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## Strategic Plan Guiding Village Budget, Surplus Expected

With financial sustainability as a defined strategic priority of the Village Board, the 2017 budget that was adopted on December 5, 2016, ensures that the Village will continue to provide the community with cost effective and efficient administrative, public safety, and public works municipal services.

Since late summer, the Village Board and staff worked together to develop a proposed budget reflecting the priorities outlined in the Village Board's 2016-2018 Strategic Plan and its recently updated financial policies.

While the State of Illinois budget situation continues to cause long-term concerns among municipal officials, the Village's financial condition has improved incrementally over the last several budget fiscal years. Prudent budgeting efforts combined with more aggressive economic development initiatives have improved the Village's revenues and overall tax base.

The anticipated \$255,000 surplus in the Village's General fund for 2017 puts the Village in the best financial position since the Great Recession. General Fund revenues are projected to increase 3.2 percent over what was budgeted in 2016, with expenditures increasing by just 1.1 percent.

Additionally, the Village Board has already achieved its goal of increasing its General Operating Budget reserves to exceed 35 percent of expenditures, which will allow it to reconsider projects that had been placed on hold, like reinstating the brush pickup program and reevaluating a train horn quiet zone within the Village's Town Center.

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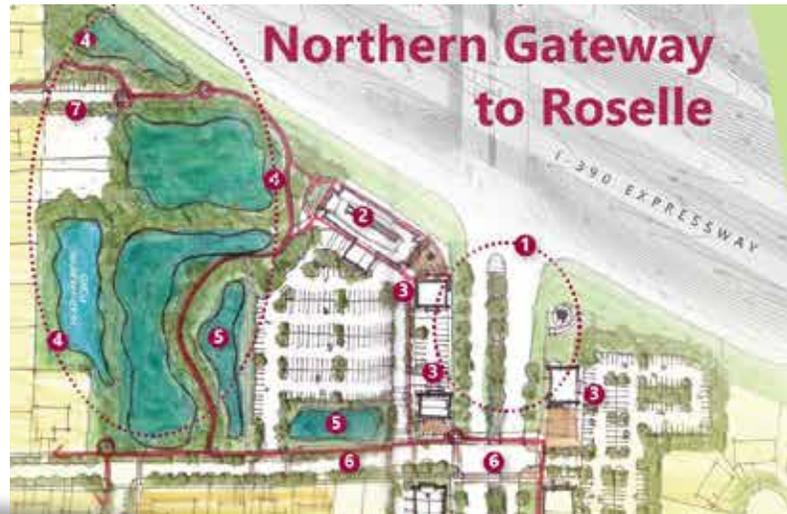


## Village Seeks Qualified Developer for Project

The Village of Roselle has issued a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from potential developers for the 6.5 acre vacant parcel at the southwest corner of Roselle Rd. and the I-390 expressway. Developers have until January 25, 2017, to submit their qualifications to the Village for consideration. Specific information about the RFQ is available online at [www.roselle.il.us/bids](http://www.roselle.il.us/bids).

The Village's Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as the Northern Gateway to Roselle and illustrates how the Village-owned parcel can be transformed into an area with very strong potential to spur the additional development necessary to transform the North Roselle Rd. corridor from Devon Ave. to Nerge Rd. While the plan identifies potential development opportunities, including (1) improved landscaped medians, signage and streetscape, (2) a new hotel, (3) restaurants with outdoor seating, (4) natural areas with wetlands and trails, (5) detention ponds, and (6) a potential signalized intersection with a new road connection; a final determination on the specific details of the development has not yet been decided.

*Please see RFQ, page 10*



# Village Info



All numbers area code (630)

- Emergency ..... 9-1-1
- Village Hall .....980-2000
- Community Development.....980-2000
- Fire (Non-Emergency)..... 980-2043
- Police (Non-Emergency)..... 980-2025
- Public Works.....980-2020
- Mayor’s Office.....671-2807
- Village Clerk..... 671-2802
- Village Administrator ..... 671-2808
- TTY..... 9-1-1

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## Village Hall Hours

Village Hall is open Monday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Village Board Meetings

Village Board meetings are held in the Village Board Room of the Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect St., at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

## Committee of the Whole (COW)

Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Village Board Room of the Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect St., immediately following the Village Board Meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and additionally as needed.

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## Important Dates for April 4 Consolidated Election

**February 23, 2017:** First day for mailing or delivery of absentee ballot. First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose.

**March 7, 2017:** Last day for voter registration for the April 4 election.

**March 8, 2017:** First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

**April 3, 2017:** Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting. Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority.

**April 4, 2017:** Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m on Election Day.



## Village Clerk’s Corner

### Voter Information Available Online

Visit the Village Clerk’s web page at [www.roselle.il.us/clerk](http://www.roselle.il.us/clerk) for voter information and for the election calendar for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 4, 2017.

### Rain Barrels Available for Sale March 1

To promote the use of eco-friendly technology, the Village of Roselle is selling rain barrels to residents for \$85, restarting on March 1. Rain barrels are typically installed at the end of a home’s gutter system to collect rainwater that can later be used to water lawns and gardens without tapping into

the municipal water supply. Proceeds from the sale of rain barrels help fund the treatment of trees against emerald ash borer infestations in Roselle, and for reforestation efforts following ash tree removals. For more information, call Village Clerk Patty Burns at (630) 671-2802 or visit the Village Clerk’s web page at [www.roselle.il.us/clerk](http://www.roselle.il.us/clerk).

### Holiday Light Recycling Program

Bring unusable indoor, outdoor, LED, or specialty holiday lights to the holiday light recycling drop boxes located at Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect St., and at Clauss Recreation Center, 555 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. through March 1.



# Mayor's Message



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to beginning a new year. The Village Board ended 2016 by passing the 2017 budget. We are in the best financial shape we have ever been in, and our future (barring state interference) is bright!

Budget preparations actually began when the Board held its retreat last spring. We devised a two-year strategic plan with four priorities: financial sustainability, effective governance, infrastructure and economic development. Initiatives, target goals, and outcomes flowed from these four priorities. This plan is integral to the smooth running of Village government. Not only do we have a two-year work plan to transition the change in leadership next spring, but it keeps all Board members focused on the goals and lets our management team know what we expect of them. The budget was put together based on this information.

Our economic development efforts over the past few years are bearing fruit. We are having regular ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses—anything from a Z'ya Sweets, a small sweets store to the AOI/BOS office furniture warehouse. I am pleased that with our aggressive budget, we anticipate an ending with a surplus of revenues over expenditures of about \$255,000 in our General Fund, providing flexibility to handle unanticipated needs throughout the year.

Because of increased revenues, we already met the three financial goals in our strategic plan. We planned to work toward a 35 percent cash reserve in our General Fund, and with this budget, it is almost 40 percent! The budget includes a five-year capital improvement plan that is fully funded, and we limited our average annual increase to 2 percent. Other than the previously approved annual increases in the water, sewer, and CIS rates, we did this without raising additional resident or business taxes, fees, licenses or fines.

We are committed to increasing our information technology, replacing aging hardware/software, adding on-site technical support and installing a large screen TV in our Village Hall foyer, visible from the vestibule, for additional communication. We will also be conducting another community survey, to compare it to the one we did three years ago. Many of our strategic initiatives came from the previous survey and enough time has passed to check on how we did, and what new concerns or interests you have. Keeping a pulse on the needs of our community has been a goal of this Village Board for a number of years.

While we work to improve the condition of our streets, to the tune of \$1.1 million this upcoming year, our largest capital infrastructure expenditures continue to be in water and sewer, and will be for the next 15+ years. We will be spending \$1 million in water main replacements next year and about \$4.1 million in wastewater projects. We have set aside almost \$400,000 for municipal building and facility repairs. I can't believe the Village Hall will be 20 years old next year, and it is time for an interior facelift.

Outside of our regular street improvement program, we will be resurfacing Central Ave. from Gary Ave. to Roselle Rd. We anticipate receiving \$783,750 in Federal Surface Transportation Program monies to help with the \$1.05 million cost.

This past year, the Village completed a new Comprehensive Plan,

outlining planned Village growth in the next 5, 10 and 15 years. It was completed with the help of both residents and business owners. It is an exciting plan and your Board will be deciding on priorities as we begin working with it.

We continue our economic development efforts, with both existing businesses and new opportunities. We value our existing businesses and want to make sure we give them every opportunity to stay and expand. We plan to attend a retailer's convention in the Midwest for parcels that are vacant or could be redeveloped. We have budgeted money to do a business survey, and are holding discussions with the Town Center businesses concerning the formation of a Main Street organization. We are also boosting our activity related to the Village-owned property at the southwest corner of Roselle Rd. and 390.

Looking back, in 2008 we were faced with a \$1 million deficit in our General Operating Fund. With 70 percent of that fund comprised of personnel costs, we had our work cut out for us. A finance subcommittee of the Village Board studied this problem and recommended that we do an in depth study of each department for efficiency, organization and the proper amount of personnel. As we went through each department, we re-organized and reduced personnel. In short, we became a lean and efficient Village government—some might consider that an oxymoron! The personnel reductions were not easy, but I am proud of all the Board members from 2008 to present who were willing to do the right thing. This hard work has brought us to the financial place we are at today.

As important as it was for Board members to make tough decisions, those recommendations came from our Management Team. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the heavy-lifting they did to achieve our goals. All department heads monitor their budgets throughout the year and recommend waiting on an item when an unexpected expense arises. I trust their judgement and care for Roselle implicitly.

Following recommendations from the Fire Department organizational study that we conducted a few years ago, we are moving forward with the creation of a Battalion Chief position in the Fire Department and reclassifying the administrative assistant position there from part-time to full-time. We are currently conducting an organizational study for the Police Department, and have been holding off on some vehicle replacements and personnel hiring until we get those results. There will be an increased emphasis on community oriented policing and Neighborhood Watch. We recognize that strengthening ties within our community has never been more important.

So, Roselle ends 2016 on a very positive note. We have a two-year work plan, a new Comprehensive Plan for our future, a five-year Capital Improvement plan that is fully funded, a AA+ bond rating, ending cash balances to handle unexpected problems, and a healthy cash reserve. Our budget includes the funding necessary to provide the residents and businesses owners of this community continued cost effective and efficient administrative, public safety and public works services, dealing with updating infrastructure and a commitment to continue to grow our economy. Here's to a great 2017!

# 2017 Budget

## Budget

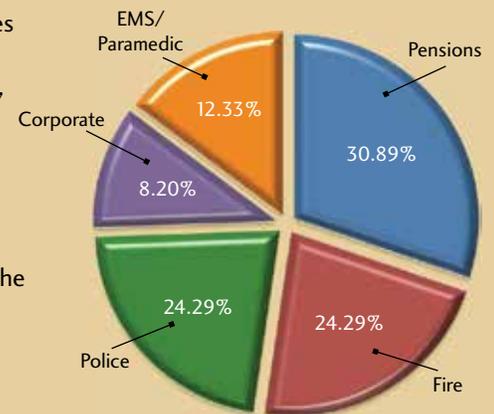
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### 2017 Budget Highlights

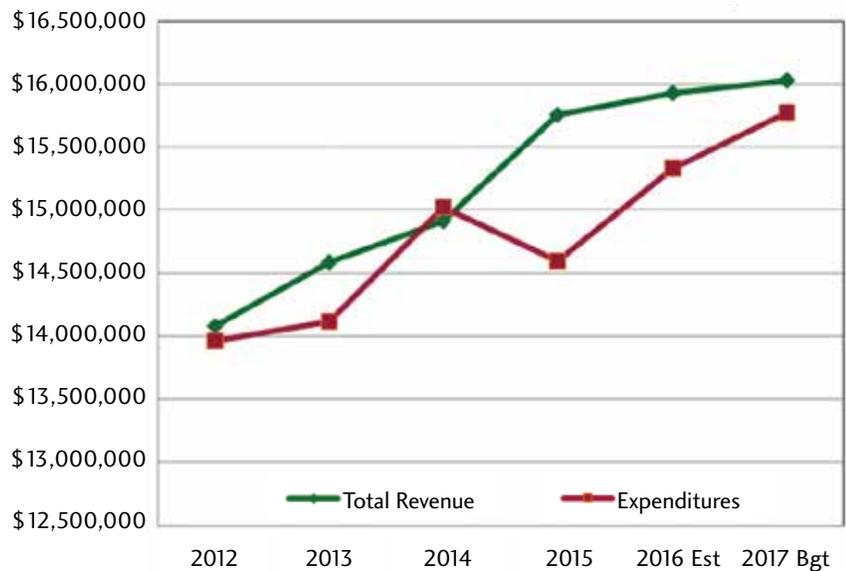
- The General Operating Fund budget reflects a \$255,614 surplus. The projected unreserved fund balance will be 38.9 percent of expenditures, thereby exceeding the Village Board's Strategic Plan Financial Sustainability Priority target of 35 percent.
- Funding is earmarked to complete the Strategic Plan Infrastructure Priority for improvements, including \$1 million for water main replacements, \$4.08 million for wastewater projects outlined in the Wastewater Facility Master Plan, \$1.1 million for the annual street improvement and surface transportation programs, and \$393,400 for municipal building and facility repairs.
- The budget reflects a continued significant investment in the Village's information technology network with the replacement of aging hardware/software and an increase in the current level of on-site network technician professional consulting services by 16 additional hours per week.
- Other than the previously approved water and sewer user fee increases outlined in the five-year Baxter & Woodman rate schedule plan, there are no other resident or business owner local tax, fee, license, or fine increases.
- Other than the proposed reclassification of a part-time fire department administrative assistant position to full-time, there are no other authorized staffing level changes being recommended.

### 2016 Property Tax Levy (Payable in 2017)

The Village of Roselle receives approximately \$5.4 million in local property tax revenue, which is then distributed among five different categories within the Village. Approximately \$1.67 million of the local tax revenues go toward employee pensions, the police and fire departments each receive just under \$1.3 million in local property tax dollars, approximately \$665,000 is earmarked for emergency/paramedic services, and \$443,000 goes toward corporate general purpose spending.



### General Fund Revenues vs. Expenses



## Property Tax Distribution Among Local Taxing Bodies



Local property taxes make up about 13 percent of the Village's budgeted revenues. The Village of Roselle portion of an average local property tax bill is estimated to be 10.2 percent of the total bill. Because of the numerous combinations of districts and counties (two counties, two high school districts, four park districts, two library districts, and five elementary school districts), the percentages for any individual property tax bill may vary slightly.

## Auto Debit Program Offers Convenience

The Auto Debit Program is a free optional service that makes your life easier by automatically paying your water/sewer bill directly from your checking or savings account. The amount due on your monthly water/sewer bill is automatically debited from your bank account on the 6th day of every month.

Utility bill customers can sign up for the Auto Debit Program through the Citizen Self Service portal online at [www.roselle.il.us/payments](http://www.roselle.il.us/payments). Click on Utility Billing on the Citizen Self Service page to sign in, then click on Manage Bills to get to the "Sign up for Automatic Payments" form. Call the Finance Department at (630) 980-2000 with questions.

## Go Green! Request Utility E-Bills from the Village

Utility bill customers now have the option of having their utility bill statements emailed to them in place of a paper copy. Fill out the Utility Bill Email Request form online at [www.roselle.il.us/payments](http://www.roselle.il.us/payments) to receive utility e-bill statements.

## Online Tools Offer Multiple Ways to Pay

The Village offers several different payment options for utility bills, permits, and other fees. In addition to coming into Village Hall or mailing in payments, residents can opt to pay online through the Village's web site. Visit [www.roselle.il.us](http://www.roselle.il.us) and click on the "Online Bill Pay" button to access online payment options.

Residents interested in purchasing Metra lot parking permits, vehicle stickers or paying parking tickets can use E-Pay, an easy-to-use option that allows residents to make payments using a credit or debit card. E-Pay is secure and available 24 hours a day; minimal convenience fees apply.

Online customer service, through Citizen Self Service, is also available for residents to review, manage and pay utility bills online. In addition, residents can elect to participate in the Village's direct debit program where funds for payment on utility accounts are automatically withdrawn from customer bank accounts on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. Utility customers have the option of having their utility bills and statements emailed to them in place of a paper copy.

More information on all of these programs is available on the Village's website by clicking on the "Online Bill Pay" button. Call (630) 980-2000 for additional details.



## Village of Roselle Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 27th consecutive year, the Village of Roselle has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Village of Roselle.

The Village's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel and meets the highest standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the Village's financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

## Village Vehicle Stickers Required

New residents, did you know that Roselle's Village Ordinance requires that every owner or operator of a motor vehicle who resides within the Village must obtain a Roselle vehicle sticker? Vehicle stickers are required to be purchased within 30 days of residency. Call the Finance Department at (630) 980-2000 for more information.

## Stay Connected: Sign Up For Roselle E-News

In a continuing effort to keep residents informed about Village business, the Village of Roselle publishes an electronic newsletter, Roselle E-News.

Subscribers receive timely news about the Village, Board meetings, agendas, news releases, employment opportunities with the Village, and more via e-mail.

Visit the Village's website at [www.roselle.il.us](http://www.roselle.il.us) and click on the "Roselle E-News" button to subscribe or visit [www.roselle.il.us/enews](http://www.roselle.il.us/enews). Information from the Village of Roselle is available for weekly delivery to your inbox - sign up today!



# Community Briefs



## Roselle History Museum

### Time to Renew

It's time for membership renewal at the Roselle History Museum. For a tax deductible donation of \$30 or more your membership will help maintain the museum for all to enjoy, and you will receive a quarterly newsletter featuring articles about Roselle and the surrounding area. With a \$50 donation, your membership includes a copy of *Remembering Roselle*, a pictorial history of the area. Send your donations to the Roselle History Museum at 39 E. Elm Street, Roselle.

### "Sip & Paint" Classes at the Museum

The Roselle History Museum is hosting "Sip & Paint" classes on January 20, February 17, and March 17 at the Roselle History Museum office, 39 E. Elm St., from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Cost to participate is \$40 per person and includes three hours of painting, along with wine and cheese pairings. Please call the museum office at (630) 351-5300 to register.

### Annual Historical Evening April 1

The Roselle History Museum's Annual Historic Evening on April 1 will feature a presentation on the Transcontinental Railroad. The Historic Evening will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church Life Center, 405 Rush St., Roselle, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale mid-March at the History Museum and at Village Hall.

## Electronic Recycling

TVs, computers, laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards, VCR/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players and other electronic items are banned from Illinois landfills. Eelectronic waste will not be picked up at the curb.

For a list of local area electronic recycling programs, please visit the Village of Roselle website at [www.roselle.il.us/recycling](http://www.roselle.il.us/recycling).



### Sister Cities Commission Hosting Mid-Winter Dance

The Roselle Sister Cities Commission is hosting its 12th Annual Mid-Winter Dinner Dance on January 28 at Pearl Banquets & Conference Center, 1480 W. Lake St., Roselle, from 6:00 to 11:45 p.m. The dinner buffet will include dishes from Jolly Inn – the best in Polish Cuisine, and some Italian dishes from Riccardo's Restaurant. The evening will also include dancing, live music, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and more.

Tickets are \$45 and can be ordered by calling (847) 879-7939. All proceeds benefit the partnership with Roselle's Sister City, Bochnia, Poland. For more information about the Roselle Sister City Commission, visit them online at [www.roselle.il.us/SisterCity](http://www.roselle.il.us/SisterCity).

### Rose Queen Pageant Applications Due January 25

Applications for the 2017 Rose Queen Scholarship Pageant are available for download from the Village website and are due by January 25. The Annual Rose Queen Scholarship Pageant will be held on Friday, March 3, at the Lake Park High School West Campus Auditorium, 500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Rose Queen Scholarship Pageant is to offer local high school women an annual opportunity to compete for college scholarships totaling over \$3,000. The pageant consists of judging in five areas: personal interview with the judges prior to the pageant, sportswear, talent, formal wear, and a Q&A opportunity as part of the pageant event.

### American Legion Women's Auxiliary Hosting Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance

American Legion Post 1084 Women's Auxiliary is hosting its annual Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 25 at the American Legion Hall, 344 E. Maple Ave., Roselle. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 p.m., with a Mardi Gras themed dinner starting at 7:00 p.m.

Along with the "Mardi Gras" theme, raffles, a door prize, and live music from the Rob Prost Band will be included in this event. Tickets cost \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) and can be purchased from an Auxiliary member or at the American Legion Hall. Proceeds from the event support the Auxiliary's commitment to the community and America's veterans.

### Roselle Public Library Youth Services Winter Reading Program

Children birth through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Roselle Public Library Youth Services Winter Reading Program, which runs through January 31. This winter's theme is "Books Bring Me Joy". Children have the opportunity join Mo Willem's Elephant & Piggie while they read or listen to stories and facts at the Roselle Public Library while earning incentive prizes by logging in minutes. The final day to log in or receive prizes is January 31. Visit the Roselle Public Library online at [www.roselle.lib.il.us](http://www.roselle.lib.il.us) for details.

### Roselle Public Library Hosting Rose Queen Tea

Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to spend the afternoon with reigning Rose Queen Grace Biernacki at the Library, 40 S. Park St. on Saturday, January 14, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will create their own tiara, play games and dine on delicious desserts. Registration is required and spaces are limited. Visit the Roselle Public Library online at [www.roselle.lib.il.us](http://www.roselle.lib.il.us) or call (630) 529-1641 for details.

## Stepping Stones Hosting Spring Tea March 12

Stepping Stones is hosting its annual Spring Tea on March 12 starting at 11:00 a.m. at Belvedere Banquets in Elk Grove Village.

Along with lunch, a vendor boutique, fashion show and raffles are included in this event. Tickets cost \$45, registration forms are available online at [www.stepsstonesroselle.org/events/spring-tea](http://www.stepsstonesroselle.org/events/spring-tea). Registration is due by February 10. Proceeds from this event helps Stepping Stones provide a two-year program of housing and mentoring to women who have escaped domestic violence. The Spring Tea has had over 300 attendees in past years, but Stepping Stones is hoping for more this year. For more information, call Debbie Baumgart at (630) 272-1414 or Jenn Sievers at (630) 873-0291

## Volunteer Opportunities Available at Marklund

Marklund Day School and the Marklund Philip Center in Bloomingdale have immediate volunteer opportunities available for teens and adults, age 14 and older, interested in assisting with community outings, activities, special events and support services.

Marklund Day School is a non-public state-certified school that serves individuals ages 3 to 22 with medical, developmental and physical disabilities, as well as those on the autism spectrum. Marklund Philip Center is a residential and day program for children, teens and adults with serious and profound developmental disabilities and other special healthcare needs.

To learn more about volunteering for Marklund, visit them online at [www.marklund.org](http://www.marklund.org), or contact Lisa Esposito, at [lesposito@marklund.org](mailto:lesposito@marklund.org) or call 630-529-2871 ext. 3236.

## Roselle Park District Hosting BBQ 101 Course With Head's Red BBQ

The Roselle Park District, in partnership with Roselle-based Head's Red BBQ Sauce, is hosting a BBQ 101 course on February 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside at the Scout Lodge, 403 E. Pine Ave. This class is intended for the hands-on backyard BBQ enthusiast, and will cover different styles of grills and smokers. The course will cover meat selection and prep along with proper fire building for a particular style cooker and meat. Course cost is \$80 for residents and \$90 for non-residents. Registration deadline is February 17; register on the Roselle Park District website at [rparks.org](http://rparks.org).



## Lake Park Educational Foundation Offering Scholarships

The Lake Park Educational Foundation has 28 scholarships totaling over \$19,000 available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2017. In order to apply, students must attach a completed common scholarship application, essay(s), and appropriate supporting materials for each scholarship. Scholarship applications are due to the Career Center at Lake Park West Campus by March 9 (note: the deadline for the Scott Bradley memorial Scholarship is February 24). Visit the Lake Park Educational Foundation online at [www.lphs.org/Foundation](http://www.lphs.org/Foundation) for information about applying for scholarships.

## Community Organizations Partner to Provide Flag Subscription Service

With the goal to place a beautiful 3x5-foot American flag in every front yard within the Village of Roselle for four major holidays in 2017, the Roselle History Museum, Roselle American Legion Post 1084, and Lake Park High School are partnering to offer a flag subscription service to residents.

Students and volunteers will install a flag in the front yards of residents of subscribers for Memorial Day, May 29; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; and Veterans' Day, November 11, this year. The flags will be installed early on these mornings and removed at dusk on the same day.

A subscription is \$40 for the year. Subscribers may pay in cash, by check, or online at [www.flagsforroselle.weebly.com](http://www.flagsforroselle.weebly.com). Checks should be made payable to the Roselle Historical Foundation and mailed to 39 E. Elm St., Roselle, IL 60172. Deadline for the 2017 program is April 1.

Students at Lake Park High School will "build" the flags used for this program. Volunteers are needed for

installing and removing the flags and for subscription sales. For more information about these volunteer opportunities, email [rosellehistory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosellehistory@sbcglobal.net) with "Flag Program" in the subject line.

As a thank-you to subscribers, the American Legion Post 1084 will provide instructions on the proper care and display of the flag, as well as saluting the flag—important information every family should have.

The Village of Roselle recommends the flags be installed between the sidewalk and house on private property. For uniformity, flags will be installed approximately ten feet from the sidewalk, secured by a 1/2-inch metal support that will go into the ground between 10 and 12 inches, at a 70-degree angle. The Village also recommends that, prior to installation, residents contact J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123 or at 811, to avoid possible interference with any underground utilities.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be shared by the Roselle Historical Foundation, the Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation, and the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation, all 501(c)(3) organizations.



# Police Department

## Safely Dispose Unwanted/Unused Medications at the Police Station

The Roselle Police Department has been approved by the DuPage Health Department to begin collecting expired or unwanted prescription drugs and medications for safe disposal. The disposal box is located in the outer lobby of the Roselle Police Station, 103 S. Prospect St. and is available 24 hours a day.

Acceptable medications for the disposal box include over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, ointments, and liquid medications. Please DO NOT dispose needles, syringes, radioactive materials, medical waste, household chemicals, Mercury thermometers, or bio-hazardous waste in the box.

Please bring in all unwanted or expired prescription drugs and medications in a clear, plastic zip-lock bag, and recycle the prescription bottles at home. The medications will be disposed through procedures outlined by the DuPage County Health Department, keeping the medications from contaminating our environment. The Village of Roselle partnered with SCARCE to secure a grant from the DuPage Foundation to administer this program.

Contact the DuPage Health Department at (630) 682-7400 or the Roselle Police Department at (630) 980-2025 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for more information about the medication disposal program.

## AMBER Alert Awareness Day is January 13

AMBER Alert Awareness Day honors the day nine year old Amber Hagerman was abducted while riding her bicycle in front of her family's home in Arlington, Texas, and found murdered two days later. In recognition of this day, the Roselle Police Department and our partners at Smart911 encourage parents to do three things to help keep their children safer:

1. Determine a password with your children. If you ever need to send someone to pick them up or when an emergency happens, they can ask that person for the password to ensure it is safe to go with them.
2. Be aware of how much information about your child is available. Do not add their names to backpacks or post information about them, including name, address or school on social media websites which can be viewed publicly.
3. Create a free, private and secure safety profile for your household at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com), which can include current photos and physical descriptions of your children. If a child goes missing and a family member calls 9-1-1, their Safety Profile will be displayed to the dispatcher allowing them to share the child's photo and description to responders in the field immediately.

## Roselle Police Department Encourages Safe Celebrations Super Bowl Weekend

The Roselle Police Department recently announced that it will conduct special patrols this Super Bowl weekend, February 3 through 5, cracking down on drunk drivers and seat belt law violators.

The Police Department is reminding everyone that those who choose to drink and drive in Roselle during the Super Bowl weekend will be arrested. In addition, motorists also can anticipate tickets for ignoring the seat belt laws.

Designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive drunk are just two examples of simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest due to drunk driving. Other important tips include:

- Call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Report drunk drivers to law enforcement;
- Spend the night where the celebration is being held;
- Always buckle up – it's your best defense against a drunk driver.

The Roselle Police Department's Super Bowl enforcement effort is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## Citizen Police Academy

### Applications Now Being Accepted for Citizen Police Academy

The Roselle Police Department is now accepting applications to its 2017 Citizen Police Academy. The 11-week program is scheduled to begin on March 16, and will meet on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. through the end of May.

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to help participants understand how the police department operates, and fosters improved relationships between police officers and citizens who work together to enhance quality of life issues in the community.

Applicants for the Roselle Citizen Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in the Village of Roselle, and will be subject to a background check. Applications and a full program description are available at the Roselle Police Department 103 S. Prospect St., and online at [www.roselle.il.us/police](http://www.roselle.il.us/police). For more information, e-mail Sergeant Tim Cook at [tcook@roselle.il.us](mailto:tcook@roselle.il.us) or call (630) 671-4082.



# Fire Department

## Fire Department Debuts New Equipment

For the first time in 13 years, the Roselle Fire Department has purchased two new pieces of fire apparatus. A new 100 foot tower ladder and a rescue pumper were purchased from Pierce Manufacturing, located in Appleton, Wisconsin for \$1.7 million. The two units they are replacing were traded in reducing the cost by approximately \$140,000. Both units were placed into service in October and November. The purchase of these two new units allowed the Fire Department to reduce their fleet by one, by way of decommissioning a 1996 heavy rescue unit.

The new tower ladder has a 100 foot ladder with a basket at the end of the ladder. The prime use of this vehicle is conducting rescues from areas outside the reach of ground ladders. In addition to the 100 foot ladder, the unit carries 300 gallons of water and a 2,000 gallon per minute pump, as well as a series of ground ladders and fire hoses.

The new rescue pumper carries 750 gallons of water and can pump 1,500 gallons of water per minute. While this vehicle carries all of the equipment typically found on a fire engine, it carries an assortment of rescue and specialty equipment. It also has 3,000 feet of hose in various sizes.

The life expectancy of these two new units is 15 to 20 years.



## Fire Hydrants

The fire department depends on the fire hydrant near your home should a fire occur. If that fire hydrant is not visible, the inability to find it could cost time, causing more damage and increasing the possibility of deaths and injuries.

## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

With the cold season the chances for carbon monoxide poisoning increase – furnaces with blocked vents or broken heat exchangers, fire places, cars in garages that are left to warm up, to name a few.

Obviously the best protection is common sense. Have furnaces inspected frequently, do not run the car inside a garage, do not grill inside a garage, and only burn proper wood in fireplaces. However, sometimes mistakes are made and things break. Having a working CO alarm is smart, and it is also the law. The best location for a CO alarm is outside the sleeping area(s) of a home. The reason for this is simple, it should be able to wake you up.

If you experience any symptoms of CO poisoning, call 9-1-1 immediately. The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death. Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses. When in doubt, call 9-1-1.

Here are several things that you can do to help keep the fire hydrant near your home in working order and ready for emergency use. Remember, we may need that fire hydrant for your home.

- Throw snow in a direction away from the fire hydrant.
- If the hydrant accumulates snow around it, shovel a path around the hydrant.
- For visibility, keep snow below the top of the hydrant.
- If the hydrant has water or ice coming from one of the hose connections, the water department needs to be notified right away as this is a sign the fire hydrant is leaking. If not corrected, the cold weather will turn the hydrant into an ice cube making it useless to everyone, not to mention the delay it will cause while firefighters look for another fire hydrant that does work.



## Chimney Safety Precautions

- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a licensed professional. If you use the fireplace weekly or more, this should be done on an annual basis. If you burn less than weekly, the check could be done every two or three years.
- Make sure the damper is opened and clear of debris before using a fireplace.
- Only burn the proper materials. Items such as wrapping paper, Christmas trees, and electric wires are extremely dangerous, and should not be burned in a fireplace.
- Damaged or discolored bricks at the top of your chimney, moisture around the windows and walls near a furnace, and excessive rust on vent pipes or the outside of appliances can all be signs of a potential CO problem. Call in a professional if you spot these signs.



# Community Development

## RFQ

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The RFQ process ensures that the development groups interested in transforming the area on behalf of the Village are qualified to perform the scale of development that is identified in the Comprehensive Plan while maintaining the integrity of the adjacent residential neighborhoods. The developers are only submitting their qualifications at this time, and are not proposing specific projects for the parcel.

An ad-hoc committee of Village trustees and staff will review the submitted qualifications and will recommend a developer from the pool of applicants to the Village Board in February 2017.

The 6.5 acre parcel, with approximately 3.1 acres of it considered developable, is currently owned by the Village and is in the Roselle-Nerge TIF District that was created in July 2015. A TIF district is a development tool used by municipalities to address economic underperformance in a specifically identified area. A baseline property tax value is determined when a TIF is created, and that value remains the same, for taxing purposes, throughout the 23-year life of the TIF. Any increase in property tax values during the life of the TIF is reinvested back into the district to fund development and redevelopment projects.

### New Businesses Coming Soon

Construction continues on the new location for **Rosario's Pizza** at the southeast corner of Roselle and Nerge Rds. Rosario's is expected to open in the summer of 2017 with a dining room, full bar, and outside seating for patrons. The **Little Red Ribbon Boutique** gift shop is planning to open

at 113 E Main St. this spring. This is the first storefront business for Little Red Ribbon. **Sammy's Mexican Grill** has finalized plans for its newest location in Roselle in the Cornerstone Plaza along Lake St. east of Gary Ave. Sammy's will be in the easternmost unit in the development, just off of Colby Commerce Dr., taking part of the space that is currently occupied by Tilted Kilt. Tilted Kilt will temporarily close for approximately a week in January for the construction of a dividing wall between it and Sammy's, and will reopen with a smaller footprint. Sammy's, which also has a location in Elgin, is planning to open in May 2017.

### Elm Street Row Home Development Under Review

Plans are in the review stage for a 12-unit row home development along Elm St. at Howard Ave., just south of Park Place Crossing. A local developer has submitted initial concept plans for the 2-bedroom row homes units, which average 1,845 square feet each, with a 2-car garage and optional den.

Row home type developments like this are identified in the Village's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan as desirable for bringing more housing units into the Village's Town Center. The initial plans for the Elm Street Row Home development are on the agenda for the Planning and Zoning Commission's January 17 meeting.



## Building Permits and Inspections Help Protect Your Investment



Building permits and inspections for a variety of home improvement projects, including additions, garages, basement remodeling, patios, central air conditioning, decks, fences, roofs, sheds, pools and others are required by the Village of Roselle. The permitting and inspection system helps homeowners to protect their investment by ensuring that improvement projects, especially projects that involve gas, electricity and/or water, are completed to code.

Permits and inspections for home improvement projects are often required by insurance companies, and help to ensure projects are completed to a standard that protects life safety. Without a permit and passed inspection on file, some insurance companies may not cover damage caused by faulty installation.

Building permit application packets are available at Village Hall and can be downloaded from the Village's website. The Building Division will require an accurate Plat of Survey to process many of these forms to ensure that the work is being done on the applicant's property and to review zoning conformance. Homeowners usually receive a Plat of Survey when they buy their homes. Visit the Village's website at [www.roselle.il.us/comdev](http://www.roselle.il.us/comdev) and click the Building Division link for more information about obtaining a building permit.

## Federal Funding Approved for Central Ave. Resurfacing in 2017

The Village was successful in receiving federal funding for the Central Ave. resurfacing project from Gary Ave. to Roselle Rd. Construction is expected to begin on this project in August 2017. Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds will cover approximately 75 percent of the construction costs, with the remaining 25 percent coming from the Village of Roselle. Central Ave. is a designated route that qualifies for federal funding because it is classified as a collector street that carries more than just local traffic. In DuPage County, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference oversees the STP program.

## Annual Water Main Replacement Program

The Village Board approved a capital improvement plan that calls for spending \$1 million each year for the next five years to replace aging water mains in Roselle. The costs to replace the water mains will be covered by incremental annual water rate increases that the Village Board adopted in March 2016.

Some of the original pipes installed back in 1922 are still in service today. However it is the large number of cast iron pipes that were installed during the local building boom between 1950 and the early 1970s that are starting to break more frequently and are coming to the end of their useful lives. The selection of water mains to be replaced was prioritized based on age of the pipes, the number of breaks and service disruption, size of the main, fire flow capacity, and condition of fire hydrants.

The water mains selected also coincide with the Village's street resurfacing program, so that the streets don't have to be under construction multiple times. The water mains that are scheduled for replacement in 2017 are Lakeview Court, Lexington Ave., York Court, and E. Thorndale Ave.

Construction will include the replacement of the water main, valves, and fire hydrants, and the replacement of water services located in the right-of-way from the water main to the b-box with a 1-1/2" copper line. Some of the complexities of this type of work involve working around existing conditions and keeping the entire existing system in service while the new system is being installed and then transferring over. The work will involve temporary traffic disruption but advance notice will be provided to residents to help minimize the inconvenience.



## Make Requests for Public Works Services Online

Requests for services from Public Works can be made online. Use the Report a Concern to Public Works form in the Village's Form Center at [www.roselle.il.us/formcenter](http://www.roselle.il.us/formcenter) to make a request.

The online form is optimized for both desktop computer and mobile devices, and allows requesters to optionally upload a photo related to the request. Among the categories on the Report a Concern form are pothole repair, street light outage, public property damage, street flooding, sewer backup, water leak, water quality issues, and tree inspection requests.

The Public Works Department is also accepting online winter weather street condition reports via the Snow Plow Condition Report form at [www.roselle.il.us/snowplow](http://www.roselle.il.us/snowplow).

## Snow Removal Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** Why do I sometimes see parallel rows of white, chalky lines on the pavement in the winter?

**A.** The white, chalky lines are caused by the application of brine, a liquid anti-icing compound. Brine is being applied to local roads before snow events to provide additional time before the snow and ice begin to build up on the pavement. This will not be done if rain is predicted before the snow, as the brine would be washed off the pavement.

**Q.** How soon after a snowfall do plowing and salting operations begin?

**A.** Anti-icing of the roadways begins before a snowfall, with the application of a brine solution. Once the snow starts falling, Public Works typically begins plowing operations as soon as road condition reports indicate the need. Public Works crews aim to have all streets and cul-de-sacs

passable within a day after the snow stops falling.

**Q.** Why does it take so long for my cul-de-sac to be plowed?

**A.** Public Works is responsible for plowing over 78 center lane miles of roadway in the Village. There are 110 cul-de-sacs in Roselle, which are more time consuming to plow and more difficult to clear (averaging 50 hours). Cul-de-sacs are typically done last, in the daylight hours to ensure that primary and secondary streets are passable.

**Q.** Are there on-street parking restrictions during a snowfall?

**A.** Yes. Vehicles must be removed from the street when a snowfall of three or more inches occurs to allow the plows to clear the street. Vehicles left on the street are subject to being towed.

**Q.** How can I report street conditions to Public Works during snow removal operations?

**A.** Visit the Village's website at [www.roselle.il.us/snowplow](http://www.roselle.il.us/snowplow) to use the online Snow Plow Condition Report form to report local street conditions to Public Works.





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## Local Business Feature



PRO Financial Services Group in Roselle is celebrating a significant milestone in 2017 – they have been in business for 40 years. Michael Procaccio started PRO Financial Services from his home office in 1977, visiting clients in their homes with his briefcase full of IRS forms, carbon paper, Wite•Out, and a calculator. Now 40 years later, PRO Financial Services has a 3,100 square foot office space in Roselle at 24 E. Irving Park Rd. with five full-time and two seasonal employees providing a full gamut of financial services, including tax returns for individuals and businesses, retirement planning, and bookkeeping for small businesses.

Leaving the days of carbon paper and Wite•Out behind, PRO Financial Services has an integrated secure web portal to serve clients, both local and those far away – even as far as Europe. PRO Financial also uses e-file for returns so that they are available to clients within weeks. And with a staff with decades of expertise, Procaccio believes that PRO Financial Services can save clients money on their taxes. “People who do their own taxes may be costing themselves thousands of dollars because they don’t know about all the deductions available to them. With our knowledge of the tax laws, we can do a detailed review of our clients’ returns to determine all of the credits they are eligible for.”

“In a world where things change on a daily basis, we have a great staff that makes clients happy with resolving audits, negotiating settlements, and saving them money. We’ve been able to grow this business because we are able to help people, and we enjoy doing it,” said Procaccio. To learn more about PRO Financial Services Group, visit them online at [www.pfsgi.com](http://www.pfsgi.com) or call (630) 924-2400.

## Chamber of Commerce

The Roselle Chamber of Commerce is an active business association engaged in encouraging business and community interests of Roselle and surrounding areas. The Chamber hosts a variety of networking meetings and events, and offers a number of promotional programs and community involvement projects.

### Resolve to Get Involved!

Have you considered membership in the Roselle Chamber but

you’re not sure it’s a good fit for your business? If so, you’re invited to attend one of the Chamber’s Member Orientations. Attendance is not limited to members as prospective members are welcome to attend as well. This is a great opportunity to hear from experienced members who will discuss the benefits of membership by providing an overview of the Chamber’s programs and activities. These complimentary, no-obligation breakfast meetings are regularly held throughout the year. For more information, please call Chamber Executive Director Gail Croson at (630) 894-3010.



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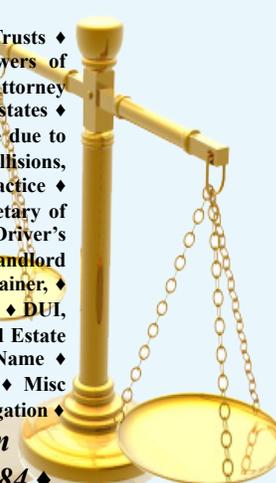
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Nothing is required for participation in Restaurant Week 2017, but diners may want to make reservations in advance. Over 40 area restaurants are expected to participate in the Meet Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week this year. For more information about Restaurant Week 2017, including a list of participating restaurants, visit [dinechicagonw.com](http://dinechicagonw.com) online or call (847) 490-1010.

## Upcoming Meetings

### January 2017

- 3 Planning and Zoning Commission CANCELED
- 9 Village Board Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Following
- 10 Taste of Roselle Commission.....5:30 p.m.
- 10 Fire and Police Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- 11 Fire Pension Board.....9:00 a.m.
- 14 Sister City Commission.....9:00 a.m.
- 17 Planning and Zoning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Board of Appeals.....CANCELED
- 23 Village Board Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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### February 2017

- 1 Police Pension Board.....5:00 p.m.
- 7 Planning and Zoning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
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### March 2017

- 4 Coffee With the Board.....9:00-10:30 a.m.
- 7 Planning and Zoning Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- 11 Sister City Commission.....9:00 a.m.
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## Coffee With the Board

Do you have questions about what's happening in the Village of Roselle? Coffee with the Village Board is a great opportunity to meet and talk with the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

The Coffee with the Board series is being held quarterly in 2017. The next Coffee with the Board meeting is scheduled for March 4 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Village Hall.

Unlike regular Village Board or Committee of the Whole meetings, this informal session provides residents and business owners an opportunity to discuss issues affecting them and the community. Come on in and enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with your local elected officials.

