

Village of Roxana Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

- Park & Rec
Auto Show
9/10/23 12-3pm
- Homecoming
Parade 9/14/23
6:00 p.m.
- Community Yard
Sale 9/30/23
7:00am-2:00pm
- Biscuits & Gravy
Sale 9/30/23
6:00—10:00 a.m.
- Fire Department
Open House
9/30/23
12:00—4:00p.m.
- Park & Rec
Halloween Event
10/28/23
- Trick-or-Treating
October 31st
6:00-8:00 p. m.
- Dashing Through
the Lights 12/2/23

Village of Roxana, IL

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Roxana Seeks Input for Comprehensive Plan

The Village of Roxana seeks input from residents and business owners for the creation of its new comprehensive plan.

Moran Economic Development has been hired by the Village to create this new, visionary document, that will guide local decision making and investments for the next 15-20 years. The plan will cover a wide range of topics, including economic development, housing, infrastructure, land use, and more. It reflects the community's collective goals and objectives – it is created by everyone, for everyone.

All residents and business owners are encouraged to share their thoughts at the Comprehensive Plan Open House on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 between 5:00 – 7:00 at the Roxana Public Library. Questions may be directed to Kristi Carter, Village Clerk, at kcarter@roxana-il.org or 618-254-0345.



Roxana Village Hall Lobby Hours

The Village of Roxana has changed the open hours for the lobby. The lobby will no longer be accessible 24/7. The new hours are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Residents wishing to pay their water bill through the drop box will have to adhere to the new hours.

Roxana Lead Service Line Replacement Information

The Village of Roxana is in the process of applying for a USDA loan. The reason for acquiring the loan is to meet the requirements set forth in the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (Public Act 102-0613).

1. The Act requires the replacement of any lead lines in the water system and any water lines affected by lead. This requirement includes the Village of Roxana being responsible for replacing the water line into homes if that water line has been deemed affected by lead.
2. Roxana is committed to providing quality drinking water and has not found levels of lead during sampling that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency considers a concern.
3. To continue Roxana's high water quality standards the Village is applying for a loan with the USDA that would assist the Village in paying for water main and service line replacement. This would include every residence having a new water meter outside and replacing the water line going into their residence.
4. You may have already received or will soon receive an access agreement and a waiver in the mail. Signing the access agreement will allow a contractor from the Village to install a new water line on your property and into your home if the Village continues with the replacement program. The waiver will provide you with the information necessary to make an informed decision and the ability to deny water service line replacement.

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Water Department Information



Water Main Flushing Notice

The Roxana Water Department will again be flushing water mains this year. (We typically do this every Fall) We will start after 10:00 p.m. each evening on the following dates:

- **Tuesday September 26, 2023 & Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

Check your water on the following mornings for any discoloration or before you do laundry.

Contact the Roxana Water Department at 618-254-5513 with any concerns.

Partnering Program

The Roxana Water Department is partnering with BSI Online to help conduct our cross-connection control program. Please familiarize yourself with their logo:



Street Department Information

Trash Collection Schedule:

Trash collection days are **Tuesday and Thursday** for residents in most of the village. Residences and businesses located on Cemetery, Wasman, Wanda, Wagon Wheel, Hedge, Canal, Industrial, and Barton roads will have trash collected on Fridays. Visit our website for more information on our refuse ordinances, and which holidays may impact your refuse collection.



Leaf Vac Program Notice:

The Roxana Street Department operates a leaf collection program beginning **Oct. 1st and ending Dec. 31st** (weather permitting). During these dates, if residents have any leaves they would like collected, please place them either near your normal trash collection area or in the grass between the sidewalk and the street in front of the residence. Please do not place the leaves in the gutters or streets as they can be washed away by rain and clog our stormwater system. Leaves are collected with heavy equipment and may not be collected if located too close to a building, vehicle, or another obstacle.

This collection is for leaves only. If your pile includes sticks, gumballs, grass clippings or any other yard waste, the leaves will not be collected as they can damage the machinery. Please place all other yard waste and grass clippings into biodegradable yard waste bags and place them in your normal trash collection area. Grass clippings and gumballs that are not bagged will not be collected.

Snow Removal:

Please try to remove vehicles from the roadways during a snow event when possible so that the street can be cleaned curb to curb. Failure to do so may result in your vehicle being buried during heavy snowfalls. It is suggested that residents wait until the streets have been fully cleared of snow before clearing their driveways. Failure to do so may result in the driveway approach being reburied.

Large Item/Bulk Pickup Notice:

The Village has recently placed a large 30-yard dumpster on the Street Department parking lot. The Village is requesting any residents who are able, to bring any large/bulk items they wish to dispose of and place them in this dumpster. The Village defines large/bulk items as: furniture, mattresses, fencing, or any other items that do not fit in a standard residential trash can. If a resident is able to relocate these items, please call the Street Department at **618-254-1951** and schedule a time to place the items in the dumpster. The Dumpster is accessible from **7AM to 3:30PM** on business days. Yard waste and brush are not permitted to be placed in the dumpster.



Back to School Traffic Safety Tips

Students are back to class for the 2023-2024 school year, which means we will see a lot more activity near schools and on the roads. The Roxana Police Department wants to remind motorists to be extra cautious in school zones, especially around pick up and drop off times. Here are some tips to help ensure safety in these areas and reduce traffic incidents.

- Slowdown in school zones.
- Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Stay Alert! Avoid distractions behind the wheel.
- Watch for student drivers who may still be learning the rules of the road.
- Yield to school buses.
- Watch for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Be vigilant. If you see something, say something.



The Roxana Police Department evaluates evolving traffic needs around schools throughout the year. A Police Officer responds to areas where there are concerns of repeated violations and/or potential traffic hazards. We appreciate every effort to make Roxana a safe place to learn!

Please call the Roxana Police Department non-emergency line at 618-254-1945 if you see a hazard or potential safety/security issue. For an emergency or crime in progress, dial 911.

Community Camera Program

Do you currently utilize private video surveillance at your home or business? If you do, we'd like to hear from you. The Roxana Police Department is asking residents and businesses across the Village to register their privately owned surveillance camera systems. As we respond to criminal incidents, we may be able to use the information or footage gathered from the security cameras to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved. As a reward for partnering with the Police Department to help fight crime in our community, **you will receive a \$100 gift card to a local Phillips 66 gas station.**



Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treating in Roxana will be **Tuesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm**. Children must be 12 years of age and younger to participate, and visit only those houses with their porch light on.

- ◇ Go Trick-or-Treating with a grown-up
- ◇ Visit only neighbors you know
- ◇ Make sure your costume lets you move, see, and hear easily
- ◇ Wear a light-colored or bright costume so drivers can see you
- ◇ Put glow-in-the dark patches or strips on your costume
- ◇ Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- ◇ Stay in areas that are well lit
- ◇ Watch out for cars
- ◇ Have your parents check your candy before you eat it



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Fire Department Biscuits and Gravy

The Roxana Fire Department will be selling biscuits and gravy on Saturday, September 30, 2023, starting at 6:00 a.m. until supplies last at the Fire House. Contact the Roxana Fire Department with any questions 618-254-8293.

Fire Department Open House

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 12pm – 4 pm, the Roxana Fire Department will host an open house. There will be free hot dogs, chips and water served.



Burning Leaves / Campfires / Bonfire Permits

- The burning of leaves or any yard waste is **prohibited** by Village ordinance.
- The burning of felled tree wood for the purpose of a recreation 'campfire' is permitted by Village ordinance; provided that no garbage or any type of construction material is burned in such cases.
- Permits for recreational 'bonfires' shall be issued by the Fire Chief, at his discretion. These permits shall be applied for two weeks in advance of any event. Reasonable conditions shall be verified before any permits will be issued.

Friendly Reminders

- On November 3, 2023 Daylight Savings Time ends and you should move your clock back one hour. The Roxana Fire Department would also like to remind you, this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Building permits are required and should be obtained prior to remodeling or structure maintenance. There is no charge except for new residential/commercial construction.
- If you plan on leaving town, contact the Roxana Police Department for extra patrol of your residence. This is done as a public service free of charge.
- No dog or cat shall be permitted to run at large in the Village. Any dog or cat found in the Village without a current license tag or running at large shall be deemed a nuisance.
- Animal tags can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Roxana Village Clerk's Office.



Out of the Darkness Community Walk & Food Truck Community Event

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Out of the Darkness Community Walk - Madison County will be held at the Roxana Park on Saturday September 9th from 11am - 4pm. There will also be a food truck and community event.. All proceeds to benefit The American Foundation For Suicide Prevention To register for the walk visit <https://asfsp.org/madisonil>

Roxana Park Auto Show 40th Anniversary

The 40th Anniversary Roxana Park Auto Show on Sunday, September 10, 2023 will be featuring a DJ until noon and live music from "Flip the Frog" from 12-3pm.

Enjoy shaded areas, fabulous cars and trucks, awesome giveaways, 50/50 raffle, music and great food. There will be an air conditioned area to take a break from the heat if needed.

Trophies will be awarded by 3pm.

A donation will be made to BackStoppers.



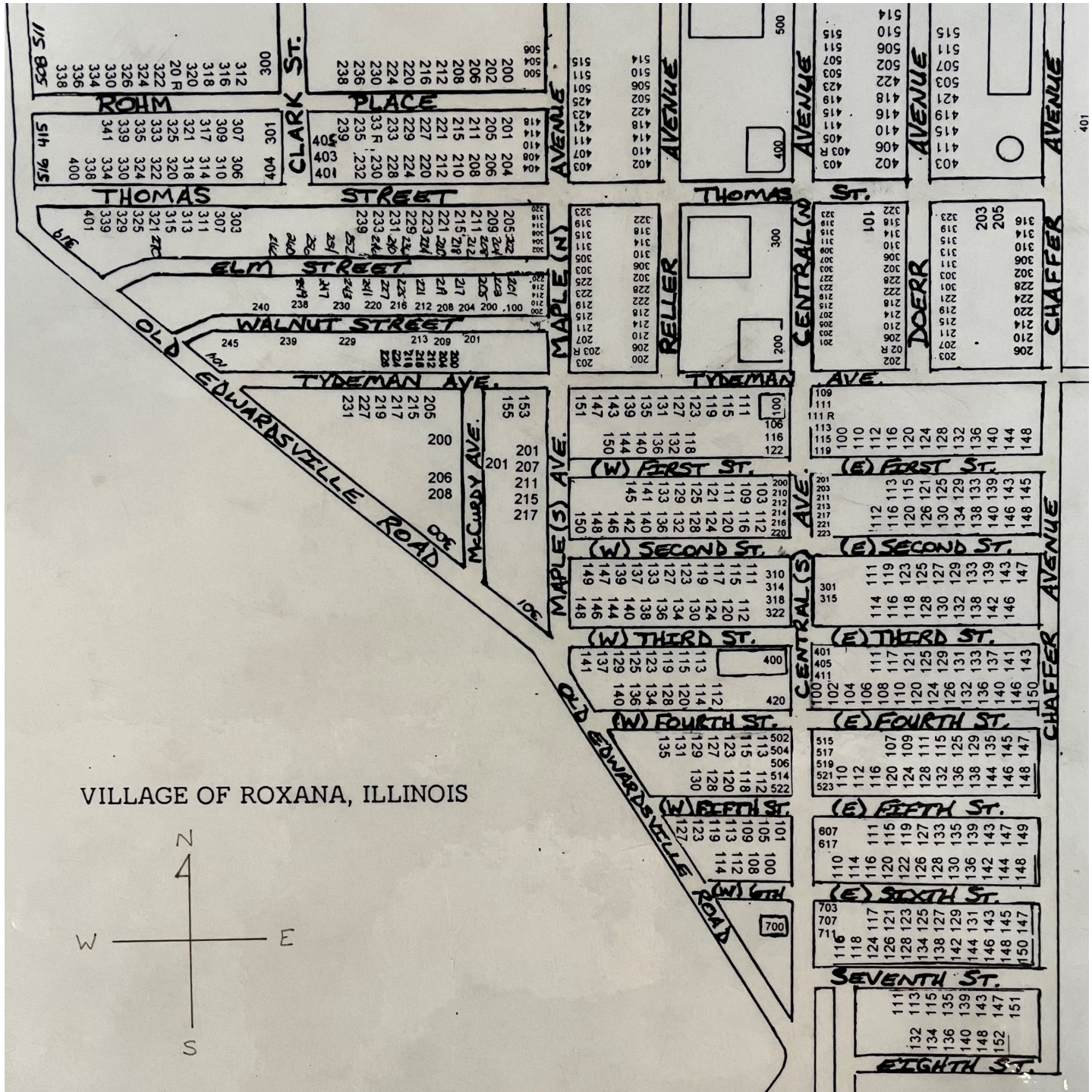
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Community Yard Sale



The Roxana Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 7am-2pm. If you wish to have your address included on the Village Yard Sale map, please notify the Roxana Police Department at 618-254-1945. Yard Sale Permits for the Annual Village Yard Sale will be waived by the Village Board of Trustees.

Any a resident who would like to schedule a different day for a Yard Sale, may obtain a Yard Sale Permit by calling the Roxana Police Department at 618-254-1945, Mon.-Fri. between 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.. After approval, the permit can be picked up at the Roxana Police Department or sent via email to the resident.



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Roxana School District Calendar

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|-----------------|--|----------------|--|
| • Aug. 21 | First Day of School (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) | • Jan. 3 | Teacher Institute (No School) |
| • Sep. 4 | Labor Day (No School) | • Jan. 4 | Students Return |
| • Sept. 26 | SIP—Early Dismissal ((6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) | • Jan. 15 | Martin Luther King Day (No School) |
| • Oct. 6 | Teacher Institute (No School) | • Feb. 19 | President's Day (No School) |
| • Oct. 9 | Columbus Day (No School) | • Feb. 27 | SIP—Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) |
| • Oct 26 | Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) | • March 4 | Casimir Pulaski Day (No School) |
| • Nov. 3 | No School | • March 14 | SIP—Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) |
| • Nov. 8 | Election Day—No School | • March 27 | Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) |
| • Nov. 22-24 | Fall Break (No School) | • Mar 28-Apr 2 | Spring Break (No School) |
| • Dec. 6 | SIP—Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) | • April 17 | SIP—Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) |
| • Dec. 18 | Early Dismissal (JH.HS, 1:40)(K-5, 2:00) | • May 9 | SIP—Early Dismissal (6-12—11:20)(K-5—11:40) |
| • Dec. 19 | Early Dismissal (JH.HS, 1:40)(K-5, 2:00) | • May 23 | (Tentative) Last Day if no emergency days are used |
| • Dec. 20-Jan 2 | Winter Break (No School) | | |

The Larry Milazzo Gymnasium and the Auxiliary Gymnasium

It is with great pleasure that I provide some updates on Shell Country. This is an exciting time to be part of the Shells Athletic Family. We are excited about the direction and leadership of our teams as we continue to move toward academic and athletic success.

Both the Larry Milazzo Gymnasium and the Auxiliary Gymnasium have been renovated. Our floors were sanded down and new logos were painted. The Larry Milazzo Gymnasium has a "subtle" shell logo watermark stained inside the three-point line. Last May The Board Of Education approved that the floor be named after Harry "The Horse" Gallatin. There will be a dedication ceremony for the family in December. Part of the renovation included a new video scoreboard and **shot clocks**. This equipment will give our old gym a fresh, new update... it will be a focal point of the gym. It has been an exciting project that connects the long-standing tradition of excellence at RHS and equips the campus with a premier facility for students and fans to enjoy for many years to come.



At Roxana High School athletics are an integral part of the high school experience. High School athletics have the ability to unify a campus, and community, as student-athletes take to the field, court, and track in pursuit of athletic excellence. The athletic programs at RCUSD would not be able to operate without the hard work of our coaches, teachers, administration, custodial and grounds crew, and office staff. Most importantly success begins with supportive families at home. Please come out and support all of our athletic teams this year. Our student-athletes have worked hard to prepare for their contests and thrive off of the support that our fans provide. Be encouraging and uplifting to the SHELL STUDENT-ATHLETES, and be equally polite and gracious to our opponents. *Go Shells!!!!* —Mark Briggs-Athletic Director, Roxana School District



Roxana Shells Football Schedule

🏆 Friday Aug. 25	Jersey	Home	7:00pm	🏆 Friday Sep. 29	Freeburg	Away	7:00pm
🏆 Friday Sept. 1	Red Bud	Home	7:00pm	🏆 Friday Oct. 6	Breese Central	Home	7:00pm
🏆 Friday Sept. 8	C.M.	Away	7:00pm	🏆 Friday Oct. 13	E.A.W.R	Home	7:00pm
🏆 Friday Sept. 15	Columbia	Home	7:00pm	🏆 Friday Oct. 20	Greenville	Home	7:00pm
🏆 Friday Sept. 22	Salem	Away	7:00pm	🏆 Friday Oct. 27	Marquette	Away	7:00pm

Roxana Community School District Partnerships

Roxana Community School District is dedicated to partnering with the community agencies to meet the needs of our students and families. A few examples of these successful partnerships include Refuge Safe Surroundings, Southern Illinois Health Mobile Health Unit, and the District Family Resource Center. The District has worked with Refuge over the years, but now has a full time partnership with a Refuge counselor in each school. This is the second year for the SIHF mobile School Based Health Center and the second year for the Family Resource Center that is staffed by full time parent advocates.

The community partners have the following to say about the RCUSD #1:

Refuge-Clinical Director, Erin Bickle

“Roxana CUSD is an innovative leader within Madison County schools and continues to shine within our community. The priority the school district puts on not just students’ academic health but holistically for the entire family is unmatched. Roxana CUSD has a reputation in the community for providing excellent educational opportunities within the community. For several years, Refuge has enjoyed an excellent collaborative relationship with Roxana CUSD—partnering to provide students with counseling services and district staff and personnel with training on implementing trauma-informed approaches to classroom interventions. The full-time partnership piloted between Roxana CUSD and Refuge during the 2021-2022 academic year has continued and grown. The intent of this partnership is to engage students and their caregivers in mental health services provided by qualified, licensed clinical staff. The program specifically serves students and families that might not seek these services in clinic settings or would not have means of transportation to a clinic setting. The investment the district makes in their students, families and our community is changing the trajectory of student’s lives and will in turn continue to strengthen our community for years to come.”

SIHF Health Care-School Based Mobile Medical Unit- Operations Director, Bryan Ferrell

“Roxana CUSD has partnered with the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation to form a mobile School-Based Health Center. The mobile unit was one of the first of its kind in Illinois. Stephanie Smith, Nurse Practitioner has a mission to support students’ health, well-being, and academic success through providing primary care services. The primary focus is teaching the importance of preventative care and educating students and families about healthy behaviors. Appointments are available on Wednesday and Thursday. Telehealth is also available on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.”

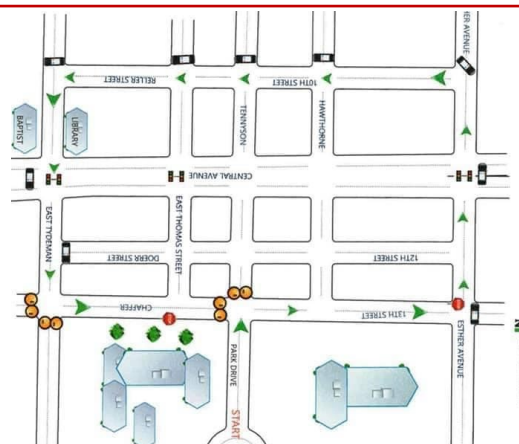
Family Resource Center-Parent Advocate, Bethany Martin and Ryan Peters

“As parent advocates, the main objective is to identify and remove barriers to consistent school attendance. Roxana CUSD wants to provide students with an excellent educational experience, but regular attendance is required. FRC offers various services to families in need: groceries, clothing, shoes, personal care and more. The FRC is located on the southeast corner of the high school campus.”



Roxana Homecoming Parade

The Roxana Homecoming Parade will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 with a start time of 6:00 p.m. The route will begin on Park Drive, then turning north on 13th Street, followed by turning west on to Esther, until turning south on 10th Street, then followed by turning east on Tydeman. The parade concludes by turning north on Chaffer and ending at the High School. Please come out and support our local Shells!



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Roxana Public Library

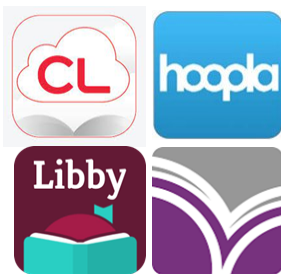


Thank you to everyone who helped make our summer reading program a success this year! We enjoyed seeing so many people from our amazing community! Below are some of our summer stats:

- over 1,200 attendees at 16 of our summer reading events
- over 2,000 entries for our summer reading prizes
- over 4,000 items checked out in June and July

We've had a busy summer but our hearts are happy and full, and we enjoyed every minute of it. We can't wait to continue to serve our wonderful community! Whether you come in to check out a book, read the newspaper, participate in a program, or use one of the many services available, we would love to see you!

Library Online Resources/Apps



- **Cloud Library:** e-books, e-audiobooks.
- **Hoopla:** e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, video/movie & music streaming
- **Libby:** e-books, e-audiobooks
- **Share Mobile:** search the catalog & hold books, manage loans & holds, find nearest public library & hours

Find the Library out in the Community

Story Walk: Located along the lighted path at Roxana Park

Free Little Library Book Exchange:

Located in front of Central Intermediate & South Primary Schools

Library Programs

Roxana Library offers many programs free of charge.

- **Chair Exercise**-(18 & up) Wednesday and Friday 10-11am
- **Toddler Story Time**-(5 & under) Tuesday 10:30-11am
- **Stay & Play**-(5 & under) Thursdays 12:-12:30pm
- **Creation Station**-(Kindergarten-5th Grade) Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm
- **Family R.E.C.**- 3rd Tuesday 5-7pm
- **Teen Tech Talk**-(Grades 6th-12th) Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm
- **Teen Power Hour**-(Grades 6th-12th) 2nd & 4th Thursdays 3-4pm
- **Book Club**-3rd Thursday of each month, 5-6pm
- **Therapy Dogs**-2nd Saturday 10-11am & 3rd Thursday 6-7pm
- **Ukulele Class**-Mondays (Sept 11-Oct 23) Kids/Teens 5-6pm, Adult 6:30-7:30pm *Registration Required*
- **Pinterest Parties**-Wednesdays Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 5-7pm Cost \$20.00 *Registration Required*
- **Bob Ross Painting Parties**-Saturdays Oct 7, Oct 21 10am-4pm. Cost: \$40.00 *Registration Required*



Library Services

- **Check Out:** Books, Magazines, Audio-books, DVD's, CD's, Video Games, Mobile Hot Spots (Coming Soon)
- **Notary:** Free Mon.-Fri. 10am-5pm
- **Computers:** Available with library card or photo id
- **Fax:** \$.25 per page (send or receive)
- **Copy/Print:** \$.50 per page (Color) \$.10 per page (black & White)
- **Print from mobile device:** See prices above
- **Scan Documents to Email:** Free
- **Laminating:** \$1.00 (8.5"x11" sheet)
- **Free Wifi**
- **Sports Equipment:** Check out to use in the library's backyard
- **Daily Newspapers:** Alton Telegraph & St. Louis Post Dispatch



Contact us at www.roxanalibrary.org or 618-254-6713

Roxana Park & Recreation Upcoming Recreational Sports and Special Events

- **Tri-City Volleyball**
Roxana offers a Volleyball League for boys & girls in grades 3rd—6th. Registration deadline Oct. 6, 2023. Cost: \$45
- **Adult Fall Volleyball—One Round**
Register in September. Games Oct. 9, 2023. Cost: \$185
- **Adult Winter Volleyball**
Monday & Thursday nights starting in January
- **Tri-City Basketball**
Roxana offers a Basketball League for boys & girls in grades 2nd—6th. Register in October-December. Cost: \$50
- **Tri-City Instructional Basketball Clinic**
This clinic is designed to teach the fundamentals and skills of basketball, along with special drills to help with coordination for boys & girls in Kindergarten - 1st grade. Cost: \$25
- **Tri-City Lil' Kickers Fall & Spring Soccer Clinic**
- **Register Online:** signupville.com/roxana



Halloween Event: October 28, 2023

This will be an evening of costume judging, treats, and fun. Register at the Rox-Arena



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

This is a FREE event for all residents of Roxana. Register at the Rox-Arena by Dec. 15 to have the exterior of the house judged. Awards will be given out by Dec. 20.



Dashin Through the Lights: December 2, 2023

The 4th annual 5K walk/run. \$20 to register at the Rox-Arena or online at signupville.com/Roxana. Join family & friends in your holiday attire for a nice stroll/run through the festive lights in town. Afterwards enjoy awards, cookies & hot chocolate.



Christmas Stockings

Will be available for purchase for \$15 & handed out Dec. 9.

• **Tri-City Baseball & Softball**

Roxana offers a Summer League for boys & girls ages 4-16. Information will be handed out to schools in January.

Recent & Future Park Improvements

In 2023, the Park District added two new gazebos, one at each end of the park. They were funded by the Madison County Community Development PEP grant

This fall, the Park District will be making improvements to the picnic road and parking lot. The road will be widened and the picnic parking lot expanded, paved and striped. This will greatly benefit shelter users, disc golfers and ball game spectators.

The Board of Commissioners recently approved a master plan for the renovation of Burbank Park in accordance with the Park District's 5 year Master Plan that was adopted in 2021. The plans include a basketball court, pickle ball courts, new playground, shelter and restrooms, gazebo for shared/community activities, walking path, dog park and parking. Stay tuned for future information and development.



Roxana Park & Recreation Rental Information

Rox Arena

The Rox Arena is a large community building in Roxana Park. It is the location of the Park District Offices for administrative staff and central location for program registration. It also provides the public with rooms to rent for various occasions.

Picnic Shelters

We currently offer 4 different picnic shelters for reservations. There is the option of 2 larger ones (shelters 1 and 2) or 2 smaller ones (shelters 3 and 4).

Roxana Community Gym

The gym is made available for use by approved groups or organizations for athletic activities. It can only be used for volleyball and basketball.

Roxana Pool

The community pool is open Memorial Day –Labor Day for daily swim and private rentals. For rental prices and availability please contact us.



Contact us at roxanapark.org or 618-254-7485



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economic development with
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Village of Roxana Contact Numbers

Village Clerk	254-0345
Village President	254-4709
Police Department	254-2228
Fire Department	254-8293
Street Department	254-1951
Water Department	254-5513
Recreation Department	254-7485
Community Gym	254-6919
Public Library	254-6713