

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS



Weekly Newsletter:
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Community Updates

2023 PMP Update

The City Council approved a contract on April 26th with Northwest Asphalt, Inc as the winning bidder for the 2023 Pavement Management Project. The low bid of \$1.16 million came in 23.4% lower than the Engineer's estimates.

As part of the bid approval, the City Council also voted to include alternate bids for the project. These included the striping of Garden Avenue, and for the winning bidder to pave the Ruggles Pathway with permeable pavers. The decision to pave the pathway came after a review of legal opinions regarding the pathway's liability in its current state. The choice of permeable pavers over the alternative of a concrete walk reflected the desire to improve the path with a surface that mitigates stormwater while maintaining the character of the pathway.

No Mow May returns

At its meeting on April 26, the City Council passed an ordinance to make the "No Mow May" initiative a permanent addition to the City Code. The amendment temporarily suspends local ordinances regarding lawn maintenance from the beginning of May until the beginning of June for residential properties.

No Mow May is a voluntary participation program, and those who want to mow their yard may continue to do so. No Mow May is a community initiative to raise awareness of the importance of creating habitats and can increase the abundance and diversity of wildlife, including bees and other pollinators. The main goal is to allow grass to grow unmown in May by creating habitat and forage for early-season pollinators. With that being said, it is still the property owner's responsibility to maintain noxious weeds.

WE'RE HIRING!
**-Public Works Senior
Maintenance Worker-**

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking applicants for the position of Public Works Senior Maintenance Worker (FT, non-exempt). This position carries out a wide variety maintenance activities without requiring oversight. These duties including mowing parks and boulevards, fertilizing city grounds, street and sidewalk repairs, snow and ice control activities including snow plowing and shoveling. Candidates with a Class C CDL or greater are preferred, or candidates with a Class C CDL in progress. Experience working in construction, landscaping or trades required. Experience in public works preferred.

The complete job description and application is available by clicking [here](#). Send resume and city application to “Public Works Maintenance Worker”, City of Falcon Heights, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., Falcon Heights, MN 55113 or by email to jack.linehan@falconheights.org. The position is open until filled, with review of applicants occurring on May 12, 2023.

WE'RE HIRING!
-Summer Program Coordinator-

The City is currently hiring for a Summer Program Coordinator. The position will be responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating a variety of recreational programs for children (ages 3-13) in an outdoor setting.

The position will also help hire and train other summer programming staff. The ideal candidate will be able to work with no direct supervision, excel in leading group activities, have experience working with children and have a background in Parks and Recreation or Elementary Education.

If this sounds like you, we highly encourage you to apply! The position will close on Monday, May 29 at 4:30 PM

Please visit [our website](#) to view the entire job description and review the application requirements.

WE'RE HIRING!
-Seasonal Laborers-

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking applicants for seasonal workers in our parks and public works department. These positions will assist the department in routine summer maintenance activities while reporting to the director of parks and public works. Typical duties will include mowing parks and boulevards, fertilizing city grounds, street and sidewalk repairs, and other duties as assigned. Starting hourly rate between \$18.00 - \$20.00. Minimum age of 18 years old and valid driver's license. Please visit our [website](#) to view the entire job description and review the application requirements.

WE'RE HIRING!
-Seasonal Recreation Staff-

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking candidates for the temporary/seasonal positions of Seasonal Recreation Staff. These positions will be responsible for assisting in the implementation of summer programming for children (ages 3-13) in an outdoor setting. The ideal candidates will be energetic, reliable, and have experience in coaching or working with children. Please visit [our website](#) to view the entire job description and review the application requirements.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**Spring Together -
May 20**

The City will host a Spring Together event on Saturday, May 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Curtiss Field. Meet your neighbors and enjoy free ice cream and family fun! We hope to see you there!

**Ice Cream Social-
July 20**

The City will host its annual Ice Cream Social event on Thursday, July 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Community Park. Enjoy free ice cream treats, live music and outdoor games! More details to come, but please save the date.

**State Fair Policies and
Procedures Review Task Force**

The City of Falcon Heights is establishing a task force to review the city policies and procedures regarding the Minnesota State Fair and fairground events.

[If you are interested in participating, please fill out the interest form here.](#)

City Council Upcoming Meetings

The next Falcon Heights City Council Special Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 PM.

POLICY ITEMS:

1. Planning Commission Findings of Fact – Amber Union PUD Amendment and City Code Amendment to Allow for Drive-Through Coffee Shop

The next Falcon Heights City Council Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 PM.

POLICY ITEMS:

1. Law Enforcement Contract Discussion
2. ARPA Update



City Council Meeting Recap

UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF THE CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2023

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gustafson
Councilmembers: Leehy, Wehyee and Wassenberg
Staff: City Administrator, Jack Linehan and City Engineer, Stephanie Smith

Agenda

Presentations: None

Minutes: April 5, 2023 Workshop;
April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting (Leehy;
Approved 4-0)

Public Hearings: Code Amendment to Chapter 22 to allow for "No Mow May" (Wehyee; approved 4-0)

Consent Agenda: Bills, City Licenses, Amber Union TBRA modification amendment, accept donation from AARP Tax-aide, appointment of Jacob Brooks to Planning Commission (Wassenberg; Approved 4-0)

Policy Items: Ruggles Pathway (Approved 4-0), 2023 PMP Bid Award (Leehy; approved 4-0)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Public Works Updates

Street Sweeping

Public Works has had to pause spring street sweeping until the sweeper can have repairs done.

Watch our [Facebook page](#) for updates and to see when your neighborhood is scheduled for cleanup.

Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

Cleveland Avenue from Buford to Larpenteur is closed. The Buford intersection is also closed. For more information, click [here](#)

See a Streetlight Out?

Residents can report outages directly to Xcel Energy using an online form. To report an outage click [here](#). Please call City Hall to report any outages to the decorative lighting on Larpenteur Avenue.

Potholes

Public Works will address any remaining potholes once street sweeping has been completed. Residents can report potholes by calling City Hall at 651-792-7600 or by email at mail@falconheights.org

State Fairgrounds Events

Animal Humane Society Walk for Animals Saturday May 6, 2023

DESCRIPTION:

The Walk for Animals comes to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Saturday, May 6, offering plenty of room for celebrating second chances and making a difference for animals in need. **Note that dogs may not attend to prevent the spread of the canine influenza.**

LOCATION: International Bazaar

HOURS:

Rain or shine, gates will open at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 6, at the International Bazaar on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Walk begins at 10:00 AM

ADMISSION:

Cash and credit card donations accepted.

For more information, visit secure.animalhumanesociety.org.

Unless noted, event parking will be on the fairgrounds in lots and on streets surrounding the event venue.

- Fairgrounds access: Information on guidelines and restrictions regarding fairgrounds access, especially for pedestrians and bikers, will be updated here: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/fairgrounds-access/>

For more MN State Fairgrounds events, click [here](#).

Summer Program Registration is Open!

The Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of summer programs for children. Registration is now open and runs through May 25. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Questions about programming or summer employment opportunities can be directed to Kelly Nelson at 651-792-7617 or kelly.nelson@falconheights.org.



Como Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

WE NEED YOU!



Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is looking for volunteers of all types – friendly visitors, driving seniors to doctor appointments, chore support, grocery delivery, dog walkers and more.

Make a difference in the lives of our neighborhood seniors! Even one hour will help greatly.

Call 651.642.1127 to let us know what and when you can help. We're stronger together!



Join a City Commission!

The following commission is currently accepting applications:

- Planning Commission (1 vacancy)
- Community Engagement Commission (2 vacancies)

If you are passionate about the City of Falcon Heights and want to make a positive impact on your community please apply today!

More information can be found [here](#).

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Lake Walk with St. Anthony Park Area Seniors! You'll learn from a certified instructor a safe and enjoyable way to make walking part of your everyday life while helping you increase balance and strength. Group will meet on Como Lake pavilion on Fridays from 10:00 -11:00 AM starting on May 12. Contact SAPAS at sc@sapaseniors.org or call 651-642-9052 to register.

Start Saving Energy at Home!

Start saving energy at home this Earth Day with Home Energy Squad! Falcon Heights residents can sign up for a discounted HES visit or if you have already had a visit, get started on your recommended energy projects. mncee.org/hes

As we all know by now, the weather in Minnesota can be unpredictable, but you can make sure your home is equipped for all types of weather by having a Home Energy Squad (HES) visit! With a HES visit, an Energy Auditor will help you get instant energy savings by installing free, energy saving materials, inspect your home's insulation, heating and cooling systems, and water heater, and provide you with a customized report with recommended upgrades you can make to improve your home's energy efficiency.

An HES visit is beneficial anytime of the year, whether it is snowing and freezing or sunny or sweltering. That's why HES offers year-round visits, so the energy-savings never have to stop! Plus, thanks to Falcon Height's partnership Home Energy Squad, you can get a visit at a discounted price or free for income qualified customers. If you are ready to schedule your visit, go to mncee.org/hes or call 651-328-6220.

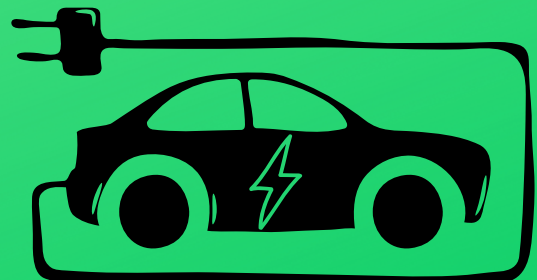
The Home Energy Squad is provided by Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy and delivered by the local nonprofit, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)

Electric Vehicle Incentives

Thinking of buying a car? Consider an electric vehicle (EV). Compared to cars with combustion engines, EVs can save you money on fuel and maintenance (no oil changes required). They don't produce any direct emissions, and so by going electric, you will improve our air quality and diminish your carbon footprint. EVs are also a blast to drive.

Government incentives help make EVs more affordable. The federal government currently provides tax credits of up to \$7,500 for the purchase or lease of certain EVs, and up to \$4,000 for the purchase of a used EV. If you're interested, you'll want to check the IRS list for credits for different models: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/manufacturers-and-models-for-new-qualified-clean-vehicles-purchased-in-2023-or-after>.

You'll also want to check on income restrictions: an individual's adjusted gross income must be under \$150,000 to qualify for the credit. In addition, if you decide to upgrade your home's EV charging station, you might qualify for another (\$1,000) federal tax credit. More information is available at: <https://ev.xcelenergy.com/>



City Hall Programming

REGISTER
NOW

Tae Kwon Do

Register for Tae Kwon Do sessions!

Tae Kwon Do Basic and Intermediate/Advanced sessions will be held on Tuesdays, with classes running May 9 - June 13.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running May 11 - June 15. All classes are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Classes are instructed by Joshua Jordan, a 2nd-degree black belt. These classes help develop self-defense skills, mental strength, focus, self-confidence, physical health and flexibility.

For more information and to register, click this link:
<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/tkd-information>



Yoga

Register for drop-in yoga classes today! Classes run every Monday from March 13 - May 22 at 4:30 PM. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Classes are instructed by Shaila Cunningham, who has over 20 years of experience and was certified in 2001 in residence at Kripalu. Appropriate for healthy beginners or for those wanting to explore “deeper practices,” classes will combine classical yoga with best practices, served up with a side of humor. Shaila serves as instructor for North Oaks and Midland Hills Golf Clubs and offers additional classes at YogaHotDish locations.

For more information and to register, click this link:

<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/yoga>



Ramsey County Events

Saint Paul Farmers Market at Union Depot

Date: May 3, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Union Depot
214 4th Street East, St. Paul

Along with a wide selection of fresh food, vendors will be selling local crafts, pet products, and other unique items. The market will provide a convenient shopping opportunity for Lowertown residents and visitors. Purchasing local products offers a great way to support the community while making new connections with its people.

The market will take place on the North Plaza at Union Depot. In the event of inclement weather, it will relocate to inside the Union Depot Head House

The Saint Paul Farmers Market at Union Depot takes place on the first Wednesday of each month through October.

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/content/saint-paul-farmers-market-union-depot>

Ramsey County Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale

Date: May 20, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Church of the Holy Childhood,
1435 Midway Pkwy, St. Paul

Find your favorite plants and new varieties:

- Vegetables, herbs and seed-trial winners
- Large selection of tomato plants
- More than 1,500 native perennials and pollinator-friendly plants Annuals and houseplants
- Garden gloves, journals and more

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

Check out our plant selections at:
ramseymastergardeners.org/plantsale

Proceeds support Master Gardener community and youth education programs in Ramsey County.



Additional Community Resources:

Online BIPOC Support Groups

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has coordinated various online support groups to help BIPOC. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Blood Pressure Clinics

Sponsored By Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program



Love your heart! Take advantage of these **free** Blood Pressure Clinics.



1st & 3rd Mondays from
2pm-3:30pm at Arbor Pointe
Apartments

2nd & 4th Mondays from
2pm-3:30pm at Falcon Heights
City Hall

Ramsey County

Rent Assistance:



Are you a renter who has fallen behind on rent due to COVID-19? Click [here](#) for more information that could help!

Food Assistance:



There are many meal and food assistance programs that are available in Ramsey County.

Visit the Ramsey County website for information regarding food resource guides, programming, emergency support and more! Use the interactive map to find resources near you, including delivery services, free dining and meal sites.

Protection & Crisis:



There are protection & crisis resources available that are provided by Ramsey County. Click [here](#) for more information regarding protection and crisis resources.

Energy Cents Coalition



Are you looking for help paying your Xcel bills or are you in need of a replacement furnace, water heater or refrigerator. Call 651 - 774 - 9010 to check if you are eligible

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