



# Rogers City Newsletter

**Rogers Fire Department Open House**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**2-4pm**  
**21201 Memorial Drive, Rogers**

**Come and Enjoy:**

- Meet Rogers' New Police Chief, Jeff Luther
- Cookies, Coffee and Juice
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Fire Department Water Ball Tournament
- Fire Truck Rides
- Games for the Kids
- Meet Jester, Rogers Police K-9
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
- North Ambulance Service
- Vial of Life

**Pending:**

- Helicopter from North Air Care
- Safety Demonstration



The event includes local responding agencies with the purpose of interacting and educating the community. City Departments and non-profit organizations will be available with displays and information to hand out to the public.

## Rogers Registry

A registry is being created for seniors and handicapped persons of any age in Rogers. Eligible people will be able to provide their details on key holders and emergency contacts. The Rogers Fire and Police departments will be able to access this life saving information in the event of a medical emergency. All information will be kept private and will only be accessible by emergency personnel.

Please encourage your neighbors and friends to sign up for this important registry. Forms will be available in the September Senior Newsletter, at the local newspapers, the Roger's website and city buildings. Please call Irma Chamberlain at 763-428-5767 or Pat Johnson at 763-428-3418 with any questions.

**September 2008**

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**City Contact Information**

City Hall	<b>428-2253</b>
Public Works	<b>428-8580</b>
Fire Dept.	<b>428-3500</b>
Police Dept.	<b>428-3450</b>
Rogers Activity Center	<b>428-1033</b>
Wine & Spirits	<b>428-0163</b>

**Email:**  
[Cityofrogers@ci.rogers.mn.us](mailto:Cityofrogers@ci.rogers.mn.us)

## Wine Tasting

### Hassan Historical Society

Representing the Towns of Rogers, Hassan & Fletcher

Invites you to attend a Wine Tasting  
November 13, 2008 at 7:00pm  
Rogers Community Center

\$15.00 pre-sale tickets will be available at Rogers Wine & Spirits, Curves of Rogers, Luna Blu Coffee Shop, or the Historical Society Office located at 25000 Hassan Parkway, Hassan Township, in the Historical Hassan Town Hall on Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

For updates on this upcoming event or for more information, go to [www.hassanhistorical.org](http://www.hassanhistorical.org).

## Utility Billing F.A.Q.

### How often do I receive my bill?

You will receive a bill every other month for residential customers and monthly for commercial accounts. When looking at your bill if there is an (e) next to either number (previous usage, current usage) it indicates an estimated reading. If this happens for more than two consecutive bill cycles please contact City Hall at 763-428-2253 to schedule an appointment for investigation and or repair.

### Do I have to pay sewer charge on water I am using outside in the summer?

No. Sewer charges are based on water usage for your winter reading, so that you are not paying for sewer on water you use outside in the summer months, examples, irrigation, watering of plants, washing vehicles, filling swimming pools etc.

### Am I billed for recycling if I don't recycle?

Yes. Recycling is billed to every residential customer in the city. It is your choice to recycle or not, however no credits can be given for choosing not to recycle.

### How does a resident set up or cancel water services?

Please call City Hall utility billing (763-428-2253) to set up or cancel service before moving in or out, so that we may get a reading and billings can be calculated accurately.

### Is there an automatic payment plan (ACH)?

Yes there is, please see the next page for more information.

### How do leaks effect my bill?

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## Direct Payment Plan (ACH)

The City of Rogers is pleased to offer you a new service; the Direct Payment Plan (ACH). Now you can have your utility payment paid automatically from your checking account. And, you won't have to change your present banking relationship to take advantage of this service.

The Direct Payment Plan will help you in several ways:

- It saves time – fewer checks to write.
- Helps meet your commitment in a convenient and timely manner, even if you're on vacation or out of town.
- No lost or misplaced statements, your payment is always on time which helps maintain good credit.
- It saves postage.
- It's easy to sign up for, and easy to cancel.
- No late charges.

Here's how the Direct Payment Plan (ACH) works:

You authorize regularly scheduled payments to be made from your checking account. Then, just sit back and relax. Your payments will be made automatically on the due date (remember due dates are changing to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month). Proof of payment will then appear on your mailed statement. The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate the authorization. To take advantage of this service, complete the form below, attach a voided check, and return it to City Hall.

**Automatic Pay Plan Authorization for Utility Bills**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/we authorize the City of Rogers and the financial institution named on the attached voided check to initiate debit entries (deductions) to the account shown on the voided check.

**Please print legibly.**

Financial Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location (Routing ) Number \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK.**

I/we understand that this authorization will continue in force unless discontinued by my/our written request.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional – For Joint Account)  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**The Direct Payment Plan is dependable, flexible, and convenient**

**To sign up: Fill out the form, attach a voided check, and return to City Hall.**

## Rogers Activity Center

Located at: 21080 141<sup>st</sup> Ave N  
 Phone: 763-428-1033  
[www.ci.rogers.mn.us](http://www.ci.rogers.mn.us) –Schedules, programs and more!

More information: [mbauer@ci.rogers.mn.us](mailto:mbauer@ci.rogers.mn.us)

**Open Skating:** \$4 per skater  
 (5 and Under Free)  
 Sundays 4:00-5:30pm  
 Wednesdays 11:30am-1:00pm  
 & 6:00-7:15pm

**Adult Open Hockey:** \$7per Skater Goalies are Free  
 Sundays 9:30-10:00pm Start  
 (See web for exact schedule)  
 Thursdays 11:30am-1:00pm  
 (All schedules subject to Change)

**Activity Room:** For rent for your gathering, meeting, or party. 3,000 square feet, 80 Chairs and 14 tables available, \$25/hour Residents and \$30/hour Non-residents.

**Fun Facts:** The ice at the Rogers Activity Center is maintained to a thickness of 1" to 1 ¼". Rejected heat from the refrigeration plant is used to melt the snow that the Zamboni scrapes off the ice and keep the floor from creating frost and heaving!

**Parks and Recreation Survey:**  
 Because we care what you think:  
<http://tiny.cc/eNWt7>

Information:  
[www.ci.rogers.mn.us](http://www.ci.rogers.mn.us)  
 Registration:  
[www.728communityed.com](http://www.728communityed.com)

**Cheer Camp:** An introductory program designed for children ages 4-8 years old. This camp helps children explore cheering no pressure; just lots of fun.  
 2 Saturdays, November 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-1:00pm  
 Parents Performance: 12:40pm November 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Price: \$49 per child: Pom-Poms included in price

To Register:  
[www.728communityed.com](http://www.728communityed.com)  
 P: 763-241-3520  
 F: 763-241-3521

**Learn to Skate:** Our group skating lessons focus on the benefits provided by learning through play, so your child will have fun while learning. Each child will receive 30 minutes of class instruction and a punch card for 10 open skate sessions. The Learn to Skate Program is a great place to start for any aspiring hockey player or figure skater.

Rogers Activity Center will have limited number of skates available for rental – First come, first served.

Cost: \$67 per Skater  
 Day: Saturdays  
 Times: 7:45am – 9:45am ½ hour sessions  
 6 Classes for each session held at the Rogers Activity Center  
 Dates:  
 Fall Session  
 # 1 September 6 –October 11  
 # 2 October 18 – November 22

### Drop N Shop:

**Sponsored by:**  
 I-94 West Chamber of Commerce



Parents need a night to shop without your little helpers?!!

Your kids will be entertained by a night of theme related arts-n-crafts, games, and other supervised activities; while you are able to go out and support our local business community!

A snack will be provided!

Call today and reserve your spot 763-428-1033 ext 8.

Then pay at the door and be on your way.  
 Maximum # of children: 20                      Ages: 5 – 11

Dates:  
 Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Cost: \$5.00 per child per night  
 Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: Rogers Activity Center  
 (Ice Arena – upstairs)

## Snow Removal and Safety

The City of Rogers begins plowing when snowfall depth reaches at least 2" or when roadway conditions warrant a response by Public Works personnel. Equipment dispatch is dependent upon timing and intensity, weather forecast, personnel and equipment availability, and street priority classification. The primary objective is to open streets to two-way traffic beginning with arterial and collector streets and followed by local streets. Cul de sacs are generally opened by plowing the outside edge first with full clearing occurring within 24 to 48 hours.

Due to environmental concerns, sanding/salting will be limited to steep grades, high volume intersections, school crossings, or icy patches on priority routes. Trails and sidewalks within arterial and collector street corridors and those within school walking zones will be plowed when accumulation exceeds 2" in a 24-hour period.

### Sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours.

### Parking

The City of Rogers would like to remind residents that there is **NO** parking allowed on **any** City street from November 1st to March 31st, between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. If a vehicle is found to be parked between these hours, you could be given a citation and your vehicle may be towed.

### Winter Fun

Discourage children from building snow forts at the street edge or sliding from snow banks into the roadway. Instruct children that snow removal vehicles are dangerous, and they should move away from the road until it has been cleared and the vehicle has moved from the vicinity.

### Right-of-Way Obstructions

Items which are properly installed and allowed by ordinance to be located in the right-of-way will be considered for repair/replacement only if physically struck by a plow blade, wing, or other piece of snowplowing equipment. Trees, shrubbery, landscaping, irrigation, or other items located within right-of-way will not be considered for compensation.

### Mailbox/Paperbox

Mailboxes and paperboxes must be mounted at minimum of 46" above the street level. Properly installed mailboxes will be considered for repair or replacement with a standard residential mailbox and post only if physically struck by snowplow equipment. Installations damaged by heavy or wet snow or ice coming from the plow blade will not be repaired or replaced. The City of Rogers, Rogers Fire Department and Rogers Post Office are requesting your help in keeping the area around your mailbox clear of snow. This will enable the postal carriers to deliver your mail without delay. We are also requesting homeowners near fire hydrants help in maintaining access to the hydrants for the Fire Department should they be needed. Thank you for your assistance.

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**November 18th**  
**is the average**  
**date for the first**  
**one inch**  
**snowfall**

Last winter, Minnesota recorded a total of 49.5" of snow

### Continued, Snow Removal and Safety

#### Sod Damage

When streets and sidewalks are covered with snow, it is almost impossible for the snowplow operator to determine the edge of the road or sidewalk. To minimize sod damage residents may place brightly painted stakes just behind the curb or sidewalks.

#### Private Property Snow Removal

The City of Rogers reminds property owners that State Law prohibits the placement of snow and ice from driveways in the public right-of-way. Shoveling snow/ice onto streets and highways creates unsafe driving conditions and increases the cost of snow removal.

#### Winter Driving

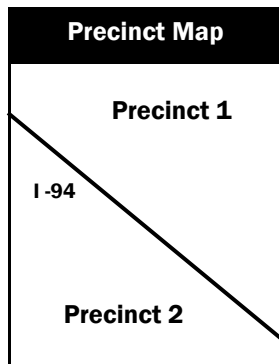
Plows often need to slow, stop or back up, and falling, blowing, or swirling snow decreases visibility. Allow ample room between your vehicle and snow removal equipment, and always assume the driver cannot see you. Do not pass until the plow has reached a safe clear area and never pass on the right side of the snowplow vehicle. Always assume that intersections, curves, bridges, and hills are slippery and drive according to road conditions.

### Elections

The Primary Election is held on September 9, 2008 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.  
The general election is held on November 4, 2008 from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.



There are now 2 precincts for voting



The City of Rogers now has two precincts. Precinct 1 is for all residents located on the north side of Interstate I-94 and Precinct 2 is for all residents who are located on the south side of Interstate I-94.

All residents who live in Precinct 1 will vote at the Rogers Activity Center which is located at 21080 141st Ave. N. All residents who live in Precinct 2 will continue to vote at the Rogers Community room which is located at 21201 Memorial Drive.

### M.M.B.A Food Drive

The Rogers Liquor Department will join other Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association (M.M.B.A.) liquor stores throughout the state in the first annual M.M.B.A. food drive. The Rogers "Muni" at 21400 John Milless Drive and Rogers Wines and Spirits at 21725 South Diamond Lake Road in Rogers will be local collection points for your non-perishable food donations October 1-October 31. Monetary donations will be accepted also. All donations will be distributed to local food shelves. For more info call: 763-428-0163.

## Back to School Safety

As we begin another school year together, the officers of the Rogers Police Department would like to share some safety tips with you to help you better prepare your child's journey to and from school this year.

"The positive excitement about the start of the school year needs to be balanced by important safety messages," says Louis Cooper, MD, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "From discomfort caused by overloaded backpacks to the threats of angry bullies, there are many things children should be reminded of before they go back to school. A little information and preparation can help kids to have happy and healthy first days at school."

These following tips have been approved by the American Academy of Pediatricians.

### MAKING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL EASIER

- Remind your child that he/she is not the only student who is a bit apprehensive about the first day of school. Teachers know that students are anxious and will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels welcome and as comfortable as possible.
- Emphasize the positive aspects of school. He/She will see old friends and meet new ones. Remind her last year's school experience, when she returned home after the first day excited to share with you the events of her day.
- Locate another child in your neighborhood that will buddy up with your youngster and can walk to school or ride with on the bus with them.

### BACKPACK SAFETY

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Pack light. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, and they may be difficult to roll in snow.

### TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

#### School Bus

- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.
- Do not move around on the bus – stay seated until the bus stops.

#### Bicycle

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.

#### Walking to School

- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.

Please take a few moments to discuss these simple rules with your child. Children are our most precious resource. Protecting our children and keeping them free from harm is a team effort. Parents, educators, and the police must work together to assure that our children are kept safe. The officers of the Rogers Police Department take our child protection responsibilities very seriously.

**Help your child remain safe and decrease any nervousness they may have about attending school by talking with them about safety.**



**Wearing bright colored clothing helps increase visibility.**



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### **City Council**

City Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Meetings are located at the Rogers Community Room (21201 Memorial Drive).