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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, August 9 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 23 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 6 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



>>> CITY COUNCIL MEETING <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

MINUTES

- July 26, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. City Licenses
3. Rehder Forestry Consulting Contract
4. Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative Contract

POLICY ITEMS

1. Appointment of Colin Callahan as Public Works Director

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 t
August 8-10: Spot-Concrete Replacement

August 14: Final Paving – Holton St., Albert St., Sheldon St. and Ruggles Ave.

August 15: Final Paving – Garden Ave. & Alleyway

August 16-18: Boulevard Seeding

August 21: Street and Crosswalk Markings

Sept/Oct 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing

October 2023 – CC Action on Assessments

Spring 2024 – Final Restoration

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

Project-adjacent residents will be receiving a newsletter.

****Final Paving** - On August 14 and 15, the contractor will be paving the top layer of asphalt. The new asphalt can be driven on 1 hour after it is rolled; however, we ask that you avoid sharply turning your wheels, especially while stopped, as it can leave permanent markings on the finished surface.



PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. They will also be restoring the boulevard after concrete forms are removed. Please note that this project is time and weather permitting.

Storm Damage

Public Works has been cleaning up debris around the city that were a result of the storm last week.

Garbage

Public Works is picking up garbage at the parks and throughout the city. Please throw garbage in trash cans.

Mowing

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

Utilities

Public Works has marked and requested underground utility locates from Gopher State One Call for new signage to be installed in the PMP area.



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 & UPDATES

Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

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

Statewide Star Party at the Bell Museum

Friday | August 11, 2023 | 9:30 PM-11:30 PM | FREE

Tickets for planetarium shows are available at the front desk upon arrival, on a first-come, first-serve basis. For More information, click [here](#)

Registration is requested through [Eventbrite](#).

Parking Lot Concert

Monday | August 21, 2023 | 7:00 PM | FREE

The Twin Cities Horn Club - one of the world's largest musical ensembles of just French horns - presents its second annual Parking Lot Concert on Monday, August 21 at 7 p.m.! Originally a musical instrument played outside while hunting, the modern horn is one of the most diabolically difficult instruments to play, so having 30 of them in one place, at the same time, will be amazing. Bring a chair or blanket, and enjoy this 60 minute program of fun music for the whole family.



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To learn more and to schedule your visit call 651-328-6220, or visit: mncee.org/hes

Free visits available to income qualified households.



COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

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!



RECYCLING FACT

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours!

Community Garden

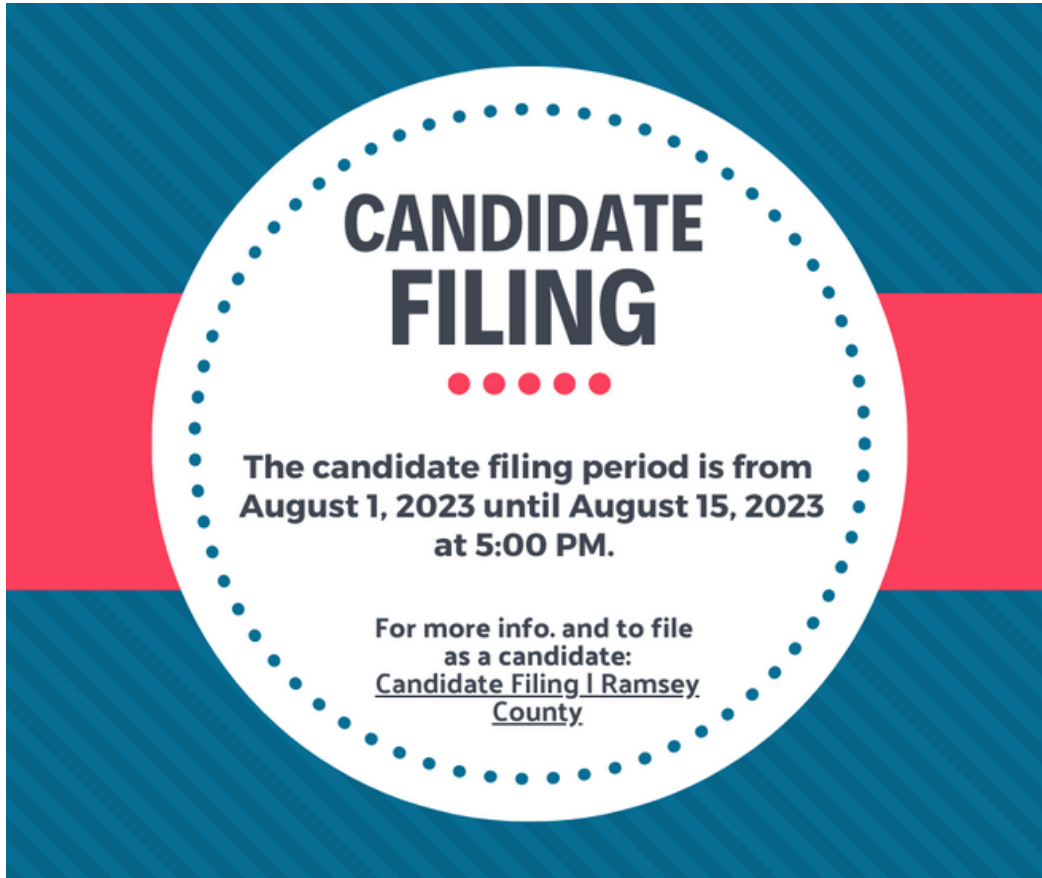
The Community Garden at Community Park has seen more produce being taken recently than in previous years. The name "Community Garden" comes from the community of gardeners who rent a plot to garden within it. It does not mean that the produce is grown for the community's taking. Please be considerate and remember that if you did not plant it, please do not pick it. Thanks!

>>> CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

It's always nice to donate old furniture to those who may need it. However, if you are putting these by the road, they do need to be removed at some point. If you set a furniture piece by the road for donation, and it is not picked up by the end of the day when trash is picked up, please remove it from the roadside and dispose of it properly by either taking it to a waste facility or donating it.



COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES



The candidate filing period for the November 7th, 2023 Municipal and School District General Elections is open and runs through August 15, 2023. The filing fee is \$2.00. The following local offices are soliciting candidate filings:

City of Falcon Heights

Mayor (1)

Council Member at Large (2)

Roseville Schools ISD #623

School Board Member at Large (3)

Candidate filing information requirements and a list of candidates who have filed can be found here: https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting/candidates/candidate-filing_



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



>>> Nature Newsflash

NATIVE PLANTS ADD BEAUTY, HELP POLLINATORS AND IMPROVE SOILS

Question: How can you add beauty to your outdoor space - with bright flowers, intriguing plant textures and busy, colorful pollinators - while also doing less work than you do for your lawn and helping out our local ecosystem?

Answer: Plant native plants! Once your plants get established, they will not need much watering, mulching or mowing, and will provide nectar for pollinators, habitat for other wildlife and deep roots that hold the soil, help control stormwater runoff, prevent erosion and provide habitat for wildlife.

There are easy ways to get started with native plants, or learn how to do a better job of nurturing the native plants you planted or just found in your yard. Check out:

- [University of Minnesota Extension's Native Plants](#) or [Creating a butterfly garden](#)
- [Minnesota State Horticulture Society](#), especially:
 - [Building a Pollinator Garden - Minnesota State Horticultural Society](#)
 - [How to be a Backyard Hero](#)(Learn how to be a pollinators champion)
- [Landscaping with native plants | Minnesota DNR](#)
- [Minnesota Wildflowers](#) (great picture-based guide to native and non-native plants)
- [Pollinator Conservation Resources: Great Lakes Region | Xerces Society](#)

If you need financial or technical assistance for your native planting project, consider grants:

- [Apply for Lawns to Legumes Assistance – Blue Thumb](#) or
- [Clean Water Project Grants - CRWD](#)

Need inspiration? Head to Minneapolis Wirth Park, to the [Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary](#), where you can have volunteers answer your questions about the abundant native plants and pollinators you will see there.

Want to learn by volunteering with native planting and non-native plant eradication? Help the City of Roseville transform its parks at [Natural Resources Management - Eco Restoration](#)

I got interested in native plants by watching what grew in my heavily wooded, shady yard. I remember my delight at finding foot-tall [Arisaema triphyllum](#) (Jack-in-the-Pulpit).

Let the Environment Commission know what else you'd like to know about in our new column.

Beth Mercer-Taylor (Environment Commissioner)



>>> 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 August 8 - September 19.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running August 10 - September 21. 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 for classes running through August 21! Or, get registered for upcoming sessions!

Upcoming classes will run every Monday from September 11 - November 20 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

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. through August 19 at Curtiss Field (1551 W. Iowa Ave.). Drop-in classes are \$16 each.

For more information, click this [link](#)



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.