



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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FIRE

Fire protection is provided the by
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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 OPENING HOURS

Monday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 7:30 AM - 12:00 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, July 12 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 26 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 2 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- None

MINUTES

- June 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. Address Assignment for Community Park - 2050 Roselawn Ave. W.
3. Active Living Ramsey Communities Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative Grant Application
4. 2023 Data Practices Officials

POLICY ITEMS

1. Approval of Scheduling Public Hearing for July 26th to Consider State Fair Task Force Recommendation to Modify Fee Schedule Ordinance



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](#)

ENVIRONMENT 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.

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 is currently ONE vacancy. 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 are currently NO vacancies.



CITY EVENTS <<<



Ice Cream Social

The City will host its annual Ice Cream Social event on Thursday, July 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Community Park. Enjoy free ice cream treats, live music and outdoor games!

Citywide Garage Sale

Registration is now open!

Register your garage sale for the citywide garage sale, taking place on September 16.

Night to Unite

Night to Unite Registration Open

Night to Unite will take place Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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.

To register your event with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, click [here](#). Registration ends July 14, 2023.

To register your event with the city to have barricades dropped off, click [here](#).

Additional Resources:

[Block Party Packet](#)

[Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Night to Unite Webpage](#)



PUBLIC WORKS & <<< CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

2023 PMP Construction Schedule

Please note, weather will be a factor and the schedule will likely change as the construction season progresses.

Council Actions are denoted with CC and will take place at a public council meeting:

Week of July 10 – Continue utility installation (all streets); pavement removal and utility installation (alleyways); begin Ruggles Pathway.

Week of July 17 – Begin Garden Ave. sidewalk

July 18 – Pavement removal on Idaho/Iowa Alleyway

August – Milling, New Pavement, Lawn Restoration – All Streets

August 18, 2023 – Project-End Date

Fall 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing

Spring 2024 – Final Restoration

Use the QR Code to sign up for weekly emailed updates or click [here](#).



Mowing

Public Works is mowing grass throughout the city, as needed.

Tree Trimming

Tree trimming has been completed. Public Works is touching up areas, as needed, around town.

Sidewalks

Public Works is continuing the sidewalk project in the Northome neighborhood. They have a section of sidewalks all formed and ready for concrete. Public Works will make an effort to pour concrete this week, time and weather permitting.

Storm Drain Basin

Public Works will be repairing a storm drain basin on W. Snelling Service Drive. The lifting rings have deteriorated to the point that water is starting to wash out road base. There are two in University Grove that need minor repairs as well.

Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

Cleveland Avenue from Buford to Larpenteur is closed. The Buford intersection is also closed. Follow signed detour. For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)



COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Sightseeing from the Sofa
A trip to Israel and Jordan - A journey to deeper understanding

What: Join Michelle and Dave Christianson, St. Anthony Park residents, as they bring to life their trip to Israel and Jordan. Lots of pictures and insights.

When: Wednesday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m.

How to attend: In-Person at 2200 Hillside Ave. (Centennial United Methodist Church sanctuary).

OR

Online through Facebook. You do NOT need a Facebook account to view this.
<https://www.facebook.com/sapaseniors/>

Contact the St. Anthony Park Area Seniors office by phone at 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org for more information.

Bell Museum

July Star Party

Monday, July 10
10:00 PM - 11:30 PM

FREE

Recommended for all ages.



Como Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

WE NEED YOU!



Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is looking for volunteers of all types – friendly visitors, driving seniors to doctor appointments, chore support, grocery delivery, dog walkers and more.

Make a difference in the lives of our neighborhood seniors! Even one hour will help greatly.

Call 651.642.1127 to let us know what and when you can help. We're stronger together!



Join The Bell Museum for their next in-person Star Party! Outside, we'll have our telescopes set up to observe the Moon and our favorite deep space objects (weather permitting). Inside, you can explore hands-on activities, and our expert astronomy team will guide you through the night sky and highlight cosmic sights in our planetarium.

Planetarium Show: Your Sky Tonight
Showtimes: 10:10, 10:40, 11:10

For more information click [here](#)



COMMUNITY <<< UPDATES

TINY ART

JULY 1-31
RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY

Make your own tiny paintings to show off at the library! Pick up a take-home art kit with a canvas, paint and brush at Ramsey County Library locations in Mounds View, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Roseville, Shoreview and White Bear Lake. Drop off your completed art by the end of August to be included in our Tiny Art Exhibit in September. No registration required. Supplies are limited to one kit per person. Tiny Art is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Como Park

GROOVING IN THE GARDEN

Pack a picnic and dancing shoes, spread out a blanket & join for these FREE outdoor concerts & activities in front of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory every Wednesday, June 7 – July 26 from 6pm–8pm. Hotdogs, ice cream treats, beer and wine will be available to purchase.

****If it rains, we'll move inside the Visitor Center Porch next to the Water Gardens!**

July 12 Mubbla Buggs
July 19 Eleganza!
July 26 The Flamin' Oh's



>>> CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Remember! If you are an owner of property abutting the right-of-way of a public street or alley, you are responsible for maintaining the grass on the property and on the right-of-way to the curblin or traveled portion of the street or alley. Maintenance in these areas include mowing and weed abatement when necessary.

Recycling Trivia:
True or False: The average paper usage per person is around 50 pounds per year.



Multifamily EV Carshare Pilot Project

HOURECAR is opening applications for the third and final round of the Multifamily EV Carshare Pilot Program. Leveraging funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and partnerships with Xcel Energy, the American Lung Association, and East Metro Strong, the project aims to increase electric mobility options for low-income residents while also decreasing the cost of and other barriers to building out electric vehicle charging stations at multifamily dwellings.

Through this project, up to 10 multifamily sites within HOURECAR's service area will be provided with the heavily to completely subsidized installation of two level 2 charging ports by Xcel and two electric carsharing vehicles by HOURECAR. Selected property owners will host the electric carshare vehicles on their property for an 18-month pilot period in partnership with HOURECAR with the option to extend and contract with Xcel Energy as part of their Multi-Dwelling Unit Project (MDU) EV Pilot Project, which requires sites to keep the charger onsite for a 10-year amortization period after installation.

While any multifamily site of 5 or more units can apply, priority will be given to sites that are within their identified priority area and meet the affordability criteria of 66% of units being affordable to households at 60% of the area median income or lower.

For more information, please check out the factsheet [here](#).

>>> COMMUNITY UPDATES

Participate in Plastic Free July

Join the global movement to reduce your plastic usage this month! [Plastic Free July](#) provides ideas, articles, videos and other resources to help you learn more about single-use plastics and their damage to your health and the environment. Each participant makes a pledge to decrease their plastic usage.

Pledges some Environmental Health staff are making this month include:

- "Stop buying produce in plastic. Instead, I can wake up earlier on Saturdays and go to the farmers market with reusable produce bags!"
- "I won't shop online this month to reduce the amount of plastic shipping packaging I receive."
- "I will bring my own cup when getting coffee while out and about."

What actions can you take to reduce plastic in your life?



>>> 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 June 20 - August 1.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running May 11 - June 15. All classes are held in the City 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 drop-in yoga classes today!

Classes run every Monday from June 5 -August 21 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>



>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

Parks Programming

Breathwork in the Park <<<

Join Rachel Jensen, of Acupuncture with Rachel, for a morning breathwork class this summer!

Breathe in the fresh morning air, release what you no longer need, and make room for what you do! Gather with others looking for growth, connection and a renewed mind, body and spirit. No experience necessary.

Class dates were revised and will now take place from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on July 14, July 21 and July 28. Come to one or come to all!

Where: Community Park

Price: \$18/class or \$45 for all three

What to bring: yoga mat, sunglasses, water, sunscreen, eye mask, journal, totems or any other helpers to support your practice, curiosity and all of your humanness!

For more information, click this link: <https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/activities-programs/breathwork-in-the-park>

>>> Neighborhood Workouts at Curtiss Field

Purchase drop-in sessions and join your neighbors for fun and friendly outdoor strength and conditioning workouts at Curtiss Field Park this summer!

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.

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. from June 17 - August 19 at Curtiss Field (1551 W. Iowa Ave.). Drop-in classes are \$16 each.

For more information, click this link:

<https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/activities-programs/summer-workouts>



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 Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program



Love your heart! Take advantage of these **free** Blood Pressure Clinics.



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

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

Recycling Trivia Answer

Answer: False. The average paper usage per person is around 700 pounds per year.

