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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, November 29 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM (Rescheduled from November 22nd)
- Wednesday, December 6 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM



>>> CITY COUNCIL UNOFFICIAL MEETING RECAP <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER, 15 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

- October 25, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes (Leehy; approved 4-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- City Licenses
- Canvassing Election Results for November 7, 2023
- Construction Cooperation Agreement for Roselawn Avenue
- Resolution in Support of Application for MPCA Brownfield Assessment Grant

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- 2024 Ramsey County Select Committee on Recycling & The Environment (SCORE) Grant Submittal and Enter into Agreement with Ramsey County for Funding
- City Administrator Jack Linehan – 18-Month Employee Step Adjustment
- Finance Director Roland Olson – Pay Adjustment
- Authorization for City Administrator to Negotiate and Approve Employee Benefit Plans
- Release of RFP for 2024 Printing Services
- Support for City Administrator Jack Linehan to Participate in Compass Peer Leadership Group (Wehyee; approved 4-0)

POLICY ITEMS

1. Amber Flats PUD (Wehyee; failed 2-2)
2. Pathway Sidewalk Maintenance Map and Plowing Update (Wassenberg; approved 4-0)
3. Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Grant Applications (Leehy; approved 4-0)
4. Law Enforcement Contract Update

ADJOURNMENT: 10:11 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

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.

Mowing

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

Equipment

Public Works will be performing routine equipment maintenance this week.



Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Cleveland Avenue from Como Ave. to Larpenteur Ave. has been completed! All impacted roads and intersections are now open.

Free Park Days

Free admission to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas - no vehicle permits needed!

- Friday, November 29, 2024

Coming to the park? Know the "Key 3:"

1. Plan to be flexible, and consider exploring new destinations. Parks are busy on these free days, so we encourage you to discover a new favorite!
2. Arrive prepared. Check visitor alerts and download maps before your trip.
3. Recreate responsibly. Help conserve these special places for the future by staying on trails and leaving no trace.



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.

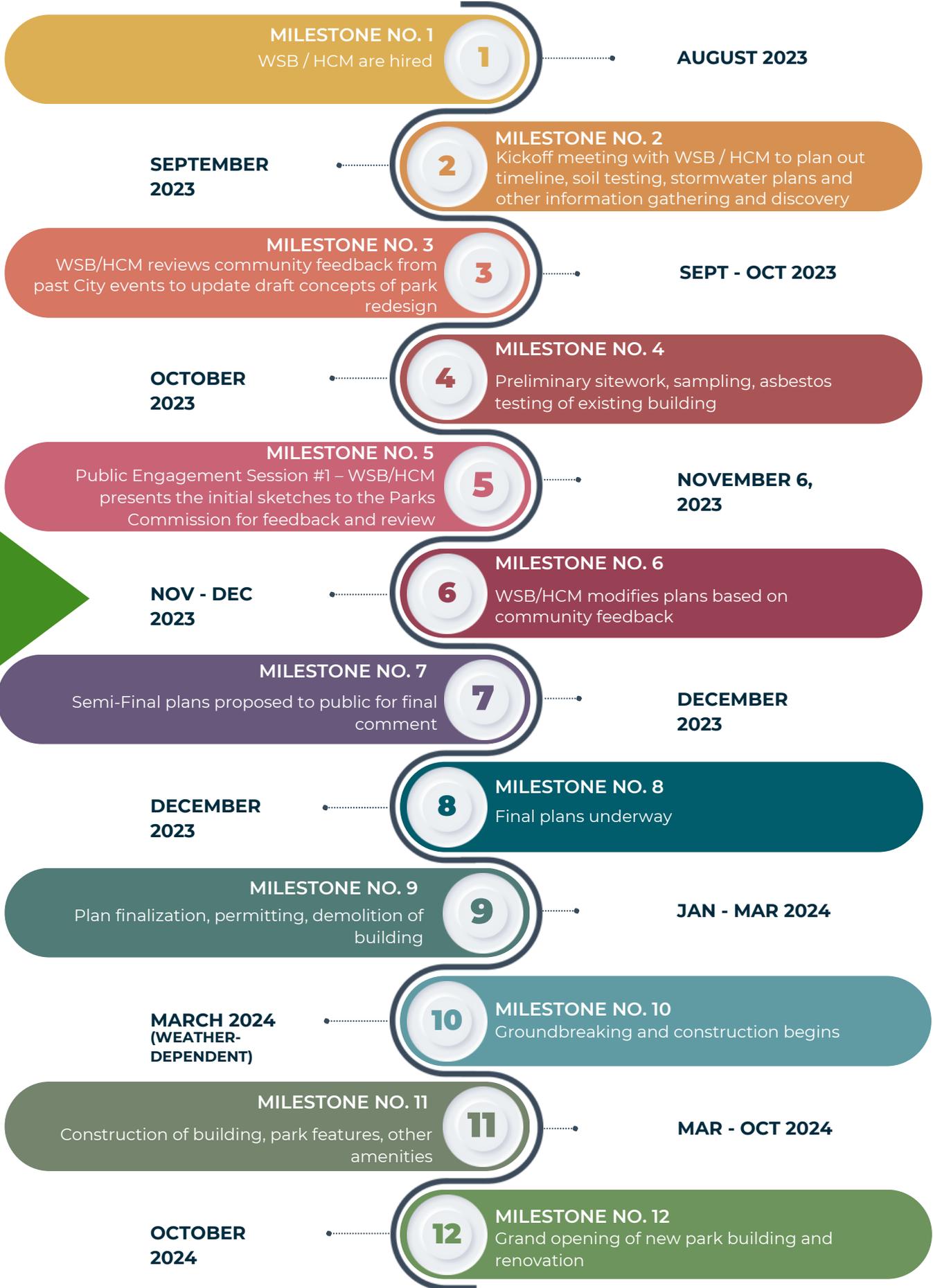
COMMUNITY PARK RENOVATION SURVEY

The City is currently seeking the community's feedback regarding the Community Park renovation. Make your opinions known and help shape the future renovation of Community Park by taking the online survey [here](#):

You can also find a link to the survey on the Community Park Renovation page of the City's website, including links to renovation documents, which are included in a smaller scale within the survey. [Click to view](#).

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

Falcon Heights is now looking for applicants for three focus groups to serve as participants in the Larpenteur & Snelling Corridor Development Study!

If you are interested, please fill out the [application](#) at the link provided below and we will be in touch with you as soon as selections are made. Thank you so much for your interest!

Community Survey

Community Input Map



Community Survey



Community Input Map



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



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES



Pictures with Santa!

Presented by St. Paul North Ramsey 500
Lions Club

Pictures with Santa!

Bring your little ones to meet Santa and
support hunger relief in our community.

When: Sunday, December 3

Time: 12:00 3:00 PM

Where: Autumn Grove Park Facility
395 Lydia Ave. W. Roseville, MN 55113

Cost: \$10 per child, payable with cash or
check at the door.

One fresh cut, decorated Christmas tree will
be raffled off at \$2/ticket. The winner will be
announced at 3:00 PM.

All proceeds benefit the Keystone Community
Services Foodmobile program. The Lions are
partnering with Keystone to provide mobile
food support to people in need.

Registration is limited!
Register [here](#).

RFP - 2024 Printing Services

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking
proposals from vendors who are interested in
providing cost-effective and quality services
for the City's 2024 Printing Services to
provide newsletter/postcard printing. The
print vendor must be located in close
proximity to City Hall to provide timely
printing services. Proposals must include all
items specified in the RFP, that can be found
[here](#).

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

It's Back! Come for Coffee and Board Games

When: Fourth Tuesday of each month; next
date is on November 28th

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

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

Cost: NO CHARGE, but donations are always
appreciated.

Transportation is available with one week's
notice. No RSVP is needed.

Games include Scrabble, Dominoes,
Rummikub, Triominoes and cards. You are
also welcome to bring your own games!

ALL are welcome, regardless of age, ability or
residency.

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



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

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.

Submit online – students can enter their essays into this online form and submit them directly.

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.

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.

City Hall Will be Closed

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Active Living Ramsey Communities Quarterly Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023
2:30-4:30 PM

Registration is required for this meeting. Please register for the: Monday, December 11 meeting [here](#). After registering, you will receive the Zoom link.

RECYCLING FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know: Almost half of all seabird species, 22% of all cetaceans (whales/dolphins/porpoises), all sea turtle species, and a growing list of fish species have been documented with plastic found in or around their bodies.



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS)

Getting The Lead Out

In 2023 SPRWS launched an ambitious 10-year plan to remove all lead service lines in both private and public property. Lead Free SPRWS is offering free replacement to customers.

SPRWS is actively planning the next ten years of the program by working on obtaining funding and choosing an appropriate number of replacements to complete each year based on the funding. The SPRWS service area will be divided into project zones and they will prioritize based on several factors. Information will be shared on [SPRWS website](#) as soon as it is available. SPRWS will contact customers directly when they are coming to their area. To ensure SPRWS has the most up to date contact information, you can call customer service at [651-266-6350](tel:651-266-6350).

For more information, click [here](#)

Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

There are steps you can take to reduce exposure if you have a lead service line or lead in your interior plumbing:

- Let the water run for 3-5 minutes before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has collected in your plumbing for more than 6 hours.
- Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Hot water absorbs more lead from pipes than cold water.
- At least once a quarter, remove your aerator from your faucet and rinse the filter out.
- Use a water pitcher or point of use filter for your drinking water

State Fair Tickets Flash Sale

Lowest price of the year! State Fair admission tickets make great gifts for all the fair fans on your list (don't forget about yourself)! This \$13 Flash Sale offer is only good TOMORROW, Tuesday, Nov. 21, while supplies last. Limit of 12 tickets per order, one order per customer. Flash Sale tickets will only be delivered via email for printing at home or via text message for mobile download.

Buy now [here!](#)

Winter Coat Drive

Falcon Heights will be participating in the winter coat drive again for the International Institute of Minnesota. Items can now be dropped off at City Hall.

They are collecting men's, women's and children's winter jackets for newly arrived refugees:

- New or GENTLY used and
- laundered
- Sizes S-L (small and medium, especially)
- Thick: not a light jacket or Peacoat

They are also seeking other winter supplies in new condition:

- Hats
- Gloves

They cannot accept knitted or crocheted items.



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

HOLIDAY TREE SALES

Falcon Heights - Lauderdale Lions Club
Christmas Tree Sale

Where:
Falcon Heights Community Park, (at the corner
of Cleveland and Roselawn)

Hours:
Opens for the season on Friday, November 24,
from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Then, Monday - Friday, 4:30 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Until trees are sold out.

Proudly supporting Roseville Area Schools with
over \$190K in donations since 1994. Also,
supporting local organizations working with
families and kids, older folks, people with food
insecurity, etc.



MN FAIRGROUND EVENT

Horse Crazy
Holiday Market

DESCRIPTION:

The Horse Crazy Holiday Market is a two-day, equine-inspired, free-spirited marketplace filled with more than 100 vendors, artisans, makers and exhibitors featuring goods, gifts and services for horse lovers and those who love horse lovers.

When: Friday, December 1 - Sunday,
December 3

Location: Warner Coliseum

Hours:

Friday: 4-8 PM
Saturday: 10 AM to 6 PM
Sunday: 10 AM to 4 PM

Admission: Free; suggested \$5 donation

For more information, click [here](#)



CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

We are almost to the end of growing season! Take these last few days/weeks to finish mowing that lawn and getting it to a good length before the snow comes. Don't forget to mow and weed along the edges of your curb, as well. Thanks for keeping Falcon Heights looking beautiful!

EVs & EV Charging

Are you one of the many Minnesotans considering making the switch to an electric vehicle? Not sure where to begin? We have now updated our website to include many resources on electric vehicles and charging equipment. Take a look [here](#) to learn more!

Kickstart your plastic-free journey. Take the

Plastic-Free Challenge



Coming this February



Plastic Free Challenge

Kickstart your plastic-free journey with the Plastic-Free Challenge during the month of February! You can be part of the solution to reduce waste, protect water and wildlife, address climate change, and look after the health of ourselves and future generations.

Get notified when sign up is open, by clicking [here](#)

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.



>>> 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 November 14. - 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 upcoming yoga sessions!

Classes will be held on Mondays from November 27- March 4 at 4:30 PM. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

*No classes held on December 25, January 1 or February 5.

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

