



*Spring
Luncheon*



What a Wonderful World

The What, Where, Why, When and How
of an All-inclusive and Senior Playground for Roseville
with special guests

Zsolt Vincze and **Carissa Carroll**
Graduate of Roseville schools & Augsburg College and
Powerlifter for the Junior Paralympics
Founder & Executive Director
of Jack's Baskets and former
Roseville physical education
teacher

Saturday, April 18, 2020

The DoubleTree by Hilton
2540 N. Cleveland Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

11:30am Social Hour with cash bar
12:30pm Lunch is served
1:15pm Program

Chicken Provençal

*Pan-seared Chicken Breast with fresh
mozzarella, tomato and basil, served with
spinach risotto and broccoli*

Salad, Dessert (Chef's Choice), Coffee, tea water

Tickets are \$32

The Spring Luncheon is All-Inclusive!

Everyone is welcome to join us. Invite friends and
neighbors to the luncheon and to join
Friends of Roseville Parks!



If you have any questions, please contact
Mary Holt (612) 723-9292.



Use the form enclosed with this newsletter, or sign up
and **pay online with PayPal at our website!** Forms
can also be downloaded from our website,
friendsofrosevilleparks.org, or in person at Parks and
Recreation at City Hall. **Deadline** for receipt of form
and payment is **Monday, April 6.**

From Our President, Mary Holt

Dear Members of Friends of Roseville Parks,

I am so thrilled to pen this spring letter to our membership! This is such an exciting time for us as we embark on a very substantial project to create a more inclusive playground in Roseville for ALL children. Presently, schools need to bus students with special needs out to Woodbury or Maple Grove to allow children in wheelchairs to play with other students on more than one or two pieces of equipment. The equipment and ground surface on traditional playgrounds hinder their play since it's nearly impossible to push a wheelchair across wood chips and the surface often makes children with autism feel uncomfortable.

Roseville made valiant efforts towards inclusivity several years ago when it improved Central Park/Victoria, but by looking through the eyes of those who truly need change to happen, we knew more improvements are needed. These changes require very substantial funding, and our initial fund raising efforts were taking shape when an extremely generous donor stepped forward to fully fund this project! This donor has chosen to remain anonymous -we will honor that request. With very grateful hearts for this charitable gift, we've begun work with Roseville Parks and Recreation on a plan for action for an inclusive park for children. During this process, we discovered that many Roseville residents are passionate about enriching our senior play and fitness opportunities so the seed was sown to expand our project to include senior recreation and play for ALL citizens, of ALL ages and ALL capabilities.

OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!!

Our spring luncheon will be very unique and exciting - we hope to see a full house of members, friends, residents from neighborhoods. We are honored to have special speakers:

Zsolt Vincze is a former Roseville student who overcame physical challenges due to Spina Bifida and discovered the world of lifting weights in high school. He thrived in college at Augsburg, becoming class President, and has participated in the Junior Paralympics in Powerlifting.

Carissa Carroll is a former teacher in Roseville whose second child was born with Down's Syndrome. She founded Jack's Baskets and has an amazing story to share of how Welcome Baskets have helped new families with a child with an extra chromosome, and how the medical professionals are being educated the best way to deliver this news to new families.

There will also be some surprise guests that will warm all hearts, absolutely guaranteed!

Enjoy a delicious lunch and heartwarming day! Please join us on April 18th!

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Membership Report

As of the end of February, our membership is at 165, a decline from recent years, if all the renewals as yet unreceived are paid. Please, if you have friends and neighbors who use any/all of the wonderful parks in our community, who have kids and grandkids that play in and love the parks, please urge them to consider joining our group as we enter our second half-century of raising money for *your* parks! It's only \$20 per year to show support of our mission and passion.

If you ever have questions or concerns about your membership status, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Nancy Robbins, Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our 2019 **net income** included funds from the 50th Anniversary Party, Spring Luncheon, Designer Handbag Bingo, Tapped & Uncorked, Membership, Donations (including those specified for the memorial bench we purchased in honor of the passing of Marlys Toogood), and a generous private donation for all-inclusive park

2019 **donation** by FOR Parks was for the purchase of the flowers on the Lexington Avenue "Blooming Boulevard."

A full Treasurer's report is on file.

Michele Lind, Treasurer



Designer Handbag BINGO!

Our second Designer Handbag Bingo was another fundraising success last November, with two sessions on one day. This year we're trying one session on each of TWO different days. The first is on Saturday, **May 9** and the second on Saturday, **November 7**, 1-3pm both days, at the lovely Cedarholm Community Building.

It's lots of fun as we raise money for the parks. Tickets for the May 9 session (the day before Mother's Day - treat your mom, your sister, your friends, yourself!) are on sale **now** online through Brown Paper Tickets, <https://DHBingo.bpt.me>, or stop by Parks and Rec. at City Hall to buy in person, or take your chances at the door. Tickets are limited to the 120 per session.

Roseville Parks and Recreation Happenings - Provided By Lonnie Brokke, Director

Thank you, Friends of Roseville Park (FOR Parks), for your continued involvement and support of the entire Roseville Parks and Recreation System. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

I am thrilled to report that recently FOR Parks, through a very generous benefactor, has expressed interest in providing a substantial project donation over the next couple of years. It is considered a very significant contribution to the Parks and Recreation System. Below are more specifics of the donation.

FOR Parks to Enhance/Improve “Inclusive and Senior/Adult Play” Opportunities for All

FOR Parks has been approached by a very generous anonymous contributor that is wanting, willing and able to provide \$500,000 to enhance “inclusive and senior/adult/all play” opportunities in Roseville. This benefactor is interested in providing this contribution with the understanding that the final project will be a “premier project” and will use high quality equipment and materials.

While the final project is unknown and is evolving at this time, the project idea is to enhance the existing Roseville Central Park playgrounds by installing “fully accessible” permanent safety surface throughout the entire play area. This project will also include accessible/senior/adult/all exercise play pieces as appropriate and fits in a design. With the addition of these features at the playgrounds, it may create a “loop of use” within Central Park meaning that it will allow for more usable space for wheel chairs, physically and emotionally challenged individuals as well as able-bodied participants.

The reference above to senior/adult/all exercise equipment is a desire to install outdoor fitness equipment along the trail between playgrounds for all users. This would also include those with accessible needs as well as younger and older adult play. The final design, timing and extent of this project is yet to be determined based on the benefactor, FOR Parks, community process and final funding plan.

This project is anticipated to be planned in 2020 and completed in 2021.

General Project Information

This project has been accepted by the City Council and will be brought through the typical, thorough community engagement process involving neighbors, user groups, stakeholders, etc. and will be thoroughly vetted.

This project is consistent with the intent of the current Parks and Recreation System Master Plan and will be a positive addition to the Parks and Recreation System.

By the City’s recent action of accepting the above enhancement to the Parks and Recreation System it means that it will be incorporated into the ongoing city annual maintenance and operations program and will be considered in future Capital Improvement Plans.

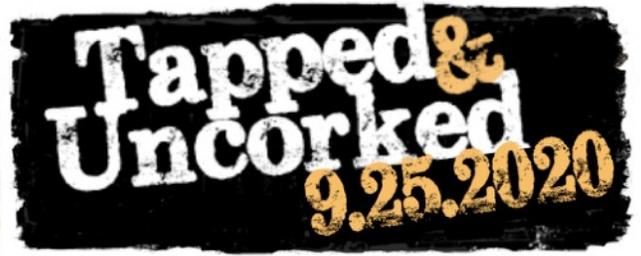
Staff has been working in earnest with FOR Parks representatives since learning of this generous contribution and will continue to do so.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, we continue to appreciate your tremendous support. My door is always open and I invite you in to hear your ideas, suggestions and comments for continued improvements in your Roseville Parks and Recreation System.

Roseville's 7th Annual

CRAFT BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

RAISING MONEY FOR YOUR PARKS



Friday, September 25, 2020 7th annual Tapped & Uncorked Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits, at the OVAL

Here we go again for the seventh time (!) with this great fundraiser, raising money for YOUR parks! Starting this summer we will be looking for lots of **volunteers** for our event. You, your spouse, your kids/grandkids (but only if 21 or above in age), your friends - we take all kinds! Volunteers have a two hour shift and two hours free to enjoy the samplings, dance to the music of Power of 10, and buy nosh from the food trucks. If you

would like to be part of the fun, visit our website this summer, tappedanduncorked.com, where you will find more details about it and how to sign up to be a much-appreciated, much-needed (for much fun!) **VOLUNTEER** for this fun, community event!

Save
the
Date!

We are NOW in the process of looking for **sponsors** for Tapped & Uncorked, to cover the expenses it takes to put on this event. Do you know of a business, or an individual (yourself included!), that would be a good candidate as a sponsor for Tapped & Uncorked? Check out the Sponsorship Opportunities online at tappedanduncorked.com/sponsor where the sponsorship process can begin. Or contact Kori, 651-308-9279.



Join your FOR Parks Board members
on the Brew Crew!

More 2020 dates to save!

May 9 - Designer Handbag Bingo! First of TWO sessions this year. The other is in November.

May 16 - Bloomin' Boulevard planting by volunteers. FOR Parks has contributed to the purchase of the flowers planted in front of Central Park for many years now. Contact Rachel Boggs, City Volunteer Coordinator if you want to help with the planting, 651-792-7028.

June 29 - Roseville Rose Parade - Friends of Roseville Parks will be in it promoting our biggest fundraiser, Tapped & Uncorked.

November 7 - Designer Handbag Bingo!



She won two bags!

Rose Petals

Since the Fall 2019 Newsletter, we were very saddened to learn of the death long-time Board Member, Corky LoBaido who passed away on December 31, 2019.