



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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





JOIN US FOR AN

# ICE Cream SOCIAL

FREE ice cream treats!  
FREE hot dogs, chips and water!  
Live music!  
Fire truck and rescue vehicles!  
Outdoor games!  
Resource fair!

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THURSDAY, JULY 20 - 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY PARK  
2050 ROSELAWN AVE. W.  
FALCON HEIGHTS

## Ice Cream Social

The City will host its annual Ice Cream Social event this Thursday, July 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Community Park. Enjoy free ice cream treats, live music and outdoor games! Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair!



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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.



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, July 26 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 2 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, August 9 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



## >>> CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNOFFICIAL RECAP <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 12, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

### AGENDA

#### PRESENTATIONS

- None

#### MINUTES

- June 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (Meyer; Approved 5-0)

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. Address Assignment for Community Park - 2050 Roselawn Ave. W.
3. Active Living Ramsey Communities Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative Grant Application
4. 2023 Data Practices Officials (Wassenberg; Approved 5-0)

#### POLICY ITEMS

1. Approval of Scheduling Public Hearing for July 26th to Consider State Fair Task Force Recommendation to Modify Fee Schedule Ordinance (Weyhee; Approved 5-0)

ADJOURNEMENT: 7:40 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.



# PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

## 2023 PMP Construction Schedule

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:

July 17 - Curb replacement on northside of Garden Avenue – Residents on north side asked to park on side-streets  
Week of July 17 – Begin Garden Ave Sidewalk

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

August 14 – Final Paving – 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](#).



## 2023 PMP Construction Update

Idaho/Iowa Alleyway - On July 13, the contractor will remove pavement. Residents are asked to park their cars on the side streets during this work if they will need to access their vehicles. Once complete, residents may drive on the gravel surface.

Garden Ave - On July 17, the contractor will be installing new curb on the north side of Garden Ave. Residents on the north side will need to park their cars on side streets as the curb cannot be driven over for 5-7 days. Contractor's staff may knock on doors to remind residents as needed.





# PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

## Mowing

Public Works mowed at all parks and the Snelling medians. They will continue mowing city-maintained grass, as needed.

## Tree Trimming

Public Works trimmed branches and vines that were impeding the gazebo and walking path at Curtiss Field.

## Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. They have a section of sidewalks all formed on Hoyt that will have concrete poured this Tuesday, weather permitting.

## Storm Drain Basin

Public Works finished rehabbing a storm drain basin on W. Snelling Service Drive. This week, they will be performing significant repairs to a storm drain vault at the north end of Lindig Street.

## 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

Sightseeing from the Sofa  
A trip to Israel and Jordan - A journey to deeper understanding

What: Join Michelle and Dave Christianson, St. Anthony Park residents, as they bring to life their trip to Israel and Jordan. Lots of pictures and insights.

When: Wednesday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m.

How to attend: In-Person at 2200 Hillside Ave. (Centennial United Methodist Church sanctuary).

OR  
Online through Facebook. You do NOT need a Facebook account to view this.  
<https://www.facebook.com/sapaseniors/>

Contact the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office by phone at 651-642-9052 or email [sc@sapaseniors.org](mailto:sc@sapaseniors.org) for more information.

## 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!



## Grilling Safety Tips

Below are grilling tips to keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe:

Only use grills outdoors, away from siding and deck railings

Clean grills often and remove grease or fat build-up

Make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting

Have a 3-foot safe zone around grills and campfires. Keep kids and pets away from the area

Dispose of coals after they have cooled in a metal can

Never leave grills, fire pits, and patio torches unattended



# COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

## Como Park

### GROOVING IN THE GARDEN

Pack a picnic and dancing shoes, spread out a blanket & join for these FREE outdoor concerts & activities in front of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory every Wednesday, June 7 – July 26 from 6pm–8pm. Hotdogs, ice cream treats, beer and wine will be available to purchase.

\*\*If it rains, we'll move inside the Visitor Center Porch next to the Water Gardens!

July 19 Eleganza!

July 26 The Flamin' Oh's

### Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

Register your garage sale for the citywide garage sale, taking place on September 16.

## Recycling

### FUN FACT

The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees. This amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees per year.





## »»» CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

This week's edition of Code Enforcement Corner has been invaded by invasive plants!

Have you spent hours and hours perfecting your lawn only to spot lovely purple, bell-shaped flowers with heart-shaped leaves popping up and eventually choking out your spotless yard? You may have an invasive species problem. Creeping Bellflower is a very pretty, very hardy, and very tough perennial... and it is super invasive. A single plant can produce 3,000 to 15,000 seeds that have little wings to help them spread throughout the environment. When eradicating, if you leave behind even a tiny root fragment, a new plant will pop up. It's like the Greek Hydra of plants. It's even been known as the "Zombie Weed."

How do you get rid of it? There are a few options. You can go the route of removal by hand, but be sure to get all parts of the plants, and note that extensive digging may be required. You can also attempt to smother it with newspaper, cardboard, and mulch. Just note that herbicides tend to be ineffective, but there are a few you can try (see link below). But be warned, it may take months or even years to fully get this out of your yard.

For more information on this plant and options for removal, take a look at the link here: <https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/weed/idlist.html#CBellflower>



## Multifamily EV Carshare Pilot Project

HOURCAR is opening applications for the third and final round of the Multifamily EV Carshare Pilot Program. Leveraging funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and partnerships with Xcel Energy, the American Lung Association, and East Metro Strong, the project aims to increase electric mobility options for low-income residents while also decreasing the cost of and other barriers to building out electric vehicle charging stations at multifamily dwellings.

Through this project, up to 10 multifamily sites within HOURCAR's service area will be provided with the heavily to completely subsidized installation of two level 2 charging ports by Xcel and two electric carsharing vehicles by HOURCAR. Selected property owners will host the electric carshare vehicles on their property for an 18-month pilot period in partnership with HOURCAR with the option to extend and contract with Xcel Energy as part of their Multi-Dwelling Unit Project (MDU) EV Pilot Project, which requires sites to keep the charger onsite for a 10-year amortization period after installation.

While any multifamily site of 5 or more units can apply, priority will be given to sites that are within their identified priority area and meet the affordability criteria of 66% of units being affordable to households at 60% of the area median income or lower.

For more information, please check out the factsheet [here](#).

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Participate in Plastic Free July

Join the global movement to reduce your plastic usage this month! [Plastic Free July](#) provides ideas, articles, videos and other resources to help you learn more about single-use plastics and their damage to your health and the environment. Each participant makes a pledge to decrease their plastic usage.

Pledges some Environmental Health staff are making this month include:

- "Stop buying produce in plastic. Instead, I can wake up earlier on Saturdays and go to the farmers market with reusable produce bags!"
- "I won't shop online this month to reduce the amount of plastic shipping packaging I receive."
- "I will bring my own cup when getting coffee while out and about."

What actions can you take to reduce plastic in your life?



# >>> 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 <<<**

The series of three breathwork classes to be held in July from Community Park have been cancelled. We hope to offer these classes to you in near future!

### **>>> 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): 5 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.