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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 HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 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, September 27 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 4 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 11 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



➤➤➤ CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ‹‹‹

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER, 27 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- None

MINUTES

1. August 14, 2023 City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
2. August 23, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
3. August 23, 2023 City Council Special Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
4. September 6, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
5. September 13, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
6. September 13, 2023 City Council Special Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Interim Cannabis Business Moratorium Extension

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. 2023 Pavement Management Project (PMP) Change Order #2, Change Order #3, and Pay Estimate #4

POLICY ITEMS

1. Ordinance Modifying Use of Tobacco, Cannabis and Hemp in City Parks.
2. 2023 Pavement Management Project (PMP) Declare Costs to Be Assessed and Call for Assessment Hearing
3. Amendment of Debt Levy Schedule
4. Adoption and Certification of the 2024 Preliminary Levy
5. Approval of Setting Truth in Taxation (TNT) Hearing Date of Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

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 is currently ONE vacancy. To apply, [click here](#)

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 are currently NO vacancies.

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 & <<< TRAFFIC UPDATES

2023 PMP Construction Schedule

Staff is working with the contractor to address the significant weed growth that started in the high heat of summer. The project includes requirements to establish turf in the disturbed areas. As the establishment has not happened yet, the City is retaining project funds to ensure this work is completed properly.

The proposed final assessment amounts will be mailed in late September to the qualifying properties adjacent to the project.

Council Actions are denoted with CC. Council meetings are open to the public and also available for viewing on the Falcon Heights website or Channel 16 for cable subscribers.

Mid-September – Mowing, weed whipping, increased watering

October 11, 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing

TBD – CC Action on Assessments

Spring 2024 – Warranty Items & Final Restoration



Mowing

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

They will also continue to water the newly planted pollinator plants at Community Park and the rain gardens at City Hall

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project, time and weather permitting.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Public Works will be performing scheduled maintenance on the equipment as well as deep clean the Public Works garage.

They will also clean up the pond and gazebo at Curtiss Field and remove volunteer trees and invasive plants.

Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

The intersection at Larpenteur and Cleveland will be a 4-way stop configuration until approximately mid-October. Expect traffic delays. For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)





COMMUNITY PARK **RENOVATION**

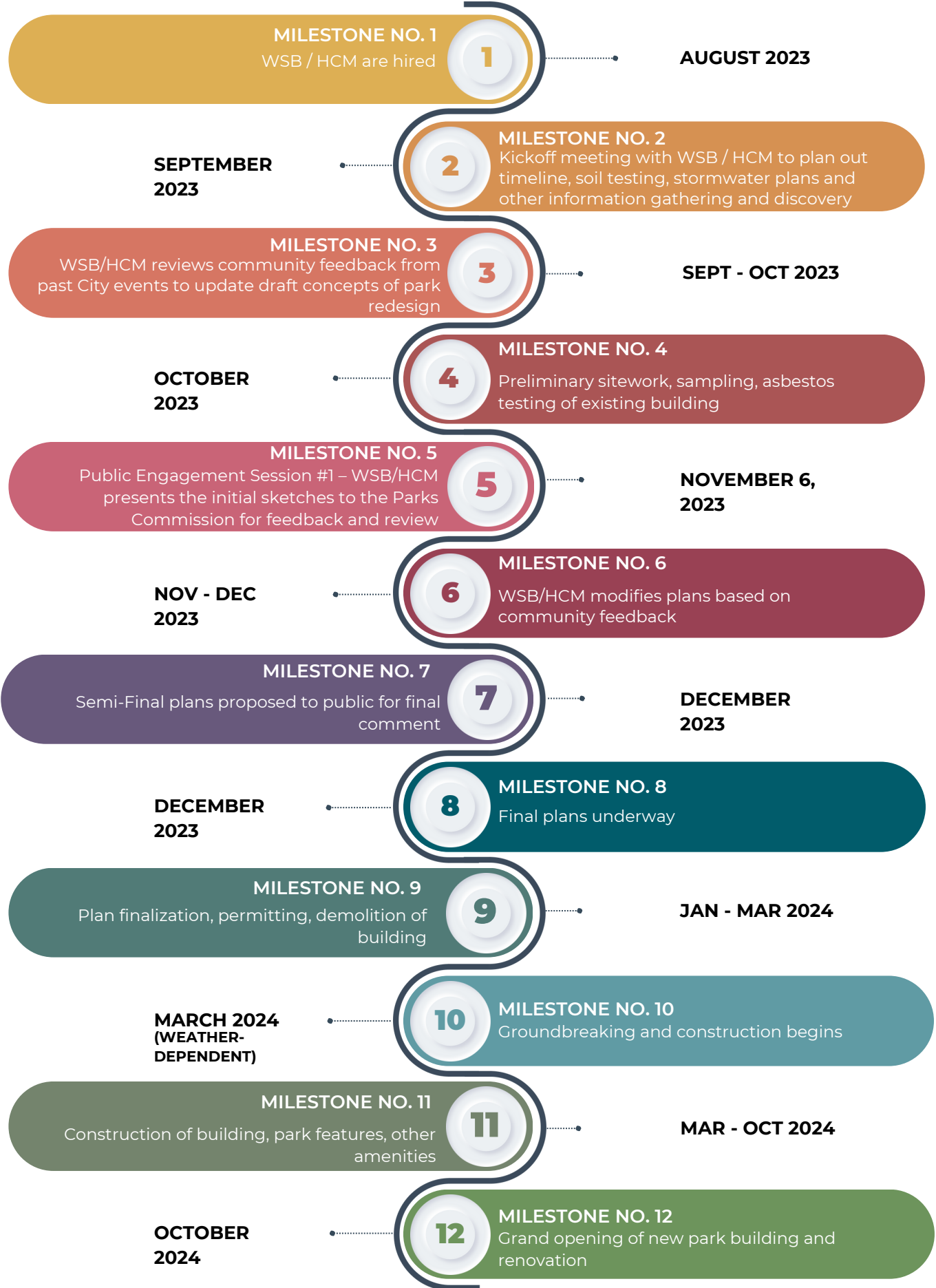
The City has long been planning the renovation of Community Park, located at 2050 Roselawn Avenue. Since the 1970s, the City leased the land from the University of Minnesota. With our lease expiring, the City purchased the property from the university for \$1.1 million this past May.

Back in 2014, the City hired WSB, a civil engineering and planning firm, to develop a parks master plan. The initial plans included multiple concepts for the renovation of Community Park. The City has once again hired WSB as the project manager and HCM Architects as the architects for the renovation. Both firms have extensive municipal park renovation experience, including both firms as the partners in the Roseville parks renovation.

The total park renovation budget is between \$2.5 to \$3 million. It is estimated that the new building will take approximately half of the budget, and the parking lot, design fees, site features, and to-be-determined park amenities will be the other half of the project cost. The City has been strategically saving for this renovation for many years, and will be able to pay a majority of the project cost through existing reserves. We also have a bonding request in to the State of Minnesota for \$1 million, and are applying for a wide variety of grants to assist with the project. Any remaining costs for the project will be financed through a municipal bond as a debt issuance. The City remains in a strong financial position with minimal debt.

COMMUNITY PARK TIMELINE

The timeline is subject to change as the project develops.



MN State Fairgrounds Events

Antique Spectacular Fall Show

250 dealers will offer a unique blend of antique furniture, collectibles and outdoor flea market items. Interested dealers should visit the following [website](#).

Location: Grandstand

When:

Saturday, September 30 - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 1 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Admission:

Adults - \$8.00

Children (12 & under) - Free

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

Homework Help

Mondays, 5:30-7:30 PM

Ramsey County Library - Roseville

Appropriate for all ages.

Need help with your homework? Starting September 18, students of all ages are welcome to stop by for assistance with completing assignments. A tutor will be on hand to help keep you on track. Service is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

8th Annual Kids Music Day

Keep Music Alive is excited to announce the 8th Annual Kids Music Day this October from September 29th through October 8th. Over 1,200 music schools, stores and organizations will be holding special events & promotions between September 30th and October 8th to help celebrate.

Participating locations can be found by entering your zip code or city state at www.KidsMusicDay.org. New locations are added daily, so please check back often. The Keep Music Alive mission is to help more children reap the educational, therapeutic and social benefits of playing music.

Guitar Center is offering free group guitar lessons plus "Buy 3 Lessons Get 1 Free" special with the Registration Fee waived for all who attend their open house as part of Keep Music Alive.

When: Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 AM

Where: Guitar Center, 1641 W County Road, Roseville, MN 55113

To RSVP, click [here](#).



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES



2024 Budget Taking Shape

City Council will vote on approving the preliminary budget and property tax levy at the September, 27 meeting. State statute requires cities to set a preliminary tax levy before September 30 for the upcoming fiscal year. Once the preliminary tax levy is adopted it can be reduced, but not increased.

City Council and Staff are working on the budget ahead of the preliminary levy adoption next week.

City elections will be on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. The Mayor and two Council seats are up for election with the current terms expiring December 31, 2023.

Voter Registration

If you need to register to vote or update your registration, you may do so in-person at an Early Voting location, or on Election Day at your polling place. Voters may also register online, or download and mail a paper application. Visit [MNvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) for more information, and to verify any ID documents you may need to bring with you to your voting location.

Important Dates

September 22 – Absentee Voting begins for General Election.

In-person absentee voting is available at Ramsey County Elections - Plato Building

- Sep. 22 - Nov. 3 Weekdays: 8:00 AM. - 4:30 PM
- Saturday, Nov. 4: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

October 20 - In-person absentee voting will be available at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville.

- Oct. 20 - Nov. 3 Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, Nov. 4: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

October 17 – Last day to pre-register.

November 7 – Election Day.

Falcon Heights Polling Places

Falcon Heights has two election precincts. Properties west of Snelling Ave. are part of Precinct 1. Properties east of Snelling Ave. are part of Precinct 2.

- Falcon Heights City Hall (P-1) 2077 Larpenteur Ave. Falcon Heights, MN 55113
- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (P2) 1795 Holton St. Falcon Heights, MN 55113

For the most up to date information on elections and voting, please visit:

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting> or [MNvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org)



St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Card-Making Workshop

Card-maker and SAPAS volunteer, Sharon Moore, is offering two card-making sessions. In the first one, the participants will learn some techniques and create two simple greeting cards. The second session will focus on cards for the holidays. You will create your own cards to send!

When: Wednesday, October 4 and Wednesday, November 15

Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon

Where: Fellowship Hall of Centennial United Methodist Church (2200 Hillside Ave.).

No experience is necessary, and supplies will be provided.

Registration is required.

To register, call the office at 651-642-9052 or send an email to sc@sapaseniors.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Mobile Site

Drop off your household hazardous waste items for free on Fridays and Saturdays throughout September!

Location: 1660 Como. Ave. in St. Paul (across from the fairgrounds).

Hours: Fridays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 10 A.M.-6 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

LIST OF ACCEPTED ITEMS

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.



Como Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Como Park/ Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is changing it's name to

ComoConnects
Resources and Support for
Neighborhood Seniors

A new website is available at:
www.ComoConnects.org

Phone: 651-642-1127



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Candidates Speak Out

Do you need to know more information about your local candidates before November's election?

NineNorth presents an opportunity to hear from candidates from around our viewing area before the Election this Fall.

Visit the NineNorth Election Content page for their Candidates Speak out series along with any Candidate Forums held in their coverage area.

Click the link below:

<https://ninenorth.org/speak-outs/>

Roseville Traffic Survey

Do you Cross Snelling and County Road B?

Help Roseville and Ramsey County make the intersection safer!

This important intersection connects homes with business, jobs and buses but poses challenges because of heavy vehicle traffic, wide vehicle lanes and long wait times for traffic lights.

Take the online survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CR_B_Snelling

Falcon Heights Book Club

Did you know, Falcon Heights has a book club?

The Falcon Heights Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00pm at City Hall. Members discuss the book selection, with all opinions welcome. A variety of books are selected to cover a range of topics and writing styles. All readers are welcome to join us at any of these meetings. Enjoy meeting others and sharing ideas.

Do you have questions or would you like to join, contact the book club coordinator, [Irene](#), with questions or to join.

Book selections can be found [here](#).



COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Remember, residential garbage and recycling is collected on Fridays in Falcon Heights. On days when these are not being collected, all trash and recycling containers must be stored so they are not visible from the street. Please ensure these are placed either in your garage or behind the house.

Fix-It Clinic

Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It Clinic.

At Fix-It Clinics, residents bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics and more to receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix items.

Check out the step-by-step guide to [How Fix-It Clinics Work](#).

Saturday, September 30, 2023 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Newell Park Recreation Center
900 Fairview Ave. N.
Saint Paul, MN 55104

2023 Drive Electric Week

We're excited to promote Drive Electric Minnesota's Statewide Scavenger Hunt Challenge, taking place September 22 through October 1 during National Drive Electric Week. Drive Electric Minnesota is a public-private partnership working to increase electric vehicle adoption in Minnesota.

The scavenger hunt will include a variety of photo challenges and trivia questions, each assigned with a different number of points. Test your electric vehicle knowledge, explore your state in a new way, and compete with fellow Minnesotans for your chance to win!

You must live in Minnesota to participate in the challenge.

To sign up, download the Eventzee app on your phone and enter code DEMNDEW2023 once downloaded. The first 500 people to sign up will be able to participate!

RECYCLING FUN FACT

Nearly 1 TRILLION single-use plastic bags are used globally every year. Don't forget your reusable bags when you head to the store!



>>> 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 September 19. - October 24.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running September 21- October 26. 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 yoga sessions!

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 Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from September 16 - October 14 (no class on 9/30).

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.

You can still join and purchase one or all remaining sessions 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.

