

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting
Parks & Recreation Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA
October 2, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

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B. ROLL CALL:

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Paula Mielke_____ Tom Faust_____ Randi Lundell_____

COUNCIL LIAISON:

James Wassenberg _____

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Nelson_____

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. August 7, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

E. AGENDA:

1 Fall Event Discussion

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Progress Report – 2023 Park Audit Update

G. ADJOURNMENT:

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1. June 5, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Engagement Commission -Joint Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Yager
motioned to approve the minutes;
Approved 5-0
(Mielke was not yet present)

E. AGENDA:

1. Recap Summer Programming; Discuss Fall Programming

Nelson updates commissioners on summer programming, sharing how a follow-up survey was emailed to parents to gather feedback. Staff notes that the majority responded that they were not willing to pay more in order to enhance the quality of the program. But, then when asked if they would register again, the majority said that they would not AND that they would look to a larger surrounding city such as Roseville or St. Paul instead, which do charge more.

Tracy says that he thinks sports participation is just down, in general. He feels we should stop trying to offer these programs.

Bradbury says that we've been watching our programs decrease for a while now and that he always goes back to the commission's duties; one of them is to assess the needs of the community when developing recreation plans.

Bradbury goes on to say that maybe we need to change along with the times and rather than offering the same programming that has to be planned so far in advance and needs staff hired for, we use our facilities in different ways. There are a lot of kids in the community that are interested in activities but not traditional programs.

Nelson said it's been interesting and nice to see adult courses going so well and hopes to expand those types of offerings as well, such as possibly offering a future Introduction to Pickleball class.

Faust mentions seeing kids crossing outside of crosswalks to get to the basketball courts at Curtiss Field and thinks a basketball court would be nice to have at Amber if they would be willing to put up some hoops at the back part of the unused lot. He wonders if the city should approach them in some way.

Wassenberg says it would be a bit more involved because they'd have to put up fencing to contain the basketballs from traffic.

Nelson says she will continue conversations with Roseville and the St. Paul Blackhawks but that it may not be in time for fall programming.

Wassenberg says staff should prepare a few scenarios for Roseville to consider.

Commissioners encourage staff to keep the conversation going to determine our options for spring at least, since it looks like fall programming will probably not be offered.

2. Fall Event

Bradbury tells the commission that we're picking back up with the discussion as to whether or not we should have an event this fall. And, if so, to decide the date and location.

Mielke asks if the Community Engagement Commission would want to partner with us again.

Nelson says she's not sure if we should have a joint meeting with CEC to help choose the date. Or, if we would just invite CEC to a future joint meeting to determine their involvement and how they can help enhance the event.

Wassenberg says that an event that lends itself to community, communication and interaction should involve CEC, whereas a sports day with a 5K within the park may not require as much involvement from them.

Bradbury is still in favor of the fall event promoting The Grove. The pickleball lines have been painted on the court now. And, he adds that we had previously talked about it being more of a musical fall festival.

Brenton suggests we do a singer/songwriter so that it's really easy to put on and the setup is simple.

Nelson feels that The Grove does add a little bit of a challenge because there is not a lot of on-street parking and attendees may find themselves crossing Larpenteur to get there.

Mielke suggests a series of small events such as pickleball, Roseville's Puppet Wagon, etc. to bring people to The Grove park.

Bradbury says that our other city events are only two hours long. So, that may not be so disruptive to residents near The Grove. He reminds the commissioners that

Commissioner Tracy had previously shared an interest in hosting a 5K as a component as well.

Tracy explains how you could accomplish a short run with all age groups through the park and/or the nearby area without going on the streets and needing to involve traffic control from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. He thinks we could offer something very safe and very inclusive to non-runners alike.

Wassenberg agrees that laps within Community Park and off roadways would make it a lot simpler to staff and put on.

Brenton and Bradbury discuss the area that encompasses Community Park and the U of M fields adjacent to it, suggesting that area would make a nice lap area for a race.

Bradbury says that a fun run could be held in the area of Community Park but perhaps additional festivities could take place in The Grove. We could run a shuttle bus between the parks.

Brenton suggests having a food truck.

Bradbury asks when runners would typically run a 5K and whether a morning would be best.

Tracy said the heat wouldn't be as much of a factor if we had an event in early September.

Brenton wonders if we could have the event at the end of September or even October to allow more time to plan.

Yager shares that the Twin Cities Marathon is the first week in October.

Nelson says she'll research other fall events in the immediate area to avoid having our event on the same date/time.

Brenton suggests reaching out to local businesses like Good Acre to sponsor the fall event.

Bradbury suggests that maybe we don't have a fall event this year but spend the time preparing for next year; 30 days doesn't seem like enough time to plan and promote one! Similar to the park audits that the commissioners just completed, Bradbury suggests that the commissioners complete fall event audits, taking notes from other fall events and gathering ideas for our own event next fall. He mentions a fall feast that Good Acre has and wonders if we could partner with that or link in with Gibbs Farm or Bell Museum to make it into one bigger event.

Nelson mentions that we can also properly budget for the fall event next year, as opposed to finding the funds this year.

Commissioners will take notes of fall events during the month of September instead of having a commission meeting (Labor Day). Then, discuss their finding in October.

3. Park Audit Findings and Suggestions

Nelson thanks the commissioners for auditing the parks and says that each of them found something new that another person hadn't necessarily seen. The data was compiled and divided into two categories: one list includes simple improvements that can be made by Public Works and the other list includes items to consider purchasing/replacing in 2024.

Yager mentions that the playground edging is broken and sharp at The Grove and it was omitted from the list that Nelson had compiled.

Nelson will update the list to include Yager's suggestion and any others that were erroneously omitted.

Mielke asks if a pickleball net could be purchased under our current year's budget like basketball hoops and soccer nets.

Nelson says that a pickleball net would most likely have to be budgeted for in 2024, dependent on the quality of the net and its expense, as they can run anywhere from \$200 to more than \$2,000. Her thought was maybe to get through this winter and then find a net in the spring. This would also allow a bit of time to observe court usage.

Mielke asks if money could be budgeted for in 2024 to offer something at Curtiss Field for older kids / teens. She suggests doing a focus group with neighborhood kids to get their input and mentions Gaga Ball pits becoming popular.

Wassenberg said he sees Gaga pits on elementary school playgrounds or geared towards that age group.

Nelson asks if the balls for Gaga are specific to the sport or if residents would easily be able to supply their own to play.

Wassenberg doesn't think the ball is necessarily specific to the sport and it seems similar to a rubber kickball.

Bradbury says that he was just in Sweden and saw outdoor ping pong tables there that had curved edges. Kids were kicking soccer balls over the net. He wasn't sure if that was the intent of the tables or not, but saw them everywhere.

Brenton says that he thinks that's what those tables are intended for. They are lower to the ground than ping pong tables.

Bradbury says that Four Square is always popular at Spring Together. Maybe we look to add that. He adds that he loves when a park has a huge chess board, too.

Nelson asks if kids would play soccer at Curtiss if there were larger nets left out permanently there.

Bradbury thinks they would play soccer and that the kids shifted over to basketball because he hasn't been getting the soccer nets out lately.

Commissioners discuss soccer nets and conclude they will leave out the existing small nets to determine if they get much use and also hold up.

Yager suggests getting one of those spider web-like monkey bars/climbing areas like they have at the Bruce Russell park in Roseville.

Since the exact item has not been determined, Mielke asks if some money can be put into the budget for a TBD item in 2024.

4. Sleeping in Parks Discussion

(The commission reviewed current city responses from St. Paul and Minneapolis to support individuals experiencing homelessness and then discussed the City of Falcon Heights' current response).

Yager asks if there has been an incident that caused this to be brought up.

Mielke shares that she asked for it to be discussed because she was aware of an incident of someone sleeping at Curtiss Field one Saturday. It made her wonder how we would respond as a city; how would we approach it?

Nelson shares how the city responds currently and says that the city is asked weekly if there are any known unsheltered persons within the city by Housing Stability in Ramsey County. If there were, Housing Stability would then make contact and offer emergency shelter resources to them.

Bradbury asks if the city's current response is published anywhere and Nelson says that she just typed it up for the commission's discussion.

Bradbury suggests sharing the information in an upcoming newsletter, even if it's just a line to two to summarize.

Yager adds that the city's current response should be shared so that residents know that it's okay to call and let the city know about unsheltered individuals. We're here to help!

Nelson says she will include a summary in the weekly newsletter.

5. Tobacco and Cannabis-Free Parks

(An existing city ordinance and current city code bans tobacco smoking from with city parks. The commissioners felt that the ordinance and city code may contain outdated language and may also need to be updated now to include cannabis. A draft of an updated ordinance and proposed updates to city code to ban cannabis use in parks were both included in the agenda packet and reviewed by the commissioners).

Mielke suggests having updated and consistent signage in every park.

Tracy suggests keeping the new park signage very simple: no smoking of any kind!

Nelson shares that current signage at The Grove says, "Tobacco-Free Grounds. No tobacco use on this park property." The sign does not currently have the city logo on it.

Commissioner Yager motioned to approve the ordinance draft and proposed changes to City Code with the consideration of adding e-cigs under the Purpose section (Sec. 34-55) of the final updated version of City Code;
Approved 6-0

1. Grove and Curtiss Court Painting Update

Commissioners say the paint looks nice but haven't been by the parks again to see anyone enjoying the courts yet.

Nelson shares one other update about a grant she heard of one day before the application period closed. She submitted applications to receive a park bench at Curtiss Field and seven benches at Community Park. She has since heard that both grant applications were approved! City Council will now have the bench grant contract on their 8/9/23 agenda to give consent to. Nelson says the Ramsey County Be Active! Be Green! folks were great to work with on the grant application and approval process.

Mielke asks for an Ice Cream Social update.

Nelson reports that we had 650 ice cream treats to hand out this year (as opposed to 350 last year) and were only left with 30 treats!

Tracy says he did think it was much better attended than last year!

Mielke asks if we gathered any additional feedback during Ice Cream Social for the upcoming reconstruction at Community Park.

Nelson responds that we did get feedback but feels it will be even more impactful when we have a budget and more details to provide to the public.

Wassenberg shares one last update that the Ruggles Pathway pavers were installed last week and look great!

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 PM

Commissioner Yager motioned to
adjourn;
Approved 6-0

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Meeting Date	October 2, 2023
Agenda Item	E1
Attachment	Discuss Potential FH Fall Event in 2024
Submitted By	Kelly Nelson, Administrative & Communications Coordinator

Item	Discuss surrounding area events and what a potential FH fall event might look like in order to make a recommendation for 2024.
Description	<p>The commission had previously discussed how the winter event, Snowstravaganza, has been cancelled multiple years in a row. The weather often plays a role in this. And, attendance is often low as well.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to discuss the potential for hosting a fall event in its place and to host it sometime in 2024 . PARC will collaborate with and receive additional input from the CEC if they want to at a later date.</p> <p>For now, PARC will discuss what this event might look like to better budget for the event in 2024.</p>
Budget Impact	TBD
Attachment(s)	Area fall events; Fall event calendar
Action(s) Requested	Staff recommends commission members continue the conversation and begin to discuss which activities they would like to offer, consider how much the event might cost to put on, etc.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 3-5PM

We invite you to save the date for the D10 Como Community Council [Harvest Festival](#). Join us on October 7th at Tilden Park from 3-5pm for demonstrations, pie tasting, carnival games, crafts, bookmobile and more! **Thanks to [Lyngblomsten](#) and [Holden House](#) for partnering and sponsoring this event!**

If you'd like to help make this event a success, help us [pass out flyers in the neighborhood](#) or [volunteer at the event](#), or sign up for the [pie baking contest](#)!

Everyone is invited to this *free event*!

If you'd like to help us keep hosting events like this, please consider a donation to our Neighborhood Events Fund.

Como Park – Oct. 7

Harvest Festival Pie Baking Contest

Hello Como Bakers! Thanks for your interest in our first Harvest Festival Pie Baking Contest. Please fill out the form below to let us know what type of pie you'll be baking for our contests.

Pie will need to be brought to Tilden Park by 2:45pm on Saturday, September 10th. We will provide sample cups and spoons for you to portion out your pie & tables for the sampling. Contest will be judged by community members with ballots to vote for their favorite pies (both in the sweet and savory categories) and the winner will be announced in the Como Community Council newsletter on Friday, September 16th.

Winner will get a gift card to [Hot Hands Pies!](#)

Roseville Wild Rice Festival

- Saturday, September 16 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- A celebration of wild rice, the Minnesota fall season and Native American culture.

Other highlights might include:

- Native American dancers
- Children's games and activities
- Hands-on apple cider pressing
- Storytelling and other live entertainment
- Traditional wild rice harvesting and honey extraction demonstrations
- Wild rice soup, fry bread and other tasty treats for sale
- And much more!
- (Gibbs Farm was involved in the past and may still be)

Roseville Parks - TAPPED & UNCORKED

Friday, September 22 from 6:00 to
10:00 PM

Held at Roseville OVAL outdoors

Free Human Foosball

Starting August 1, tickets will also be available at the Parks & Rec. office at Roseville City Hall during normal business hours.

- **GENERAL ADMISSION**, \$40 presale, \$50 at the door
 - Must be 21 years or older. We check IDs of everyone.
 - One souvenir tasting glass for each purchased ticket, for beer, cider and wine tasting
 - Unlimited samplings (responsibly) from local craft brewers, cideries, and wineries.
 - *NOTE: Food is not included in ticket price. Food trucks will be on site for food purchase.*
- **VIP SPIRITS TASTING TENT** – additional \$15
 - Handcrafted distilled spirits
 - LIMITED NUMBER OF VIP TICKETS will be available.
 - MUST PURCHASE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET IN ADDITION TO VIP TENT TICKET.
 - All VIP entrants will receive a souvenir shot glass for spirits tastings.
- **DESIGNATED DRIVER** – \$10
 - Must be 21 or older with valid ID.
 - Water and coffee provided at no charge at the Designated Driver booth.
- **VOLUNTEER** – \$10
 - *NOTE: Volunteer Tickets will be sold only in person at Roseville City Hall starting in August*
 - Go to [Volunteers page](#) for more information on volunteering
 - Must be 21 or older with valid ID.
 - Includes entrance into event, souvenir tasting glass, and t-shirt in exchange for a two-hour volunteer shift

TICKET INFORMATION AND FINE PRINT:

- 21+ EVENT ONLY. MUST HAVE VALID ID – we check.
- No one will be admitted without an ID. No exceptions.
- You must have a ticket to enter the event.
- It should go without saying, but we will anyway: NO CHILDREN, STROLLERS OR PETS.
- Event will be held OUTDOORS – RAIN OR SHINE. NO REFUNDS. Dress according to the weather.
- Event date: Friday, September 22, 2023, 6-10pm.
- One 5 oz. tasting glass per general admission ticket, while supplies last.
- One spirits-tasting shot glass for additional VIP Tasting ticket purchased.

We reserve the right to ask any patron to leave due to disorderly conduct, under the age of 21, intoxication, or general lack of decent public behavior. Police officers will be on site.

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VIP Spirits Tasting Sponsor

Arthur's Jewelers has successfully changed everything about how diamond jewelry is sold by offering greater value, more selection, and superior customer service. You will be amazed by Minnesota's largest selection of loose and mounted GIA and AGS certified diamonds complemented by an unsurpassed collection of the finest designers in the jewelry industry today. Arthur's mission is to empower consumers while making diamond purchasing the romantic and pleasant experience it should be. As part of Arthur's Jewelers commitment to the community, we are also actively involved in supporting many local charities.



Blue Zones Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100

Media Sponsor and Event Super Fan

Best-selling *Blue Zones Kitchen* author Dan Buettner spent years uncovering the Blue Zones—the five places around the world where people consistently live to or past, 100—and sharing lifestyle tips and recipes gleaned from these places. Now, creating your own Blue Zone at home is easier than ever, thanks to plant-forward recipes in this inspiring book—all developed right in our own backyard.

Branson Builders

Band & Stage Sponsor

Branson Builders was created in 1996 by principals Bill Brandt and Bruce Johnson. Since that time, they have grown their business to include a staff of 11 people with numerous years of collectively combined experience. Project types vary from entire home remodels, kitchen and bathroom makeovers, basement reconfigurations, and porch additions. They specialize in downtown lofts and historic restoration and preservation in the Twin Cities. In addition to customized design solutions, Branson offers full electrical services.



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Designated Driver Sponsor

You will see and feel the Chalet Dental Care difference. They all understand what it's like to be a patient needing a dentist, and they realize it's not the first thing on the list people want to get done. At Chalet Dental Care, you'll find three compassionate and skilled dentists supported by a highly trained and caring team at this locally-owned, private practice.

Community Resource Bank

Event Super Fan

Experience the power of what a caring bank has to offer your family or business. Work with a team who is committed to knowing you and protecting your financial well-being. Today's banking requires the combination of a powerful in-person connection with the ability to bank from anywhere. Because of this, their team is committed to providing personal banking relationships, being a pillar in our communities and making sure their solutions put your financial goals within reach.



Cub Foods, Roseville West (HarMar)

Event Super Fan

Cub is Minnesota's local grocery store, offering the best produce in town, a full selection of meat and seafood, deli and bakery favorites, pet food, gift cards and flowers, a full pharmacy and liquor stores nearby. Cub has been delivering great value and supporting the community for over 50 years.

Great Southern Bank

Designated Driver Sponsor

In 1923, Great Southern Bank was started with a \$5,000 investment and has since grown to the company it is today. They serve more than 135,000 households by providing the most comprehensive line of products and services available. With more than 1,100 dedicated associates they provide exceptional service to their customers and it is their goal to understand what matters most in every interaction they have with them.



Hamernick's Interior Solutions

Button Bottle Opener & T-Shirt Sponsor

At Hamernick's Interior Solutions, they work closely with you to provide the exact flooring and interior designs that are right for your home and residential or commercial interiors, offices, stores and other spaces. For more than 60 years, this family-owned and operated company has been serving customers with the highest quality interior decorating products, including various different types of floor coverings, in Saint Paul, MN, and surrounding areas. They take pride in their exceptional customer service, craftsmanship and installation.



McGough Construction

T-Shirt Sponsor

Over the many decades they've been in business, they have built not only great buildings, but also exceptional experiences for their customers and partners. They value the passion and commitment that drive their reputation for quality. They are honored to consistently hear that the McGough experience comes down to: remarkable people, a passion for partnership, and thoughtful leadership. Above is paraphrased from their website, where you can learn much more about the company, its history and services.



Leslie Norsted & Rod Ives

Event Super Fans

Rod and Leslie are Shoreview residents who love and use Roseville parks. Leslie is a FOR Parks board member.



North Star Bank

Event Super Fan

North Star Bank is an independent, locally owned bank with a proud tradition of sound management and integrity. Established in 1947, they have been continuously committed to providing quality,

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Parkway Pizza, Roseville

Event Super Fan

Great classic pizzeria feel, with friendly quick service, and outstanding pizza. If you're into a fantastic, down to earth atmosphere to enjoy delicious pizza with Sebastian Joe's ice cream, cold draft beer, and the BIGGEST oven available, then the Roseville Parkway Pizza is as fresh as it gets!

Suburban Ace Hardware

Event Coasters Sponsor

While Ace Hardware is part of a big corporation, the individual stores are all independently owned by local entrepreneurs. Each location aims to base their store on the needs of the neighborhood. Conveniently located on Lexington at Roselawn, Suburban Ace Hardware in Roseville truly is the "place with the helpful hardware folks!"

Troy's Corner Auto Care

Glassware Sponsor

Located at the corner of Hamline and County Road B, Troy's Corner Auto Care is THE local and friendly place to service your vehicles. His team of qualified and reliable technicians can handle most makes and models. In addition to general auto repairs and oil changes, they sell gas! They have two full-service pumps and two self-serve pumps (open 24 hours). For those older models, they also offer non-oxy gas. Did you know that they have an efficient boiler that repurposes used oil as a clean burning heat source in the winter? Troy is a proud Roseville resident and believes in giving back to the community, in a big way. He delights many of us with his creative Seasonal Displays along with many community events at his corner.

Wellington Management and

Kori & Randy De Jong

Event Super Fans

Wellington Management matched the donation of Friends of Roseville Parks' Board member, Kori De Jong and her husband Randy. We thank all of them for their generosity.



In-Kind Donor

United Operations, Inc.

Event Tent Set-Up

United Operations, Inc is a labor and facilities management outsource for commercial real estate managers. They provide maintenance and technical staff as an alternative to in-house engineering or as a supplement to your current engineers.

United Operations, Inc was established in 1988. Today, they have 45 field technicians with varying skills to assist managers in day-to-day operations.

Event Fan

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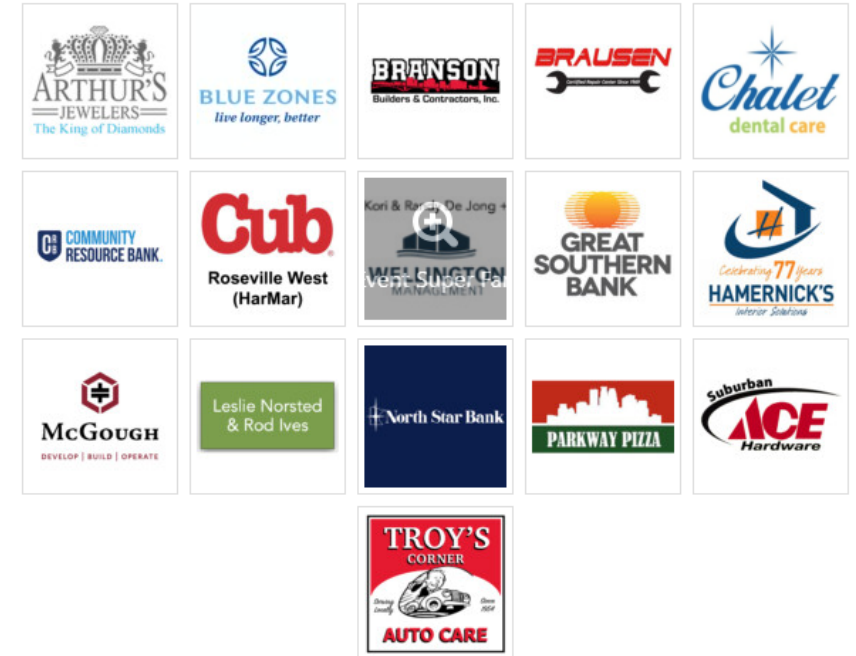
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2023 SPONSORS

More about each of these valued sponsors can be found on the [2023 Sponsors page](#).



If interested in getting your logo here on this page, please go to the [Sponsorship page](#). And thanks in advance for your support of our parks here in Roseville, MN.

2023 IN-KIND SPONSORS



Roseville Halloween Spooktacular

- Saturday, October 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Harriet Alexander Nature Center.
- **Spook-tacular guarantees family fun for all. Join in on spooky games, crafts, and a trunk-or-treat.**
- **Pre-registration required. *Adults and children under one are free**
- **[Registration opens September 5](#)**
- **Sponsored by Raising Cane's**

City of St. Paul - Fall Events List

Fall Events, Halloween Parties, and Bonfires

Save the dates! Click on each event link for more details. Events are free unless otherwise noted. Some events require advance registration.

- September 22 - [Family Fall Bonfire \(Hazel Park\)](#)
- September 23 - [Marydale Festival \(Marydale Park\)](#)
- September 28 - [Skate Fest \(North Dale\)](#)
- October 5 - [Bonfire \(Linwood\)](#)
- October 5 - [Bonfire Night \(Highland Park\)](#)
- October 6 - [Fall Fest & Bonfire \(Hayden Heights\)](#)
- October 7 - [Fall Festival \(MLK\)](#)
- October 12 - [Halloween Pet Photo Op Day \(Duluth & Case\)](#)
- October 24 - [Halloween Drive Thru \(Hazel Park\)](#)
- October 25 - [Halloween Party \(McDonough\)](#)
- October 26 - [Halloween Party \(El Rio Vista\)](#)
- October 27 - [Halloween Bonfire \(Northwest Como\)](#)
- October 27 - [Halloween Spooktacular Bash \(Phalen\)](#)
- November 15 - [Turkey Giveaway \(Rice\)](#)

Gibbs Farm

- Apple Festival is on September 30 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Halloween Trick or Treat Trail is on October 28 from noon to 6:00 PM; no further details yet online.



Gibbs Farm Apple Festival is back this year! This all ages fall celebration has something for the whole family!

Visitors can tour the orchard, learn apple facts, try their hand at cider pressing and sample apples not often seen in the grocery store or farmer's market. Our Heritage Orchard has about 30 types of apples including heirloom and U of M developed varieties. We will have several "apple tasting flights" to help you experience these special fruits!

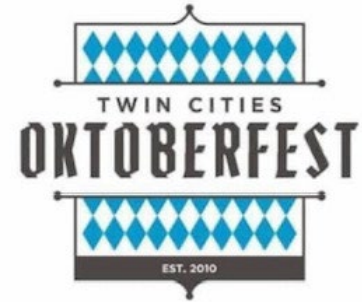
- Live music by Light of the Moon.
- Face Painting with Barbara from Rainbow Party Arts.
- Native Seed Cleaning with MN Seed.
- Woodblock Prints with Peggy Stern.
- Readings and book signing with illustrator and translator Katie Jo Bendickson. She will also be selling original artwork, jewelry, and books by cash or Venmo.
- Solar observing with the Bell Museum.
- Patricia Bauer and Dave Geister will share their newest book, *Making Minnesota*, and lead a seed art activity.
- Apple Treats.
- Historic Farmhouse Tours.

Plus pioneer play kitchen, apple games, seed art and a prairie scavenger hunt!

The Good Acre

- Harvest Party was not yet listed for 2023 (as of 8/14). In 2022, it was held on Friday, October 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 over at Gibbs Farm.
- * Did not list on our event calendar since I cannot confirm the event is happening in 2023.

Twin Cities Oktoberfest- MN State Fairgrounds – October 6 and 7



October 6-7, 2023

DESCRIPTION

- Celebrate with friends & family in the best venue for Oktoberfest in the historic Progress Center! Stop by for Minnesota craft brews & ciders, tasty local food, traditional Bavarian dancers, music, merchandise vendors, and more!

LOCATION

- Progress Center

HOURS

- Friday: 5-11 p.m.
Saturday: noon to 10 p.m.

ADMISSION

- Admission to the event is free, but a wristband is required for alcohol. Discounted beer tickets, collectible half liter mugs, wristband packages & more available while supplies last at TCOktoberfest.com. Wristbands will also be available at the door.

For more information, visit tcoktoberfest.com.

ROSEVILLE VFW POST 7555 – September 23

- Live music
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Food and drink



St. Paul Fire Foundation Oktoberfest for First Responders – September 24, 2023

A COMMUNITY EVENT
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FREE!
FAMILY FUN ZONE
FACE PAINTING
BOUNCE HOUSES
COLORING CONTEST

ST. PAUL
FIRE FOUNDATION
OKTOBERFEST
2023
FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

BOOYAH!
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Did someone say BOOYAH?

TOM REIDS HOCKEY CITY PUB

SEPTEMBER 24TH 2023

12PM-5PM Music 12PM-4PM

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Marketober at Malcom Yards – October 1

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THE MARKET
AT MALCOLM YARDS

Marketober Bier Fest

OCTOBER 1ST FROM 1 - 5PM

Beer, Brats & Games!

Falling Knife	Castle Danger
Urban Growler	3 Floyds
Revolution	Insight
Lupulin	Wabasha
Surly	Fair State
Schells	Broken Clock
Wild Mind	Pryes
Ursa Minor	

*All breweries will
have samples and swag!*

OUTSIDE FH AREA - STILLWATER HARVEST FEST

October 14 and 15

Highlights of Harvest Fest:

- Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off
- Pumpkin Drop from 100' crane
- Pumpkin Regatta –"Pumpkin Pilots" paddle giant pumpkins down the St. Croix River
- Live Music
- Beer & Wine Garden – They sell keepsake mugs and your first beer is included.
- Chili Cook Off – \$12 in advance/\$15 at door; sample from several local restaurants and vote for your favorite.
- Vendor Market –Food trucks, clothing, jewelry and more.
- Kid's Activities- Free activities (pumpkin bowling) as well as ticketed inflatables. Costume parade.

OUTSIDE FH AREA - STILLWATER HARVEST FEST October 14 and 15



JOIN THE FUN IN
DOWNTOWN STILLWATER!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:00-8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:00-6:00

- HARVEST FEST MARKET & FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
10:00AM-6:00PM
- GIANT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF
10:00AM-3:00PM
- FOOD TRUCK + VENDOR MARKET
10:00AM-6:00PM
- KIDS INFLATABLE PARK
10:00AM-6:00PM
- BAYPORT LEGION BEER GARDEN
10:00AM-8:00PM
- BINGO
11:00AM-1:00PM
- LIVE MUSIC
10:00AM-8:00PM
- 10:00AM-12:00PM COLIN BRACEWELL
- 12:30PM-2:30PM - JENNIFER GRIMM & NICHOLAS DAVID
- 3:00PM-5:00PM - BROKEN SPOKE
- 6:00PM-8:00PM - FREE & EASY BAND
- BINGO
2:00PM-4:00PM
- CHILI COOK-OFF TASTING
1:00PM-4:00PM
- JOSEPH'S RESTAURANT PIE EATING CONTEST
2:00PM
- SIGN UP ONLINE
- CURIO DANCE "THRILLER"
5:00PM
- GIANT PUMPKIN DROP
5:30PM
- LIVE MUSIC
6:00PM-8:00PM
- FREE & EASY BAND



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Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt

Ages 10 & under w/ parent/adult

Pumpkins are hiding and waiting to be found at Tom Ryan Park. Children along with their parents, can search the grounds for one pumpkin of their choice, celebrate by dancing under the stars with the family DJ, make a s'more, and play Halloween games. Fee includes a treat bag, one pumpkin, one craft, and refreshments. Come in a costume for the costume contest and bring a flashlight. Registration is required, Max. 150. Event held at Tom Ryan Park. Registration deadline is October 13 or when spaces fill.

Friday, October 20, 7-8:30PM
Tom Ryan Park
\$20 RES; \$21 NR

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BLAINE EVENTS



Food Trucks & Beer Garden



12-8:30PM
Maxx Bar & Grill



12-8:30PM
Corn Hole



12-8:30PM
Northeast Pretzels



12-8:30PM
Ekbon Concessions



Entertainment



12:30PM
Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo



3-5PM
LP and the 45's



5:30-8:30PM
Kat Perkins



Petting Zoo
2:30-5:30PM



Fall Craft Fair
NOON-6PM

Ideas to start discussion / help outline FH event:

- Ramsey County Library used book sale
- Live music
- Lions sell popcorn / beer? Discuss role. Maybe day starts with pancake breakfast and role shifts as day goes on.
- Sell Mugs – Maybe a beer mug and a coffee mug are available.
- Invite orchard to sell mini donuts/bags of apples, etc.
- Pumpkin patch
- Pumpkin carving contest
- Watch a Halloween movie in the park
- Hay rides from one park to another
- Pumpkin bowl (football game with pumpkin)
- Bonfire
- Medallion hunt
- House decorating contest
- Kids' costume parade – Trail of Treats
- Kids' activities –pumpkin bowling, face painting, pick a pumpkin and decorate it with paint/crafts.
- Beer/wine/ NA cider, pop, etc.
- U of M fields involved? Fairview field is 95% harvested as of 9/25. One patch of corn remains but it's way over by residential area near Snelling West homes.

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Roseville Wild Rice Festival 10 AM-4 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22 Roseville Tapped and Uncorked 6 PM-10 PM	23 Roseville VFW 5 PM-9 PM
24 St. Paul Fire Foundation Oktoberfest 12 PM - 5 PM	25	26	27	28	29	30 Gibbs Farm Apple Festival 10 AM-2 PM

OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Marketober at Malcom Yards 1PM -5 PM	2	3	4	5	6 TC Oktoberfest at Fairgrounds 5 PM - 11 PM	7 Como Park Harvest Fest 3-5 PM TC Oktoberfest at Fairgrounds 12 PM - 10 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Stillwater Harvest Fest 10 AM -8 PM
15 Stillwater Harvest Fest 10 AM -6 PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Roseville Halloween Spooktacular 1 PM -4 PM Gibbs Farm Trick or Treat Trail Noon - 6 PM
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REQUEST FOR ACTION

Meeting Date	October 2, 2023
Agenda Item	F1
Attachment	Park Audit Findings -Progress Report
Submitted By	Kelly Nelson, Assistant to the City Administrator

Item	2023 Audit of Parks – Progress Report
Description	<p>The PARC did not have a commission meeting on July 3 and opted to use the time to conduct park audits, individually, throughout the month instead.</p> <p>The purpose of the audits was to compile a list of improvements to be considered in 2024 and to allow Staff to budget appropriately, with such improvements in mind.</p> <p>Staff is sharing tasks Public Works has already completed and purchases made in the 2023 calendar year so that the commission is better informed what tasks and purchases remain to work towards completing in 2024.</p>
Budget Impact	TBD
Attachment(s)	Updated List of Suggested Improvements to Show Various Completions
Action(s) Requested	None. Staff simply wants to share updates on the completion of various tasks and purchases that were noted during the July 2023 Park Audits.

PUBLIC WORKS

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

(red indicates completion)

CURTISS FIELD

Remove weeds and seed areas with excessive wear / brown spots.

Trim trees hanging over north sidewalk, along Idaho and overhang over the pavilion. Public works has completed.

Trim dead branches from the maple tree in front of the playground equipment. Remove birds' nests in the pavilion.

The see-saw and steering wheel on the playground equipment have loose bolts. Tighten them.

Fill large divot lawn by playground equipment (behind portable restroom).

Add mulch under one swing

Hockey rink area creates brown spots on the grass.

GROVE

Repair Little Library - this was placed there by residents in the Grove; best to let them handle.

Consider trimming mulberry bushes over slide

Bolt missing on workout equipment piece. On the handle that is attached to the bench near the basketball court.

COMMUNITY PARK

Playground area has weeds and needs mulch filled, particularly in the area of the slide.

There are ground wasps living in the sand box

Some weeds along fence of basketball court and in baseball field infield.

Parking lot has potholes -Public Works patched the lot.

Consider moving small ash trees in the area around the pond while they are still small enough.

Fix sign that's leaning on the "Par Course Fit Circuit"

The accessibility ramp to the SW picnic pavilion rises up off the ground and moves when you step on it.

Consider trimming mulberry bushes or trying to remove stains from mulberries on exercise equipment.

The sit up bar is broken and moves.

Bird's nest behind building in the general area the band performs in during Ice Cream Social.

2024 CITY BUDGET RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS / ADDITIONS

CURTISS FIELD

Consider replacing missing tether ball and explore options to prevent theft of new ball. Ball is estimated to cost \$25-\$30.

Consider replacing basketball nets (balls get stuck). Estimated to \$14-27 each.

Consider adding a timer to lights.

Consider adding something for upper to middle school students (i.e. GaGa pit). GaGa Pits range from \$2,000 for an inflatable version to over \$7,000.

Are there tobacco-free signs posted? If not, consider adding

Consider adding a bench near the basketball court - City received a grant to add a bench here. Will be there by summer 2024.

GROVE

Consider adding a park rules sign.

Consider removing and replacing two Vita Course pieces of workout equipment and their signs (outdated and broken)

Consider removing/replacing two wooden benches. City may swap two of the nicer ones in Community Park, once those are replaced by summer 2024.

Consider replacing playground equipment and adding something for older kids.

Consider purchasing a pickleball net

Consider adding a trash can near the front of the park and a portable restroom if pickleball adds more non-neighborhood park users.

Consider replacing basketball nets.

COMMUNITY PARK

Consider replacing trail signs

Consider placing a bench on the east side

Consider having dog poop bags near trash bin.

Consider offering ADA portable restroom

Consider replacing basketball nets. Estimated to \$14-27 each.

Consider replacing nets on soccer goals. Estimated \$215 - \$400

Consider replacing bench with broken seat back along the path.

Consider replacing playground equipment (parts are broken or no longer functioning. The Merry-go-round and monkey bars have rust and chipping paint. The chain ladder is broken on the bottom. There are rusty and sharp edges near the slide.

When park improvements are made, consider swapping location of gardens with basketball courts (near residential area).

Baseball field backstop has tears.

Consider adding something so tennis balls cannot roll under the fence on the courts so easily at the east entrance.