



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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, October 25 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 1 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 8 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



➤➤➤ CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ‹‹‹

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER, 25 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- Charitable Gambling Proceeds Donation to the Friends of the Philando Castile Peace Garden

MINUTES

- October 11, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. City Licenses
3. 6-Month Performance Evaluation – Administrative and Communications Coordinator Elke van der Werff
4. Appointment of Wesley Goldberg to the Parks and Recreation Commission
5. Resolution in Support of Buhl Investors' Application for Emerging and Diverse Developers Grant Funds.

POLICY ITEMS

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 Pavement Management Project

Staff is working with the contractor to ensure that weeds are mitigated and turf is established in the disturbed areas in the disturbed areas. The City is retaining project funds to ensure this work is completed.

The final assessment amounts have been mailed to the affected property owners adjacent to the project. The assessment hearing was October 11, 2023.

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.

October 11, 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing (notices were mailed to affected property owners)
Council voted to certify the assessment roll.

Spring 2024 – Warranty Items & Final Restoration Touch-Up

Mowing

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

Sidewalks

Public Works will be grinding down sidewalk panels that are trip hazards.

Winter Storage

Equipment not used during winter, will be cleaned and serviced in preparation for storage.

Curtiss Field

This week, Public Works will be checking the condition of the hockey rink boards and braces and perform necessary repairs.

Street Sweeping

Public Works will be street sweeping throughout the City as needed. They will continue to sweep the City multiple times this fall as leaves drop.

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. Concrete pavement, sidewalk and driveway are installed between Folwell and Larpenteur.

For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)

PUBLIC WORKS <<<

Public Works Senior Maintenance Worker

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking applicants for the position of Public Works Senior Maintenance Worker (FT, non-exempt). This position carries out a wide variety maintenance activities without requiring oversight. These duties including mowing parks and boulevards, fertilizing city grounds, street and sidewalk repairs, snow and ice control activities including snow plowing and shoveling. Candidates with a Class C CDL or greater are preferred, or candidates with a Class C CDL in progress. Experience working in construction, landscaping or trades required. Experience in public works preferred.

The complete job description and application is available at www.falconheights.org under 'City Government'.

Send resume and city application to "Public Works Maintenance Worker", City of Falcon Heights, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., Falcon Heights, MN 55113 or by email to jack.linehan@falconheights.org.

The position is open until filled, with first review of applicants occurring on Monday, October 23rd, 2023.



Public Works Seasonal Snow Laborer

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking a dedicated and reliable part-time Seasonal Snow Laborer to assist with snow removal operations. This individual will be responsible for operating a range of snow removal equipment including, but not limited to, skid steers, snow blowers, and snow shovels. The role requires flexibility to report on-call during inclement weather conditions and work variable hours to ensure the safety and accessibility of city streets, sidewalks, and other public areas.

The complete job description and application is available at www.falconheights.org under 'City Government'.

Send resume and city application to "Public Works Snow Laborer", City of Falcon Heights, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., Falcon Heights, MN 55113 or by email to jack.linehan@falconheights.org.

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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.

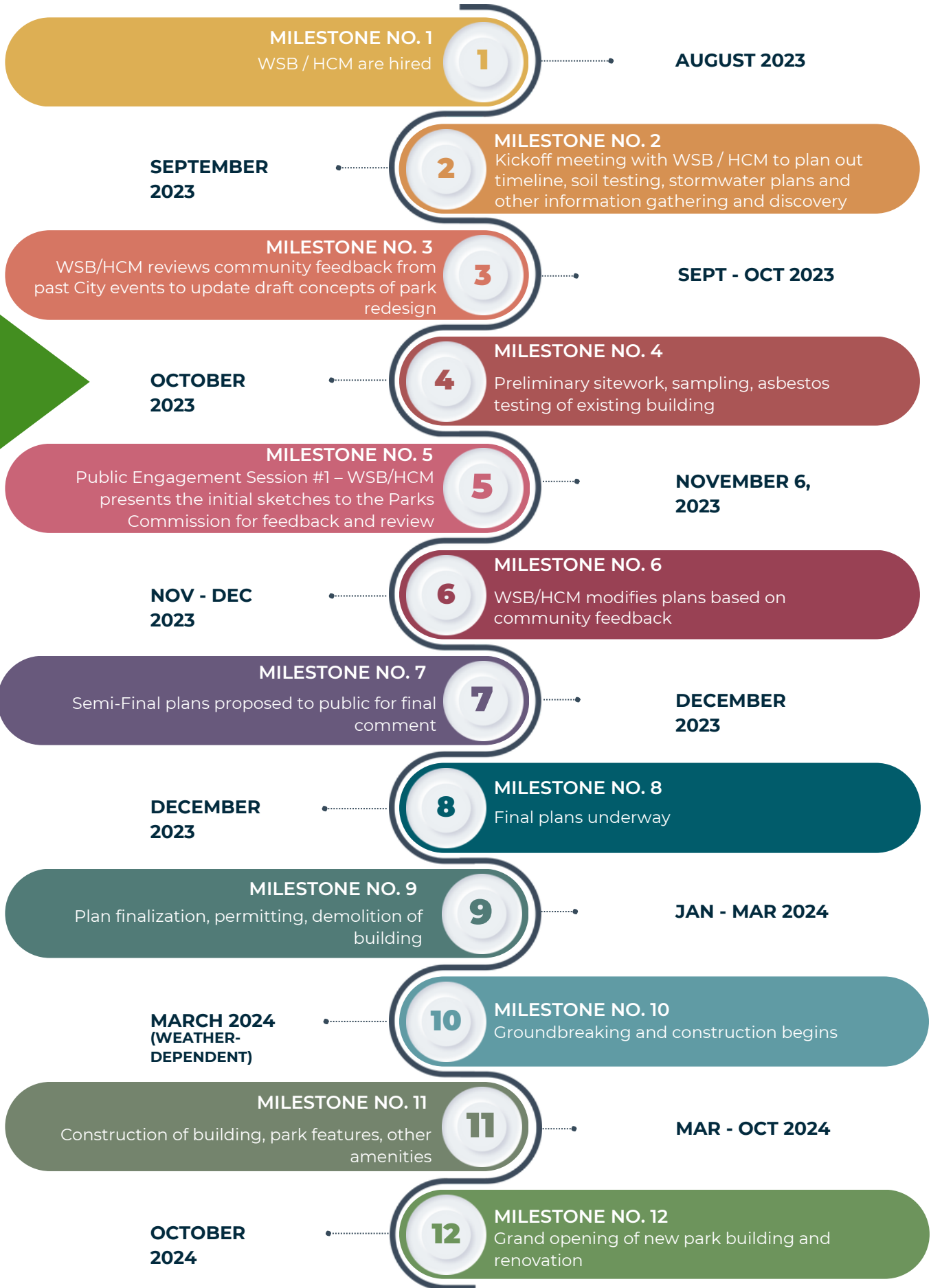
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION #1

During the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:30 PM, WSB (a civil engineering and planning firm) and HCM Architects will present initial sketches for the commission's feedback and review. The public is invited and welcomed to attend to share their feedback regarding the Community Park renovation project.

Monday, November 6
6:30 PM
City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.

COMMUNITY PARK TIMELINE

The timeline is subject to change as the project develops.



Snelling & Larpenteur

CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT STUDY

In early 2023, the City of Falcon Heights applied for and received a grant from Ramsey County to review the two most critical transportation corridors within the city, Snelling Avenue and Larpenteur Avenue. The project is to evaluate the existing land uses along the two corridors and identify areas of potential future redevelopment and reinvestment to meet future housing and business needs. With the outside grant funding, the City is undertaking a corridor study that will look at existing sites, note economic and market trends, and gain input from the Falcon Heights community about what type of development they would like to see in the future. The Planning Commission will serve as the steering committee providing feedback and shepherding the study throughout the process.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

Share your input! Take our community survey and give your thoughts on our community input map! Scan the QR codes below or click on the link above it.

Community Input Map

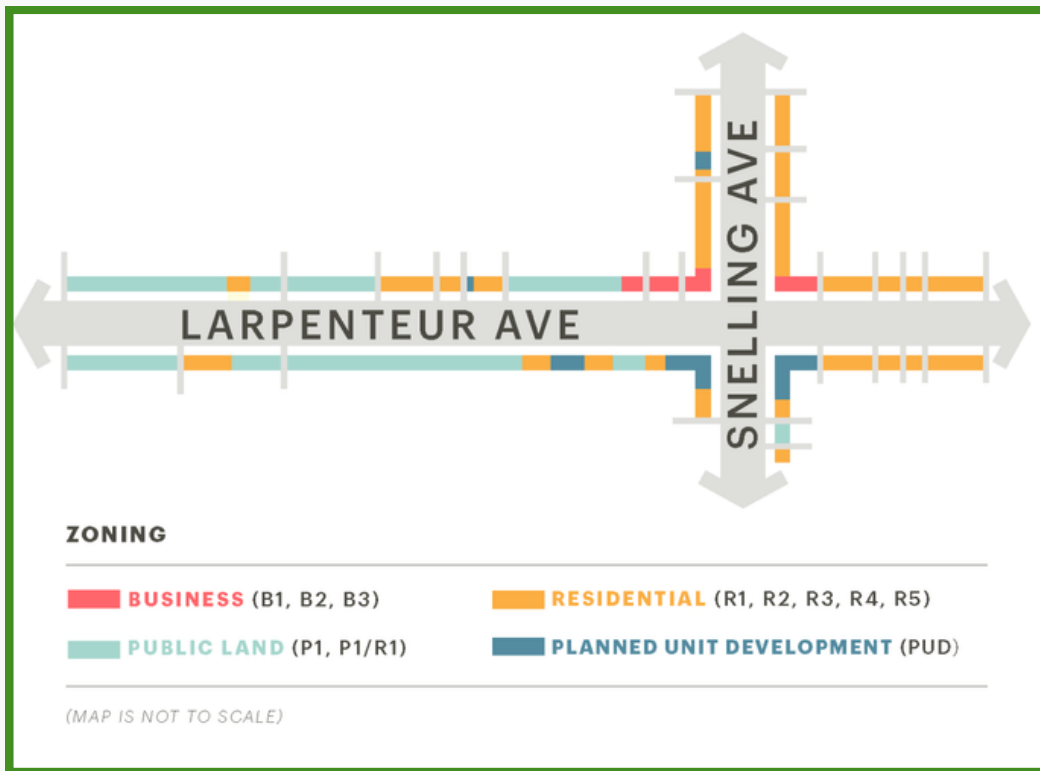


Community Input Map

Community Survey



Community Survey



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES



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

In-person absentee voting is also 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

Medicare 2024

Wednesday, October 25 at 2:00 PM

Hybrid event:

In person at 2200 Hillside Ave.

OR

Online through facebook.com/sapaseniors

Chris Abbott, from the North Star Resource Group, will give a presentation to explain the changes in the Medicare market this fall and answer questions. He will also be able to make appointments to meet with individuals at a later date.

Coffee and Board Games

It's Back!

Come for Coffee and Board Games

Date: Tuesday, October 24th

Time: 10:00 – 11:45 AM

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

Line Dancing

Do you like to Dance? How about line dancing?

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors will be offering a three-part line dancing workshop through WG LineDance, an organization that empowers individuals through personalized line dance instruction that encourages self-expression, fosters personal growth, and creates a sense of belonging. WG LineDance is dedicated to providing a supportive and inclusive environment where dancers of all levels can learn, grow, and thrive.

Dates: Thursdays, October 26, November 2 & November 9

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Place: Lauderdale City Hall (1891 Walnut St.)

No partners are needed.

You may attend 1, 2 or 3 sessions.

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Free visits available to income qualified households.



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

League of Women Voters Roseville Area

Conversations with Constituents

The League of Women Voters Roseville Area is sponsoring an event at 6:30 p.m. on October 26, which will be held in the Roseville City Hall. This event will include conversations with mayors, Ramsey County commissioners and state representatives representing the cities of Roseville, Maplewood, Little Canada, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. The public is invited to this in-person event. There will be three 20-minute sessions where constituents will rotate among representatives.



State Legislators, Commissioners, and Mayors representing Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Maplewood, and Roseville



CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSTITUENTS

Q&A with our local elected officials

Bring your questions and join the conversation!

What do YOU want to ask?
What are YOUR priorities?
What do YOU want to understand?

October 26, 2023
Roseville City Hall
6:30 - 8:00PM
Doors Open at 6PM



October 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, October 28, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ramsey County Library - White Bear Lake
2150 2nd St.

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

City License Renewals

The 2024 city license renewal process is underway! Are you a current license holder? Here are some tips for a smooth renewal process: complete the application carefully and attach all required documents. Then, either email, mail or drop the documents off at City Hall. All current license holders should have received a renewal letter in the mail. If you have any questions, contact City Hall!



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



COMOCONNECTS

Resources and Support for Neighborhood Seniors (651) 642-1127

COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

RAMSEY COUNTY YARD WASTE

It's that time of the year when our free yard waste sites are at their busiest. Please read [these tips to avoid a long wait](#) before you visit to dispose of leaves, plant material and other yard waste.

If you're celebrating Halloween, don't throw pumpkins in the trash afterwards. Instead, bring pumpkins without candles, paint, glitter or other decorations to a free yard waste collection site and place them in the leaf pile. Please do not place them in the food scraps collection bins.

[View locations and hours of free yard waste sites](#)



RECYCLING FUN FACT

Did you know that a certain chocolate company uses over 133 square miles of aluminum to wrap the 20 million bell-shaped chocolate candies they make every day? While this wrap is recyclable, most people don't bother to recycle such tiny pieces, which ultimately means over 100 square miles of aluminum is not getting recycled from these tiny chocolates alone! The takeaway? Every single little bit counts!

CODE <<< ENFORCEMENT CORNER

We are nearing the end of lawn maintenance season, but don't forget to keep those weeds trimmed back in the meantime! Continue mowing until grass stops growing in the fall, generally around the end of October.

Maintaining your grass height before winter can minimize diseases that occur when grass is too long over the winter, and long grass during winter may encourage vole activity.



Gibbs Farm

2023 Trick or Treat Trail

Saturday | October 28
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
(Timed Entry)

2097 Larpenteur Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55113



Take a dash of Secret Garden, add a sprinkle of Jules Verne, stir in a candy mixture and what do you get?

The Steampunk Trick-or-Treat Trail at Gibbs Farm, Saturday, October 28th, 2023.

Visit the twisting stacks of books at the library, match wits with a traveling magician, craft potions with an apothecary, and decide whether or not to throw your lot in with some mischievous sky pirates.

The start of the trail is timed, approximately 45 minutes long, and ends at the exit of the site.

Prior registration for an entry timeslot is required. Please expect to wait a few minutes after arriving to begin the trail. As always, the Trick-or-Treat Trail is family friendly and intended for all ages!

- \$15 for trick-or-treaters 3 and older
- \$5 for trick-or-treaters 2 and under (no charge for infants)
- \$10 for non-trick-or-treating adults
- RCHS Members receive a 10% discount on tickets.

Register [here!](#)

COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Raptor Center

Trick or Treat with Raptors

Saturday | October 28
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1920 Fitch Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

Come in costume and trick or treat while you meet and learn about amazing raptors.

Recommended for kids ages 3-9. All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Event runs from 3:00PM to 4:30PM with entry every 15 minutes. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per group

Register [here!](#)



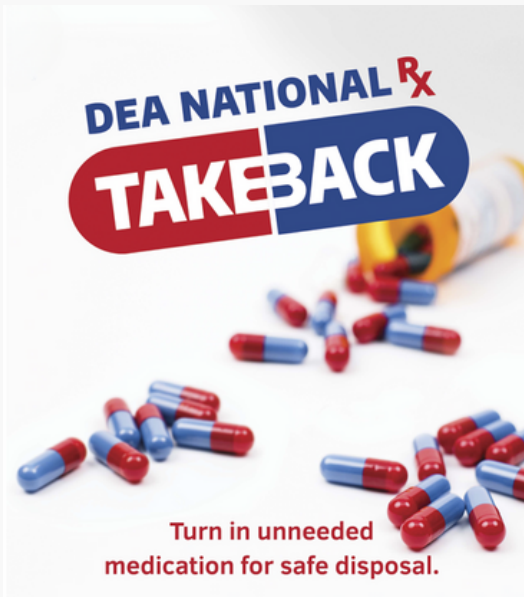
COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

DEA National Take Back Day

Saturday, October 28
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Utilize this [Collection Site Locator](#) to find a location near you

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.



Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 24, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave, will hold a public hearing to consider the application of Buhl Larpenteur West LLC for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 100 apartment units located directly to the west of the current Amber Union PUD.

The application and other planning documents will be available upon request no later than October 20, 2023. It will also be available on the City's website at www.falconheights.org. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Hannah Lynch, Community Development Coordinator at (651) 792-7613 or hannah.b.lynch@falconheights.org.

Dated: October 13, 2023

Hannah B. Lynch, Community Development Coordinator
City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota

Click [here](#) to view notice of the hearing.

>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

City Hall Programming

Tae Kwon Do <<<

Register for upcoming Tae Kwon Do sessions!

Tae Kwon Do Basic and Intermediate/Advanced sessions will be held on Tuesdays, with classes running November 7. - December 19. No class will be held on November 21.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running November 9- December 21. All classes are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. No class will be held on November 23.

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 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>

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

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Love your heart! Take advantage of these **free/donation-based** Blood Pressure Clinics.



1st & 3rd Mondays from 2-3:30 PM at Arbor Pointe Apartments

2nd & 4th Mondays from 2-3:30 PM 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.

United Way

United Way 2-1-1 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Minnesota. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to connect you with resources and information. Just call 2-1-1

