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FIRE

Fire protection is provided by the 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 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 WORKSHOP AGENDA



CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2024
6:30 PM

AGENDA

POLICY ITEMS

- 1. Rental Policies and Protections
- 2. Assessment Policy
- 3. Community Park Pricing
- 4. St. Anthony Village Policing Contract Discussions Update



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.

Free State Park Day

Enjoy free entrance to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas on Saturday, June 8. The entrance fee waiver for the free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities like camping, rentals, or special tours.

Plan your adventure today:
mndnr.gov/parkfinder

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.

City Banner Contest

As you've likely noticed, Larpentour 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](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

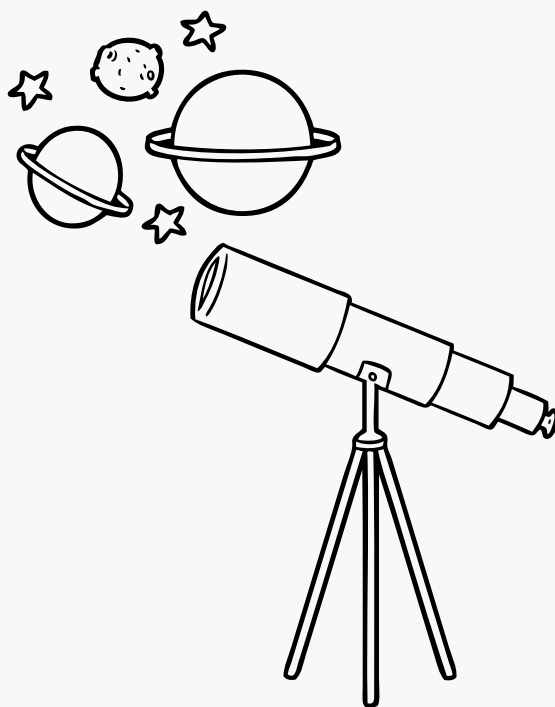
Bell Museum

June Star Party
Friday | June 7 | 9:30 - 11:00 PM

Join the Bell Museum for their 50th in-person Star Party. Outside, they will have telescopes to observe deep-space objects (weather permitting). Inside, you can explore hands-on activities, and an expert astronomy team will guide you through the night sky and highlight cosmic sights in the planetarium.

Registration is requested to receive updates regarding this event through [Eventbrite](#).

More information can be found [here](#)



Juneteenth Celebration in Roseville

Do Good Roseville is inviting everyone to their 6th annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15 at Central Park 2540 Lexington Avenue N, Roseville, MN from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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

Do Good Roseville Presents
ROSEVILLE'S 6TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

June 19th 1865, some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free by executive decree.

FREE FOOD | DJ | ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH, 2024 | 11AM-3PM

Frank Rog Amphitheater at Central Park, 2540 Lexington Ave N.

FOOD
Real Cooks Kitchen Souffood & Dars Double Scoop

ENTERTAINMENT
TKO Knockout Drumline and Dance
Black Girl Magic at Roseville Schools
Dance with Purpose
High School for Recording Arts
Twin City Masquerade

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

City Hall

In observance of Juneteenth, City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, June 19.



ComoConnects

ComoConnects is hiring a Homemaker.

ComoConnects links older adults in the Como Park/Falcon Heights area with community resources, using staff and volunteers. Their services support independence, increase opportunities for socialization, and promote safety for adults as they age.

The person in this position is primarily responsible for light housekeeping for assigned Clients. Each visit is a minimum of 90 minutes. The visit time above is negotiated between the Homemaker and the Client. Each Client may receive up to two visits/month.

For more information about the position, qualifications, and how to apply, visit this [website](#)

Save the Date!

The City will host its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Depending on the construction timeline at Community Park, the location, which will be determined within the next couple of weeks, will either be at Community Park or at City Hall.

More details will be provided soon. For now, please save the date!



COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Breakfast and Brainstorming for St. Anthony Park Caregivers

Our Caregiver Support Group is using the next session to talk about possibilities for caregivers moving forward. If you are a caregiver for a senior and are interested in brainstorming ideas for the future, please join us!

This session will be on Thursday, June 6 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Participants may attend in person at 2200 Hillside Ave (Centennial United Methodist Church) or through Zoom. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided at 2200 Hillside Ave.

The group is offered at no charge and sponsored by St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and St. Anthony Park Area Seniors. Call 651-642-9052 with questions or for the Zoom link.

Would you like to work in the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office? Apply for our open service coordinator position today!

See our job posting in the Program Highlights box on our home page at <https://sapaseniors.org/home>.

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.

Benches

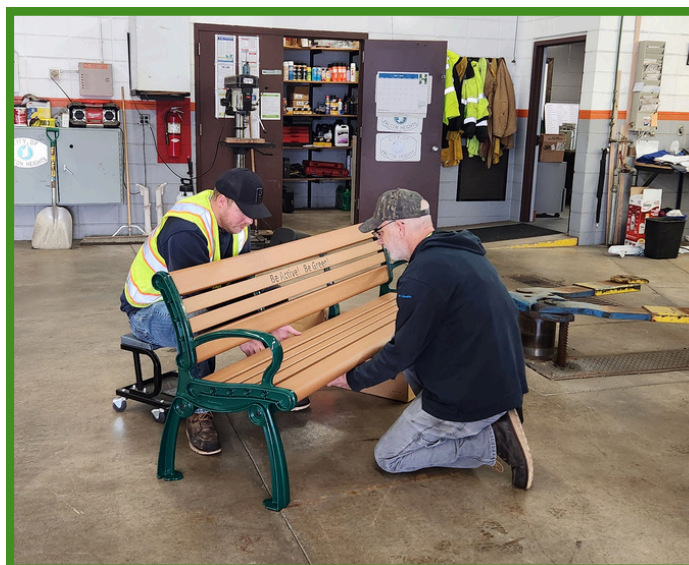
Public Works is working on assembling new benches. The City applied for a grant in 2023 and received the benches from the Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative. Seven benches will be added at Community Park and one bench will be added at Curtiss Field this summer.

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!](#)



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- 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 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

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

Free visits available to income qualified households.



Reduce wasted food. Take the Stop Food Waste Challenge.

Coming this August



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

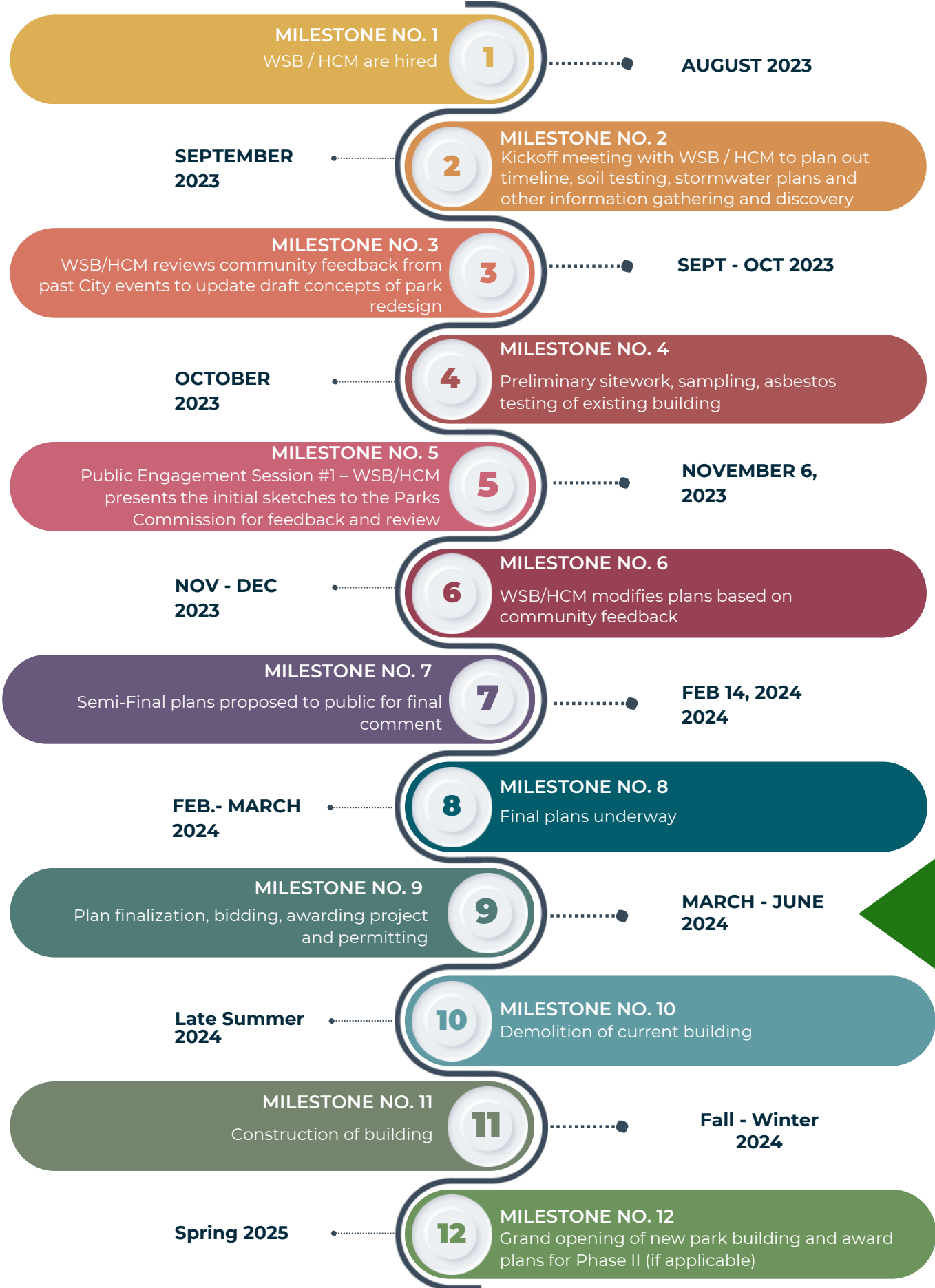
For more information please go to:
[Participate in Night to Unite](#)

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 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

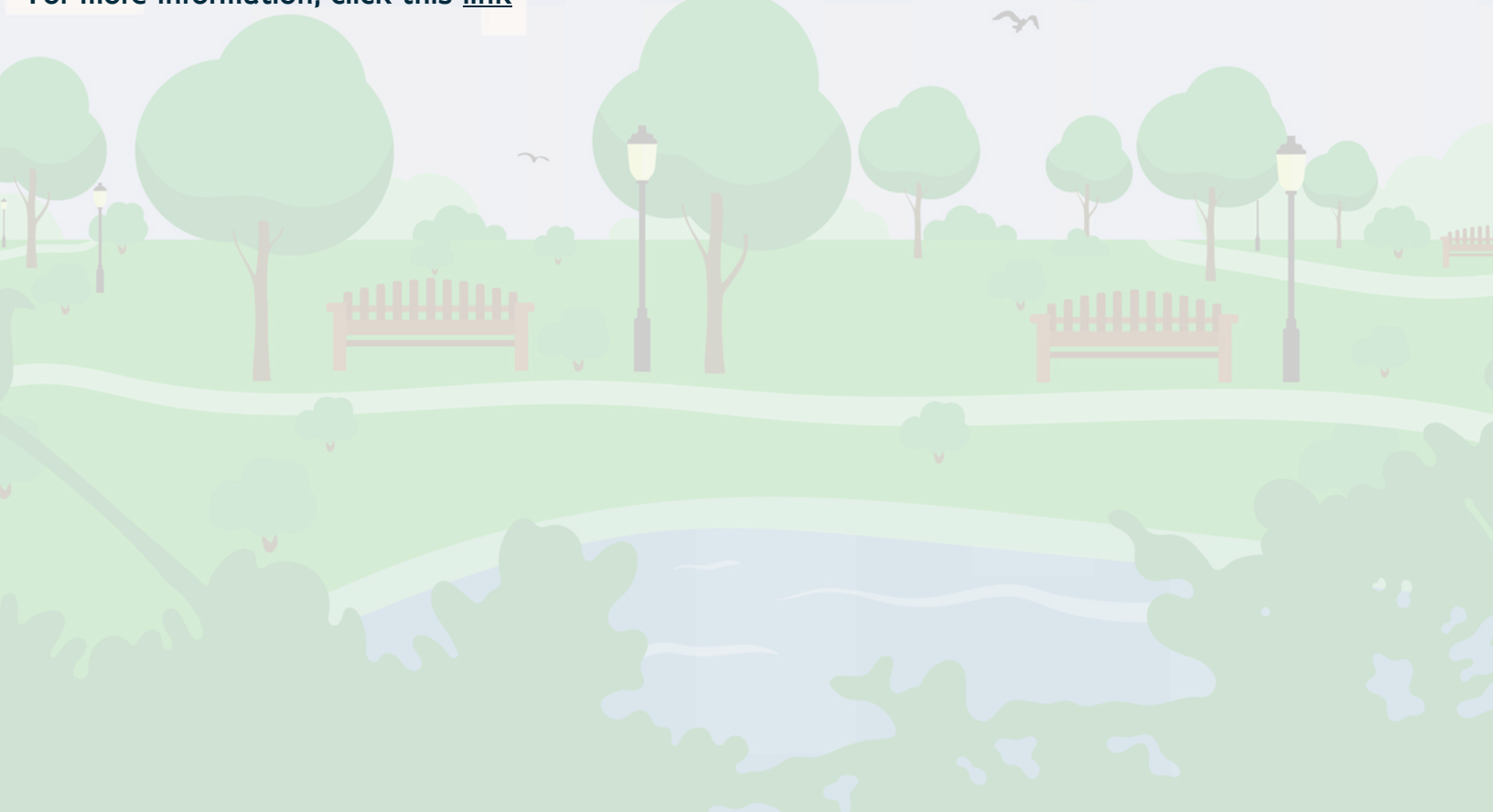
Neighborhood Workouts at Curtiss Field <<<

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

