programs and policies which affect immigrants and refugees in our community.













United with Our Neighbors
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United with Our Neighbors signs

As a result of conversations with school staff, we learned that seeing signs in our neighbors' yards helps create a welcoming atmosphere and shows that everyone is accepted and valued.

For that reason, we are following the lead of Roseville Lutheran Church and making welcoming yard signs available. The signs say "United with Our Neighbors" in English and the next 5 most common home languages in Roseville (Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Karen and Nepali) as well as being in rainbow colors to support our LGBTQIA+ neighbors.

Each sign has a cost of \$12, but we ask that you consider making a larger donation as any donations over the cost, will go towards purchasing food and gas gift cards for school district families as many families are currently experiencing stress and uncertainty.

You can order signs <u>here</u> and pay via Venmo or check to Do Good Roseville. We will order them in mid-May.

Opportunities to Support Our Schools



Board Members needed: ISD623 - Dollars for Scholars

Dollars for Scholars is a community-based organization, affiliated with Scholarship America, that is committed to raising scholarship funds for graduating students. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt scholarship foundation that has been in existence for 30 years.

The Roseville Area School District is looking forward to starting their very own chapter in Roseville Area Schools! They need community members to be a part of the board. Board members can be parents, from community organizations, Roseville Area Schools alumni, retired teachers – anyone who would like to support the future education of our youth!

They are looking for board members with a variety of skills, including marketing, community engagement, public relations, fundraising, and more! They are also looking for a President and a Treasurer specifically. Because this is a new endeavor, they do not have concrete meeting schedules set, but would likely meet as a board monthly during September-December, with a "busier" scholarship season from January-April or early May. There will also be school district representation on the board to be the liaison between the Dollars for Scholars chapter and our schools. You will have plenty of support!

Contact Person: Brynn McConnell – College & Career Navigator, brynn.mcconnell@isd623.org



Saturday, May 31 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Coffee and networking begin at 9:30

Roseville Area High School 1240 County Road B2 W., Roseville

Elevate Teaching is a movement that seeks to activate a network of champions for the teaching profession and shift how we view, talk about and relate to the profession to include the profound impact teachers have in our society. Elevate Teaching is part of the solution to attract more to the profession especially from communities of color and American Indian communities.

This event is for ALL Champions of the teaching profession! This includes Aspiring Educators and current teachers, Teacher educators and preparation providers, School, district, community or business leaders, Families and caregivers, and Policy makers.

Learn more or Register <u>here</u>. Also check out opportunities to share resources, and/or be an event sponsor.

Where to Donate: Clothing

Since we began doing Red Bin Collections we frequently receive calls or emails about where to donate things. We thought it might be helpful to share donation information for different categories in our newsletter. We also have a page on our <u>website</u>. We gather most of our ideas from google and word of mouth, so we *strongly recommend* you verify these sites are currently collecting before you plan a donation.

Organization w/ link	Description	
Buy Nothing	A Buy Nothing group is a community-based, hyperlocal network where people share and give away goods and services for free. Access via FB. Here is one group in Roseville: Buy Nothing Roseville/Little Canada/Falcon Heights MN	
<u>Disabled American</u> <u>Veterans</u>	Clothing and clothing accessories	
<u>Dress for Success Twin</u> <u>Cities</u>	clean and ready to wear, not more than 3 years old, suitable for wearing to job interviews or that first week of work	
Epilepsy Foundation	Pants, shirts, sweaters, shoes, coats, shorts, jeans, winter wear, hats, t-shirts, belts, jackets, ties, suits, dresses, baby clothing, Halloween costumes	
Flying Pig Thrift	Adult, Teen and Kid's (size 6 and up) clothing	
<u>Hidden Treasures</u>	Accepts clothing	
Joseph's Coat	Clean, stain free Spring/Summer clothing (less than 5 years old) clothing for men, women and children, T-shirts, socks and underwear (without stains please) new or gently used, Outerwear appropriate for the season, shoes and boots	
<u>Listening House of St. Paul</u>	Refer to their site for specific lists of items they need.	
Schuler Shoes	Has bins in the entryway for Shoe Away Hunger (shoes) and Second Cut Project (socks)	
Sharing and Caring Hands	Clothing/Shoes - new or gently used items for men, women, children, and babies. No used underwear, bras, socks.	
Sock Drawers	New or used socks and underwear	
Soles4Souls	At Soles4Souls, we accept all styles and sizes of new or gently-worn shoes and sneakers.	
The Bra Recyclers	Our drop-offs allow you to recycle your gently used bras and new underwear for the entire family without needing postage.	
<u>Union Gospel Mission</u>	New or gently used seasonal men's, women's and children's clothing, outerwear, such as coats, hats, gloves and scarves, men's, women's and children's footwear, new underwear	

Mission Accomplished! Inspirational Cards for Kids

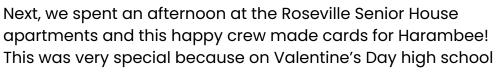
In 2024 Do Good Roseville decided to write personal notes of encouragement for about 260 3-6 graders at Central Park Elementary to receive before they did MN Comprehensive Testing. This year, we thought we'd ask the other Title 1 Schools (Harambee, Edgerton, Little Canada) if they'd like cards too. Next thing we knew, we were committed to writing 1,000 cards!! This became a great community wide project in more ways than we imagined!

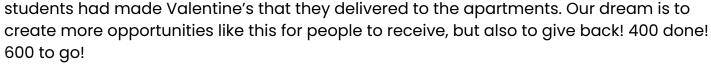
First of all, we did a Red Bin Collection of stickers, pens, markers and cards. We then loaded up baskets of supplies to take to each event. We had lists of the first names of all the kids so we could personalize them.



The first night 12 people joined us at Makwa Coffee to make cards for Central Park.

We had fun, and supported a local business at the same time.







We never know many people will show up for an event, so when we setup in the Board Room at the library on a Saturday afternoon, we hoped we would be able to make at least 1/2 the 265 cards needed for Edgerton Elementary. We just threw the list of Little Canada Elementary names in just in case. Lucky we did! This crew was FAST! 19 people wrote 450 cards!!!

Our ace in the hole was the students from RAHS (Roseville Area High School) and FAHS (Fairview Alternative High School). We knew they would help us across the finish line!

This was a perfect project. Intergenerational, reciprocal, supporting local business, strangers became friends, multiple ways to participate and we inspired 1,000 kids! It's projects like this that make us call ourselves a 'faith-based organization'. We have faith that our community will rise to any occasion.

Thank you sooooooo much to everyone who joined us.







Picture Perfect - Kite Day at the Park

Historically, our Kite Day in the Park has been a cold and blustery day, but #5 was PERFECT! Clear blue skies and enough wind to keep the kites aloft. Thank you to Kiwanis Malt Shop at the State Fair for providing 200+ free kites and to Roseville Parks and Recreation for ensuring the park was ready for a crowd of 500 kids, parents, and grandparents and more!

It all begins with selecting just the right kite, and having volunteers there to quickly assemble the kites. From there, the day was pure joy. We heard from people driving down Snelling Ave who saw all the kites in the air!















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