



Roosevelt Park

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CITY HALL CLOSINGS

April 3rd

Closed in observation of
Good Friday

May 25th

Closed in observation of
Memorial Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8th

Spring Forward

March 10th

Blood Drive

March 11th & 12th

Board of Review

March 17th



March 28th

Easter Egg Scramble

April 7th

Water Bills Due



Manager's Message

As we welcome the arrival of spring in Roosevelt Park, I am reminded of the energy and optimism that this season brings to our community. The days are getting longer, the snow is melting away, and we are turning our attention to projects and events that reflect both growth and togetherness. Spring is a time of renewal, and here in the City of Roosevelt Park, we have much to look forward to in the months ahead.

One of our most cherished spring traditions is the Easter Egg Scramble, taking place on Saturday, March 28th, 2026. Families are invited to gather for a morning filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of colorful eggs. We are especially excited to share that the Easter Bunny will be making a special guest appearance, hopping to greet children and pose for photos. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to reconnect after the winter season and for our youngest residents to create joyful memories. Be sure to watch for additional details on times and locations as the date approaches. More updates to come on the City Facebook page.

Spring also marks the start of significant progress on our new Linear Trailway project. This exciting development will add nearly a mile of new bike path, enhancing connectivity, safety, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. The project not only promotes healthy, active living but also strengthens access to our parks and neighborhoods. In a meaningful nod to both the past and the future of our community, the foundation of the recently demolished warehouse on Glenside was crushed into gravel. It will serve as the trail base, literally paving the way forward while honoring the history that helped shape Roosevelt Park. This project will kick off as the weather allows and is funded by \$330,000 in federal and state grants for trail systems, or 80% of the total project costs.

Finally, spring brings the welcome return of yard clean-up, blooming flowers, and warm sunshine. It is also the perfect time to get outside and enjoy our city parks and open spaces. Whether you are taking a walk, riding the new bike path, or simply relaxing outdoors with family and friends, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the beauty and opportunities this season offers. Thank you for being part of what makes Roosevelt Park such a special place to live, work, and grow together. As always, I maintain an open-door policy here at City Hall and welcome you to address any issues or questions that you may have.

Jared Olson,
CITY MANAGER

Clerk's Corner

As we welcome the beauty and renewal of spring, this year brings an especially meaningful celebration – the 250th birthday of our nation! It's a time to reflect on the strength of our democracy and the importance of participation in shaping our collective future.

This year, voters will have two key opportunities to make their voices heard at the ballot box:

- Tuesday, August 4th – the State Primary Election
- Tuesday, November 3rd – the General Election

As a reminder, there are three convenient ways to cast your vote:

1. Early Voting – Participate in the 9-day early voting period at your county's designated early voting location.
2. Absentee Ballot – Vote from home by requesting and returning an absentee ballot.
3. Election Day Voting – Visit your local polling place on Election Day to vote in person.

Looking further ahead, several important updates are being planned for the 2026–2027 election cycles. Anticipated changes include:

- Our mailing/receiving mail process has slowed down considerably. Please allow a week or more for your absentee ballot to be received.
- Continued discussion/debate about implementing Ranked Choice Voting in Michigan.
- Continued implementation of online voting for our military and their families.
- Upgrading all voting machines and election equipment to ensure the highest levels of accuracy, accessibility, and security in future elections.



"It's not the days in life we remember, rather the moments." – Walt Disney

Ann Wisniewski
CITY CLERK

From the Front Desk - Parks Update

As spring approaches, we're excited to share a few Recreation and Parks updates and opportunities to get involved.

As Jared mentioned in his Manager's Message, the Linear Trailway continues to move forward as an exciting project. Feedback from the City's Master Plan survey provided valuable insights that will help guide future amenities and features along the trail as planning continues.

That same survey showed strong interest in a community garden. With outdated play equipment and Hidden Park's close proximity to surrounding homes, a community garden was identified as a thoughtful and fitting use of the space. This idea came directly from community feedback, and its success depends on community participation.

Community gardens don't grow themselves! They need regular care and committed volunteers to *truly thrive*. If you'd like to help bring this garden to life, please contact us at City Hall or email me at ajohnson@rooseveltpark.org. We also encourage residents to join us at Recreation and Parks meetings, held at City Hall on the last Tuesday of each month. Come help us plant the ideas and watch them grow.



March is Reading Month! Thank you to everyone who has already donated books to our Little Libraries. Your generosity helps keep these spaces stocked, shared, and full of stories for readers of all ages. If you have gently used children's or adult books to donate, you can drop them off at City Hall.

With a little care and a lot of community, we can keep turning new pages and growing spaces we're all proud of.

Alison Johnson,
DEPUTY CLERK/ TREASURER





Behind the Badge

As we move through the first months of 2026, the Roosevelt Park Police Department is proud to continue serving our caring and connected community. Your officers remain focused on keeping our neighborhoods safe, assisting those in need, and working alongside residents, businesses, and city partners to maintain the welcoming atmosphere that makes Roosevelt Park special.

Winter brings its own challenges, so we appreciate your patience, awareness, and cooperation—whether on the road, in our parks, or in local businesses. A simple wave, a little courtesy, and looking out for one another go a long way toward keeping our community strong.

Thank you for helping make Roosevelt Park a safe, friendly, and considerate place to live, work, and play. Together, we make a difference!

“be a good neighbor.
Kindness is contagious!”

Shawn Bride
CHIEF OF POLICE



Important Information from the Norton Shores Fire Department

Businesses using the SUPRA TRACcess® emergency key box system should be aware that the system will reach end-of-life on December 31, 2026. After that date, the manufacturer will no longer provide support, warranty coverage, or system services. To maintain secure, reliable, non-destructive emergency access, the Fire Department is transitioning to the Knox eLock® Retrofit Door (Model KLS-3292), which replaces only the SUPRA Bluetooth lid while keeping the existing box housing in place.

A special price of \$325 is available when using the official Knox special order form (\$399 if ordered online). Special-order forms must be submitted by September 15, 2026. The Roosevelt Park Downtown Development Authority will reimburse 50% of the retrofit cost for participating businesses. Businesses with questions about ordering, timelines, or existing key boxes may contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at **231-799-6809**.



Community Connect Registration

Community Connect is the Fire Department’s official platform for collecting and maintaining emergency information. All businesses in Norton Shores and Roosevelt Park are required to create an account and submit or update their information. This local requirement is separate from state or federal Tier II reporting. Businesses should register at communityconnect.io/info/mi-nortonshores and provide key details such as emergency contacts, hazards, and special access instructions. Assistance is available by calling **231-799-6809**.

Residents are also encouraged to create a free Community Connect account to share information that helps responders act faster and safer, including pets in the home, access or functional needs, and entry instructions such as door or gate codes.

Don VanderKooi
FIRE MARSHAL





Are you experiencing a sewer backup or noticing slow-moving drains?

- If it is during Regular business hours 8am-5pm call City Hall at 231-755-3721
- After hours call 1-231-722-3524.
- Crews will be sent out to check sewer lines in your area to determine what steps will need to be taken.
- If you're having an emergency backup and meet the requirements for our senior millage funding, please contact City Hall to inquire about how we can assist you with your backup.



1 City Sewer Main 2 Sewer Connection 3 Private Sewer Lateral

Homeowners are responsible for the sewer line from the house to the connection point. The city maintains the sewer main.

Plowing Damage

The snow will soon be melting. With that, your attention will hopefully turn to spring cleanup. You may notice that our sidewalk plow created damage to your yard, if this is the case and damage has occurred, please reach out to the DPW superintendent at bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org or by calling City Hall.



Brush Chipping

Brush Chipping will begin on Monday April 6th, 2026. This date is weather permitting. Brush Chipping will be done every other Monday throughout the year until late fall. If crews feel like there is enough brush curbside to collect on the off week, we will run the route on the off week and again on the scheduled week.

As chipping resumes, please remember a few things:

- Keep all cut ends facing the same way.
- Stack in multiple piles with cut ends facing the roadway
- We do not pick up stumps or tree bases; our chipper can only handle smaller limbs.
- Brush pickup is for residents doing general trimming, not complete tree removal



Lead Service Line Replacement

Each year, the city is required to replace 20 water service lines. We are also required to verify water service line materials as part of our record-keeping. We are asking all residents who have a water meter in their basement to send us a photo for our records (see example below). Please send the photos by email to bvanhoeven@rooseveltpark.org with the subject line reading: Water meter photo for 1111 s.example rd. After recording the data, we will reach out to those homeowners who still have a steel line or are believed to have a lead service line to get the replacement scheduled. If you already sent your photos, you're off the hook this time. If you have further questions or concerns, please email the DPW superintendent at the email address above.



Treasurer's Two Cents

Happy March, Roosevelt Park! You may notice a slight increase in your water bill. In December,

rates changed from \$4.94 per thousand gallons to \$5.44, equating to a fifty-cent increase per unit. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this change stems from the City of Muskegon's higher water rates, which is where



we purchase the water. If you aren't taking advantage of our paperless billing and ACH autopay options, please consider it. You will receive a \$1.00 billing credit for each option you select. If you are paying by check and sending it by mail, keep in mind the turnaround time is taking longer than it used to and we have seen mail arriving three weeks after the post date. Postmark date is not accepted for payment and late fees will still apply. Check out our website at rooseveltpark.org for the enrollment forms or reach out to me by email at treasurer@rooseveltpark.org

Did you know you can also make unstructured payments on your water and sewer account? Many of our residents find it helpful to make small payments on their account each week, bi-weekly or monthly to avoid having to make one larger payment each quarter. If you are facing a past due balance and need assistance to avoid service shut-off, resources are available through [Mid Michigan Community Action](#) and [MDHHS](#). If you know you will not be able to make your payment before the due date, look into these agencies to see if they can help!

Have you received your tax assessment for 2026? If not, you should be soon! Keep in mind the March Board of Review is scheduled for March 11th & 12th. This is when petitions from taxpayers are heard and is your opportunity to appeal assessment, capped and taxable values as well as the classification of the property. For questions regarding your tax assessment please contact the Assessing office at 231-799-6806.

Kate Dibble,
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Supporting Seniors in Roosevelt Park

As the calendar year begins, the City of Roosevelt Park is once again responsible for planning and using the Muskegon County Senior Millage funds allocated to our community for 2026.

These funds support programs and services that benefit our senior residents, with a focus on safety, health, and quality of life.

Roosevelt Park will continue its partnership with the Muskegon County Senior Task Force, based in the County Prosecutor's Office. This program provides specialized staff to assist seniors who are targeted by scams, fraud, or other crimes.

The City will also continue supporting the Senior Power of Produce program in partnership with the Muskegon Farmers Market. This program provides weekly funding for residents age 62 and older to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the downtown Farmers Market.

Senior millage funds are also used to support senior activity and wellness programs, which may include fitness, balance, or movement-based classes offered throughout the year. Information on available programs will be shared as they are scheduled.

Another key use of these funds is sewer backup mitigation assistance for senior homeowners. In the event of a sewer backup, eligible residents are encouraged to contact the Department of Public Works for inspection and potential assistance.

More information on these programs and future initiatives will be shared in upcoming communications.



Visit us online for updates and news

The official website is www.rooseveltpark.org Find up-to-date information regarding events happening in the City, City Council meeting minutes and other important documents such as the City budget. You can also keep in touch with what is happening in the City on our official "Roosevelt Park Michigan" Facebook page. Have suggestions? Contact City Hall.

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