



»» NEWSLETTER ««



CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
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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

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 26, 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- Award Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2023A

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Fee Schedule Modification Ordinance

MINUTES

- July 12, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. City Licenses
3. Night to Unite Proclamation
4. Authorize use of \$14,626 in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funds for the 2023 Pavement Management Project
5. PMP Change Order
6. Snelling-Larpenteur Study

POLICY ITEMS

- None

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](#)

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.

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](#)

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Environment Commission advises the City Council on matters related to environmental issues, including recycling and waste disposal, community gardens, and storm water runoff. The Commission also develops and recommends implementation of environmentally friendly initiatives such as rain barrels and solar panels, supporting and advancing the City's participation in the [GreenStep Cities](#) program.

The Environment Commission meets the second Monday of the month, 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:

Week of July 24

- Sidewalk Paving Garden Ave.
- Install Pavers at Ruggles Pathway
- Milling Pavement Ruggles Ave., Holton St., Albert St. and Sheldon St.
- Begin Topsoil Boulevard Installation – All Streets

Week of August 7

- First Pavement Layer on Garden Ave.
- Milling Alleyway

Week of August 14

- Final Paving – All Streets
- Lawn Restoration
- Street Painting

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](#).





PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Signage

Public Works will start putting street signs back in at the PMP construction zone this week.

Mowing

Public Works will continue mowing city-maintained grass, as needed.

Court Striping

The court at Curtiss Field is getting game lines painted for basketball this week. The court at University Grove is getting game lines painted for pickleball. Please stay off the courts

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. This project involves removing and replacing sidewalk panles that are trip hazards or have settled causing pooling of water. Please note, this project is time and 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 EVENTS

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 for more information.

Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

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

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 26 The Flamin' Oh's

Community Conversation ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER

Ramsey County residents are invited to share their thoughts on designs for the new Environmental Service Center at one of two upcoming community conversations. Attendees can get a closer look at building and landscaping designs and learn more about the planned facility.

As a thank you for your time, you can enter a drawing to win a \$50 Visa gift card.

Date: August 1, 2023 - In Person
5 - 6:30 PM

Location: Ramsey County Library - Roseville
2180 Hamline Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113

Date: August 8, 2023 - Virtual
12 - 1:00 PM [Zoom Meeting Link](#)



COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

Como Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

>>> Nature Newsflash

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!



Help reduce water pollution – adopt a drain
When leaves, twigs, and grass clippings run down our storm drains, they can harm our lakes and rivers. Nutrients (like phosphorus) from yard waste and other debris feed the algae that turn lakes green. And some of that street waste contains harmful bacteria as well as chemicals that can kill aquatic life.

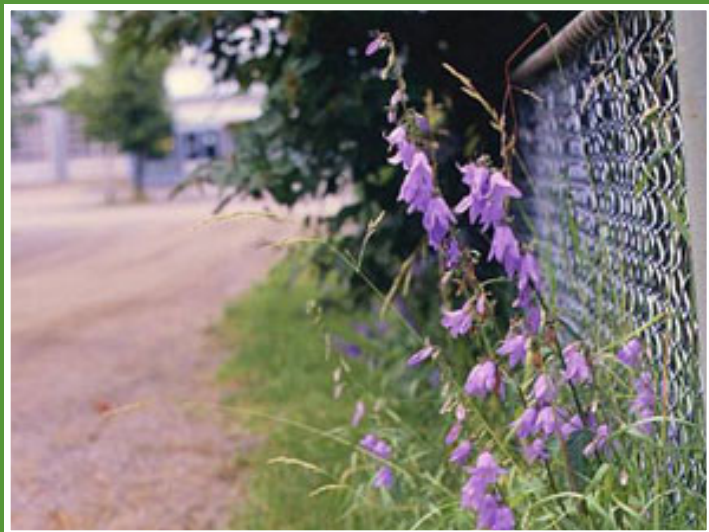
You can be part of the solution by regularly clearing your local drain. Twice a month you grab a broom and a bucket and clean the area on top and around the drain grate (don't remove the grate). Then dispose of the waste in appropriate trash and recycling receptacles. Ideally, you would then document your work online so that the good folks at Minnesota Adopt-A-Drain can track our community's collective efforts. The [Adopt-a-Drain - Minnesota](#) website has lots of helpful resources, including a map where you can see which drains are available for adoption. You pick your very own, name it (be creative-- there are some clever names on the map), and sign up to clean it. The site also has great resources for educators to use in teaching the next generation of water stewards.

<https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>

Recycling FUN FACT

Did You Know? Every three months, Americans throw enough aluminum in landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.





»»» 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](#)



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?



stop food waste challenge

Team up against food waste

Our community cares about reducing food waste so we can save money, fight climate change, provide for our families, and become better cooks. That's why we're taking the Stop Food Waste Challenge this August.

Stop food waste. Join our team.

1. Visit stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org and sign up
2. Join our team: City of Falcon Heights
3. Choose your actions
4. Encourage others to join!



stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org



>>> 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.