

### From Our President, Linda Carlson

With our mild winter and spring like temps, what a joy it is to have numerous well maintained and accessible parks to enjoy. Your Friends of Roseville Parks (FOR Parks) Board is hard at work planning our 2024 fundraising events to continue supplementing Roseville Parks and Recreation projects. Recent additions include the installation of new basketball hoops and benches in various parks.

In 2023, we said farewell to three board members: **Michele Lind** who moved back to Montana to be closer to family; **Pete Salmon** who served in 2022; and **Eleanor Aune** who retired after 17 years of service. Thank you, Eleanor, for your guidance and we wish you all continued success. FOR Parks was fortunate to welcome two new members to the board this year: **Susie Burke** and **Maria Vincze**. We look forward to their individual strengths and expertise enriching our organization! Your board is a wonderfully dedicated and talented group of volunteers who are passionate about upgrading and beautifying Roseville parks with an emphasis on accessibility.

In 2023 alone, we totaled over 1,250 volunteer hours. Most of those hours were spent volunteering at Tapped & Uncorked. Learn more about our 10th annual event on pages 5-6. Save the date, Friday, 9/13/24.

You will notice that this year's meeting schedules are included in this newsletter, in addition to being posted on our website. All members are welcome to attend, but please note that only board members have voting privileges. We are always happy to consider new members to the board if you are looking for an opportunity to get more involved. Did you know that we added over 30 new members in 2023? If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to renew your membership to continue supporting our wonderful park system. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join in the fun.

A special thank you to **Jill Anfang** for all of her hard work on setting up our Give to the Max campaign. We received \$425 in donations in 2023 including 8 individual donors and 2 recurring, monthly donations. We encourage you to donate through our website or at [givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-Roseville-Park](http://givemn.org/organization/Friends-Of-Roseville-Park). Thank you to all who have or will donate to our efforts to improve our parks!

We look forward to seeing you at our next fundraising event, **Designer Handbag Bingo** on Saturday, May 11 at Cedarholm.

*Linda*



### *Rose Petals*

Congratulations to board member **Natalie Ives** and her husband Scott, who welcomed their first child, Caroline, last July.

We are saddened to share that lifetime member, **Carol E. Dahlquist** passed away last December.

### "FLOWER POWER"

Saturday, May 18

To volunteer for the planting, please call Rachel Boggs, City Volunteer Coordinator, 651-792-7028

FOR Parks proudly supports the "Blooming Boulevard"



**2024 FOR Parks Board**

Linda Carlson	763-350-5638	<i>President, Archivist</i>
Lolo Peterson	651-214-1314	<i>1st Vice President</i>
Debby Willmus	612-865-7655	<i>Past President, Recording Secretary</i>
Jill Anfang	651-646-7160	<i>Treasurer</i>
Natalie Ives	651-587-9914	<i>Website</i>
Michelle Kruzel	651-307-5014	<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Nancy Robbins	612-516-7304	<i>Membership, HANC Representative Newsletter</i>
Sara Stafford	612-868-4831	
Chelsea Brandt	651-323-7735	
<b>Susie Burke</b>	651-260-0950	<i>new board member</i>
Kori De Jong	612-508-2632	
Sara Gavin	651-307-4949	
Mary Holt	612-723-9292	
Midge McLean	651-633-0640	
Leslie Norsted	651-484-8980	
Robin Prochazka	651-983-0395	
Shannon Thomasser	651-633-3002	
<b>Maria Vincze</b>	651-231-5308	<i>new board member</i>

**Parks & Recreation Staff**

Matthew Johnson	651-792-7101	<i>Director</i>
Carrie Anderson	651-792-7102	<i>Assistant Director</i>
Danielle Christensen	651-792-7103	<i>Dept. Assistant</i>

*2024 FOR Parks Board (partial)*

*Back row (L to R): Sara G., Natalie, Jill, Robin, Lolo, Debby, Mary  
Front row: Nancy, Kori, Sara S., Susie, Leslie, Midge*

**Saturday, May 11**

Cedarholm Community Building

Check the website for more details

[friendsofrosevilleparks.org/fundraising/bingo/](http://friendsofrosevilleparks.org/fundraising/bingo/)**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of Year End 2023

A copy of the Year End report is available upon request.

Contact me if you'd like more information about stock donations and estate planning.

—Jill Anfang, *Treasurer*

## Roseville Parks and Recreation Happenings

*by Matthew Johnson, Director*

Greetings FOR Parks members:

I hope that you have had a wonderful winter season and are looking forward to spring! With this strange weather we are having (golf in February?!!), it's difficult not to get excited.

We had a busy year in 2023. Perhaps most significantly, we completed the two-year project to update the John Rose MN OVAL mechanical system, drainage system, and padding system. This project was funded using State of Minnesota Capital Investment funds and should ensure the viability of the OVAL's refrigeration system for years to come (a system that was most definitely put to the test with this warm winter!).

Additionally, we replaced the aging playground at Keya Park (2540 Pascal St) with a new, Keya (turtle)-themed, playground. The new playground was designed collaboratively with the neighborhood, and some neighbors actually came together in September help assemble the new play equipment.



Also significantly, thanks to a donation from another partner, the Roseville Central Park Foundation, we were able to pave the previously gravel pathways at the Muriel Sahlin Arboretum. This change makes the arboretum much more accessible to people with mobility concerns and gives the site a more finished look.

**2024** is shaping up to be an even more busy and exciting year for Roseville Parks and Recreation. For brevity's sake, I will highlight a couple of important projects.

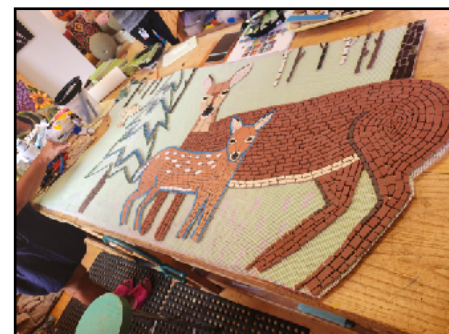
Planning has just wrapped up, and construction will begin this year, on the new .8 acre pocket park in Southwest Roseville at 2381 County Road B. To learn more about the final design, and the design process, visit [cityofroseville.com/newpark](http://cityofroseville.com/newpark). We anticipate that the park will be open in 2025.



Also this year, planning will be conducted for the replacement of the playground at Lexington Park. Lexington is one of the most used parks in the Parks and Recreation system, and at nearly 25 years old, the playground is at the end of its useful life. This playground will be planned with some additional inclusion elements in mind, partially due to the support that the Friends of Roseville Parks have pledged for the project. We have already met with two inclusion advocates on this project, and will begin to meet with neighbors and others in the community this summer to design the new playground. Installation is likely to occur in 2025.

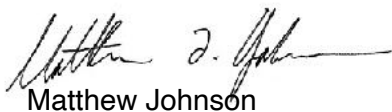
Finally, work continues on the decorative mosaic cairns, which were funded by a generous donation from John and Kris Robertson-Smith, and facilitated by the Friends of Roseville Parks. They are planned for installation this year.

Our parks and programs continue to be more popular each year, and we look forward to continuing to work with outstanding partners like the Friends of Roseville Parks to ensure that the Roseville community has well maintained and planned spaces to recreate, exercise, relieve stress, and connect with their neighbors.



Thank you for all that you do to make Roseville Parks and Recreation great!

With warmth and appreciation,



Matthew Johnson

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## Membership Report

We had a very good year recruiting new members in 2023. As a result we now have 175 members (some haven't yet sent in their 2024 renewals). Renewal (or join) online - use the form on our website, [friendsofrosevilleparks.org/members-page/join-us/](http://friendsofrosevilleparks.org/members-page/join-us/). You don't need to have a PayPal account, just a credit card.

We still have a good supply of our FOR Parks tumblers for new members. Join us online or stop by Parks and Rec. at City Hall.



—Nancy Robbins, Membership



We are pleased to welcome the following

### New Members

who joined in 2023 and so far in 2024 - welcome, All!

Carrie Anderson  
Noelle & Chris Bakken  
Melissa Benz  
Susie Burke  
Pauline Danforth  
Kristen & Bryan Donaldson  
Steve Fester  
Sara Gavin  
Gregg Gridley  
Sari Gunderson  
John Haas

Lillie Herbst  
Marjory Johns  
Curtis Johnson  
Jeff & Mary Johnson  
Matt Johnson  
Lisa LeMay  
Sally Layde  
Rose Masanz  
Troy & Kayla Miller  
Clare Paulette  
Shannon Prather

Rachelle Roeckeman  
Douglas Root  
Breanne & Will Sallee  
Paulette Sorenson  
Andrew Stafford  
Mitchell Stafford  
Maria Vincze  
Carolyn Weatherhead  
Renee Witwicke  
Ying Zhang

## Remaining 2024 Board Meetings

Our meetings are usually the first Monday of the month, 6pm, at the Skating Center with exceptions noted. All FOR Parks members are welcome to attend. Please check our website for confirmation of location.

March 4 - *via Zoom*  
April 1  
May 5  
June 3  
July - *no meeting*  
August 5  
September 9  
October 7

November 4 - location TBD  
December - date and location TBD - annual membership meeting/election and holiday gathering



What an amazing **2023 Tapped & Uncorked** fundraiser!! Nearly 800 attendees with 34 beverage vendors, 5 food trucks and approximately **\$28,000 raised** after expenses. These funds are put to good use by improving our fabulous park system. Many thanks to our generous sponsors; beverage vendors (including beer, wine, spirits, ciders, kombucha and non-alcoholic beverages); food trucks, the Sugar Buzz band, and most importantly - the COMMUNITY. We sure didn't pull this off alone and there are many people to thank...

The Tapped & Uncorked Committee; the Friends of Roseville Parks Board and Membership; the City of Roseville (including Parks and Rec.); and the numerous volunteers - THANK YOU ALL!

2024 marks our **10th Annual Event** and sub-committees are already in the works. We have moved the date up one week so this year's Tapped & Uncorked will be held on **Friday, 9/13/24** - yes, Friday the 13th, at the OVAL. If anyone is interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sara Stafford, 612-868-4831. Volunteer opportunities will be available later this summer. Our website, [tappedanduncorked.com](http://tappedanduncorked.com), has all of the current info as we know it.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart...very grateful for such a hard working committee!

—Kori De Jong, *Tapped & Uncorked Committee Chair*



BEER • WINE • CIDER  
SPIRITS • FOOD TRUCKS  
LIVE MUSIC • GAMES



Beverage sampling, food trucks, spirited games, live music, but best of all, getting together with friends old and new to enjoy the evening and help us raise money for the parks!







We thank our 2023 Tapped Sponsors

