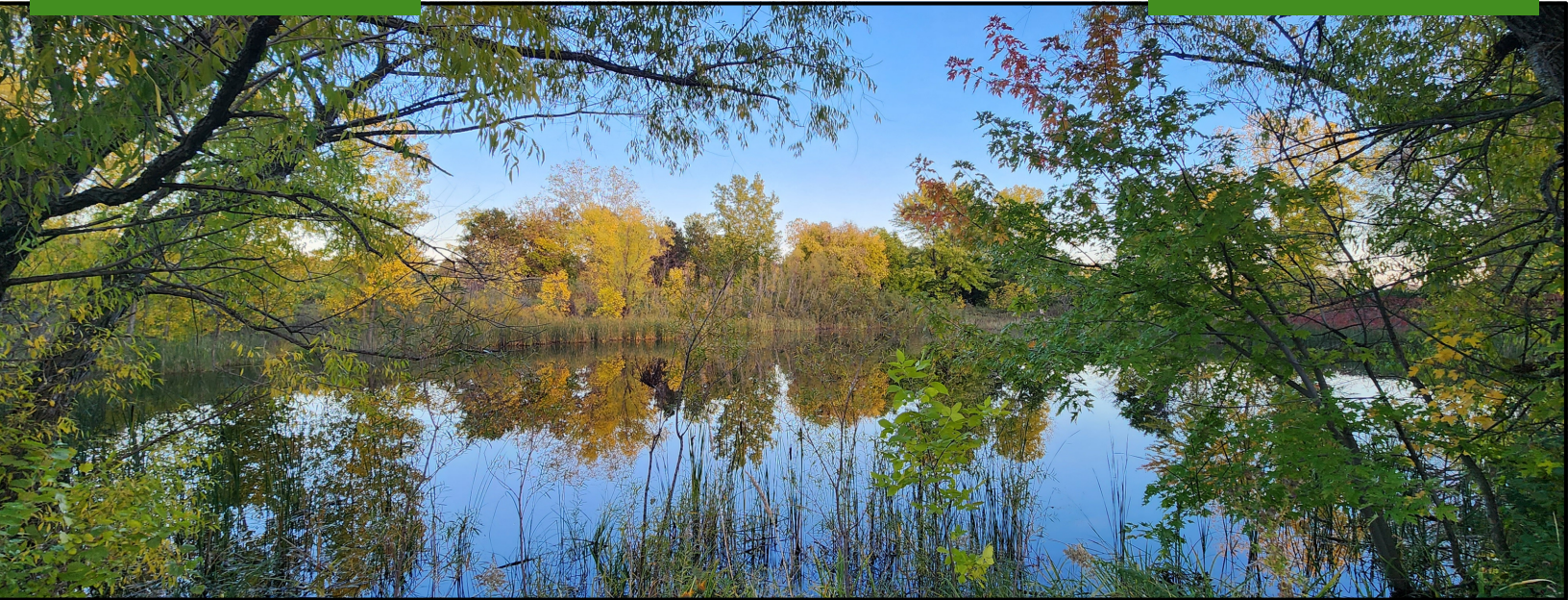




***FALCON HEIGHTS***  
***THE CITY THAT SOARS***

**>>> NEWSLETTER <<<**



**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
**2077 LARPEN TEUR AVENUE WEST**  
**FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55113**  
**651-792-7600**



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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, November 15 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM (Rescheduled from November 8th)
- Wednesday, November 22 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



# 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

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

Property owners can pre-pay their assessment until Friday, November 10, 2023. This has been extended to Monday, November 13, 4:30 PM due to the holiday closure on Friday.

Spring 2024 – Warranty Items & Final Restoration Touch-Up

## Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

Work is ongoing between Buford and Larpenteur Avenues. The traffic signals at the Larpenteur and Cleveland intersection are working, and the final layer of asphalt has been installed. Pavement marking, lights and turf restoration is ongoing.

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

## Sidewalks

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

## 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. Public Works will then mulch the leaves.



## Ice Hockey Rink

Public Works will be getting the Ice Hockey Rink ready. They will be setting the boards up at Curtiss Field.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jack.linehan@falconheights.org).

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



## JOIN US TONIGHT FOR 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 RENOVATION

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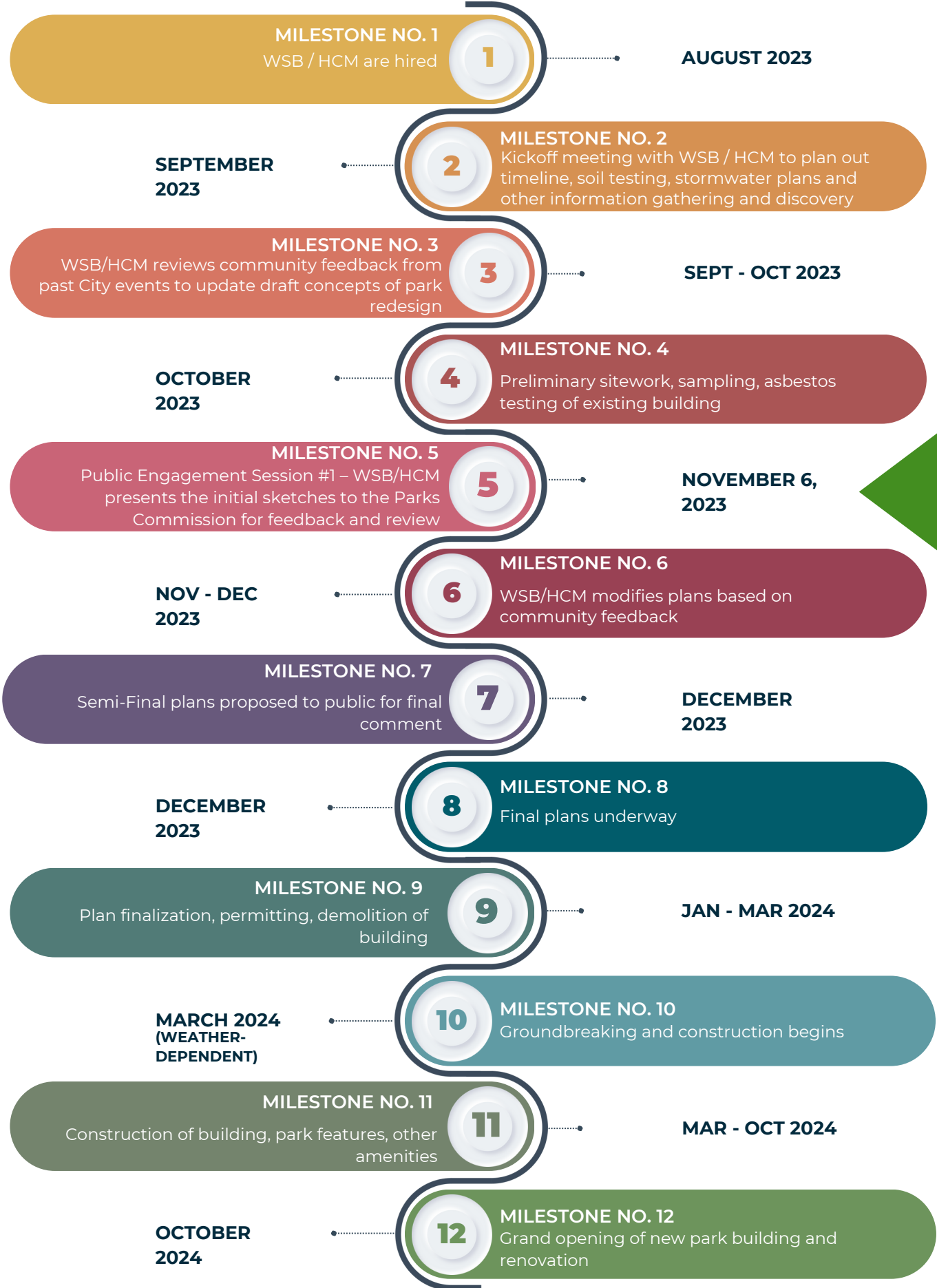
The City has long been planning the renovation of Community Park, located at 2050 Roselawn Avenue. Since the 1970s, the City leased the land from the University of Minnesota. With our lease expiring, the City purchased the property from the university for \$1.1 million this past May.

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.





# 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

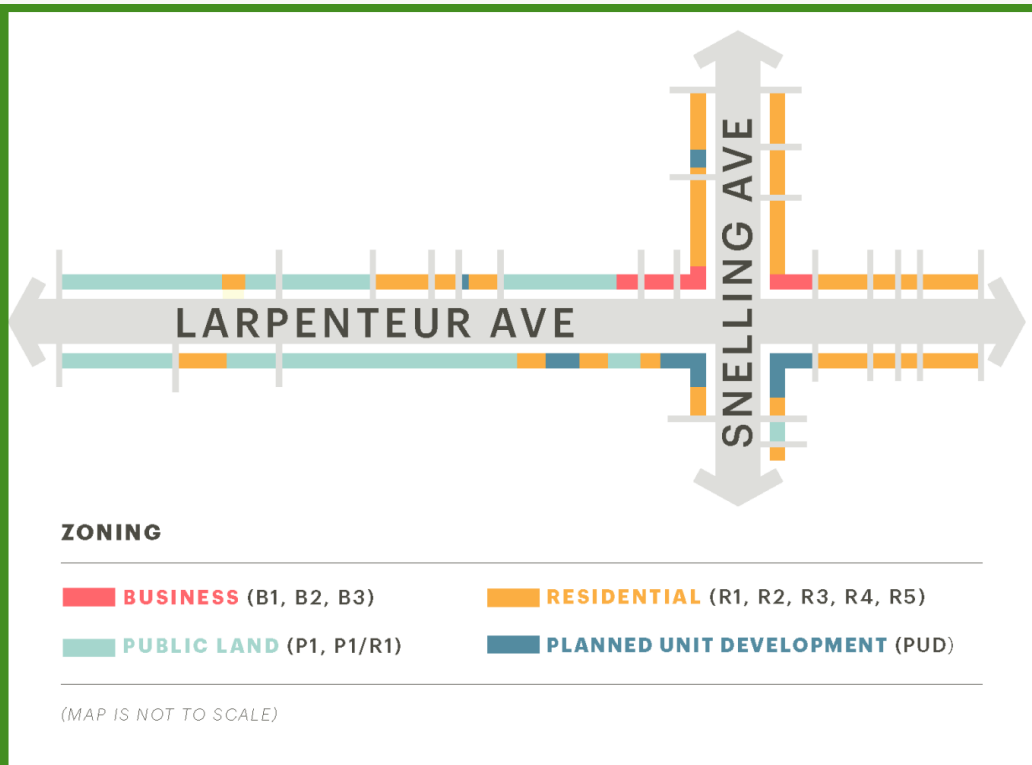


Community Input Map

### 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.

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

- Monday, Nov. 6: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

In-person absentee voting is also available at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville

- Monday, Nov. 6: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## 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.

Voting hours: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

- Falcon Heights City Hall (P-1) 2077 Larpenteur Ave. Falcon Heights, MN 55113
- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (P-2) 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)

Initial unofficial results will be posted on the MN Secretary of State's website after polls close on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

On Election Day, Nov. 7, the only place you may return your absentee ballot in person is to the Ramsey County Elections Office - Plato Building by 8:00 PM

If you haven't returned your absentee ballot, you can vote in person at your polling place. Your absentee ballot will be spoiled (made invalid), and you will be issued a new ballot to cast at the polling place.

## St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

### Free 55+ Defensive Driver Course

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Pre-registration is required.

Cost: NO CHARGE

Prerequisite for this 4-hour course is the 8-hour Defensive Driving Course

This 4-hour refresher class is taught by a National Safety Council certified instructor. Those who complete the class may be able to receive a 10% discount on their auto insurance.

Call St. Anthony Park Area Seniors 651-642-9052 for more information.

### Do you like to watch movies?

Come and Enjoy the November Senior Cinema Series Show!

We are showing "His Girl Friday" on Monday, November 13! Join us at 2:00 PM at 2200 Hillside Avenue (sanctuary of Centennial United Methodist Church).

The plot centers on a newspaper editor named Walter Burns who is about to lose his ace reporter and ex-wife, Hildy Johnson, newly engaged to another man. 92 minutes All are welcome to attend regardless of age or residency. Snacks will be available, and there is no charge or registration required.

# COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

## 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!

## RECYCLING FUN FACT

The energy used to create and distribute junk mail in the US for one day could heat 250,000 homes.

How to stop junk mail?

For a small processing fee of \$4 you can register at the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) consumer website [DMAchoice.org](https://DMAchoice.org), and choose what catalogs, magazine offers, and other mail you want to get. DMAchoice will stop most, but not all, promotional mail. [DMAchoice.org](https://DMAchoice.org) also has an [Email Preference Service](#) that lets you get less unsolicited commercial email. Registration is free and will last for six years.



# COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

## Veterans Day

In observance of Veterans Day, City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10. Permits can be applied for online at [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org). If you need to contact City Hall during this time, please leave a voice mail at (651) 792-7600. We thank you for your understanding

Thank you to all the veterans who have served our country!



## THE MAYOR FOR A DAY ESSAY CONTEST IS BACK

To enter, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders can answer the prompt, "What would you do if you were mayor for a day?" for a chance to win \$100 and recognition in Minnesota Cities magazine.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 12. Students and parents/guardians can submit essays via an online form, a PDF email attachment, or through the mail. Winners only will be notified in early January. Some cities may provide additional local recognition for participants.

How can you submit your essays?

There are three ways to send us your students' essays.

1. Submit online – students can enter their essays into this online form and submit them directly.
2. Print and Mail – you can print this document for students to handwrite their essays and then mail them in to 145 University Ave. W, Saint Paul, MN 55103.
3. Email as an attachment – students can type their essays into the fillable PDF, save the document, and then email the finalized PDF to [mayorforaday@lmc.org](mailto:mayorforaday@lmc.org).

## MN FAIRGROUND EVENT

### Girls on the Run 5k

Girls on the Run inspires girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths while building a sense of connection in a team setting. At the end of the season, the team completes a 5K together, which provides a tangible sense of accomplishment.

LOCATION: Fairgrounds

HOURS: 9 AM - noon

ADMISSION:

\$30 until October 23rd  
\$35 until November 12th  
\$40 on race day.



For more information, visit [www.gotrmn.org](http://www.gotrmn.org)



# NATURE <<< NEWSFLASH

## 5 ways to weatherize your home

As the cooler months settle in, consider these relatively cost-effective ways to weatherize your home. Weatherizing helps a home maintain temperature, conserve energy and save money on energy bills.

### 1. Consult the pros.

Request a consultation with a Home Energy Squad technician through Xcel Energy to help you understand opportunities to save energy and money on utility bills. Income-qualified customers may qualify for free visits.

### 2. Install (more) insulation in your attic.

Since hot air rises, a lot of heat escapes through attics. Installing insulation in the attic can help keep heat inside your home. Even if your attic has some insulation, you might be able to add more. Learn how to install attic insulation here.

### 3. Insulate your windows with plastic film.

A great option for renters, installing plastic film insulation is an affordable way to combat drafty (especially single-pane) windows. Make sure to read the directions on the package beforehand to set yourself up for success. At the end of the season, put plastic film insulation in the trash, not the recycling. Despite its name, plastic film insulation is NOT accepted with plastic bag/film recycling.

### 4. Seal gaps around windows and doors.

Before the weather turns especially frigid, use caulk or weather stripping to seal gaps around windows and doors. You can also put fabric or plastic sealers along the bottom of doors to prevent cold air from coming through.

### 5. Insulate outlets and light switches.

Did you know cold air can seep through outlets and light switches located on exterior walls? Add foam gaskets (like this one) to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.

## 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](https://mncee.org/hes)

Free visits available to income qualified households.



# >>> **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 14. - December 19. No class will be held on November 7 or 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

Sponsored by



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

