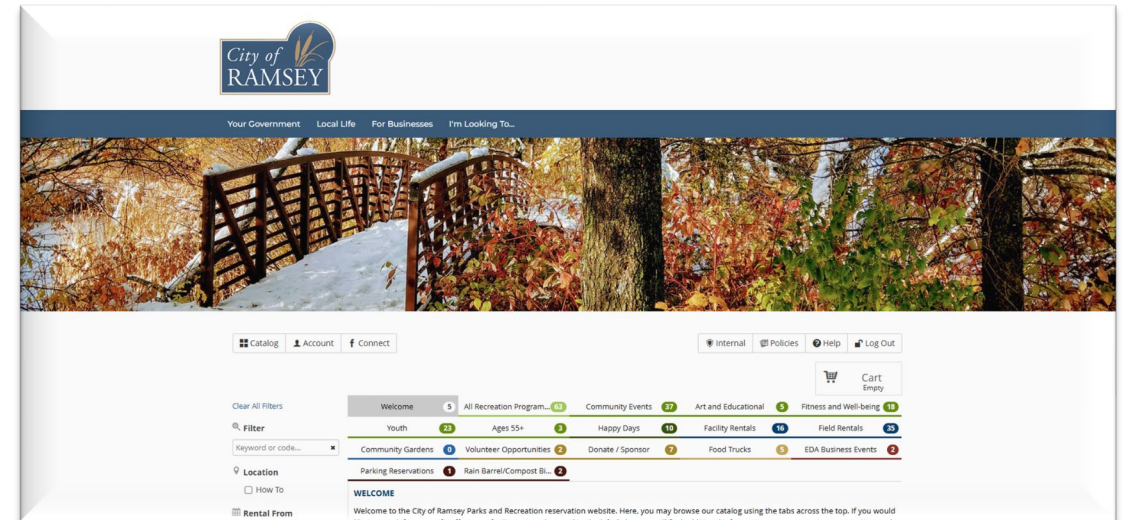
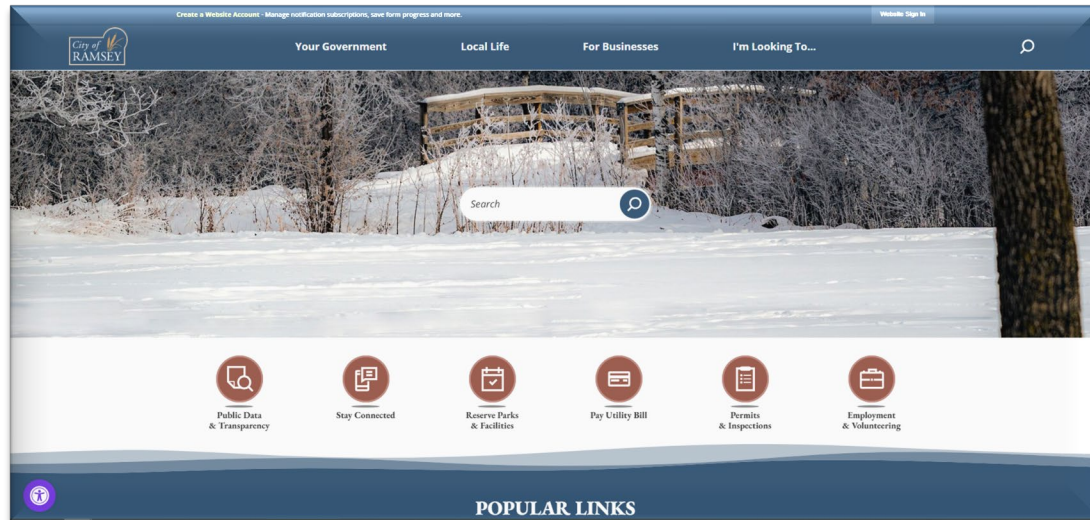
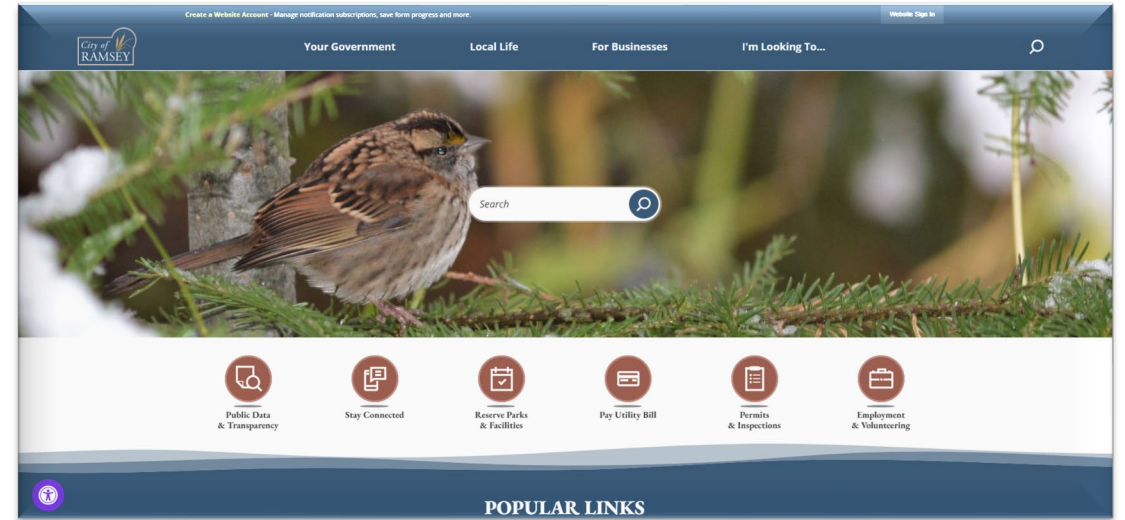
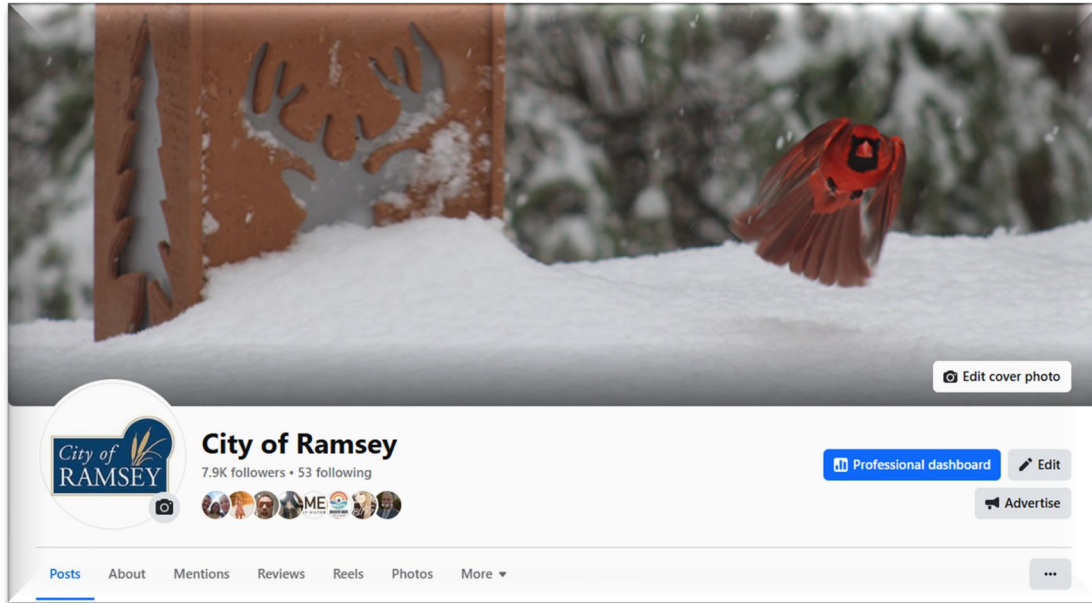


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Clues in the Clouds

Clouds come in all shapes and sizes, from puffy cotton balls drifting lazily across the sky to wispy streaks that point the horizon. Their unique forms inspire creativity—how often have you spotted an animal or a familiar object in the clouds above?

We even use clouds in everyday sayings:

- "Head in the clouds" means feeling distracted.
- "On cloud nine" describes sheer happiness.
- "Every dark cloud has a silver lining" reminds us to find the good in tough times.

Clouds aren't just beautiful; they hold clues about the weather ahead. Look up and see what secrets they reveal today!

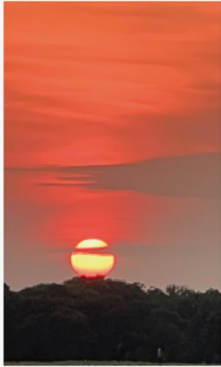


Photo by John Jacobson, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

Parade of Clouds

Clouds can be big or small, thin or thick, high or low. Different clouds form under different conditions, and those conditions affect what they look like.

Puffy clouds form when the sun hits objects on the surface of the earth, heating them up. The heated air rises into the sky until it gets to a zone cool enough for droplets to form from the moisture it holds.

Stringy clouds form when wind, rather than warmth, carries air skyward. The direction of the strands that make up the cloud can tell us something about the wind that was blowing when the cloud formed.

Water on Wings

When you think of water, you probably think of a liquid. But water exists in other forms, too. When it gets cold, it turns into a solid—ice. And when it gets really warm, it turns into a gas—water vapor. Invisible water molecules are in the air all around us in every breath we take.

When those warm water molecules cool enough, they can change again. With the help of tiny bits of dust or other particles, they can condense, or turn back into liquid. Suspended in the air, the tiny drops (or if it's really cold, ice crystals) form floating objects we know as clouds.

What causes water molecules suspended in the air to cool down so they can condense into clouds? Earth's atmosphere is made up of layers. Most clouds are in the bottom layer. They move with the air masses that bring different types of weather. Sometimes they run into each other. When they do, one slides up and over the other. The air mass closest to the ground is warm and moist. As the air rises it cools, and water vapor condenses and forms clouds that we can see.

Sometimes the water droplets that make up clouds stay suspended in the air. When clouds get too crowded, or cool down enough, they can form larger clumps and fall to Earth in the form of rain, snow, or another form of precipitation.



Photo by Michelle Dawkins, 2023 Photo Contest winner.

Learn More

Article and information courtesy of Mary Hoff and the Minnesota DNR's Young Naturalists.

For more information about weather and other natural science topics, scan the QR code.

www.dnr.state.mn.us/mymagazine/young-naturalists.html



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Clouds in Ramsey

Ramsey's skies are a canvas for incredible cloudscapes year-round! From fluffy cumulus clouds in summer to dramatic stratus clouds signaling winter's approach, every season brings its own unique charm.

Take a moment to explore the photos below, captured by our talented residents. Can you identify the different cloud types on display? Keep looking up, and you might discover a masterpiece in the sky.



Photo by Michelle Dawkins, 2023 Photo Contest winner.



Photo by Dennis Henry, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Anna Murk, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



Photo by Lindsey Lewis, 2023 Ramsey Photo Contest submission.



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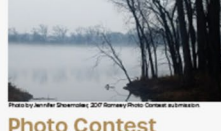


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Photo by Melissa L. Rowley, 2023 Photo Contest winner.



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Photo Contest

Calling all photographers—show us what makes Ramsey special to you! Enter our Annual Photo Contest to share your unique perspective, showcase your talent, and capture the beauty of our community.

With categories for all ages, there's a place for everyone to shine. Entries are open through December 31 at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more and submit your masterpiece

scan the QR code or visit us at www.cityoframsey.com/269

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PARKS & RECREATION



Alpine Park

Welcome to Ramsey Parks and Recreation

Nestled alongside the scenic Rum and Mississippi Rivers, we are proud to provide our community with diverse parks, trails, facilities and green spaces. Whether you're looking to rent spaces for events and celebrations, try something new in one of our recreation programs, or attend city-wide events such as Happy Days or the Concert Series, we invite you to explore what Ramsey offers!



Recreation Programs

The City of Ramsey Parks Department works with various organizations to host and promote Parks and Recreation Programs open to the public.

We offer opportunities for all ages as well as host community events. Detailed information on program offerings can be found online here.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter here to be in the know!



See Bikes Article, 2024

Bike Rentals

Did you know the City of Ramsey provides free bicycle rentals? Through the Anoka County Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funding, seven bicycles (including men's, women's and youth bicycles), safety helmets and removable bike baskets are available for free check-out.

If you would like to participate, please stop by the front desk at Ramsey City Hall for a liability waiver and terms of use agreement. You must provide proof of identification and be at least 18 years of age to check out a bicycle (children may accompany an adult but can only check out a bicycle with an adult present).

Bicycles may be checked out during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To learn more about equipment rentals, visit us online at www.cityoframsey.com/1020



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Why is the City Removing So Many Boulevard Trees?



In Ramsey's urban areas, particularly in the City's southeast quadrant, thousands of boulevard trees enhance neighborhoods with their beauty and shade, while also providing benefits such as noise reduction, traffic calming and increased property values. However, the boulevards present challenging environments for these trees. They are exposed to threats from stray vehicles, damage caused by mowers and weed trimmers, as well as harmful effects from road salt and pollutants. Additionally, ash trees are now at risk due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). You may have noticed that Public Works crews are removing trees in parks, along boulevards and possibly even from your yard that are near the street. The trees being removed from your yard are located within the 15-foot right-of-way and have been confirmed to be infested with the EAB. This invasive insect is responsible for killing ash trees throughout the eastern Midwest. The beetle was first discovered in Ramsey a few years ago and has since caused significant damage across the entire City. When an ash tree becomes infected, adult beetles lay their eggs inside the tree. The trees have little defense against the burrowing larvae and they typically die completely by the second season.

Dead ash trees are notorious for their brittle limbs and dropping branches during windy conditions. For community member safety, Public Works crews continue to remove dead and infected ash trees in areas with the greatest concern for people being hit by falling limbs—especially boulevard trees over the sidewalks and in parks.

The City will increase its boulevard tree planting program in 2025. Still, unfortunately, for the next few years, ash trees will be removed from the City's landscapes faster than they can be replaced.

More information about EAB is available on the City's website at www.cityoframsey.com/282. For additional details or questions on boulevard tree care and replacements, contact Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood at mriverblood@cityoframsey.com or 763-433-9853.

Photo by Jenna Martin

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2024 Elections


The following four seats on the Ramsey City Council will be voted on in the 2024 Election:

- Mayor
- Councilmember At-Large
- Councilmember Ward 2
- Councilmember Ward 4

Filings for these seats open at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 21. The filing fee is \$5, and filing is done in the City Clerk's Office at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW. Please contact Katie Schmidt at 763-433-9842 or kschmidt@cityoframsey.com if you have questions. Filing closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 4.

Absentee voting for the Primary Election begins on Friday, June 28. You may vote in person absentee at Ramsey City Hall or Anoka County Elections from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. City Hall will also be open to accommodate absentee voting on Saturday, August 10, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and until 5:00 pm on Monday, August 12.

You may request to vote absentee by mail at any time prior to this date by visiting <https://mnvotes.us>.



mn.gov/abrequest/index or by contacting Anoka County Elections at 763-324-1300.

The Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13. All polling locations within the City of Ramsey will be open for voting from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. This Ramsey Resident includes a list of wards, precincts and polling place addresses. See page 8.

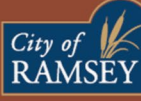
If you have questions about where to vote, please contact City Hall at 763-427-1410 or visit the Secretary of State's poll finder at <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>. For more information on how to register to vote, visit <https://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote>.



Photo by Michelle Osterhus

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Celebrate Community at Ramsey's Annual Happy Days Festival!

Join us on Saturday, September 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for our annual Happy Days festival. On Sunday, September 8, play in the 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.


The main event on Saturday promises a full day of activities, entertainment and chances to win prizes. Start your morning at the Happy Days 5K and Youth Fun Run beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Elmcreek Park. Day-of registration will be available from 7:00-7:30 a.m. Following the run, the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. on Sunwood Drive NW, traveling east to west in front of Ramsey City Hall. QCTV will broadcast the parade, so smile for the cameras! The main event grounds across from Ramsey City Hall will host an expo, food vendors, a beer tent, car show, bean bag tournament, dog show, kids' activities, games, inflatables, bingo, live music and more from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The schedule is available at www.cityoframsey.com/343. A spectacular fireworks show at 10:00 p.m. will conclude the day.

Plenty of tasty food options are available from the following food trucks: D&D Goodies, Goodies on the Go, Griddle on the Go, G-Spot, Kitama'in, LAR Concessions, MT Kitchen and Sugar Sweet Mini Donuts.

Musical entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with Jacuzzi Puma. This high-energy band plays songs from David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, Prince and The Rolling Stones. Their classic set list and unique spin will deliver an electrifying performance that will keep you on your feet. At 8:30 p.m., Free Fallin', The Tom Petty Concert Experience, an ultimate tribute to Tom Petty, will take the stage and play until 10:00. They deliver an authentic performance of Petty's iconic music, capturing the essence of his legendary concerts.

On Sunday, honor and remember with the Ramsey Fire Relief Association's 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament at the Rum River Golf Course. The tournament begins at 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Red Knights Minnesota Chapter 4. To sponsor the event or to register, visit <https://birdcase.com/ramseyfirerelief911> tournament.

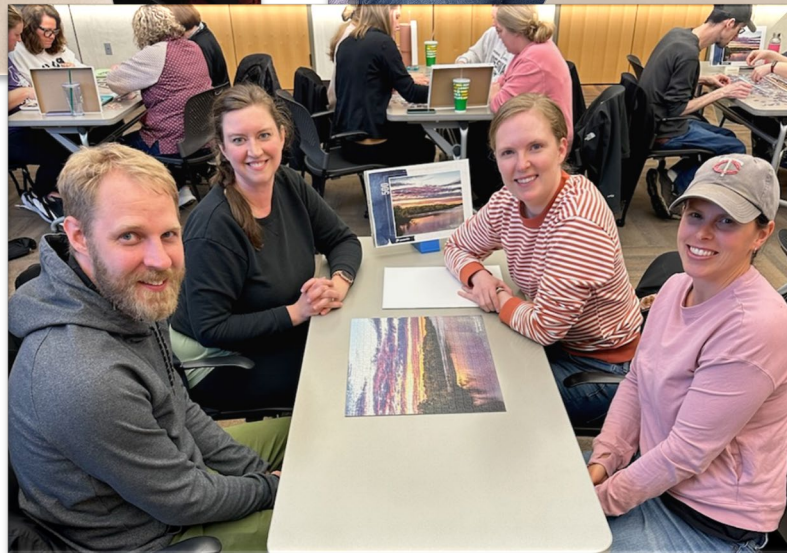
Take advantage of a few last-minute opportunities to participate in Happy Days! Whether you're interested in competing or volunteering, we have something for you! Visit our website at www.cityoframsey.com/343 for more information and to stay updated on all the festival happenings.



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BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE

Explore the harmony between form and function in Ramsey's built environment—whether it's old and full of stories or new and full of interesting designs. Snap photos of industry, modern buildings, or the small design details most people might not notice.

A decorative graphic at the bottom of the page consists of several overlapping, wavy bands in shades of blue, creating a sense of movement and depth.



Lightning Rainbow

Matthew Arradondo



Somewhere Under the Rainbow
Chad Lindgren



Aurora
Jenna Martin



Take a Seat
Jenna Martin



Busy Streets

Michelle Osterhus

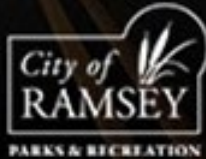


Calm After the Storm

Michelle Osterhus

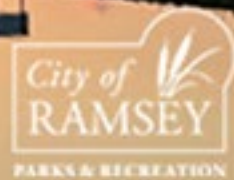


Light at the End
Michelle Osterhus



Sleeping Beauty

Michelle Osterhus



Calm Reflection

Anibal Peixoto



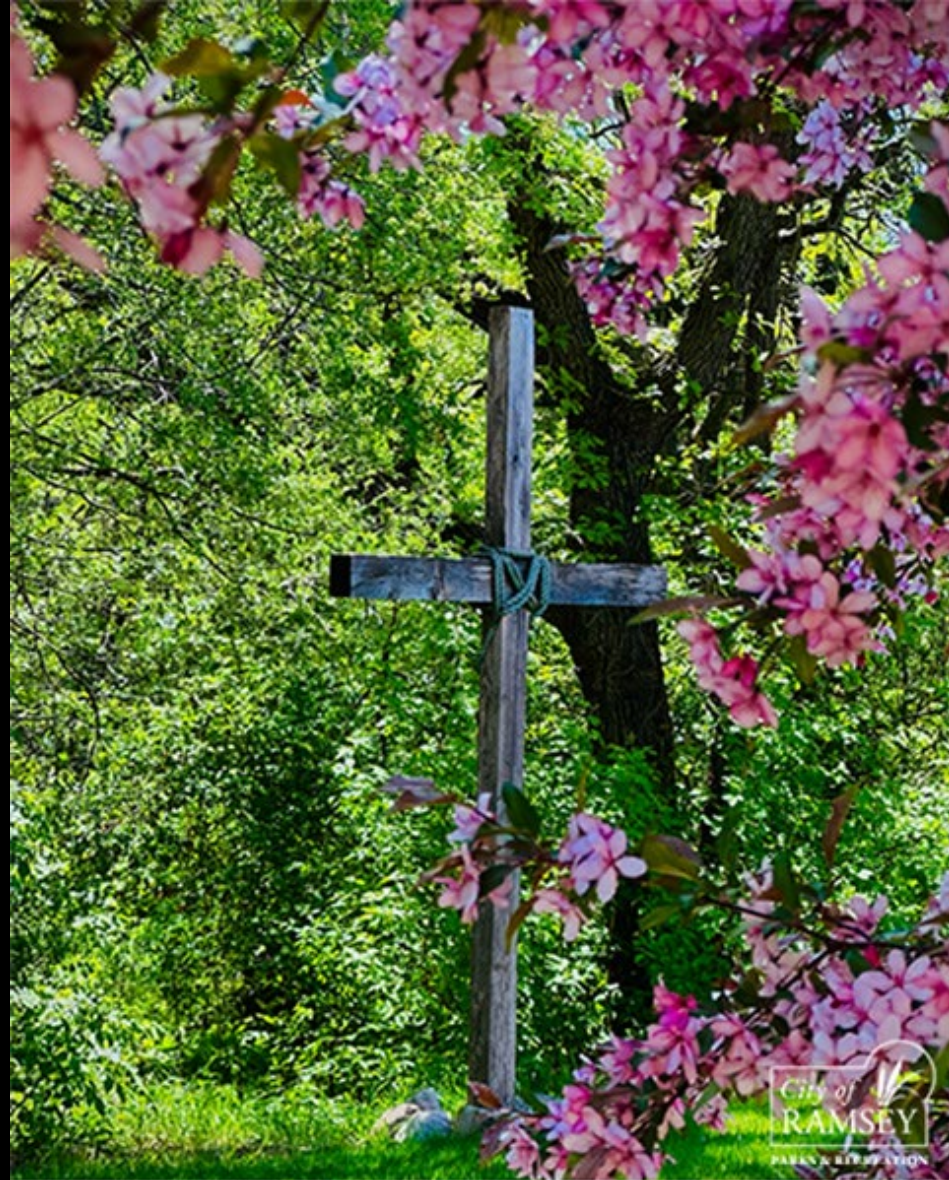
Golden Hour
Fatima Trejo



Thank You Street
Department
Glenn Weakly



Bound by Grace
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Cross Among Blossoms

Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Dawn's Promise
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Light Through Faith
Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Path of Light

Meghan Zacharias-Buck



BUILT LANDSCAPES AND ARCHITECTURE

Winners



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NATURAL SPACE AND WILDLIFE

Step into Ramsey's outdoors and wild areas. This category celebrates nature – from quiet, beautiful landscapes to all sorts of animals and plants. Whether it's the first morning light over a calm lake or the detailed wings of a butterfly, let nature inspire your photos.



A New Day
Melissa Bowers



Roadside Dinner

Melissa Bowers



Migration Preparation

Jeanne Causin





Turtle Rock
Brooke Erickson



Dew Drops on
a Foggy Morning
Amy Fetterhoff



A Common Poppy

Douglas Johannsen



Canada Goose Portrait
Douglas Johannsen



Preparing for the 'Trip South
Douglas Johannsen



Female Ruby-Throated
Hummingbird
Douglas Johannsen



Seven Swans a Swimming

Douglas Johannsen



Sir Percival the Ruby
Throated Male
Douglas Johannsen



Turkey Hen Feeding in the Rain

Douglas Johannsen



Learning to Fly in Formation
Douglas Johannsen



Hornworm
Megan Keller



MN Native -
Echinacea
Megan Keller



Tree Frog Friend
Megan Keller



Early Morning Web
Suzanne Lawson



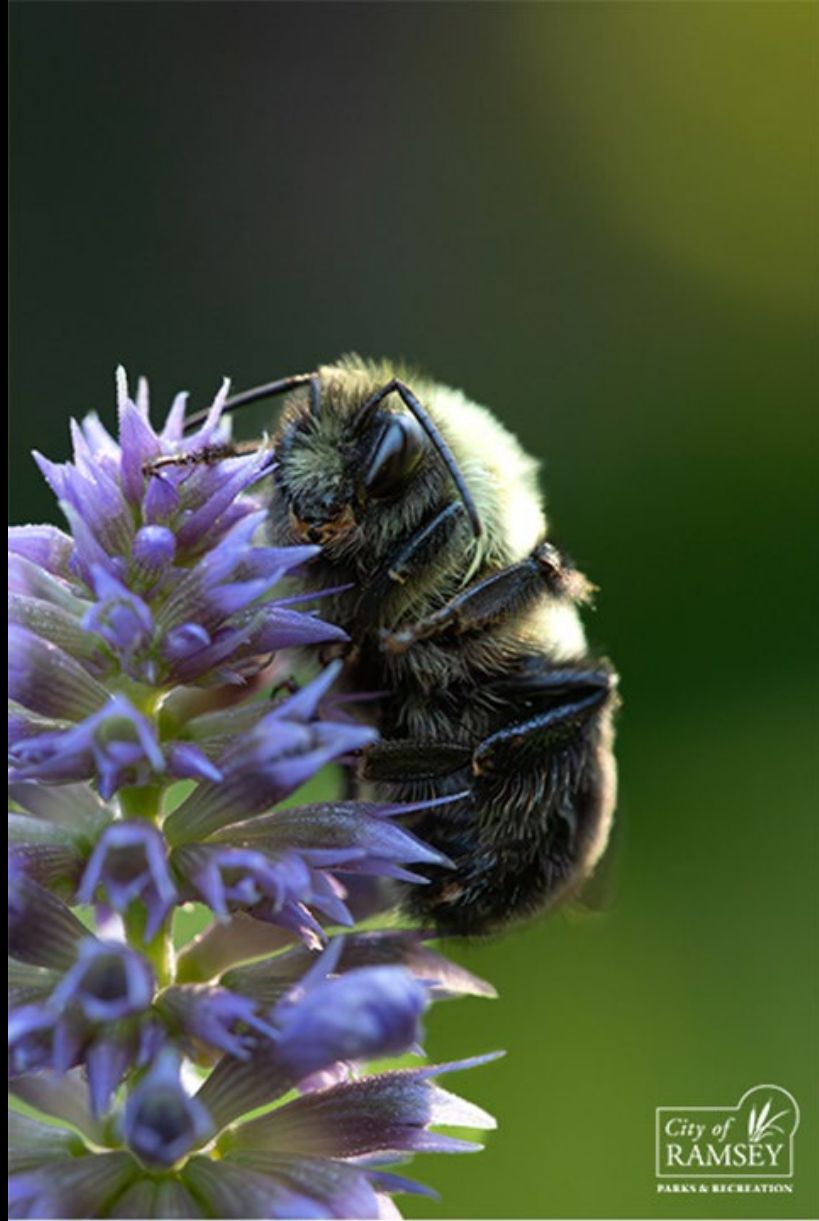
Just Smile
George Linngren



Beaver Moon
Jayden Martin



Beaver Moon
Zoomed
Jayden Martin



Bee Snacking
Jenna Martin



Butterfly
Jenna Martin



Cygnet
Jenna Martin



Flowers in the Sunset

Jenna Martin



In the Dew
Jenna Martin



On the Line
Jenna Martin



Snack Time

Jenna Martin



So Close Cygnet
Jenna Martin



Taking a Break

Jenna Martin



Wood Duck on the Move

Jenna Martin



I See You
Jenna Martin



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Perched in Glory
Marilyn Nathe Specht



Restful Glory
Marilyn Nathe Specht



Caught Mid
Glow UP
Michelle Osterhus



Hanging by a Petal

Michelle Osterhus



Lights Against the Rum

Michelle Osterhus



Sun“frog”er
Michelle Osterhus



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Barberry
Laura Palmer



Pine Dew

Laura Palmer



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Pine Ice

Laura Palmer



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Swallowtail
Laura Palmer



Finch in Tree
Mike Parker



Hummingbird
After Bath
Mike Parker



Kissing
Mike Parker



Looking Around
Turkey
Mike Parker



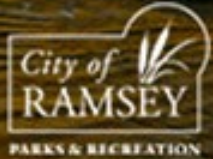
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Motherly Love
Mike Parker



Move Over
Mike Parker



Beautiful Pair
Katie Paumen



Bluejay
Katie Paumen



Chubby Squirrel
Katie Paumen



Little Red Squirrel
Katie Paumen



Loki
Katie Paumen



Mama Turkey and her Babies

Katie Paumen



Monarchs in
the Fall
Katie Paumen



Runaway Squirrel!

Katie Paumen



Squirrel Hitting the Cob

Katie Paumen



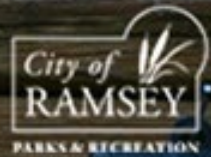
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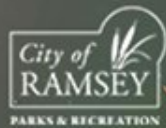
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Anibal Peixoto

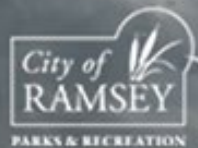


My Territory

Anibal Peixoto



Northern Lights
Guillermo Schroeder



On the Water
Guillermo Schroeder



Sunset on the
Mississippi River
Guillermo Schroeder



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Reflections of Winter

Jennifer Shoemaker



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Sunshine at Itasca Trail

Dana Smith



A Mississippi
Sunset
Scott Swanson



Rum River
Sunrise
Scott Swanson

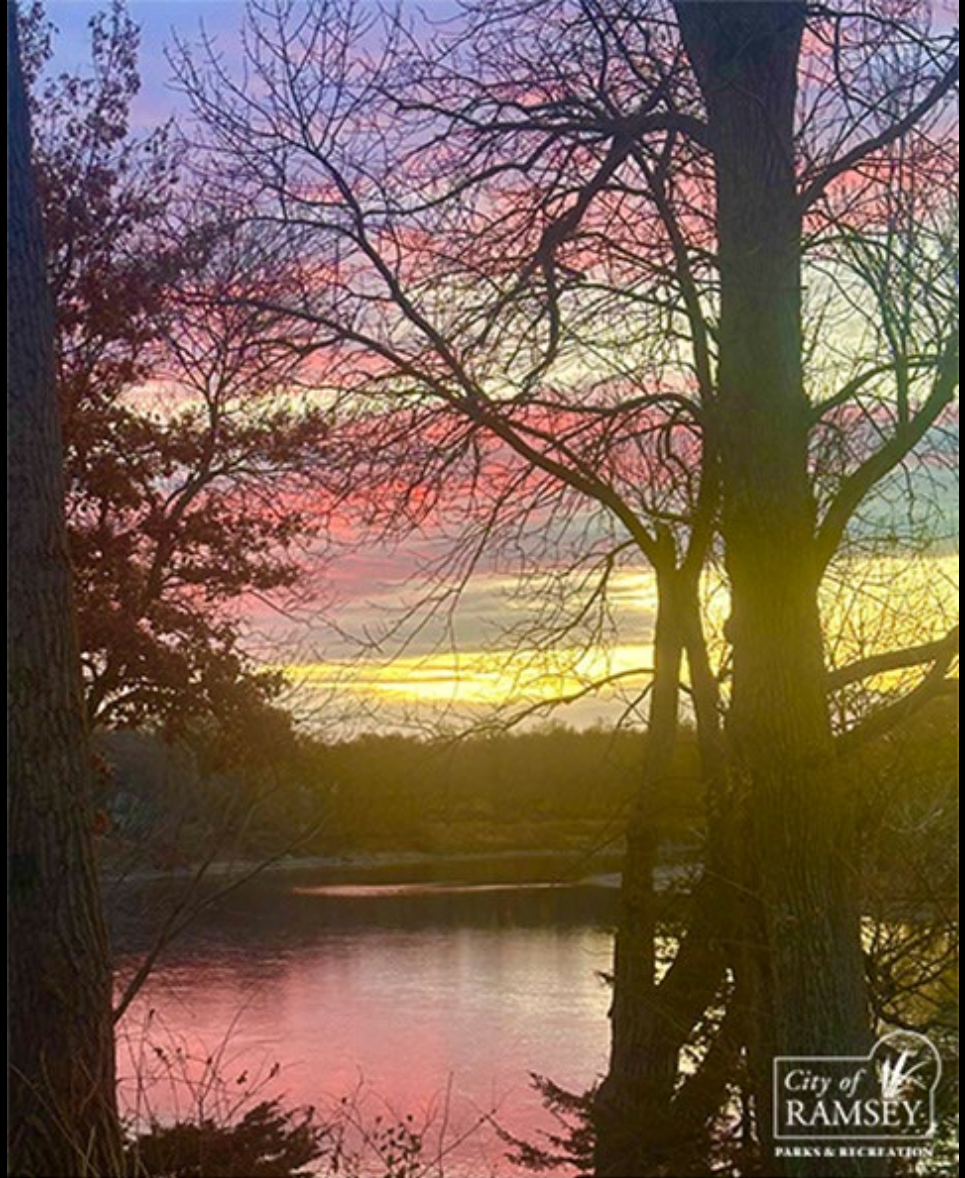


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Northern Lights Over the Mississippi River

Susan Westlie



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Sunrise Greet
the River
Susan Westlie



Birds of a
Feather
Belva Williams

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NATURAL SPACE AND WILDLIFE

Winners

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LIFE IN RAMSEY

What makes Ramsey, Ramsey? Is it the bustling market days, the quiet streets at dawn, or the vibrant festivals that light up the night? Capture the essence of life in Ramsey, showcasing the people, the events, and the everyday moments that together weave the fabric of our community.

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Soccer at Elmcrest Park
Melissa Bowers



Brothers Make the
Best Teammates
Melissa Bowers



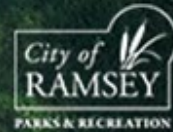
Peace
Kim Beauregard



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Swinging in
the Sunshine
Brooke Erickson



A Father's Stroll

Alexis Goldsberry



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Observation
Alexis Goldsberry



Fishing
Jenny Hammer



As Time Floats By
Jessica Hare



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Gone Fishin
Jessica Hare



Hanging Out
Jessica Hare



Happy Dog at
Happy Days
Jessica Hare



Hitting Up the
Food Truck
Jessica Hare



Reflecting on
the Day
Jessica Hare



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Slip Slidin' Away
Jessica Hare



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The Kids Are
Up to Something
Jessica Hare



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Trick or Treat
Jessica Hare



Frozen Ember River

Marilyn Nathe Specht





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A Boy and His Dad

Scott Swanson



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Young River
Fisherman
Scott Swanson



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Between Light
& Shadows

Meghan Zacharias-Buck



Chapters of Stillness

Meghan Zacharias-Buck

A stylized graphic on the left side of the page features two reeds with long, pointed heads and several long, thin blades. The reeds are rendered in a light beige color. Below the reeds, a dark blue wavy shape represents water, with a lighter blue curved line above it. The background is a light cream color.

LIFE IN RAMSEY

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THROUGH MY EYES

This is a chance for Ramsey's young people to show us what they see. If you're under 18, tell us about your Ramsey through photos. It could be your favorite spot, people you care about, a hobby, or something you dream about. Show us what grabs your attention and what you love about Ramsey.



YOUTH
ENTRY!

Ramsey
PHOTO
CONTEST

Feathers in the Thicket

Gavin Cazett



YOUTH
ENTRY!

Ramsey
PHOTO
CONTEST

In the Berry Canopy

Gavin Cazett



Autumn Forager

Gavin Cazett



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Berry Bandit
Gavin Cazett



Finch Among the Berries

Gavin Cazett

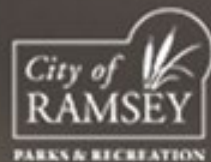


Northern Lights

Cole Martin



Soccer
Cole Martin



Sunfish Lake Park

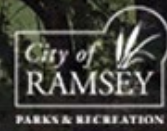
Cole Martin



Flower Bee
Cole Martin



Flower
Cole Martin



Pickle
Sydney Martin

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE

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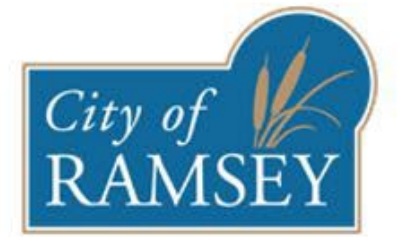
The image features a stylized graphic of reeds and water. On the left side, there are several reeds with long, thin blades and two larger, rounded seed heads. The reeds are rendered in a light beige or tan color. Below the reeds, there is a dark blue wavy shape representing water, which transitions into a lighter blue gradient at the bottom of the page. The background is a plain, light cream color.

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