



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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



2023 STATE FAIR RESOURCE LIST



PROHIBITED:

To reduce the State Fair's impact on your daily life, please keep in mind that the following are not permitted in residential areas at any time of year and will be enforced by Ramsey County Sheriff.

- The parking of cars on lawns.
- Advertising of parking spaces for sale.
- Outdoor sales of merchandise, such as mini donuts or sunglasses (kids' lemonade stands are acceptable).



STREET PARKING WILL BE RESTRICTED

- Many streets will be posted "No Parking" on the water hydrant side during the fair so that hydrants may be accessed, as needed.
- Residents as well as fairgoers must abide by street parking restrictions.
- Temporary parking permits and parking bags are not issued during the Fair except for very unusual and extenuating circumstances.
- Some areas near apartment buildings and in a few cul-de-sacs will be posted "No Parking Except by Permit." These permits will be issued only to persons living in apartment buildings with limited off-street parking. Permits will be issued through the individual apartment owner or manager.



TICKET VS. TOW

- Cars parked in violation of "No Parking" areas on City property will be TICKETED.
- Cars parked in violation of "No Parking" signs on private properties, in front of driveways, or in any other area that interferes with the safety of others, such as blocking a fire hydrant or lane of traffic, will be TOWED in accordance with MN Statute 168B.035.



FOR ISSUES OUTSIDE OF THE FAIRGROUNDS SUCH AS PARKING CODE VIOLATIONS, CONTACT RAMSEY COUNTY DISPATCH AT 651-767-0640.

VENDORS

- The City of Falcon Heights does NOT allow temporary business vendors within the city limits and right-of-way EXCEPT for kids' lemonade stands. The City of St. Paul DOES allow vendors. In order to obtain a temporary license to operate within St. Paul city limits, call the St. Paul State Fair License Department at 651-266-8989.
- To report a vendor in violation, who is operating within the city limits of Falcon Heights, call City Hall at 651-792-7600.



FAIR FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

This year, the MN State Fair will start shows at 7:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. on Labor Day), which is thirty minutes earlier than in previous years.

Below, is an estimated schedule of the nightly fireworks during the 12 days of the State Fair. **Please note that weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances may cause the times to change or be delayed.**

For more information about the 2023 Grandstand Concert Series, click the link: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/grandstand/> or scan the QR code.

- Thursday, August 24 at 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 25 at 10:15 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26 at 9:45 p.m.
- Sunday, August 27 at 10:20 p.m.
- Monday, August 28 at 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29 at 10:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 30 at TBD
- Thursday, August 31 at 10:55 p.m.
- Friday, September 1 at 9:45 p.m.
- Saturday, September 2 at 10:55 p.m.
- Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 4 at 9:00 p.m.



STATE FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

To report concerns WITHIN the fairgrounds such as those regarding fireworks, attendance levels, noise, etc., contact the MN State Fair directly. During the fair, email is the best way to reach staff as it is the most monitored. Email: guestservices@mnstatefair.org

Guest Services: 651-288-4559
Hotline 651-288-4400



IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2023

The city's State Fair Task Force provides recommendations to the City Council in an effort to improve the experience of residents during the fair. Such changes implemented this year include:

- Trash cans to be added by the MN State Fair throughout the highest traffic neighborhoods ([Trash Can Map](#)).
- Free "Be Good" yard signs made available from the MN State Fair.
- Recommending to the City Council to increase parking violations during the State Fair. The City Council approved Ordinance 23-04, which increased the parking violation fee from \$50 to \$100 for violations occurring August 15 - September 15.
- Prohibit parking on the water side of certain streets in the NE quadrant ([2023 State Fair Parking Map](#))



QUICK LINKS

[2023 State Fair Parking Map](#)
[Trash Can Map](#)
[City Limits Map](#)
[City Facebook Page](#)



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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 23 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 6 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM



>>> CITY COUNCIL MEETING <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

MINUTES

- August 2, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll and Wire Payments
2. City Licenses
3. Authorization to Purchase up to (2) GL3000PMC Guidance Lasers for Plow Trucks
4. Promulgation of Ramsey County Countywide Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan
5. 2023 Pavement Management Program Pay Estimate #2

POLICY ITEMS

1. Ordinance 23-05: Amending Chapter 46-27 to Remove Definition of "Uniform" from Parking Fines
2. WSB Professional Services Proposal for Community Park Building and Site Improvements

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 see below for the 2023 Falcon Heights Pavement Management Project schedule update. Paving is complete!

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

- August 21-22: 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](#).



PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Mowing

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

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. They will be pouring concrete on Hoyt Ave. and Larpenteur Ave. on Monday and Tuesday, weather permitting.

Tree Trimming

Public Works will be trimming the resident side of the boulevard trees in the Northome neighborhood in preparation of State Fair pedestrian traffic

Street Signs

Public Works will post temporary streets signs specifying State Fair parking regulations.

They will also install the remaining streets signs in the 2023 PMP area.

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

LITTLE FRESH & FREE MARKET RETURNS!

Last summer's free local produce give-away at Garden Avenue and Pascal St. was suspended this summer due to road construction. With construction wrapping up, Falcon Heights Church is bringing back the popular event beginning this Wednesday, August 23rd from 4-6pm.

The Little Fresh & Free Market is a Give or Take Event. This means you can:

- TAKE: Come by and choose local produce to bring home.
- Or GIVE: if you have excess produce to share, bring it to the church by 4pm that day so it can be distributed. (A sign for where to produce will be posted on the front door of the church that day.)

Upcoming dates for the Market include Weds., Sept. 6 and Weds., Sept. 20.

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!



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

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

Sippin' Suds for St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

When: Sunday, September 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Urban Growler (2325 Endicott St.)

Everyone is invited! Tickets are \$15 each and include one drink and a concert by The Ladies Music Club.

To purchase tickets, call the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office by phone at 651-642-9052, online at <https://sapaseniors.org/sippin-suds>, or at the door.

SAPA keeps eight dollars from each ticket purchased. The raised funds go to the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors program to continue providing services and activities that support seniors living independently in St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale and western Falcon Heights. St. Anthony Park Area Seniors works to keep our community strong by connecting seniors with neighborhood volunteers.

Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

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



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

STOP FOOD WASTE CHALLENGE: MID-AUGUST UPDATE

The Falcon Heights team is currently sitting in 9th place of 72 teams! It's still possible to join the challenge!

About 40% of all food is wasted somewhere along the supply chain. Food waste costs individuals and families a significant amount of money, and also squanders the resources that go into producing and transporting those food goods. By taking steps to reduce food waste, we can save money, fight climate change, provide for our families, and improve our cooking skills.

The Stop Food Waste Challenge helps participants learn more about food waste and improve skills in cooking, planning, shopping, and storage. The challenge has more than 60 actions to choose from in five categories. Including a section focused on involving the entire family. Participants check off the actions they already take, tackle new actions and track their progress throughout the challenge.

A big shout out to all the residents that have joined the challenge. From my experience, I have enjoyed brushing up on ways to save money, shop more consciously, and learning how to make food last longer after it has made its way to the kitchen.

Visit stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org to sign up and join the 'City of Falcon Heights' team.

The online Stop Food Waste Challenge is offered in partnership with Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and Washington County and is powered by EcoChallenge.

Citywide Recycling Drop-Off Event

Date & Location

Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the MN State Fairgrounds (enter from west on Larpenteur Ave.)

*Checks should be made out to "City of Saint Paul"

Items NOT Accepted: Trash, building materials, concrete, furniture, fluorescent bulbs, household hazardous waste.

Please note this event is open to Falcon Heights and Saint Paul residents only.

For more information, click [here](#)

RECYCLING FACT

One metric ton of electronic scrap from personal computers contains more gold than that recovered from 17 tons of gold ore.



>>> 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

Get registered for upcoming yoga 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

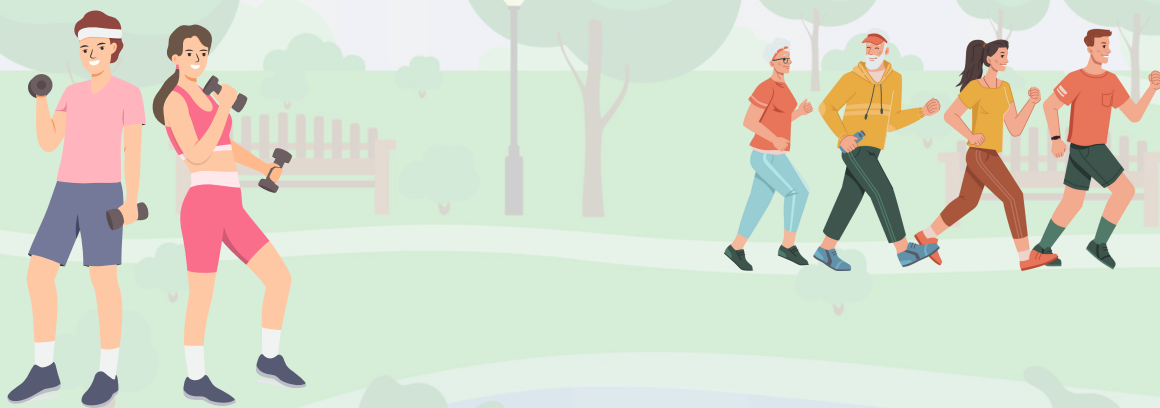
Neighborhood Workouts at Curtiss Field <<<

Due to the popularity of summer workouts, Anne Schwalbe is offering fall workout classes! Join your neighbors for a fun and friendly outdoor strength and conditioning workout at Curtiss Field Park (1551 Iowa Ave. W.) on four consecutive Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from September 16 - October 14.

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.

Purchase all four sessions for just \$45 or drop-in session for \$15 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.