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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

- Monday, August 14 City Council Special Workshop Meeting - 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, August 23 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 6 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM



**>>> CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING**

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023
5:30 PM

AGENDA:

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT DISCUSSION

DISCLAIMER: CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOPS ARE HELD MONTHLY (WITH SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS ADDED, AS NEEDED) AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DISCUSS POLICY TOPICS IN GREATER DETAIL PRIOR TO A FORMAL MEETING WHERE A PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE HELD AND/OR ACTION MAY BE TAKEN. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP SHOULD SEND THEM TO MAIL@FALCONHEIGHTS.ORG PRIOR TO THE MEETING. ALTERNATIVELY, TIME IS REGULARLY ALLOTTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (TYPICALLY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS) DURING THE COMMUNITY FORUM

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 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.



Mowing

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

Utilities

Public Works will be installing new street signs in the 2023 PMP area.

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. They are forming sidewalk panels and getting ready to pour concrete this week. Please note that this project is time and weather permitting.

Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

During the State Fair, northbound Cleveland will be right turn only onto eastbound Buford Avenue. Westbound Buford will be left turn only onto southbound Cleveland Avenue. For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Parking Lot Concert

August 21, 2023 | 7:00 PM | FREE |
Falcon Heights Church Parking Lot
1795 Holton Street

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.



Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

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



Ready to Save on Your Energy Bills?

One convenient Home Energy Squad® visit is your answer to years of energy savings. We offer two home visit options:

- For homes built after 2000, mobile homes, condos, and renters – Only \$35 (normally \$70)
- For older homes – Only \$50 (normally \$100)

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 <<< EVENTS & 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!



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

Remember, weeds are not only unpleasant to look at, but they can choke out your beautiful yard! In addition, if you live on a property with access to an alley, you are responsible for maintaining the grass on your portion of the alleyway. Thanks for keeping Falcon Heights looking beautiful!



RECYCLING FACT

Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper is thrown away every year in the US



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

RESOURCES FOR THE UNSHELTERED

If you are aware of unsheltered individuals within the city, with no indication of crime or immediate safety concerns, contact City Hall during business hours at 651-792-7600 or by email at mail@falconheights.org. Both the City and Ramsey County Sheriff's Office work in partnership with Housing Stability in Ramsey County so that a Housing Stability representative can make contact and offer emergency shelter resources to them. If there are any indications of violence, crime, or information that the person may be a threat to themselves or others, contact 911. It should also be noted that Ramsey County has a Homeless Services Team that regularly makes contact with those on the street to keep track and provide assistance, if needed.

Free "Be Good" Yard Signs Available

While supplies last, [register here](#) to get your free yard sign to remind fairgoers to be considerate of our neighborhoods.

Volunteers will place yard signs in registered yards the week of August 21st. Signs will be collected following the State Fair.



St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Do you like poetry? Would you be interested in taking a poetry class with other seniors?

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors will offer a Zoom poetry class on eight Thursday afternoons this fall. It will be led by Dave Healy, St. Anthony Park Area Seniors board member and former teacher at Bethel College (now Bethel University) and the University of Minnesota's General College.

Class sessions will consist of discussions of poetry addressing the topic of aging.

What: Grow Old Along With Me: Poets on Aging

When: Eight Thursday afternoons, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sept. 14–Nov. 2

Where: Zoom

The class is limited to eight participants.

To register, contact the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office by phone at 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church |
2048 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113

St. Rose is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, August 21. One whole-blood donation can help up to three people. Sign up is available [here](#)



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 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 a drop-in session for just \$16 and join your neighbors for a fun and friendly outdoor strength and conditioning workout at Curtiss Field Park (1551 Iowa Ave. W.) at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, August 19!

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.

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.

