



»» NEWSLETTER ««



**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
2077 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST  
FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55113  
651-792-7600**



## >>> NEW DESIGN <<<

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INTRODUCING THE NEW FALCON HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER, YOUR WINDOW INTO OUR VIBRANT CITY! WE'RE THRILLED TO UNVEIL THIS REDESIGNED NEWSLETTER, PACKED WITH ENGAGING STORIES, VALUABLE INFORMATION, AND A FRESH, MODERN LOOK. FROM COMMUNITY NEWS, CITY EVENTS, TO STAYING UP TO DATE WITH CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COMMISSIONS, THE FALCON HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR GO-TO SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS FALCON HEIGHTS. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY, STAYING INFORMED, AND FOSTERING CONNECTIONS THAT MAKE FALCON HEIGHTS TRULY SPECIAL. TOGETHER, LET'S CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CITY.

ELKE VAN DER WERFF  
ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



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## FIRE

FIRE PROTECTION IS PROVIDED THE  
BY ST. PAUL FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCIES                    911  
NON-EMERGENCY            651-266-8989

## POLICE

POLICE PROTECTION IS PROVIDED BY  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE

EMERGENCIES                    911  
NON-EMERGENCY            651-767-0640

## CITY HALL OPENING HOURS

Monday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM





# CITY COUNCIL

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 2077 W. LARPENTEUR AVENUE. MEETINGS ARE STREAMED LIVE FROM NINENORTH (FORMERLY CTV) AND TELEVISED ON PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 15.



## MAYOR RANDY GUSTAFSON

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, June 28 City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, July 5 City Council Workshop Meeting
- Wednesday, July 12 City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, July 26 City Council Meeting



**>>> CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP <<<**

UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF THE  
CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL: MAYOR GUSTAFSON  
COUNCILMEMBERS: LEEHY, MEYER,  
WEHYEE AND WASSENBERG  
STAFF: CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
LINEHAN

**AGENDA**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Neal Kwong Award – Zach Lindstrom
2. Third Sphere – Diversity and Leadership Training Proposal (Meyer; Approved 5-0)
3. Juneteenth Proclamation / Holiday Change to Personnel Policy (Leehy; Approved 5-0)
4. CROWN Act Personnel Policy Amendment (Leehy; Approved 5-0)

**MINUTES**

- May 24, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting
- June 7, 2023 City Council Workshop (Wehyee; Approved 5-0)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. Amendment to City Administrator Contract Agreement
3. Safe Step LLC Saw-cutting Proposal (Meyer; Approved 5-0)

**POLICY ITEMS**

1. Tree Trimming Budget Increase (Leehy; APPROVED 5-0)
2. 2024 State Bonding Request Application - Community Park (Wehyee; Approved 5-0)
3. State Fair Task Force Appointments (Meyer; Approved 5-0)

ADJOURNEMENT: 8:54 PM

# CITY COMMISSIONS <<<

The City of Falcon Heights has four City Commissions, which serve the City Council in an advisory capacity. Commissioners are volunteers including Falcon Heights residents, local business owners, and business designees who have been appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Community Engagement Commission advises the City Council on matters related to community needs and issues, crime and prevention, public awareness, community involvement, and human rights issues. The commission also helps plan and facilitate community events such as Human Rights Day and the Ice Cream Social.

The Community Engagement Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

There are currently THREE vacancies. To apply, [click here](#)

## ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on matters related to planning, zoning, and land use. Meetings are streamed live from NineNorth and televised on public access channel 15.

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There are currently NO vacancies.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on matters related to planning, zoning, and land use. Meetings are streamed [live from NineNorth](#) and televised on public access channel 15.

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There is currently ONE vacancy. To apply, [click here](#)

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks & Recreation Commission advises the Council on matters related to the operation of the City's public parks and the City recreation program.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

There are currently NO vacancies.



# CITY EVENTS <<<



## Ice Cream Social

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!

## Night to Unite

NIGHT TO UNITE REGISTRATION OPEN

NIGHT TO UNITE WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 FROM 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

IT IS A STATEWIDE EVENT THAT BUILDS AND FOSTERS COMMUNITY BONDS BETWEEN CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

TO REGISTER YOUR EVENT WITH THE RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, [CLICK HERE](#) REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 14, 2023.

TO REGISTER YOUR EVENT WITH THE CITY TO HAVE BARRICADES DROPPED OFF, [CLICK HERE](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:  
[BLOCK PARTY PACKET](#)  
[RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NIGHT TO UNITE WEBPAGE](#)



# PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

## 2023 PMP Construction Update

Please note, weather will be a factor and the schedule will likely change as the construction season progresses.

Council Actions are denoted with CC and will take place at a public council meeting:

Week of June 19 – Construction Start, Reclaiming (grinding) Pavement – Garden Avenue

Week of June 26 – Begin Utility Installation – All Streets

Week of July 10 – Begin Sidewalk Work – Garden Avenue

Week of July 18 – Ruggles Pathway

August – Milling, New Pavement, Lawn Restoration – All Streets

August 18, 2023 – Project-End Date

Fall 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing

Spring 2024 – Final Restoration

Use the QR Code to sign up for weekly emailed updates or click [here](#).



## Tree Trimming

Tree Trimming is ongoing in the Northeast Quadrant. The City's contractor, Uppercut Tree Service, will continue to perform 360 degree boulevard tree trimming.

## Court Striping

Public Works is planning on striping The Curtiss Field basketball court and the hard court at University Grove for Pickleball. They are currently getting bids for these projects.

## Sidewalks

Public Works is removing and replacing sidewalk panels in the Northhome neighborhood that are trip hazards or have settled causing pooling of water. Please note, This project is time and weather permitting.

## Signage

Public Works is locating and removing non-necessary signage in the upcoming PMP zone in preparation of the construction. They are also ordering new signs that meet current standards.

## Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

Cleveland Avenue from Buford to Larpenteur is closed. The Buford intersection is also closed. Follow signed detour. For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)





# COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

## St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Be prepared!

Do you have a will, power of attorney and health care directive? Do you know what they are?

Liz Pierce, a local attorney with more than 35 years of experience, will walk you through the process and explain why you might need these important documents.

When: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

How to attend: In person at 2200 Hillside (Centennial United Methodist) OR Streaming Online AT [Facebook.com/sapaseniors](https://www.facebook.com/sapaseniors)

All ages are welcome. No charge. No reservations are required.

For Information, call 651.492.9052 or email [sc@sapaseniors.org](mailto:sc@sapaseniors.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!



## Solicitors

With warmer weather, many residents may receive visits from solicitors or door-to-door salespeople. As a reminder, City Code prohibits solicitors from approaching homes that have 'No Soliciting' signs posted conspicuously.

Additionally, solicitors must obtain and carry a City license, wear or present personal identification, and obey business hours established in City Code. Residents with concerns regarding should contact City Hall at 651-792-7600.



## Neal Kwong Award 2023 Recipient - Zach Lindstrom

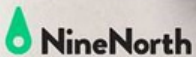
Neal Kwong was a Falcon Heights resident who tragically passed away at the age of fifteen. He was an outstanding member of our community!

In his memory, the City established the Neal Kwong Award to recognize young people, ages 12 to 19, who display leadership and volunteerism in Falcon Heights.

This year's Neal Kwong Award recipient is Zach Lindstrom!

Kindness to others and showing this in actions, not just in words, is important to Zach. Zach volunteers his time in an effort to help bring positive change to issues important to him and to benefit his community. He currently serves on the Community Engagement Commission, volunteers at the Bell Museum, will captain his school's debate team this fall, and serves on a social justice group called the Youth Executive Board. Zach wishes to make a positive impact and lead others whenever possible. Congratulations, Zach! You are a true example of an outstanding Falcon Heights citizen.

# COMMUNITY UPDATES



## NineNorth Survey

NineNorth, the north metro's digital media partner, is helping gather information for the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development to develop a Digital Equity Plan for the State of Minnesota. Please take a short survey by clicking the link below to help shape the plan to make the internet fair and easy to use for everyone.

<https://forms.gle/oJvzw3whANqVbCup9>



# COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

## Philando Castile Peace Garden

The Philando Castile Peace Garden (located at the southwest corner of Larpenteur/Underwood) began organically out of mourning and protest after Philando Castile was killed on July 6, 2016 in Falcon Heights. In response, community members marked the space with art and prose. Since then, Philando's family, a committee of volunteers and local organizations have come together to create a permanent memorial in Philando's memory.

Today, the Philando Castile Peace Garden is a 7,000 square foot contemplative gathering space for peace, justice and racial healing.

Friends of the Philando Castile Peace Garden, a recently formed 501(c)(3), are currently working to bring interactive signage to the garden, along with establishing a water source to aid in watering the garden this summer.

You can show your community support this July by participating in two annual events dedicated to Philando's memory.

July 6 is recognized in all of Ramsey County as Restoration Day. On this day, the primary focus is to restore relationships and/or create new ones. People are encouraged to reach out to a stranger or to someone beyond their known friends and acquaintances.

Then, the following day, July 7, is Unity Day. On this day, the Castile Family invites the public to come together and heal together on the front lawn of City Hall, serving food and featuring speakers.

To volunteer or to support fundraising efforts of the Philando Castile Relief Foundation, [CLICK HERE](#).

## >>> CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Mowing and yard maintenance season is upon us! Remember, grass in yards should be kept to 6" or less, and weeds need to be removed. Thanks for helping keep Falcon Heights looking beautiful!

### Tips and Tricks for Yard Maintenance:

- Remove no more than 1/3 of the grass height at any single mowing
- Mulch grass clippings into the lawn
- Remove grass clippings from the street, pavement, and storm drains

# COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

## 10 REASONS TO VISIT THE BELL MUSEUM THIS SUMMER

1. Create fun memories with friends and family full of science, nature, creativity and community
2. Travel Minnesota through our world-renowned wildlife dioramas painted by the famous natural history painter Francis Lee Jacques.
3. Meet live animals and get an up-close look at specimens in the Touch & See Lab.
4. Get creative and learn how researchers approach challenges and answer questions in Solution Studio, an interactive exhibit, on view June 16-September 10.
5. Journey the universe in one of three Bell original planetarium shows, including new show Astrobiology: Are We Alone? in the Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Planetarium.
6. Explore the diversity of life in traveling exhibition Life in One Cubic Foot, on view July 1-September 24.
7. Embrace your inner astronomer during our fourth annual Statewide Star Party, August 10-August 12
8. Observe in real-time the process of preparing natural history specimens August 15-19 on the Bell's Learning Landscape.
9. Join the birding fun with us select Saturdays on the Bell Museum's Learning Landscape this summer.
10. Last, and certainly not least, visit our life size woolly mammoth!

## FAIRGROUND EVENT

### MSRA Back to the 50's

#### DESCRIPTION

The 49th Annual Back to the 50's Car Show will feature over 10,000 street rods and custom cars along with commercial vendors, swappers, crafters, entertainment and much more

#### LOCATION

Fairgrounds

#### HOURS

Friday: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00AM - 3:00 PM

#### ADMISSION

Advanced Tickets: \$13.00 (can be purchased beginning in June at participating NAPA Auto stores in MN and western WI)

At the Gate: \$15.00 (cash only)

Children (Under 15): Free with a paid adult

For more information, visit [msrabacktothe50s.com](http://msrabacktothe50s.com).

# SUMMER



# >>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<<

## City Hall Programming

### 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 June 20 - August 1.

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 June 5 -August 21 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>



# >>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<<

## Parks Programming

### Breathwork in the Park <<<

Join Rachel Jensen, of Acupuncture with Rachel, for a morning breathwork class this summer!

Participants will learn the practice of fast-paced, 3-part breath, meant to move stuck energy. We will meditate, spend time in active breath and close with rest and integration. No experience necessary.

Classes are from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on June 23, July 7 and July 21. Come to one or come to all!

Where: Community Park

Price: \$18/class or \$45 for all three

What to bring: yoga mat, sunglasses, water, sunscreen, eye mask, journal, totems or any other helpers to support your practice, curiosity and all of your humanness!

For more information, click this link: <https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/activities-programs/breathwork-in-the-park>

### >>> Neighborhood Workouts at Curtiss Field

Purchase drop-in sessions and join your neighbors for fun and friendly outdoor strength and conditioning workouts at Curtiss Field Park this summer!

Participants will use dumbbells, resistance bands, slam balls, and other implements to build overall strength, mobility, balance, and cardio endurance. All bodies are welcome here, regardless of age, size, and previous experience.

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. from June 17 - August 19 at Curtiss Field (1551 W. Iowa Ave.). Drop-in classes are \$16 each.

For more information, click this link:

<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/activities-programs/summer-workouts>



# CITY RENTAL FACILITIES <<<

## >>> City Hall

### Full Council Chambers

Full Capacity: 150 / 75 seated

Pricing: \$125 + tax for 3 hours      \$200 + tax for a half day      \$275 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Partial Council Chambers

Half Capacity: 75 / 30 seated

Pricing: \$60 + tax for 3 hours      \$115 + tax for a half day      \$175 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Conference Room

Capacity: 8 maximum

Pricing: \$35 + tax for 3 hours      \$70 + tax for a half day      \$125 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Kitchen

Capacity: 10 / 6 seated

Pricing: \$30 + tax for 3 hours      \$60 + tax for a half day      \$75 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

City Hall reservations are only available for PUBLIC use; no private events may be held here.

[Reservation Form](#)

## Field/Court <<<

The City has various courts and fields that can be reserved at Curtiss Field and at Community Park. For details and specific pricing, please see the [reservation form](#)

## >>> Picnic Areas

### Community Park

- Upper Picnic Area (against building): 2 BBQ grills, 6 picnic tables, trash bins
- East Picnic Area (near playground): 2 picnic tables, trash bins
- Lower Picnic Area (SW corner): 2 picnic tables, 1 BBQ grill, trash bins

Each picnic area is \$20 + tax for a half day or \$35 + tax for a full day

A refundable damage deposit and setup fees may also apply.

The Community Park building is unusable. A portable restroom is available in the park.

[Reservation Information and Forms Found Here!](#)



# RESIDENT <<< 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.



## 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

## Protection & Crisis:

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

## Emergency Assistance:

Get help with shelter payments, such as past due rent, to stop evictions or foreclosure. Click [here](#) for more information that could help!

## 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

## 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.



# TENNIS Sanitation Recycling

www.tennessanitation.com | 651-459-1887

Place all your recyclables loosely into your cart. No need to bag them, except for linens.<sup>b</sup> If you bag your recyclables, please use paper bags or empty the plastic trash bag items into the cart. Do not place the trash bag in your cart. It is not recyclable. Loose plastic bags of any kind cause issues for the mechanical equipment used for sorting at the Recycling Facility. Please place your cart out by 6:00 am for pick-up.

## Cartons

Dairy, Soup and Juice Cartons



## Paper

Beverage Boxes  
Boxboard c  
Cardboard  
Cardboard Tubes  
Egg Cartons  
Frozen Food Boxes  
Magazines  
Mixed Paper  
Newspapers & Inserts  
Phone Books  
Pizza Boxes  
Unwanted Mail  
Paper Back Books



## Metals

Cans (Tin, Aluminum and Aerosol)  
Household Metal (3 ft or Smaller)  
Pots and Pans  
Silverware



## Glass

Bottles  
Jars



## Plastics

Beverage Containers (No Styrofoam)  
Clear Clamshell Packaging  
Drained Oil Bottles  
Large Plastic Items d  
Yogurt Containers  
Flower and Shrub Pots  
Landscape Edging  
\*Leave Caps on Bottle



## Linens<sup>b</sup>

Clothing  
Shoes



<sup>b</sup>Place reusable shoes and clothing in sealed plastic bag and label "linens". Place on top of recycling cart.

<sup>c</sup>Boxboard includes boxes from cereal, cracker, toothpaste, and similar items.

<sup>d</sup>Includes laundry, toys, kitty litter pails and buckets.

 **Sharps and Medical Products – Medical Bio-Hazardous Waste must be disposed of correctly. Do not recycle or place in trash.**

### For Further Disposal Information

Call 651-633-EASY (3279) Answered 24/7 or  
Go to [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com)



Underlined items are new to list

**These Items Should Go into Your Trash Cart, They Are Not Recyclable:**

- Black Take out Containers**
- Light Bulbs**
- Ceramics**
- Mirrors**
- Corks**
- Napkins**
- Cups (Paper and Plastic)**
- Plastic Bags**
- Deli Containers**
- Pottery**
- Dishware**
- Produce Containers**
- Disposable Dinnerware**
- Shoes (or in Food Storage Bags Linen's Bag) with Zippers**
- Soiled Paper**
- Styrofoam**
- Wrapping Paper**
- Glass Cookware**
- Window Glass**
- Hoses**
- Vinyl Siding**
- Household Garbage**
- Shredded Paper**

## MAY 2023 RECYCLING STATS

### The Community of Falcon Heights Recycled

26.80 TONS	SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES
6.08	MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES
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32.88 TONS NET TOTAL	

