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Join us to mark this milestone with a "Community Impact Celebration" Saturday, October 11, 1 pm to 4 pm at Roseville Area High School

Our community impact has spanned 10 years - with over 600 community building events. We're bringing together our 'greatest hits', and we want you to meet those who have partnered with us over the years. The celebration will include:



Volunteer & Family Service Fair

Find out about all the opportunities to volunteer at over 30 organizations, and and do hands on projects at the same time!



Clean out your spaces and donate to many good causes all in one place! See the full list on our website (link below)





Network with Community Organizations

Connections to others is how we can all do more! Celebrate those we work with to do good!

This will be the biggest *ever* event to celebrate the impact we all can have our our community. To find out more about the event, click here.



Here are some fun facts about our first 10 years!



Number of opportunities we have made to Do Good in 10 years



Average number of events each month



Number of months since 2015 when we did not have any events. That was April and May of 2020! COV-ID!



Record number of events in one month -February 2024



Number of educational programs we have hosted on social justice or civic engagement



Juneteenth Celebrations, starting with family & friends, now City-wide



Number of organizations that have been in our Volunteer Fairs



Number of times we have hosted events for people to volunteer together.



Number of times we have collected donations in our Red Bin at end of Kathy's driveway



Number of bras (yes bras) we collected in our first red bin



Number of faith communities that have participated in community discussions



Number of topical discussions with faith communities



Organized a community-wide 'Rally Against Racism'



No limits to what we can do in the future!

Volunteer for Community Impact Celebration



"Community Impact Celebration" Saturday, October 11, 1 pm to 4 pm at Roseville Area High School

Want to be integral part of making our Celebration a success? We need volunteers for setup and takedown and everything in between. Check out the possibilities, and if you are interested, sign-up here. Questions? Contact Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com or 612-221-5451.



Make Fall Cards for Seniors

Monday, September 15 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Rosebrook Park Building 2590 Fry Street

It's time to start making Fall cards for Friends and Co! The cards will bring smiles to the faces of older adults across Minnesota at risk of loneliness and isolation. We will provide the cards for you to write heartfelt messages, or you can create your own with our markers and stickers! Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Questions? kramundt@hotmail.com.

Do you know a senior in MN who would like to receive cards? Sign-up with Friends & Co <u>here</u>.

Stitching Help - Almost there!



It takes a village! We are so grateful to Gale, Sophie, Sandra, Nancy, and Deb who have stitched together 13 blankets from the squares from Mary Ann at Roseville Senior House. I have enough to make 2 more blankets if anyone has the time to help. All the completed blankets will be going to Bundles of Love. To help, email Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com



Bake Sale for a Good Cause

Saturday, October 4 11:00 am to 4 pm TENTATIVE LOCATION:

1912 Lexington Ave No. @ Roselawn

What could be better than buying yummy treats baked and donated by dedicated community members - when every dollar raised will be used to purchase winter wear for local school children?!? Nothing we can think of! PLEASE bring your family and friends and pick your favorite treats! Prices are donation only, which means you decide how much to give for this worthy cause! We will accept cash, checks and Venmo this year.

We are waiting on confirmation of the location. We will update the event on FB and send out in October Newsletter, or you can email Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com.



Seeking Volunteer Bakers

The magic of our Bake Sale is in the fact that all the baked goods are donated by community members with a passion for making scrumptious baked goods of all kinds!

If you're a baker and would like to donate your favorite goodies to our Bake Sale, simply sign up and tell us what you want to bake!

To sign up, please complete this form.

We welcome anything you'd like to bake - cookies, cakes, breads, and more. If you've got a great gluten free recipe those are always welcome too. When you sign-up, we'll ask you what you want to bring for our planning purposes, but understand that it might change based on your inspiration once you get in the kitchen:)

You will be able to drop off items at Kathy's on Thursday or Friday (10/2 or 10/3), or you may bring them directly to the Bake Sale on Saturday. Please label all foods. We will send out a confirmation email the week of the sale. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Dawn Blankenship at dawnlynnblankenship@gmail.com who is in charge of the baked goods or Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com or 612-221-5451.

New In-Person Chat Group?

We are looking for people interested in starting a new In-Person Chat Group!



Wednesday Park Chat or OG Park Chat

In 2021, as we were beginning to come out of Cov-id and wanted to start meeting people face-to-face, we started Wednesday Park Chats. Each week we chose a different park and people brought their own chairs to come have a chat. It was so popular that once the weather got cold we moved inside to a coffee shop, then back to the parks in the Spring. Park chats continue to this day!

The magic has always been that people to come whenever they want, stay as long as they want and to talk or listen as it feels right. That is what we created once, and hope to create again!

Our OG Park Chat group has been a source of strong friendships and support since 2021. We have recently realized that if the current group gets any bigger, it will be difficult to have a chat that includes everyone, and we risk losing our connections. BUT we LOVE the idea of Park Chat and want to see if we can create magic again – with a second group. Creating a new group is as simple as helping Kathy decide on a new day and time, showing up when you can, and inviting others to come.

If you are interested in helping to create a new group, please reach out to Kathy at kramundt@hotmail.com or 612-221-5451.



Lunch Together Tuesdays

Cancelled after the end of June

You may recall the idea was to reserve a park shelter where people could meet and eat lunch together once a week. Perhaps it was an idea ahead of its time, or perhaps when it was so cold and rainy in May and June the idea didn't get off to a good start, but we did cancel our Lunch Together Tuesdays at the end of June. We may try it again if anyone has interest in co-hosting with Kathy.

Building Community, One Meal at a Time!! You can help!



Our support for residents of Roseville Senior House continues. In August, Jeena and Constance hosted a luncheon of summer favorites.

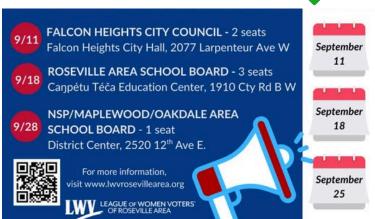
We'd love to make this a monthly event, and we recently invited local faith communities to help us by choosing a month to host a meal. We'd also like to invite others (whether an established group or individuals) to help with this effort.

What is involved? You can pick a month and the day, and you provide a meal of your choice. This year our Taco Tuesday, Sandwich Social, and Best of Summer Lunch have all been very popular! Generally, we have an entree, a side, a dessert and drinks, along with the plates, cups and silverware. We usually plan for about 50 people, and our average cost has been between \$250-\$500. Jeena or Kathy will be available to help, but it usually takes 3-4 volunteers about 2 to 2.5 hours to set-up, serve, and clean-up. As noted, we've done tacos, sandwiches, and pizza, but it's up to you!

Can you help us bring joy to this community? We suggest a Saturday lunch from 11:30-12:30 but you can choose a date and time that works best for you. If you can do this, we would be very grateful.

We have created a sign-up for you to choose the month that works best for you. We will contact you to schedule the specific day as your selected month approaches. Please note we allow 1 sign-up per month, except for December. In December we host a big celebration, and would like up to 3 faith communities to work with us to provide a special meal. Here is a link to the sign-up here.





What We Have Been Doing!



Helping Teachers Prep for the New Year

The week before school started we had a 'Twofer Do Good Event"! Thank you to our Do Good Roseville volunteers who gave the equivalent of 40 hours work this week to Central Park Elementary to help teachers prep for the new school year! What made it special was the teachers thanking us for arranging the volunteers, but at the same time the volunteers thanked us for finding the great opportunity to help others! That's what made it a "twofer" Do Good event!





















Juneteenth Celebration 2025 Re-cap

Our 7th annual Juneteenth Celebration was an exercise in resilience, as the day began with the murder of Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark, and the shooting of MN State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette. While this cast a pall over the event, we still gathered together to celebrate what is good in our community. Many thanks to Nine North for capturing the day in a video you can view here. These are just a few pictures from the day (also from Nine North).

The day always brings joy as people gather from across the community at Central Park.









Offering free food at Juneteenth is a meaningful and intentional way to foster unity, inclusivity, and community connection. This year's food was from RCK Catering, Ricos on Wabasha and H2O Waterworks.



Entertainment is always a integral part of our event and this year we had 4 hours of performances! Our DJ was Biko from Groovytown Entertainment along side Nyia Harris as our MC. Always a fan favorite, the entertainment was kicked off by TKO Knockout Drumline and Dance. TKO was followed by a performance by a group of Roseville Students from Black Girl Magic. The rest of the day were fabulous individual performers from Whole Mvmnt. If you'd like to see more from these performers, they often perform with a live band on Thursday evenings at Open Mike Night at the Green Room in Uptown. You can see a full list of the performers on our <u>Juneteeth 2025 webpage</u>.





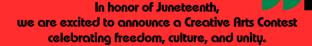


The other major component of the event is hosting 50+ Black-owned businesses and service organizations that support our community. Some of the businesses have been with us for many years, while each year we are introduced to new businesses. We encourage you to support these businesses year round! To see a full list of the businesses, see our <u>Juneteenth 2025 webpage</u>.





JUNETEENTH ROSEVILLE CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST



New this year was a creative arts contest open to all students in the community. Many thanks to the judges from Arts Roseville, Do Good Roseville and the community!

Contest Winners

Written Art - Grades 9 to 12

1st - Carrie Thomas

2nd - Will Pickering

- Roseville Area High School

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Written Art - Grades K to 8

1st - Nihan Mohammed Kassim - Roseville Area Middle School

2nd - Sabine Djevi

- Hidden River Middle School

3rd - Vidyam Subba

- Harambee Elementary School

Visual Art - Grades K to 8

1st - Pansofia Pokwal Chhetri

- Harambee Elementary School

2nd - Ayan Abdi

- Harambee Elementary School

3rd - Aksel Bjorum

- Harambee Elementary School

Many thanks to the students at Roseville Area Middle School who provided 100's of handpainted signs about Juneteenth that we displayed throughout the park during the event!





Do Good Roseville Do Good Things in Our Community

The scope of what we do truly is as broad as doing "anything" that is good for our community. We all have our passion projects, but we love nothing better than when someone comes to us with an idea for something that will benefit our community that we can help make happen.

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the problems of the world, so we focus our energies on our community where we believe we can make a difference.

Never
doubt that a small
group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can
change the world.
Indeed, it's the only
thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead

Our Purpose

To make connections to make things happen to strengthen our community;

To educate and inform people about issues that affect our community;

To advocate for the rights of under-represented individuals and groups;

To provide expertise and support to others who have ideas which benefit our community.

What Sets Us Apart

Numbers don't matter. Our success is not tied to the number of people who participate in our events. Whoever participates are the right people. We are planting seeds.

Relationships matter. We are better together. We can't do anything alone.

Everyone must be heard. For our community to reach its full potential everyone needs to be heard and included.

Sooner is better. Don't wait to do something until it's perfect, it's not possible.



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