



Welcome to Rødovre

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you as a new inhabitant to Rødovre Kommune.

Today, Rødovre has about 36,000 inhabitants and is centrally situated west of Copenhagen (called "Københavns Vestegn").

We constantly make a great effort to create the most attractive municipality, and we do hope you and your family will be doing fine here.

In area terms, the municipality is not big – just 12.1 km². On the other hand, this means only short distances to schools, day-care centres, shopping facilities and sport facilities from any place in the municipality.

From the centre around the city hall, the police station, the library, the culture centre Viften and Rødovre Centrum (shopping centre), the recreational area around the lake Damhussøen and the charming old farm Rødvoregaard are within walking distance; going to the old Third Fortification of Copenhagen (called "Vestvolden") for a walk out of doors would also be an obvious choice.

Rødovre is centrally placed in the well developed regional road system, and the municipality offers fine collective transportation alternatives – six S-train stations (the electrified railways of Greater Copenhagen) nearby and for the time being 12 bus lines go to, from and pass through Rødovre. Furthermore, Rødovre's own service bus, line 848, goes within the municipality boundaries.

The shopping alternatives are fine in Rødovre, opposite the town hall the largest shopping centre in the region, Rødovre Centrum (RC), is situated. Along the road Roskildevej there is a long line of retail shops; daily shopping is possible from the shopping centre Rødovre Stationscenter in the south to the Islev Torv in the north.

In Rødovre, the clubs and organizations as well as the cultural life flourish enabling you to choose between many and very variously different hobbies and cultural events.

In 2001, Rødovre Kommune turned 100 years and we have had the time to establish good traditions for the interaction between the citizens and the municipal management. The municipal plan for Rødovre 2010-2022 is based upon those traditions and therefore it comprises a lot of visions and a plan for what we have chosen to call "The good City":

- rich green urban areas
- safe roads and a balanced environment
- attractive business areas and a useful business policy
- cultural initiatives in cooperation with all parties
- important initiatives for children and youth
- a rich and thriving club/organization life
- a policy for an inclusive labour market
- active housing and senior citizens policies
- a forward-looking vision for the citizens' service

Rødovre is meant to be a city where the citizens and the business life experience that they get a fine service no matter when it comes to the daily or a more infrequent contact with the municipality. The app. 3300 employees of the municipality are always ready to provide the best service to the citizens.

Sometimes, though, it may be difficult to get an overview of the many exciting possibilities Rødovre can offer you. You can use the local directories and telephone books and last but not least, the municipality website www.rk.dk provides you with answers to a lot of your practical questions. Naturally, in order to get more information, you are welcome to call Borgerservice ("citizens' service") at the town hall on phone no. 36 37 71 22.

Once again, welcome to Rødovre Kommune.

Erik Nielsen
Mayor



Rødovre shortly

The city council

The city council consists of 19 members. For the period of 2010-2013, 11 members come from “Socialdemokraterne”, three from Socialistisk Folkeparti, three from Dansk Folkeparti, one from “Det Konservative Folkeparti” and one from “Venstre”.

The mayor, Erik Nielsen, is from “Socialdemokraterne”. The city council comprises the following committees:

- “Økonomiudvalget” (Finance)
- “Teknik- og Miljøudvalget (Traffic/Environment)
- “Børne- og Skoleudvalget” (Children/Schools)
- “Kultur- og Fritidsudvalget” (Culture/Leisure)
- “Social- og Sundhedsudvalget” (Social Welfare/Health)
- “Beskæftigelsesudvalget” (Employment).

Taxation

In 2010, the municipality tax rate is 25.7, the health care contribution is 8 % and the church tax is 0.72 %. The land tax percentage rate is 30.8.

Schools and day-care centres

The municipality has 6 primary schools for about 3.600 pupils. Furthermore, the municipality has a school for “after school activities” for the youth, a music school and the pupils in the 10th grade all go to school at Milestedet.

Rødovre Gymnasium (grammar school) and Copenhagen Technical School are also situated in Rødovre. Several night schools and an adult educational centre (VUC) are placed in Rødovre.

Nurseries, day-care, kindergartens and integrated institutions in Rødovre have places for about 2.200 children. In addition, there is room for about 2.300 children in the school /after school arrangements (SFO) and active playgrounds.

Nursing homes and senior citizens' housing

Rødovre Kommune has four homes for senior citizens out of which three are connected to day and rehabilitation centres. Furthermore, there are many senior citizens' housings and an activity centre for the senior citizens. About 6.780 elderly people live in Rødovre. About 19 % of all the citizens in Rødovre are over 65 years old and the number increases; therefore, we are constantly working on creating up-to-date offers for our senior citizens.

Libraries, culture centre etc.

The municipality has a centrally placed central library with a branch in Islev – “Trekanten” on the corner of Rødovrevej and Slotsherrensvej and a café library in Nørrekær in the south of Rødovre.



Next to the central library, the municipality cultural centre “Viften” is situated, housing a café, a cinema, a theatre and a concert hall; among others, “Rødovre Kultur- og Teaterforening” arranges performances here.

“Rødovregård” (an old, former farmstead) is the municipality activity centre being frequently used by the many different municipal clubs/organizations and also houses “Rødovre Lokalhistoriske Samling” (local history) as well as the Heerup Museum showing a large number of the marvellous works by Henry Heerup.

Sport and leisure

In Rødovre, it is possible to exercise almost any kind of sport. The municipality has two swim-halls, two stadiums with sport centre facilities, five sporting halls, a tennis hall, a motocross ring, two football grounds with artificial coating, a roller skate-hockey facility and the ice stadium Rødovre Skøjte Arena.

There are about 200 well functioning clubs and organizations covering everything for as well the hand as the spirit.

Churches

The municipality is divided into four parishes each with their own church. In case of change of name, the parish clerk of the church in question is to be contacted.