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**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
**2077 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST**  
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## FIRE

Fire protection is provided by the  
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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 SUMMER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

- 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday

- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM





# CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM 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, June 5 - City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, June 12 - City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM



# ➤➤➤ CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNOFFICIAL RECAP ◀◀◀

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 22, 2024  
7:00 PM

## AGENDA

### PRESENTATIONS

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. Colin Callahan 12-Month Step Adjustment
3. Summer Hours  
(Mielke; approved 5-0)

### MINUTES

- April 17, 2024 - City Council Joint Town Hall Meeting Minutes
- April 18, 2024 - City Council Joint Town Hall Meeting Minutes
- April 24, 2024 - City Council Meeting Minutes
- May 8, 2024 - City Council Meeting Minutes  
(Wassenberg; approved 4-0)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 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 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.

## 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 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.

## 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 on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM 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 stormwater 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 at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.

## MN State Fairgrounds

### Girls on the Run

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.

Saturday, June 1  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**ADMISSION**  
\$35 May 15-June 1  
\$40 Race Day

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

### GMCCA Car Show & Swap Meet

GMCCA is comprised of twelve car & truck clubs based out of the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area in Minnesota. In June of each year, we hold our GMCCA All-GM Show and Swap Meet on Machinery Hill at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Sunday, June 2  
7 AM open for swappers  
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the general public

**ADMISSION**  
Adults: \$10  
Children (12 & under): Free  
Show Vehicles: \$15; Vehicles for Sale: \$25  
Swap Spaces: \$25 each  
For more information, visit [www.gmcca.com](http://www.gmcca.com)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

## City Banner Contest

As you've likely noticed, Larpenteur Avenue is undergoing a transformation, with the City replacing 34 decorative street lights between Arona Street and Fry Street. These new lights come equipped with arms specially designed for decorative banners. Half of these banners will proudly bear Falcon Heights' logo, but for the other half, we need your imaginative touch.

Calling all artists to submit their designs for the new banners!

For more information, contest rules and how to submit, click [here](#)

## City Hall Closure

In observance of Memorial Day, City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27. We will resume summer hours on Tuesday, May 28.

- Monday - Thursday
  - 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday
  - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## City Jobs

### Summer Program Intern

The City is currently hiring for a Summer Program Intern. The position will be responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating summer recreational programs for children (ages 6-13) in an outdoor setting.

The position will also help hire and train other summer programming staff. The ideal candidate will be able to work with no direct supervision, excel in leading group activities, have experience working with children, and have a background in Parks and Recreation or Elementary Education.

If this sounds like you, we highly encourage you to apply! The position will close on Friday, May 31 at 4:30 PM

Please visit [our website](#) to view the entire job description and review the application requirements.

### Seasonal Recreation Staff

The City of Falcon Heights is seeking candidates for the temporary/seasonal positions of Seasonal Recreation Staff. These positions will be responsible for assisting in the implementation of summer programming for children (ages 6-13) in an outdoor setting. The ideal candidates will be energetic, reliable, and have experience in coaching or working with children.

Please visit [our website](#) to view the entire job description and review the application requirements.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

## St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors: Poetry Group

Would you like to meet with others who enjoy writing poetry? We often think of poetry as a solitary activity, but sharing our efforts in a small group can provide helpful support and encouragement.

ALL ages are welcome!

If such a group appeals to you, please join St. Anthony Park Area Seniors on Friday, May 31 at 9:30 AM at 2200 Hillside Ave. (Centennial United Methodist Church). Come to door #1.

Contact the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office at 651-642-9052 or [sc@sapaseniors.org](mailto:sc@sapaseniors.org) if you have questions.



# PUBLIC WORKS & <<< COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Stormwater

This summer, Public Works will rehab stormwater catch basins and vaults. They will start in the University Grove neighborhood and work east.

## Mowing

Public Works will be mowing city-maintained grass, as needed as well as weed-whip all parks and medians.

## Falcon Heights Monuments

Public Works will continue restoring the Falcon Heights monuments by removing the glass and pane frames and fabricating new pane frames.

## Larpenteur Avenue Lighting Project

The Falcon Heights Larpenteur Avenue Lighting Project is nearing completion. The 34 decorative light poles have been replaced on Larpenteur Avenue from Fry Street to Arona Street. The lights are decorative LED and will have a single light head and arms for decorative banners. The lights are DarkSky International-approved and will help significantly improve lighting in the corridor without unnecessary light pollution.

For more information about the project, click [here](#).

## Roselawn Pavement Management Project

Roselawn Avenue, between Snelling and Hamline, will be improved as part of the 2024 Pavement Management Project (PMP) in cooperation with Roseville. The project will include a mill and overlay, minor utility improvements, curb repairs, and pedestrian ramp upgrades. There should be one lane in each direction on Roselawn Avenue throughout construction, but on-street parking may be restricted.

Work began the week of May 13, with estimated completion by late June. This schedule is weather-dependent.

For more information and to receive updates, click [here](#).





# COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

## Partners in Energy

The Falcon Heights Partners in Energy program is looking for feedback about energy action in the City! We are offering Specialty LED Kits for free for anyone who fills out the [survey](#) below, while supplies last. **In order to receive your free Specialty LED kit, please make sure to include your email address in the last field of the survey, otherwise, we will not know how to contact you to pick it up.**

Falcon Heights is developing an Energy Action Plan through Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program. The plan will build off of the Comprehensive Plan's energy goals and include extensive community input to the planning process to determine what we, as a community, want to achieve related to electric and natural gas options.

We encourage community members to share thoughts on topics including:

- Energy Efficiency - Saving energy through weatherization of homes and buildings and efficient technologies
- Renewable Energy - Wind and solar energy for homes and businesses
- Electric Vehicles - Resident adoption, fleet upgrades and charging infrastructure
- Electrification - Adopting electric heating/cooling and appliance technologies

The outcome of this plan, through your input, will guide the City in reaching its energy goals over the coming years. Click below to access the survey!



[CLICK HERE FOR THE COMMUNITY ENERGY SURVEY](#)

The City of Falcon Heights is thrilled to announce we will be hosting a MN GreenCorps member

**Join**

# Minnesota GreenCorps



Spend a year of service addressing critical environmental issues in Minnesota while gaining experience and learning valuable job skills!

Application Due  
**June 13, 2024**

#### TOPIC AREAS:

- Community Readiness & Outreach
- Energy Conservation & Green
- Transportation Stormwater & Forestry
- Waste Reduction & Recycling

Learn more and apply [here!](#)



- Living allowance of \$16.24/hr
- Education award of \$7395
- Healthcare with premium paid
- Loan forbearance
- Cohort of 58 members
- Opportunities across the state
- Professional development

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# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## 75th Anniversary

On April 1, 1949, by a vote of 5 to 1, the citizens rejected petitioning either Roseville or St. Paul for annexation and chose instead to establish their own independent village government. The incorporation of the Village of Falcon Heights brought in all of the remaining unincorporated areas of Rose Township, including the State Fairgrounds, University of Minnesota Campus Golf Course, and Test Fields. In 1973, the Village of Falcon Heights became a city.

To celebrate 75 years since officially becoming "Falcon Heights", the City is working on plans to honor the occasion. If you are interested in participating in the celebration planning, please fill out a form on our [website](#).

## Compost Bin sale - save \$20

The Recycling Association of Minnesota is selling compost bins for \$76 plus tax this year before the discount. Ramsey County residents can receive a \$20 discount. Order online at [RecycleMinnesota.org](https://RecycleMinnesota.org) and enter promo code "Ramsey."



## 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.

The City received applications for a focus group as participants in the study and they had their first meeting on February 26, 2024

For more information and to follow the progression of the study, click [here](#)

# COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Community Needs Assessment

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties is doing a Community Needs Assessment. They do this every 3 years to better understand what areas of help residents of Ramsey & Washington County would like CAPRW and other local service providers to focus on.

If you are in need of a paper copy, please email [survey@caprw.org](mailto:survey@caprw.org)

They are requesting survey responses by May 31st and participants have a chance to win a \$25 gift card!

Take the survey [here](#).

## Share Your Pheasant and Turkey Sightings!

You can now report observations of ring-necked pheasants and wild turkeys through a citizen science effort by the Minnesota DNR.

Report any pheasant and turkeys you see in the wild from May through September. The DNR will use information from the reports to help monitor pheasant and turkey population trends, evaluate conservation efforts, and make decisions about harvest regulations. People can report pheasants and turkeys of all ages.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, people can enter information on the [Minnesota DNR website](#). The page will also include the opportunity to sign up for email updates that will be sent out when results are available from the reporting effort.

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

Free visits available to income qualified households.



# Reduce wasted food. Take the Stop Food Waste Challenge.

Coming this August



[stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org](http://stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org)

# CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER <<<

It's mow time! Per City Code, turf grass must be kept 6" in height or less and weeds must be removed outside of the month of May. As we are ending the month, it's time to get those yards back in order. Starting June 3, Code Enforcement will be out to issue notices about mowing if the yard is in need of it. Please spread the word with your neighbors. Thank you for helping to keep Falcon Heights looking great!

## Night to Unite

Night to Unite registration is now open!

Night to Unite is observed annually on the first Tuesday of August. It is a statewide event that builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses, and public safety organizations, such as the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

Night to Unite is Tuesday, August 6, 2024

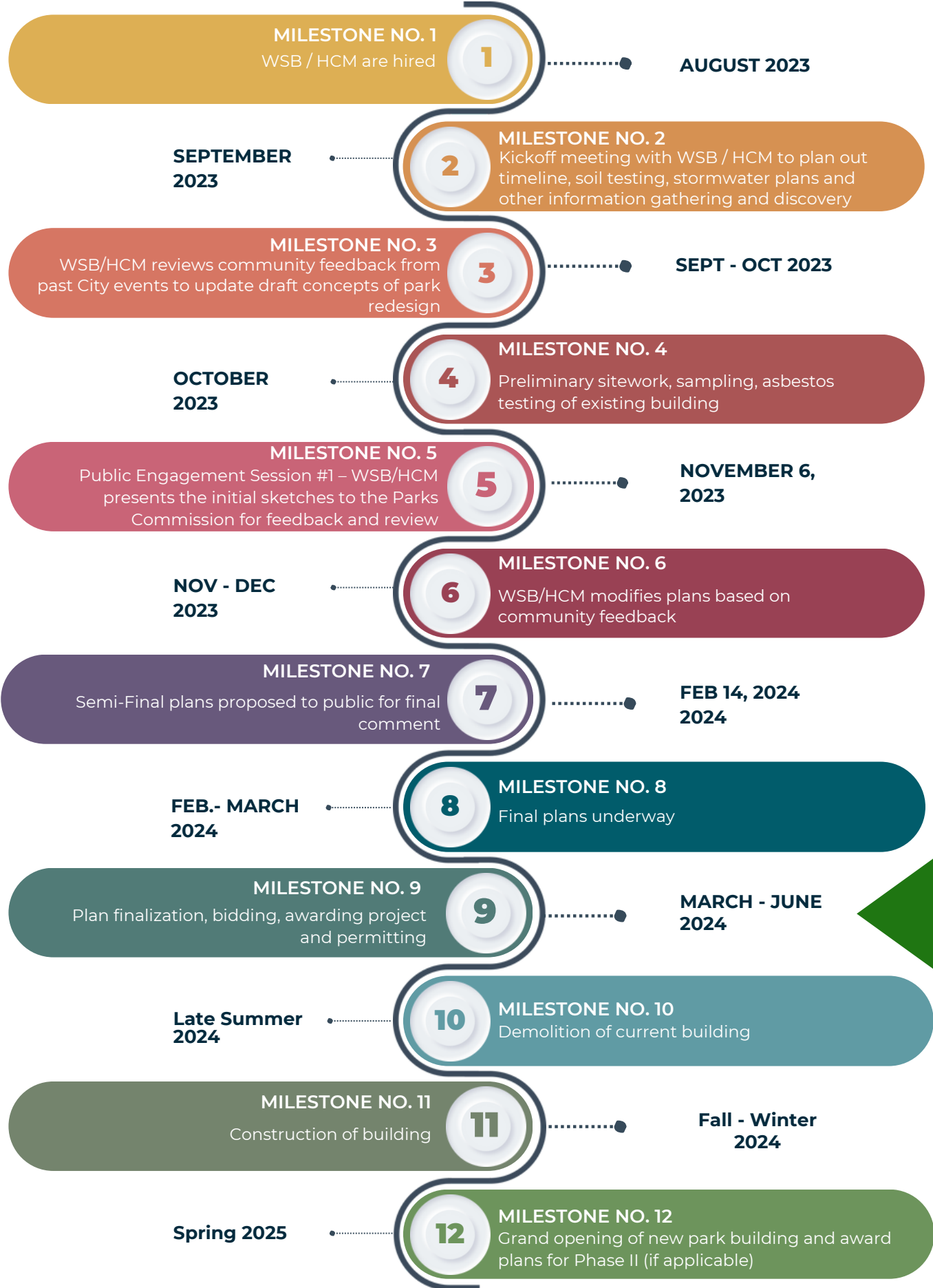
For more information please go to:  
[Participate in Night to Unite](#)

Online registration link is [here](#)



# COMMUNITY PARK TIMELINE

The timeline is subject to change as the project develops.



# >>> 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 May 21 - June 25.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running from May 23 - June 27.

All classes are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Classes are instructed by Joshua Jordan, a 2nd-degree black belt. These classes help develop self-defense skills, mental strength, focus, self-confidence, physical health and flexibility.

For more information and to register, click this link:  
<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/tkd-information>

### >>> Yoga

Register for upcoming yoga classes! You can purchase all sessions or as single drop-ins! Classes will be held on Mondays from June 3 through August 19 (no class on July 8) at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Classes are instructed by Shaila Cunningham, who has over 20 years of experience and was certified in 2001 in-residence at Kripalu. Appropriate for healthy beginners or for those wanting to explore "deeper practices," classes will combine classical yoga with best practices, served up with a side of humor. Shaila serves as instructor for North Oaks and Midland Hills Golf Clubs and offers additional classes at YogaHotDish locations.

For more information and to register, click this link:  
<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/yoga>



# >>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

## City Hall Programming

### Neighborhood Workouts at Curtiss Field <<<

Join your neighbors for a fun and friendly outdoor strength and conditioning workout instructed by Anne Schwalbe at Curtiss Field Park (1551 Iowa Ave. W.) on six Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM from June 22 - August 3 (no class on July 6).

Participants will use dumbbells, resistance bands, slam balls, and other implements to build overall strength, mobility, balance, and cardio endurance. All bodies are welcome here, regardless of age, size, and previous experience.

You can purchase all sessions or purchase single-session drop-in classes.

For more information, click this [link](#)



# CITY RENTAL FACILITIES <<<

## >>> City Hall

### Full Council Chambers

Full Capacity: 150 / 75 seated

Pricing: \$125 + tax for 3 hours      \$200 + tax for a half day      \$275 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Partial Council Chambers

Half Capacity: 75 / 30 seated

Pricing: \$60 + tax for 3 hours      \$115 + tax for a half day      \$175 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Conference Room

Capacity: 8 maximum

Pricing: \$35 + tax for 3 hours      \$70 + tax for a half day      \$125 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

### Kitchen

Capacity: 10 / 6 seated

Pricing: \$30 + tax for 3 hours      \$60 + tax for a half day      \$75 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

City Hall reservations are only available for PUBLIC use; no private events may be held here.

### Reservation Form

## Field/Court <<<

The City has various courts and fields that can be reserved at Curtiss Field and at Community Park. For details and specific pricing, please see the [reservation form](#)

## >>> Picnic Areas

### Community Park

- Upper Picnic Area (against building): 5 picnic tables, trash bins
- East Picnic Area (near playground): 2 picnic tables, trash bins
- Lower Picnic Area (SW corner): 2 picnic tables, 1 BBQ grill, trash bins

Each picnic area is \$20 + tax for a half day or \$35 + tax for a full day.

A refundable damage deposit and setup fees may also apply.

The Community Park building is unusable. A portable restroom is available in the park.

### Reservation Information and Forms Found Here!





The mission of ComoConnects is to organize community volunteers, professionals, and family members to provide care for their neighborhood seniors in ways that support choice, dignity, and independence.

With the spirit of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," ComoConnects provides a spectrum of services, bringing neighborhood health professionals, volunteers, caregivers, and community leaders together to provide high-quality, long-term care.

They provide services to residents aged 65 and better in the community of Como Park as well as areas of Falcon Heights.

To learn more about ComoConnects, visit their website [here](#) or call 651-642-1127

### Tubman Legal Services

For over 48 years, Tubman has helped people of all ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds who are experiencing relationship violence, exploitation, mental and chemical health issues, and other forms of trauma.

Throughout the Twin Cities, Tubman provides safe shelter, housing legal services, counseling, youth programming, violence prevention, community education, and other wraparound services.

More information can be found [here](#).

# RESIDENT RESOURCES

## Northeast Youth & Family Services



**NYFS is here for you!**

Immediate openings are available for mental health clients age 4 and over

Call us at 651-486-3808 or [request an appointment online today!](#)



Northeast Youth & Family Services (NYFS) is a nonprofit, community-based and trauma-informed mental health and community services organization that has been serving people in the northeastern suburbs since 1976.

NYFS services include clinic-based and telehealth counseling for all ages, school-based services, day treatment services for middle and high school youth, diversion programming for youth, Community Connections programming for isolated youth, and Community Advocate services.



# 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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM at Hendrickson Apartments



## 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

