

City of Falcon Heights State Fair Task Force

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

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6:30 p.m.

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	Vicki Brand ____	Jennifer Paulus ____
	Rice' Davis ____	Christian Ruud ____
	Mona McGarthwaite ____	Bob Tomlinson ____

Staff Liaison Jack Linehan ____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. State Fair Survey - Results
2. Task Force members share their fair experience
3. Review 2023 and 2022 police reports
4. Review call log from city staff
5. Review city fair expenditures
6. Set date for next meeting
7. Misc. Updates / News Stories

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report

G. ADJOURN

Next regular meeting dates: Thursday, October 5, 2023

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1. *Moved by Tom Brace; all in favor*

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes
i. *Moved by Christian Ruud; all in favor*

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pre-State Fair Discussion

i. Update from Kate McCreight

- *Meeting with SPPD Daily to review day*
- *Newsletter that is available for sign-up*

ii. Parking Signage Update

Jack Linehan gave an update that all signage is ready, and will be installed next week prior to the State Fair. Signs include Fines Double signs, No Parking within 30 feet, and Temporary No Parking signs.

iii. Construction Updates

1. Ramsey County: Cleveland Avenue / Larpenteur Lane Closures

Jack Linehan provided an update that the Cleveland Avenue project from Ramsey County would not be done by the State Fair, but that the City requested the lane closure on Larpenteur

to be opened if possible during the Fair while workers are not present.

2. Falcon Heights – 2023 Pavement Management Project

The 2023 PMP project was discussed. The final portion left was turf restoration and cleanup, but that would be completed before the Fair. Garden would be no parking during the fair.

iv. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Operations

An update was provided that the RCSO would have a traffic deputy available in Falcon Heights for enforcement.

2. State Fair Town Hall – Scheduling Date

It was discussed that rather than do a Town Hall, the Task Force would develop a 10-question survey sent to residents to gather feedback on the measures for the Fair. These would be reviewed at the September 21st meeting.

Chair Paula Mielke requested that the draft survey be sent via email, and Commissioners could provide their feedback to Administrator Linehan.

3. State Fair Resources Guide

i. Flyer

ii. Website: <http://www.falconheights.org/residents/resources-for-residents/state-fair-resources>

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No report from Administrator Linehan

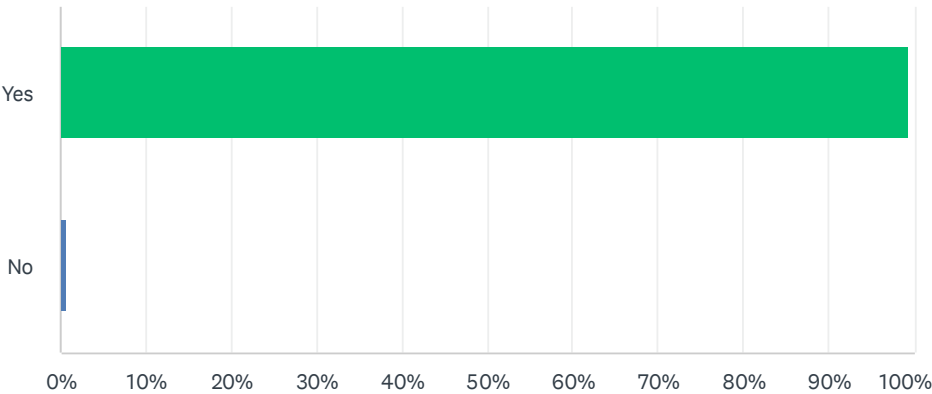
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Moved by Davis at 7:42 p.m.; all in favor.

Next regular meeting dates: Thursday, September 21st

Q2 Are you a Falcon Heights resident?

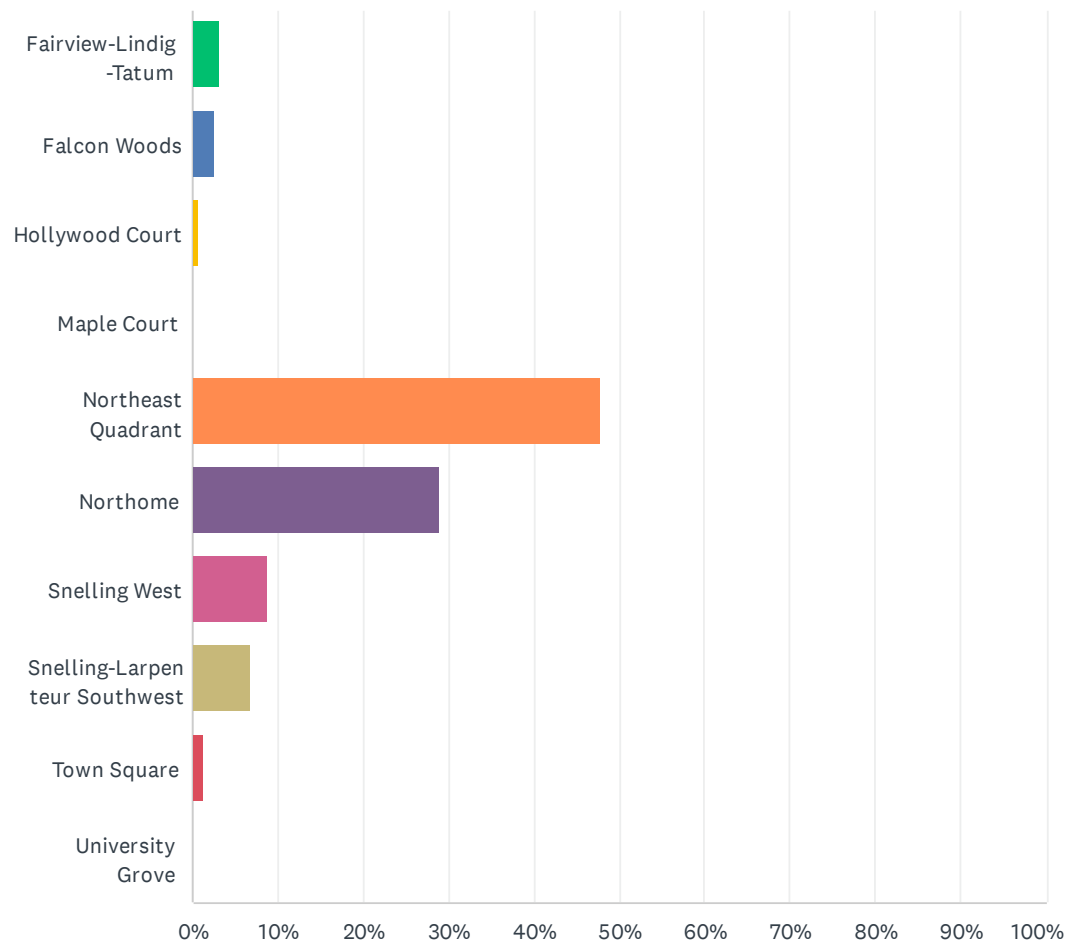
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	99.38%	159
No	0.63%	1
Total Respondents: 160		

Q3 If you reside in Falcon Heights, which neighborhood do you reside in?
See map above.

Answered: 159 Skipped: 1

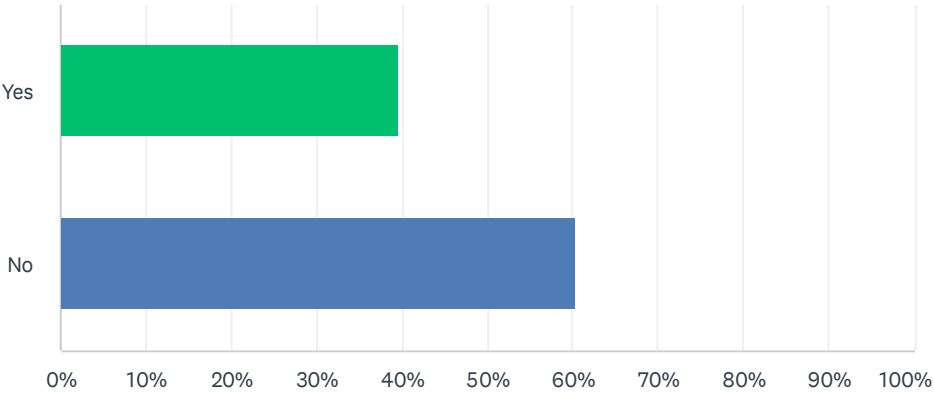


2023 Falcon Heights MN State Fair Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fairview-Lindig-Tatum	3.14%	5
Falcon Woods	2.52%	4
Hollywood Court	0.63%	1
Maple Court	0.00%	0
Northeast Quadrant	47.80%	76
Northome	28.93%	46
Snelling West	8.81%	14
Snelling-Larpenteur Southwest	6.92%	11
Town Square	1.26%	2
University Grove	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 159		

Q4 Did you see police officers patrolling your neighborhood during the course of the State Fair?

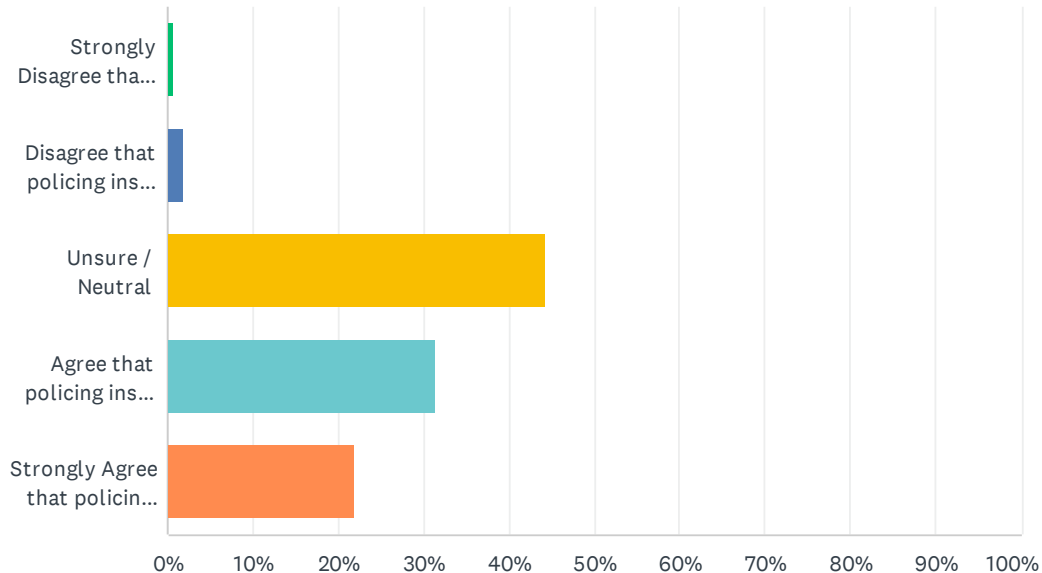
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.62%	63
No	60.38%	96
TOTAL		159

Q5 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, there was adequate policing INSIDE the fairgrounds during the course of the State Fair.

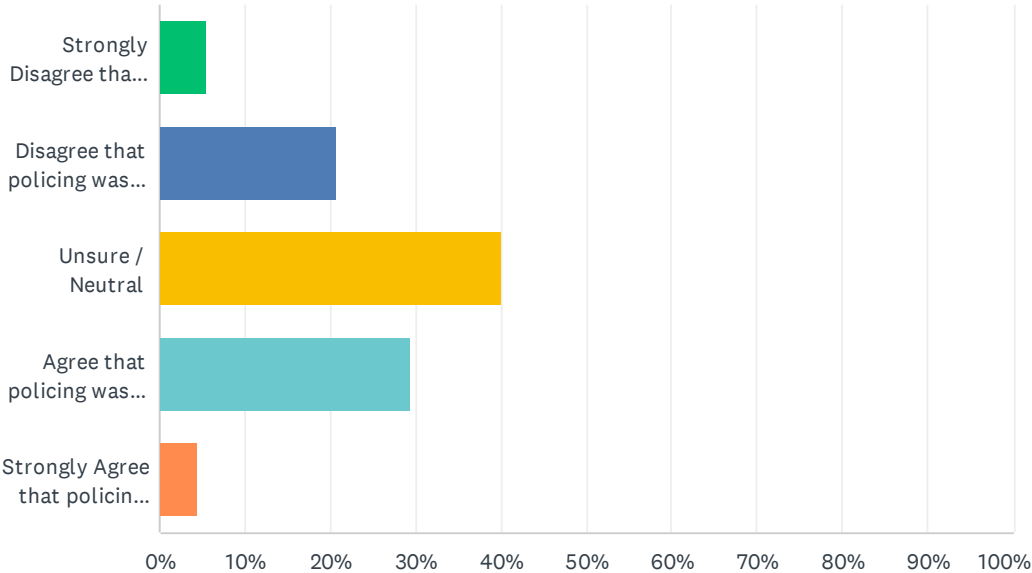
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that policing inside the fairgrounds was adequate.	0.63%	1
Disagree that policing inside the fairgrounds was adequate.	1.88%	3
Unsure / Neutral	44.38%	71
Agree that policing inside the fairgrounds was adequate.	31.25%	50
Strongly Agree that policing inside the fairgrounds was adequate.	21.88%	35
TOTAL		160

Q6 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, there was adequate policing OUTSIDE the fairgrounds / in Falcon Heights during the course of the State Fair.

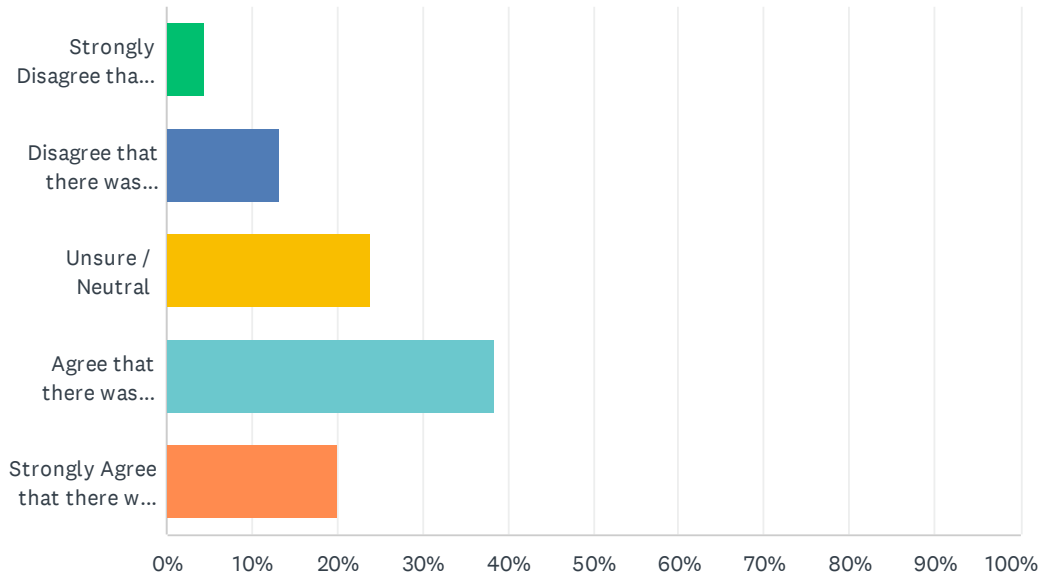
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.	5.63%	9
Disagree that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.	20.63%	33
Unsure / Neutral	40.00%	64
Agree that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.	29.38%	47
Strongly Agree that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.	4.38%	7
TOTAL		160

Q7 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, there was adequate parking enforcement in your neighborhood during the fair.

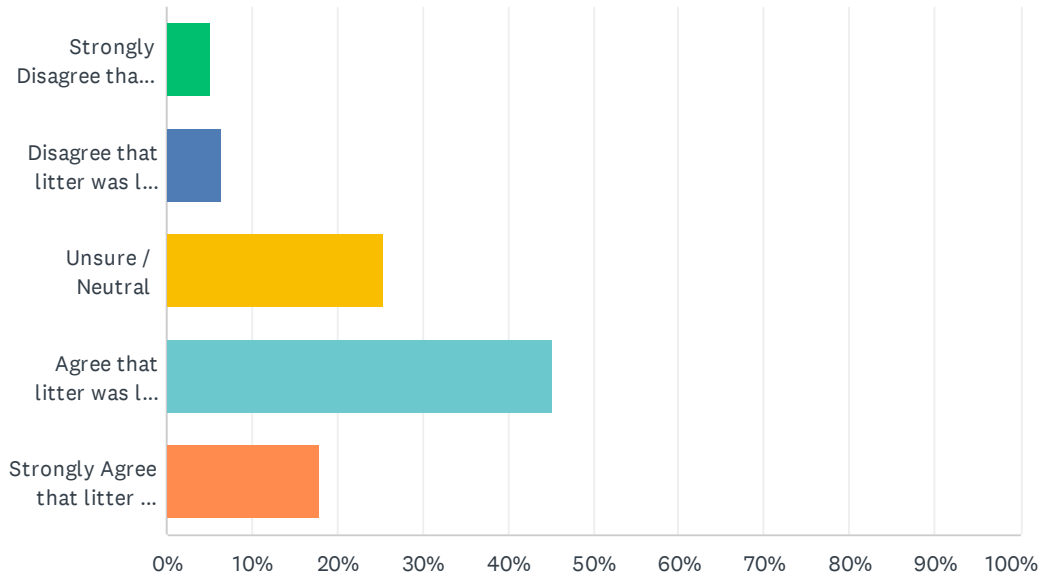
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	4.40%	7
Disagree that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	13.21%	21
Unsure / Neutral	23.90%	38
Agree that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	38.36%	61
Strongly Agree that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	20.13%	32
TOTAL		159

Q8 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, litter was less of an issue in your neighborhood from fairgoers this year.

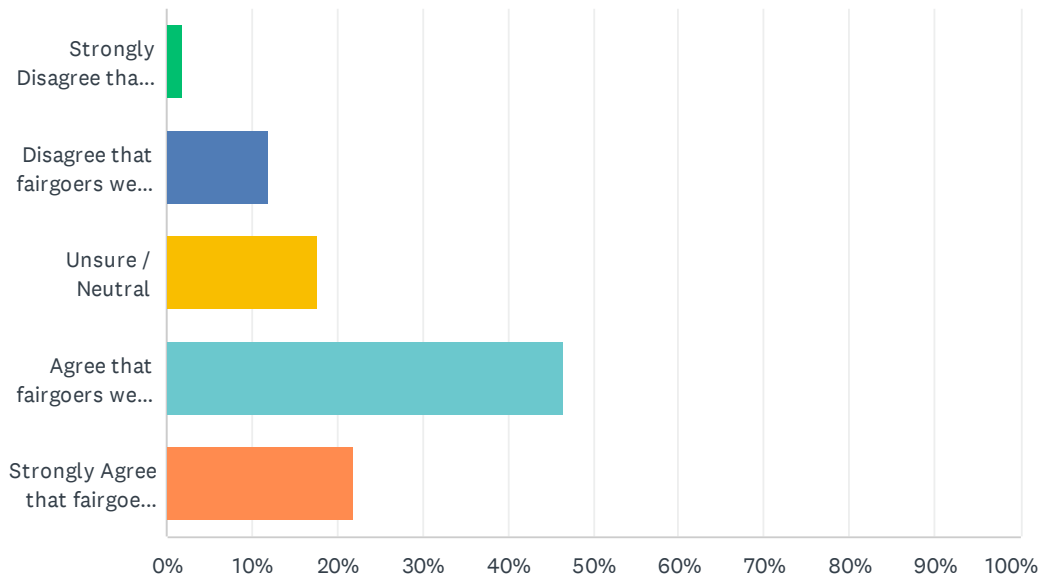
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.	5.10%	8
Disagree that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.	6.37%	10
Unsure / Neutral	25.48%	40
Agree that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.	45.22%	71
Strongly Agree that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.	17.83%	28
TOTAL		157

Q9 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, 2023 fairgoers were respectful of personal property.

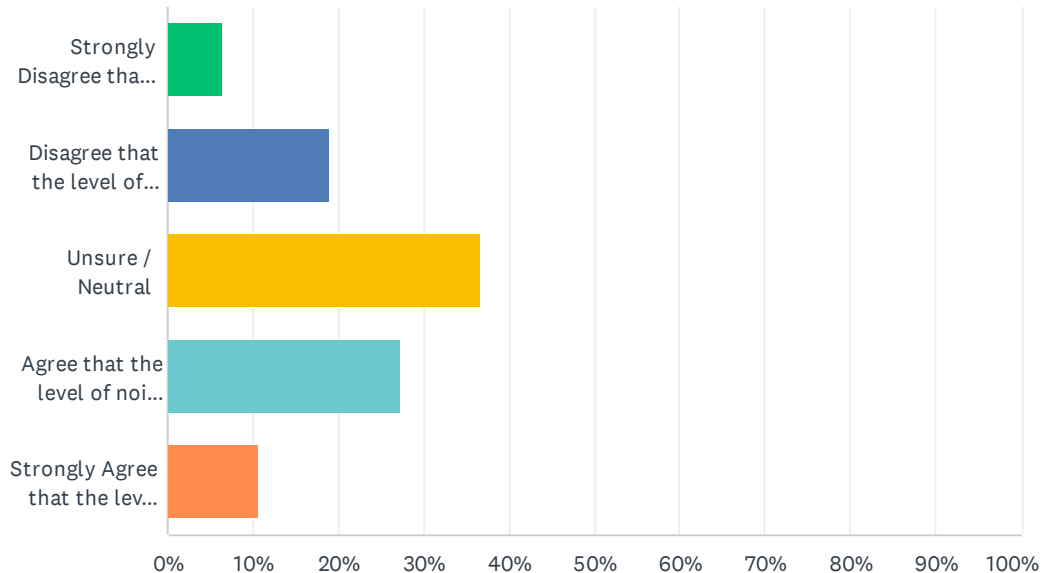
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.	1.89%	3
Disagree that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.	11.95%	19
Unsure / Neutral	17.61%	28
Agree that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.	46.54%	74
Strongly Agree that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.	22.01%	35
TOTAL		159

Q10 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the level of noise was LESS of a problem this year during the 2023 MN State Fair.

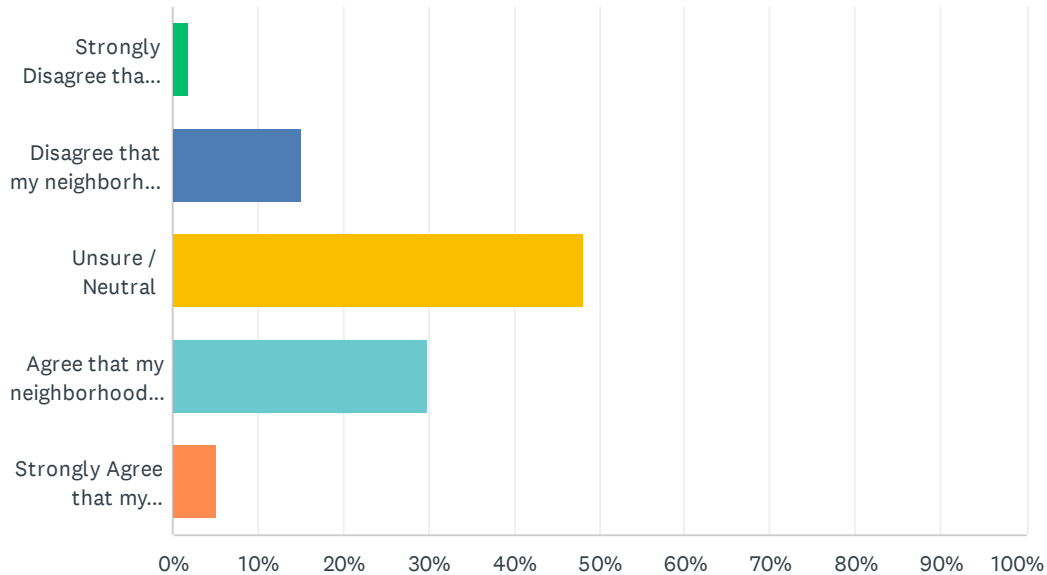
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that the level of noise was less of a problem.	6.33%	10
Disagree that the level of noise was less of a problem.	18.99%	30
Unsure / Neutral	36.71%	58
Agree that the level of noise was less of a problem.	27.22%	43
Strongly Agree that the level of noise was less of a problem.	10.76%	17
TOTAL		158

Q11 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, you felt safer in your neighborhood this year during the 2023 MN State Fair.

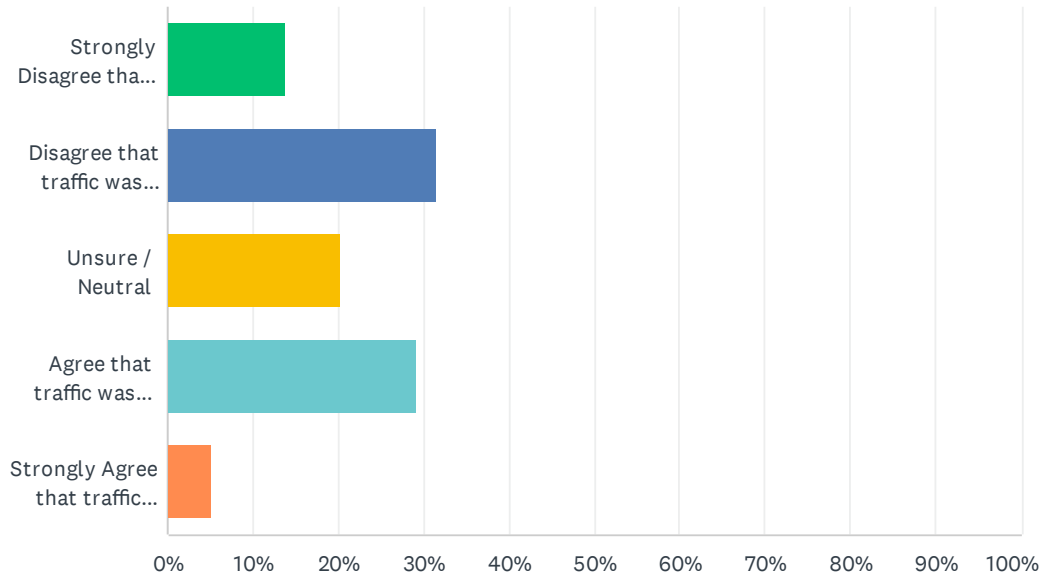
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that my neighborhood felt safer.	1.90%	3
Disagree that my neighborhood felt safer.	15.19%	24
Unsure / Neutral	48.10%	76
Agree that my neighborhood felt safer.	29.75%	47
Strongly Agree that my neighborhood felt safer.	5.06%	8
TOTAL		158

Q12 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, traffic was LESS of a problem this year during the 2023 MN State Fair.

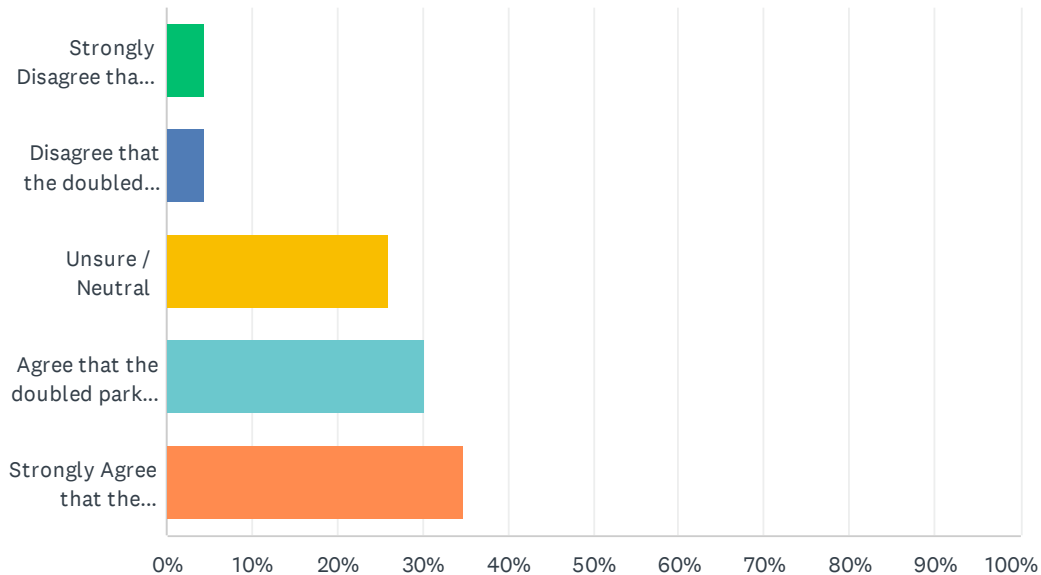
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that traffic was less of a problem.	13.92%	22
Disagree that traffic was less of a problem.	31.65%	50
Unsure / Neutral	20.25%	32
Agree that traffic was less of a problem.	29.11%	46
Strongly Agree that traffic was less of a problem.	5.06%	8
TOTAL		158

Q13 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of doubling parking violation fees from \$50 to \$100 between August 15-September 15 (Ordinance 23-04) was an improvement.

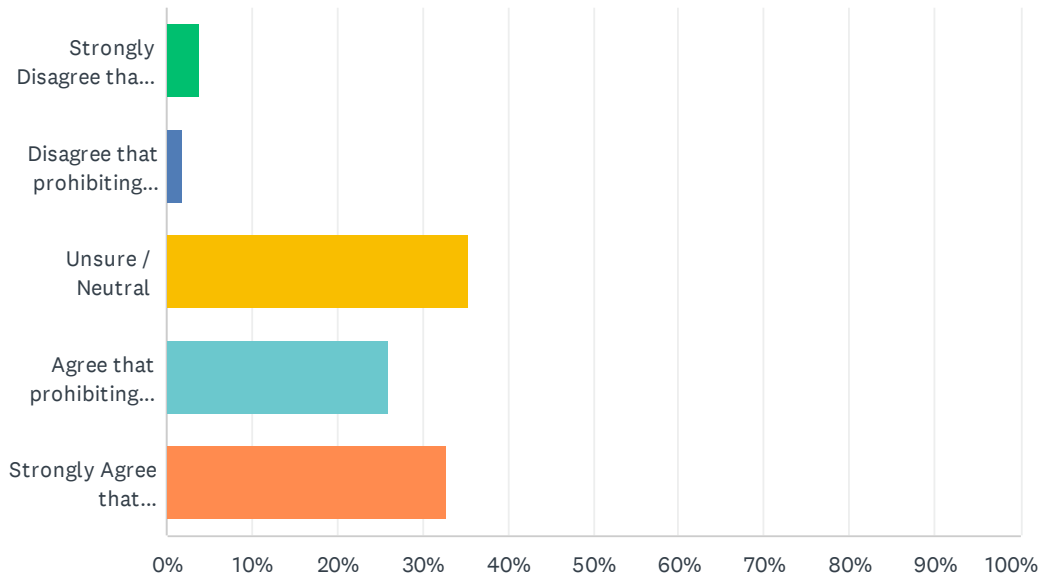
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.	4.43%	7
Disagree that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.	4.43%	7
Unsure / Neutral	25.95%	41
Agree that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.	30.38%	48
Strongly Agree that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.	34.81%	55
TOTAL		158

Q14 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of prohibiting parking on the water side of all streets in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.

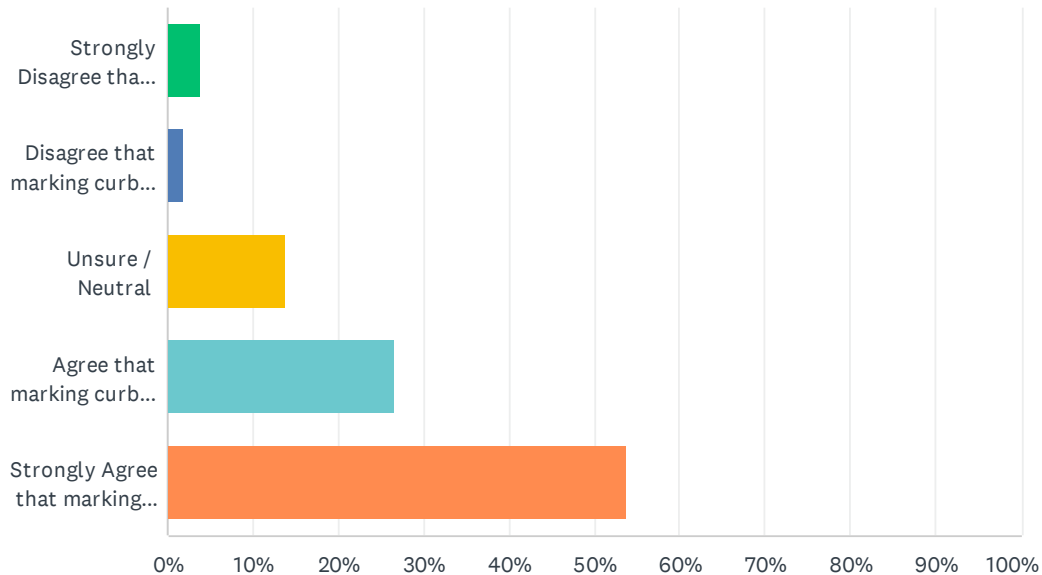
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.	3.80%	6
Disagree that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.	1.90%	3
Unsure / Neutral	35.44%	56
Agree that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.	25.95%	41
Strongly Agree that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.	32.91%	52
TOTAL		158

Q15 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of placing signage and marking curbs to indicate no parking was allowed within 30 feet of stop signs was an improvement.

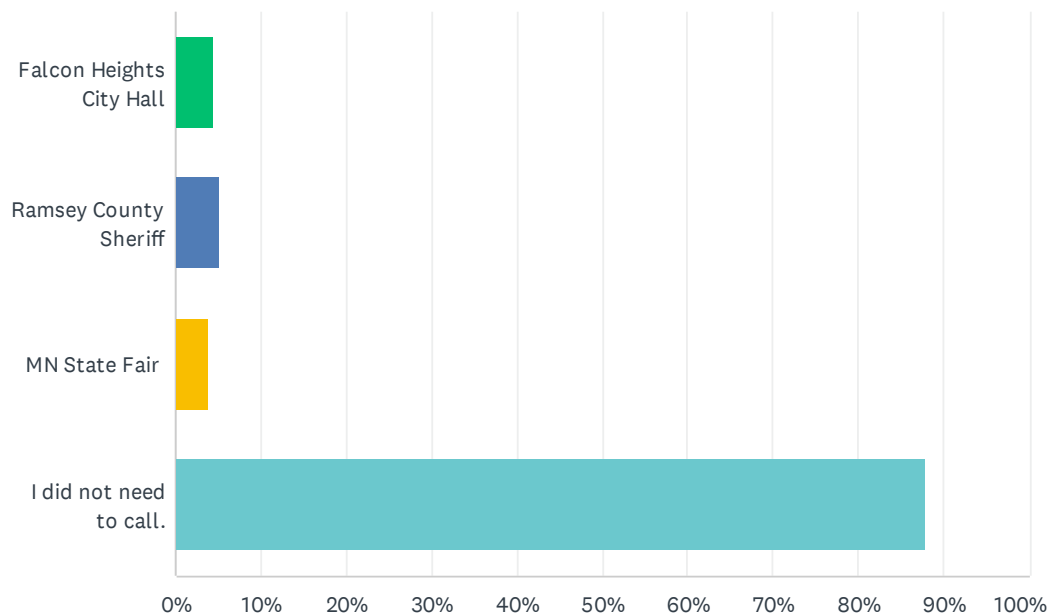
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.	3.80%	6
Disagree that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.	1.90%	3
Unsure / Neutral	13.92%	22
Agree that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.	26.58%	42
Strongly Agree that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.	53.80%	85
TOTAL		158

Q16 Did you contact the City of Falcon Heights, the MN State Fair, or Ramsey County Sheriff for any issues during the fair? If so, who did you contact? Please select all that apply.

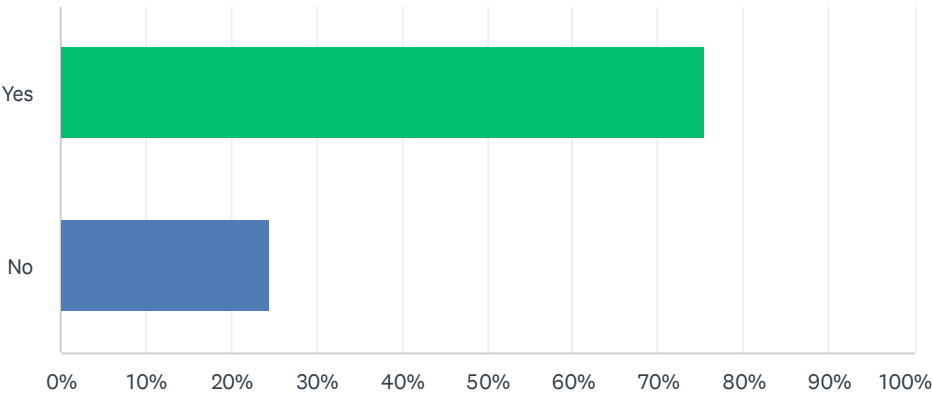
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Falcon Heights City Hall	4.52%	7
Ramsey County Sheriff	5.16%	8
MN State Fair	3.87%	6
I did not need to call.	87.74%	136
Total Respondents: 155		

Q17 Did you attend the 2023 MN State Fair?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.47%	120
No	24.53%	39
TOTAL		159

Q18 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 69

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I cross Larpenteur at Fry to get to the fair. The guards, if you want to call them that, are useless when crossing. I went to the fair 6 times and each time I found them together talking to each other and not looking at the traffic, and not at all helping with crossing of Larpenteur. At one time when my wife went, she asked about why they weren't helping and they told her that they were not allowed. WHAT!!! What are they there for then? Even with the pedestrian signs, which most drivers ignore, crossing Larpenteur can be hazardous.	9/18/2023 7:25 PM
2	Fair goers who park on the street in my neighborhood apparently don't know that they ought not to block access to mailboxes or within xx feet of driveways.	9/18/2023 2:07 PM
3	The signs indicating 30 ft from the stop signs made such a big improvement in our neighborhood. Thank you for implementing those! We still saw people parking over curb cuts, etc., at the tail end of blocks where there weren't signs, but most people adhered to the signs when parking.	9/18/2023 2:04 PM
4	I don't typically see litter on our block. Parking was about the same from my limited perspective, which is that every year someone partially blocks my driveway or an immediate neighbor's driveway. I'm sure people urinated in yards on our block even though I didn't happen to witness it this year. I think the concerts are too loud and wish they'd discontinue the nightly fireworks, but I recognize that these features may be favored by fairgoers and accept that it's the reality of living in this area.	9/17/2023 1:27 PM
5	Possible 30 foot parking restriction next to alleys. It's extremely hard to enter the roadway from the alley when cars are parked within a few feet and traffic is constant from both directions. Most residents in this part of the city use the alleys for access to their residences.	9/15/2023 2:34 PM
6	Still waiting for that discount.	9/14/2023 7:52 PM
7	Starting the Grand Stand performances earlier helps with the late fireworks.	9/14/2023 4:52 PM
8	Too many people walking around openly smoking marijuana. I saw people doing this where police could obviously see and smell it but they did nothing.	9/12/2023 7:25 PM
9	We did not experience any difficulty in going about our daily activities during the fair. Very good job.	9/12/2023 5:13 PM
10	One isolated incident of public urination and a diaper in a yard, but quiet other than that. Fair drivers are still distracted, aggressive and dangerous.	9/12/2023 10:00 AM
11	The fair needs to provide someone at the north gate to help the Larpenteur crossing to Fry. The crossing was mostly unmanned and was dangerous, especially at night. It may be helpful to put a temporary crossing light there or temporary lighting of that intersection for the days of the fair.	9/12/2023 9:37 AM
12	I appreciated the extra trash bins outside of the fairgrounds and the overall organization and sense of safety.	9/12/2023 1:48 AM
13	The changes implemented by the State Fair Task Force significantly improved traffic conditions in the Northome neighborhood -- thank you! There are still visibility issues in some spots due to vehicles parking near the intersection where there is not a stop sign, although I'm not sure what can be done about that, as it's probably not violating any traffic ordinances.	9/11/2023 5:26 PM
14	Putting signs up saying "Be good to the neighborhood" was kind of useless; as predicted, someone ripped the sign down less than halfway through the fair.	9/11/2023 4:23 PM
15	While I did not see ANY RCSO patrol cars during the 12 days of the Fair, I seldom see any when it's NOT Fair time. There were MANY reports on LexisNexis of parking issues, so I'm assuming there were police at the locations. I heard that someone who was walking was hit by a car.	9/11/2023 3:32 PM

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16	I live on the south side of Larpenteur, west of Snelling. My problem is the cars lining up on Larpenteur to enter the fair grounds and park. Entrances to the building I live in are blocked for exiting and coming back into the building entrance. Causes stress and feeling of being trapped. Drivers do not yield. sounds silly, but it is not.	9/11/2023 2:10 PM
17	Exiting alleys continues to be unsafe in my neighborhood because parked cars block the sighting of oncoming cars driving down the streets that intersect our alleys. Drivers exiting the alleys mostly are entering the street blindly.	9/11/2023 1:04 PM
18	We are on Sheldon street and do not get fair goers parking on our street. We had many neighbors and family/friends get tickets because signage was not clear at the beginning of the fair. Also the opposite side of the street was marked in the newsletter from what was actually enforced on our block. We do not need one side parking on our block during the fair, please do not restrict parking on our street in the future. If we MUST have restricted parking there needs to be frequent signs and not just by fire hydrants and stop signs (everyone assumed they just couldn't park by fire hydrants and stops signs but could park on other portions of that side of the road).	9/11/2023 12:38 PM
19	Would like to see more north/south sidewalks in NE quad to improve pedestrian safety, especially during Fair. With school and church so close, Holton would be a good choice on east end. Arona on west end would be a logical choice	9/11/2023 8:29 AM
20	Limiting parking to one side of the street was AMAZING and helped control traffic. Loved the added signage as well.	9/9/2023 5:37 PM
21	It needs to be cheaper for residents to attend.	9/9/2023 12:24 PM
22	Many times I noticed driver's not stopping at stop signs on the local streets. Good thing I was paying attention.	9/9/2023 9:39 AM
23	Thank you for your work on behalf of our neighborhood and neighbors!	9/7/2023 9:25 PM
24	Parking for Saturday the 26th encroached all the way down Hamline to the boarder of Falcon Heights and Roseville. I would suggest adding an additional park and ride further away from the fair to accommodate the parking.	9/6/2023 10:28 PM
25	Better in 2023	9/6/2023 10:16 PM
26	Parking at least five feet away from a residential driveway is mostly ignored, but probably because nobody knows about that. I think the \$100 fine is excessive. A \$50 fine is plenty painful.	9/6/2023 9:58 PM
27	Fair goers stopped by my house to ask for use of my bathroom. This has occurred in past years as well, although I heard that some kids were caught urinating in yards this year. Only after turning the Fair Goers away, did I learn that there were portapotties at the park. More signage about these facilities may prevent disturbing residents.	9/6/2023 9:30 PM
28	I appreciated the lawn signs reminding Fair goers this is our neighborhood. Please add more information next year about how to have access to a sign.	9/6/2023 7:55 PM
29	I appreciated the prohibition of parking on the south side (or either side) of Garden Avenue this year.	9/6/2023 6:08 PM
30	Really appreciated the signs 30 feet from corner. Best idea !!!	9/6/2023 4:54 PM
31	I think the signs and curb markers before stop signs was a HUGE improvement. But you should also mark curbs on the other end of the block because people parked and blocked views around the corner	9/6/2023 4:47 PM
32	As the Fairgrounds business model moves to a year-round attraction venue the impact upon the surrounding neighborhoods and cities should be a consideration of responsibility by the Board that operates the Fairgrounds.	9/6/2023 4:43 PM
33	Can the same parking regulations put in place during the MN State Fair, also be put in place for the 50s car show? That event results in parking on both sides of the road within the Northome area and makes it dangerous to drive / see in the neighborhood.	9/6/2023 4:20 PM
34	Some people ignored the signs without consequence	9/6/2023 2:30 PM
35	I appreciated getting the anticipated fireworks schedule, that is very helpful.	9/6/2023 2:14 PM

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36	Parking enforcement in the NE quadrant was useless and only caused problems for the residence. We don't get enough fair parking for that to be useful.	9/6/2023 12:58 PM
37	Given the number of vehicles and people, coming to and through Falcon Heights during the fair, so much is working extremely well.	9/6/2023 12:23 PM
38	Fair goers do not park on our block during the fair. Parking restrictions were unclear, poorly marked and very disruptive. The only people ticketed were residents and our guests.	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
39	Water-side no parking signage was only posted directly near hydrants, making it look like just a reminder not to park near hydrants. It was NOT clear that the signage meant no parking on the entire side of the street. The signs needed to be placed BETWEEN hydrants and indicate no parking on that whole side of the street. Also, since this was a significant change for NE Quad residents, with a large financial consequence, the city should have sent an email blast notice and a letter or postcard highlighting the new temporary parking rules.	9/6/2023 10:25 AM
40	The fairgrounds could use more trees. Trees are important for the health of people in our neighborhood. There was so much bare concrete there.	9/6/2023 9:40 AM
41	Drivers running through stop signs at intersections in the neighborhood are constant. Difficult for drivers to see North/South direction driving east/west. Cars were tightly parked overlapping into intersection North/South. Very difficult to turn onto Larpenteur with the increase of speeding cars/obstructed viewing.	9/6/2023 8:14 AM
42	Cell phone service was horrible on Fair grounds. Both my husband and I were without service and unable to contact family. We were supposed to meet up with his mom but never saw her because there was no service to connect calls or deliver text messages. She ended up having a medical emergency while at the Fair and we didn't know until we got home 2 hours later. INCREASED CELL PHONE SERVICE IS NEEDED.	9/6/2023 6:53 AM
43	We had people on our alley selling parking spaces, which is against city code -	9/5/2023 11:42 PM
44	It'd be great to have a few benches around entrances and crosswalks for people with mobility issues.	9/5/2023 10:48 PM
45	My biggest issue is with the amount of traffic and people clearly running stop signs and speeding.	9/5/2023 10:21 PM
46	That they stop booking muscle car weekends.	9/5/2023 9:58 PM
47	Garbage was left in my yard on 2 separate occasions during the fair.	9/5/2023 9:33 PM
48	Our biggest issue this year was the speed at which fair goers were driving down our streets. Our poor kids weren't able to ride their bikes on our street for the last 2 weeks of summer due to it being unsafe with speeding, reckless drivers nonstop from 7:30am- 10pm on Asbury Street.	9/5/2023 9:06 PM
49	We live at 1447 California Ave. Didn't notice problems this year ... nor have we in previous years. The fireworks Boom-Boom-Boom is a minor issue. SPEEDING AND EXTREMELY LOUD OR NO MUFFLERS on Larpenteur Ave between Hamline and Snelling is a major issue that the Sheriff needs to address this immediately and regularly for the \$1 million that we pay for policing ... no excuse for not addressing this ... many repeat offenders. It's a dangerous raceway! We should see very visible consistent focus on this. We will tolerate police car sirens over mufflers any day of the week. With proper enforcement both sounds will diminish and racing on this stretch of road might decrease!	9/5/2023 8:56 PM
50	They really need to have cross walk patrols at Fry and Snelling. This is the first year they did not and it felt very unsafe to cross at all hours of the day	9/5/2023 7:49 PM
51	Verysmooth ten days of the fair	9/5/2023 7:28 PM
52	Appreciated the increase in towing in Northome- it's not fair (pun intended) for people to park wherever they want, including blocking sidewalks. Multiple times I had to push my stroller around cars blocking the SE corner of the Iowa Pascal intersection. I only saw officers in the neighborhood when cars were actively being towed. This was the first year I actually saw cars being towed!	9/5/2023 7:23 PM
53	I live at Larpenteur Manor and the traffic was heavy most fair days which is to be expected. What was aggravating was the blocking the driveways into/out of the complex.	9/5/2023 7:17 PM

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54	Things seemed more calm outside the grounds this year.	9/5/2023 6:30 PM
55	I work in an activity here to children . We had parents very drunk or high bringing their children into our area.	9/5/2023 6:29 PM
56	On Sunday, Sept. 3, police and sherriff's office refused to help a young teen who fainted from heat. When his friends cursed the police for their lack of help, officers grabbed them, twisted their arms, pretended that they were charging them with "illegal cursing" and resisting "arrest" and made disgusting comments to a 16-year-old boy whose father was killed by police a few years ago. Then they said, "You might get away with that stuff in the suburb (where some live) but you're in the city now. You're gonna deal with us now." We must make clear to the Fair, the Fair Police, and the public that Falcon Heights does not condone the bullying of children or the glorification of police violence against the public. (We stated our values in 2017 after Philando was killed.)	9/5/2023 6:16 PM
57	Noise from stereos on pedal taxis. Would be nice to have a requirement of music being turned off at 9-10pm. Address parking at ends of blocks with no stop signs. Cars were creeping out into intersections/blocking sidewalks.	9/5/2023 6:08 PM
58	The noise from the fair itself was less (volume of concerts, length of fireworks) but evening fairgoers were pretty noisy - even what sounded like families.	9/5/2023 6:05 PM
59	I wanted a respect your neighbor sign— pick-up was not convenient to NE quadrant. Didn't want to drive closer to fair.	9/5/2023 5:54 PM
60	We are new residents in Falcon Heights, so we couldn't answer the questions about changes from prior years. Overall, we were really nervous about the fair based on neighbors comments about prior years, but in the end, we thought things went really well given the large influx of cars & people.	9/5/2023 5:51 PM
61	We have 8ft length of curb between driveways. A huge SUV parked there, blocking a third of our driveway. We could technically carefully get out of our driveway without driving on our lawn if we had to, and I was concerned about wrathful fairgoers, so I didn't call it in. Could we get a "compact vehicle parking only" sign for spaces like these?	9/5/2023 5:35 PM
62	Overall I think it was a pretty calm year in the neighborhood. I've lived here 42 years. I really liked seeing the little Rickshaws taking people back to their cars. Wish there were more of them! 😊 I liked the signs to please take care of our neighborhood. I wonder if they made any difference. I think you guys made a real concerted effort to make actual positive changes to make us feel better and safer this year. The last couple of years have been pretty negative feeling ...and a little scary..	9/5/2023 4:45 PM
63	Resident of apartment in Larpenteur.	9/5/2023 4:34 PM
64	The entire 12+ days is extremely stressful for all neighbors, to the point where I want to move.	9/5/2023 4:30 PM
65	Didn't really see much police in our city. Never saw a squad car driving our streets. Still, the city seemed quiet and safe. Other than more temporary no parking signs, the fair seemed to be as normal. Personally I like the fair in our neighborhood and the crowds that it brings.	9/5/2023 4:30 PM
66	The amount of people that speed through the residential streets in my neighborhood.	9/5/2023 4:29 PM
67	The parking signs were great- but not 30 feet. With one parking issue (blocking crosswalk/visibility) the officer told me they were "choosing their battles". That is a phrase we use often in schools and would apply for people police deal with repeatedly but really did not pertain in this situation because the car in question would not be back and there was no other battle the police would have with them in particular.	9/5/2023 4:27 PM
68	Falcon Heights is by the fair, we should expect increased traffic and noise. The Fair has been there longer than our City. However, increased police presence and enforcement is needed.	9/5/2023 4:24 PM
69	It seemed this year there was more parking in the neighborhood than in previous years.	9/5/2023 4:05 PM
70	I thought the parking enforcement was good the first few days, I was seeing tags on cars. Then the rest of the fair I didn't notice it at all. I never saw a marked squad in 12 days in the neighborhood. We went to the fair 4x and I did not notice much of a difference from last year. However I LOVED the signage 30 feet from stop signs. I really think that visual made a huge difference. And the extra garbage cans was appreciated.	9/5/2023 4:01 PM
71	Too many cops at the fair.	9/5/2023 3:59 PM

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72	I live on Snelling Drive (frontage road) and despite there was a barricade in front of the road indicating local traffic only, there were still many vehicles coming into the road and/or idling on the side that said "no parking any time". Fairgoers or/and Uber/Lyft drivers continued to ignore the signs or claimed that the signs were not prominent. It's a safety concern when there is an emergency, we cannot quickly and safely leave our street when there were cars parked on both sides.	9/5/2023 3:55 PM
73	I have never felt unsafe in my neighborhood due to fair traffic. I only attended the fair in the morning so I cannot fully speak to policing inside the fair, but I think massive events in hot weather with alcohol sales are always going to get a little rowdy on weekend nights. Other than the fights reported, it seems like things were handled fairly well and no major issues took place.	9/5/2023 3:51 PM
74	The additional signage was good, but a little ambiguous. It could have been like permanent signs: No Parking During State Fair. Also, initial the signage on Holton was sparse, causing a neighbor to misconstrue where 'no parking' ended, and they got a ticket.	9/5/2023 3:38 PM
75	Didn't see a single police officer patrolling in our neighborhood. Cars were partially blocking driveways and too close to corners all over. Didn't see any citations on any of the cars.	9/5/2023 3:37 PM
76	Speeding was extremely concerning on Pascal Street North, with no visible enforcement of 20MPH. Speeding cars using Pascal as a cut through to avoid Snelling (and avoiding Arona which has adequate residential stop signs) were a significant concern for resident and pedestrian safety. While there were measures taken to enforce parking violations, we saw no enforcement or attempts to reduce or enforce 20MPH. Litter, including glass bottles, were frequently found on our lawn, sidewalk and in gutters.	9/5/2023 3:24 PM
77	The fair was better in all respects this from my homeowners viewpoint. Less noise. No trash. We had parking on both sides last year and the street was almost impassable. This year much better. Also shorter fireworks was much less annoying.	9/5/2023 3:13 PM
78	The placement of no parking/curb signs was inconsistent. I saw some placed where there was no stop sign. Otherwise, a great idea.	9/5/2023 3:11 PM
79	To be honest, I rarely see any law enforcement in the neighborhood. It used to be that the St. Anthony Police Department went down our block multiple times a day/night. I've worked in my front yard for hours with no sighting.	9/5/2023 3:08 PM
80	Plane flying overhead with an advertisement was irritating.	9/5/2023 2:57 PM
81	There was no police officers walking/paying attention to pedestrians trying to cross Larpernter from Fry. We were responsible for hoping traffic would slow down/stop by us standing there.	9/5/2023 2:54 PM
82	I checked many Neutral/Unsure boxes above. That is not because I don't care, or because I hadn't thought of it... There were questions about "adequate" policing, and I just don't know. When I was in the Fairgrounds, I didn't see lots of officers, but I usually don't...so I don't know what to say. I'm stuck on "adequate." Likewise, it seems like litter was about the same on our street, so I stayed with neutral. Maybe even more Park 'N Rides?	9/5/2023 2:53 PM
83	Had a family park in front and pee on street. Not sure what can be done about that-maybe more police driving around esp morning, mid afternoon, and late evening?	9/5/2023 2:46 PM
84	Much improved traffic problems on my street	9/5/2023 2:40 PM
85	doubling the parking fines only matters if someone comes around and enforces it. How much money did it generate for the city? how many tickets were given this year compared to last year? Asking someone if they felt safer this year, implies they felt unsafe last year. Were more crimes committed in Falcon Heights during the fair this year? FACTS MATTER. Try to avoid bias in the question...get someone who knows how to write a survey to do these things.	9/5/2023 2:32 PM
86	Parking and traffic was nearly unbearable on Arona Street for the majority of the fair. I've lived here for 30 years and it was the worse we've ever experienced. Street was full every day. Bike taxis blared loud music. Golf carts were driving up and down the street on final weekend.	9/5/2023 2:28 PM
87	The signage before stop signs was great as well not allowing parking on one side of the street in NE Quadrant.	9/5/2023 2:27 PM
88	It was hot and midday we went back to go swimming. We couldn't really swim because our stamp would of washed away and we were afraid we could not get back in. When I left I asked	9/5/2023 2:19 PM

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4 people if I could take a picture of it and get back in but no one could answer my question.

89	I REALLY liked the addition of the no-parking signs 30 feet from stop signs. That marking made me see another parking improvement option I'm just not sure how feasible it is (it would require extensive extra work). Has there been any discussion on marking temporary parking lines on Falcon Heights streets (i.e. drawing parking space lines on the parking side of our streets)? Parking on my street (California) can get pretty dicey when people don't give enough space between cars and I saw a couple cars get mirrors side-swiped in 2022. If temporary lines were added, perhaps better parking behavior would be observed. Use of e-scooters has exploded. I support their use, but they have been driven on sidewalks. Add signs reminding about not riding on sidewalks. The paths are too narrow to have people walking and riding on them.	9/5/2023 2:18 PM
90	Observed public urination but did not call it in. I think the task force did a great job and did what they could. Events of this size will always draw undesirable behavior which is why we shouldn't have them.	9/5/2023 2:14 PM
91	Thank you to the Task Force! I definitely saw improvements this year in terms of noise, litter, and parking due to the the Task Force's efforts. You folks have made a difference!	9/5/2023 2:11 PM

Q19 If you could suggest something to the organizers of the MN State Fair to help improve the experience for Falcon Heights residents, what would you like to see implemented?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 80

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More park and ride areas.	9/18/2023 2:14 PM
2	I don't think the fair needs to do anything except help facilitate a safe and clean neighborhood. The signs and extra garbage cans helped that a lot. There is noise, but that is to be expected. I'm sure it is different than 20+ years ago, but that's also to be expected. The fairgrounds are part of the consideration when moving into the neighborhood.	9/18/2023 2:04 PM
3	1. Reduce concert volume 2. Discontinue nightly fireworks	9/17/2023 1:27 PM
4	Either that or a break on property taxes	9/14/2023 7:52 PM
5	The Fair needs to listen to renters living on Larpenteur.	9/12/2023 9:18 PM
6	Enforce no smoking of any kind, especially cannabis in the Fair grounds. And do a better job of recycling and picking up trash.	9/12/2023 7:25 PM
7	Enforce a ban on smoking of Cannabis on the fairgrounds.	9/12/2023 10:00 AM
8	Pedestrian crossing assistance at Larpenteur and Fry during fairgrounds hours, even after 8PM	9/12/2023 9:37 AM
9	Maybe have a rule of no fireworks after 11pm? What a shock to be awakened to fireworks so late at night.	9/12/2023 1:48 AM
10	Restrict parking on N/S streets where there are no sidewalks - super dangerous for people walking to/from the fair and for residents out walking. Add "no parking corner to here" signs on the back end of each block.	9/11/2023 5:33 PM
11	Get rid of the pedicabs. They are an impediment to traffic, dangerous, and noisy, and annoying. Do more to encourage Park and Ride usage. Stop vendors from using Snelling Drive as a loading zone. More visible police presence.	9/11/2023 4:23 PM
12	STRONGLY encourage more, more, more Park & Ride locations. STRONGLY encourage discounted tickets/rides/events during the weekdays.	9/11/2023 3:32 PM
13	As many park and ride lots as possible. ?	9/11/2023 2:10 PM
14	Please add permanent one-side only (during fair) parking signs and enforcement on ALL streets in NE Quadrant. With "record breaking" crowds every year, the NE Quadrant gets more fairgoers parking in the streets than in the past. Getting in and out of the neighborhood much better (and safer) with all streets posted as "one-side only" and with increased ticket fees.	9/11/2023 1:17 PM
15	Temporary speed bumps? Traffic still drove excessively fast.	9/11/2023 12:53 PM
16	More incentive to take mass transit.	9/11/2023 8:29 AM
17	Promote park and ride more. Have a live parking app that tells fair-goers when the lots are full and suggest the best park and ride option. Move drop off / pick up to a location ON the fairgrounds. Not Midway ave.	9/9/2023 5:37 PM
18	I would like to see the Fair provide an income stream to the City of Falcon Heights to offset street maintenance costs and other support provided by the city.	9/9/2023 2:22 PM
19	The residents of Falcon heights should receive a pass for the fair to purchase for the entire time instead of having to purchase a ticket every single day. \$50 for the entire duration of the fair. I would have went more but did not want to pay for the entry fee so I only went one time.	9/9/2023 12:24 PM
20	I would like to see police presence full time at the Snelling and Larpenteur light. I saw one	9/9/2023 9:39 AM

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instance of road rage with a child involved and many times that light is just a mess with traffic. It could use some presence and traffic monitoring.

21	Electric light display (noise-free) fireworks.	9/7/2023 9:25 PM
22	Additional shaded spots to include both man made and natural shade. Hand washing stations in areas outside of the food buildings for better hygiene and cooling in buildings example- bigass fans or some AC.	9/6/2023 10:28 PM
23	Better accessibility for the residents	9/6/2023 10:16 PM
24	More of the signs put up to respect the neighborhood Patrolling in the evening	9/6/2023 5:53 PM
25	Thank you for the additional trash receptacles and reminder signs. Recognition that the Fairgrounds does have an impact on Falcon Heights residents is very appreciated.	9/6/2023 4:43 PM
26	Falcon Heights residents within 1.5 mile radius should receive 2 complimentary state fair passes every year.	9/6/2023 2:37 PM
27	Fireworks only on weekends	9/6/2023 2:35 PM
28	No parking enforcement in the NE quadrant.	9/6/2023 12:58 PM
29	Encourage fairgoers not to block driveway entrances to apartment buildings while traffic is at a standstill.	9/6/2023 12:23 PM
30	During non-fair times I've noticed the fairgrounds are closed to bikers much more than they used to be. The fair takes up a lot of land and I'd appreciate being able to bike through it. Biking around the fair leads to biking on unsafe streets.	9/6/2023 10:43 AM
31	More trees. More water bottle filling stations in the Fairgrounds	9/6/2023 9:40 AM
32	The placement of signage and marking curbs to indicate no parking allowed within 30 feet of stop signs was a huge improvement this year. This restriction should be implemented on all East/West/North/South streets during the fair to increase safety at intersections and consider increasing it to 40 ft instead of 30.	9/6/2023 8:14 AM
33	Improved cell phone service needed.	9/6/2023 6:53 AM
34	It was a great year and I definitely noticed the changes that you all made which helped it be more smoother. Thank you!	9/6/2023 4:57 AM
35	I would love for the fair to consider a pass for FH residents - I would pay a premium and would go to the fair more often with an annual pass. The fair would benefit from my concessions \$\$ but I'm not willing to pay the full daily entry fee to come every day if I'm only able to come for the evening.	9/5/2023 11:42 PM
36	-A 10:30 pm deadline for fireworks. -more policing in the neighborhood between sunset and midnight, when fights break out. -more police presence at the Como/Snelling intersection, so many fights this year -a purchasable neighborhood pass for the whole fair -more benches/seating throughout the fair with shade -hand washing stations throughout, especially near food concentrations -more misters on north end especially -venders that sell small mobility aids like canes and walkers (not just the rentable carts) -more bicycle carts to take people to there car and a way to summon them like an Uber/taxi to take people to the fair (especially for people with limited mobility who live in the neighborhood)	9/5/2023 10:48 PM
37	More ticketing or warnings to cars encroaching on driveways. I saw no traffic enforcement of any kind in my neighborhood and a few really problematic park jobs. Signs asking people to drive slowly through our neighborhoods. Neighborhood discount on fair tickets. Manage people walking on the side of Snelling by the fair. I saw people pushing strollers, etc and this is very unsafe. Typically folks walking from midway entrance north on Snelling.	9/5/2023 10:37 PM
38	It would be nice to have some extra trash bins around heavy pedestrian areas to limit litter.	9/5/2023 10:21 PM
39	Don't book events if you can't keep them from driving through the neighbor hoods since the cars don't meet sound ordinances.	9/5/2023 9:58 PM
40	More park and rides would be helpful.	9/5/2023 9:33 PM
41	Fireworks no later than 9 on weeknights (last Thursday they were at 11pm!) and 10pm on weekends.	9/5/2023 9:06 PM

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42	Thanks for addressing State Fair impacts on our community ... much appreciated!	9/5/2023 8:56 PM
43	Maybe have an open house with residents that live within a mile of the fairgrounds, it would be nice if they were open to listening to their year round neighbors	9/5/2023 7:49 PM
44	More dedicated parking/park and rides for fewer issues w on street parking in Northome. Our block was full by 7:30 most mornings.	9/5/2023 7:23 PM
45	An annual pass available for purchase at a discounted rate.	9/5/2023 7:15 PM
46	Give us free tickets. We put up with a lot of inconvenience!	9/5/2023 6:30 PM
47	Plant trees and build shade areas to support oxygen and pleasant conditions for fair goers so less negative energy gets deposited in our neighborhood!! Do the same where possible in our neighborhoods!! Cancel the overhead plane!! Also, do NOT allow racist police to harrass young Black and brown kids, which ruins the Fair for them and can set up violence outside the gates.	9/5/2023 6:16 PM
48	Nope	9/5/2023 6:14 PM
49	NA	9/5/2023 6:08 PM
50	- discounted tickets to FH residents - tickets to the Roseville Library kids reading program reinstated Our community loves the fair- but we also put up with a lot of traffic, noise, parking issues- we are constantly shuffling cars and spots to be able to park at home. Some perks would be great:)	9/5/2023 5:54 PM
51	We were surprised by the number of people who parked in our area and then headed east towards como park instead of west towards the fairgrounds. We suspect they were confused about direction after circling trying to find parking. Maybe a few directional signs pointing towards the fairgrounds at intersections would be helpful.	9/5/2023 5:51 PM
52	Dedicated stroller parking areas inside the fairgrounds, like Disney parks, could vastly improve the experience for everyone. Also, details on tickets needed Per Ride in the Kidway & Midway so kids can plan their limited spending money. Broader advertising of the sensory friendly hours would have been much appreciated! Please expand that next year.	9/5/2023 5:35 PM
53	I honestly don't have any big ideas you haven't thought of. This news letter with all the info regarding FH and the fair has been really helpful too. Love the new layout. It would be nice for families or seniors who can't afford to go to the fair (wow not sure how they do that any more) to be able to buy cheese curds or a corn dog from a truck parked somewhere....like we could in front of the Roseville VFW this summer for a while. Oh... Could somebody please trim the trees between my house and Snelling so we could still sit on the "throne" and watch the fireworks like we could 40 years ago.? 🙄	9/5/2023 4:45 PM
54	Reduced price tickets or a pass. We would go more often and spend more money on food.	9/5/2023 4:35 PM
55	More traffic officers on intersections along Larpenteur heading east. Many cars would be blocking intersections causing awful jams.	9/5/2023 4:34 PM
56	Move the fair to a rural area. Add more bus service to and within the fair, add more parking within the fairgrounds.Restrict the small plane noise which was incessant on weekends, most of the day. Enforce the parking rules near park&rides. I saw many cars parked close to intersections blocking view while driving in that area. Also too close to driveways, blocking sidewalk access, blocking mailboxes. Pedestrians walking in streets (Fairview) to and from park&ride.	9/5/2023 4:30 PM
57	Nothing.	9/5/2023 4:30 PM
58	More residential patrolling for speeders	9/5/2023 4:29 PM
59	Parking signs truly at 30 feet. Even more police presence for behavior in the neighborhood.	9/5/2023 4:27 PM
60	Not sure.	9/5/2023 4:24 PM
61	Free set of tickets to each resident. We love the fair and realize by making the choice to live here means we will deal with these issues the fair causes. Getting free admission for just one day for our family would really be appreciated and would be a nice gesture for what we endure in the neighborhood. I also appreciate law enforcement and I know they are short staffed. Just wish I saw the same consistency with parking tags at the end of the fair as I saw in the beginning.	9/5/2023 4:01 PM

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62	Citywide permit parking only during the fair	9/5/2023 3:59 PM
63	Please put up extra/temporary signs along Snelling Drive to indicate that during the Fair, it is "permit parking only" and vehicle "will get ticketed if no permits". I don't think Fairgoers can see those permanent signs, especially at night. Fairgoers or residents (ie myself) did not know that parking violation fee was increased to \$100 this year. Many people parked on Snelling Drive anyway because it is extremely convenient, expecting to pay \$50 which is the same price if they parked their vehicle at other locations selling parking spaces. Temporary signs must be put up to let Fairgoers know that the fees were \$100 if they chose to park on Snelling Drive.	9/5/2023 3:55 PM
64	I wish every residence in the immediate vicinity of the fair was given like 4 tickets to attend. It would feel like a thank you for the slight inconveniences that come with fair parking and noise. It would also boost attendance from folks in the neighborhood who might respect the area a bit more.	9/5/2023 3:51 PM
65	Parking by permit only during the fair. I couldn't park in front of my own house when I got home from work. Falcon Heights shouldn't be providing free parking for the State Fair goers.	9/5/2023 3:37 PM
66	increase speed limit enforcement and consider residential permit requirements in Northome to limit traffic and parking. There are ample park and ride lots, as well as pay lots. Reduce the reliance upon the Northome residential neighborhood as a parking option.	9/5/2023 3:24 PM
67	Even though nothing happened, I would like to see some police cars patrolling.	9/5/2023 3:13 PM
68	Don't have fireworks every night, and require everyone to use a park and ride to get to the Fair.	9/5/2023 3:00 PM
69	Thought this years fair went quite smoothly.	9/5/2023 2:57 PM
70	Some sort of crossing function at Larpentur and Fry	9/5/2023 2:54 PM
71	I wish the Fair folks could provide us "walkers" with very low-price entrance tickets. I think we'd walk over many evenings for dinner if the entrance fee weren't so high. TOTALLY understand that it's hard to make them non-transferrable, etc. Just a thought. :)	9/5/2023 2:53 PM
72	Keep Garden Ave no parking on both sides-was really helpful for getting in/out of neighborhood. More patrols at key parking times. More patrols after 9pm to help w noise	9/5/2023 2:46 PM
73	1) Need many more park and ride locations to reduce traffic congestion 2) Reduce park and ride wait times by adding more buses	9/5/2023 2:40 PM
74	Add NE transit hub Look at steps Ren Fair took to encourage transit use Add more bus pick up times at park and ride to reduce wait time If more transit options aren't available in 2024, cap attendance Switch to drone, laser or low volume fireworks after 9 pm Permit parking only in neighborhoods close to fair	9/5/2023 2:39 PM
75	Some parameters on noise levels after 10 pm. Concerts and crowds were loud past 11 pm more than once. Overall volume after 9:30 pm seemed increased. Commitment to provide more parking and transit options for fair goers. Relying on the residential neighborhoods nearby is not reasonable.	9/5/2023 2:28 PM
76	Please keep these new adjustments! Need more parking options so the neighborhoods aren't filled. The entirety of the NE Quadrant was packed nearly every day.	9/5/2023 2:27 PM
77	It'd be nice to given a schedule of when the fireworks are happening so that way I can accommodate my sleep schedule	9/5/2023 2:23 PM
78	Neighborhood get in free. I would love to run over and get supper every night. Outside the fair had very little food choices	9/5/2023 2:19 PM
79	Restrict parking even further.	9/5/2023 2:14 PM
80	Perhaps a discount on state fair tickets for anyone with an address within a mile radius of a fair entrance?	9/5/2023 2:12 PM

Q20 Provide optional feedback regarding the State Fair / areas you'd like the Task Force to address in 2024.

Answered: 57 Skipped: 103

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am grateful that your work has been thoughtful and effective. It feels like there has been a material, positive change in how Falcon Heights handles the fair, thanks to you.	9/18/2023 2:35 PM
2	I felt like I saw St Anthony PD patrol more than Ramsey Co Sheriff does (all times of year, not just during the fair). But I don't know if there is any difference in deterring disruptive behavior related to frequency of patrols.	9/17/2023 1:27 PM
3	I missed the additional patrolling in our area (as in past years) of marked squads. Not sure why, but I didn't see one this year. I believe patrol visibility is important during the extreme busy period during the fair.	9/15/2023 2:34 PM
4	The state pockets so much profit. Those by the fair who can't make money by parking should get a cut of the profit. Not you. Us.	9/14/2023 7:52 PM
5	I think we should consider implementing a minimal sales tax (0.1%) to capture revenue to offset city costs associated with the fair.	9/14/2023 4:52 PM
6	Have a squad stationed on Hamline to address speeding, traffic and car noise. It's pretty dangerous trying to cross Hamline as a pedestrian. Maybe re-route buses so they don't come down hamline at all.	9/12/2023 7:25 PM
7	I'm a resident in the new Amber Union Apartments. It was a nightmare trying to get in and out of the parking lot by car. The people directing traffic never considered how residents would be allowed to get in and out without waiting in long lines of traffic from fair goers. It was nearly impossible to turn left onto Larpenteur, and the Hoyt entrance was completely closed so we only had one option. Not only that, but the owners of the property rented out the west lot for the fair so the entrance was constantly blocked by cars waiting to park. When it wasn't blocked by cars, it was blocked with cones. There needs to be a resident entrance/exit clearly marked and a lane for us to get in and out. It was extremely dangerous for us to try to get into the blocked parking lot with oncoming traffic going east on Larpenteur. I realize this was the first year with residents in Amber Union so I'm hopeful that next year there will be improvements. Otherwise, it's an accident waiting to happen.	9/12/2023 1:48 AM
8	Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into making this year better - much appreciated and it made a huge difference!	9/11/2023 5:33 PM
9	Noise from the grandstand, etc. continues to be a problem. Rotting garbage smell is still disgusting. The vast majority of fairgoers are fine, but the few jerks really make it awful for area residents.	9/11/2023 4:23 PM
10	Additional patrolling by police. Further reduce parking availability in the Northome area and possibly additional areas in Falcon Heights as well.	9/11/2023 3:32 PM
11	I am OPPOSED to Falcon Heights residents being allowed to sell parking spots in their yards during the fair.	9/11/2023 1:17 PM
12	No parking on streets that intersect alleys. Exiting alleys blindly due to parked cars continues to be a dangerous problem during State Fair week.	9/11/2023 1:04 PM
13	Pedestrian safety	9/11/2023 8:29 AM
14	Limit pop-up THC booths on private property. Many people can to buy unregulated THC and not for the fair. I know this is a St Paul issues as FH doesn't allow vendors but it greatly impacts the city.	9/9/2023 5:37 PM
15	Please consider putting the 30-foot no parking exclusion at BOTH ends of the block not just the stop sign end.	9/9/2023 2:22 PM

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16	Would be nice if Falcon Heights residents could get a punch pass of some sort to visit the fairgrounds many times during the fair at a discounted rate.	9/9/2023 9:39 AM
17	I may join Fair Task Force	9/6/2023 10:16 PM
18	Somehow communicate to vehicle drivers they must park at least five feet from a residential driveway, otherwise how would they know?	9/6/2023 9:58 PM
19	Not sure at this time	9/6/2023 4:54 PM
20	Enforceable clarity on the parking of vehicles on private property.	9/6/2023 4:43 PM
21	It was very helpful to have the firework schedule in advance to know when they would go off.	9/6/2023 4:20 PM
22	Crime spilling outside the fairgrounds and affecting neighborhoods. Robberies, fighting, gunfire etc. jumping the fences.	9/6/2023 2:37 PM
23	One other area of improvement is identifying a way to notify drivers not to park too close to driveways.	9/6/2023 2:14 PM
24	There should be no parking restrictions on Sheldon Street between Ruggles and Roselawn. Fair goers do not park on our block.	9/6/2023 12:20 PM
25	I appreciate your efforts, but please be reasonable. The Fair is its own entity, and they are under no obligation to accommodate unreasonable requests. The Fair has been here longer than we have. We knew it was here when we moved here. The parking restrictions are reasonable requests, but don't expect the Fair to make big changes and adjust to whatever whims people want.	9/6/2023 10:43 AM
26	I don't think restricting parking on Sheldon street is necessary.	9/6/2023 9:49 AM
27	1)Make fireworks shorter. 2) Stop alcohol sales after 9pm. 3)Close the Midway at 10pm. 4) Restrict daily attendance. 5)Do a better of job of providing parking onsite to fairgoers.	9/6/2023 8:14 AM
28	N/A	9/6/2023 6:53 AM
29	More shade! More misters! More places to have an AC respite. When I was there I walked all the way to the History center for a bit of an AC cool down and it wasn't cooled, just had all doors opened. I about cried. There needs to be some seating in the History center, especially for people with limited mobility. Overall, I found certain parts of the fair hard to access now that I can't walk far due to chronic illness. The corridor from the Ag-Hort to the Eco center was particularly lacking in access and seating. The barns were impossible.	9/5/2023 10:48 PM
30	One more time ... Thanks for addressing State Fair impacts on our community ... much appreciated!	9/5/2023 8:56 PM
31	Great work!	9/5/2023 8:21 PM
32	I feel there were too many police in the fair and not enough outside the gates in the neighborhood/road crossings	9/5/2023 7:49 PM
33	Snelling frontage road at times is used as a shortcut with people exceeding 50+ mph. I would like temporary speed bumps to help with this.	9/5/2023 7:39 PM
34	Had people come to my front door asking to use our bathroom and then they were kind of rude when I said no... more port a pottys? It wasn't the first time we've been asked and I'm not sure what the solution would be!	9/5/2023 7:23 PM
35	Loved the signs marking the 30 feet. I asked for that 2 years previously.	9/5/2023 6:20 PM
36	I am ambivalent about the early questions on police presence because the ONLY interaction I know about was one in which police FAILED TO RESPOND to one problem (a health emergency) and CAUSED a problem by assaulting young fairgoers illegally.	9/5/2023 6:16 PM
37	See #18	9/5/2023 6:08 PM
38	Reported shooting in the neighborhood and gun on the fairgrounds were concerning. Not sure how to address this effectively. Sounds like Fair responded quickly to the onsite issue. I'm glad they had extra law enforcement resources this year.	9/5/2023 6:05 PM
39	Signage about not parking too close to driveways or overhanging driveways.	9/5/2023 5:54 PM

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40	The task force did a super job! Thank you for your efforts!	9/5/2023 5:39 PM
41	Thank you for limiting parking to only one side of the street. That made a huge difference in the amount of traffic in our neighborhood. Also, thanks for disseminating the fireworks schedule in the newsletter. I referenced it multiple times.	9/5/2023 5:35 PM
42	I think it just gets better and better. People always ask if we "don't just hate living here during the fair." A resounding no.. love it.	9/5/2023 4:45 PM
43	As above. Ask the sheriff and his posse of deputies to spend less time tasting food on "live on patrol" and more time protecting the neighborhood they are contracted to serve!!! I understood the state fair had their own police so why were CAT team deputies all at the fair??	9/5/2023 4:30 PM
44	Making it so uber/lyft drivers don't just stop on snelling to pick up/drop off rides causing more of a traffic jam	9/5/2023 4:29 PM
45	If portapotty at curtiss is intended for fair public-put up signage. The road that is marked neighborhood only to the direct east of Snelling had a lot of people waiting in cars for rides and a LOT of garbage (including dirty diaper) left there	9/5/2023 4:27 PM
46	It would be helpful to post signs reminding visitors of the Falcon Heights requirement to leave 5 feet from driveways and alleyways.	9/5/2023 4:05 PM
47	I appreciate that the task force was created and folks were willing to create new ideas and open to some changes/improvements.	9/5/2023 4:01 PM
48	Littering was a big problem this year. I had to go out to my street (Snelling Drive) and pick up empty water bottles and trash multiple times. Parking violations were way worse this year compared to previous years. There were MANY Fairgoers entered our street (Snelling Drive) which was for "local traffic only" to turn around or wait to pick up other people. We even had a Fairgoer entered our driveway (private property!) to turn around. We also had a Fairgoer knocking on our door and asked to park in our driveway for a fee. I have camera footages to prove that they were true. It is ridiculous and a major safety concern in my opinion. For 2024, please make sure there are signs along the frontage road and a huge barricade to block off non-local traffic. I don't feel safe during the Fair time as there are way more vehicle and foot traffic entering a normally quiet neighborhood road, and they did not respect the privacy of my home. Thank you for making the Fair a fun event for everyone including folks who live on Snelling Drive in 2024.	9/5/2023 3:55 PM
49	Noise levels of the nightly concerts is getting louder every year. Would be nice if the concerts were required to end by 10:30 each night. A couple of them went past 11:00.	9/5/2023 3:37 PM
50	Consider residential parking permits for Northome during state fair. The traffic, speeding cars, parking impacts, and trash are a total nuisance and are getting worse with increased fair attendance. This was the first year that we've experienced fairgoers going door to door asking to use private resident bathrooms and we are concerned by this.	9/5/2023 3:24 PM
51	More patrolling on neighboring streets. Probably not a thing for this task force but a 12 day pass/discount for neighbors to attend each night for food? Many of us would eat there each night if we didn't have to pay heavy entrance fee. Small gift fir what we put up w and it benefits their vendors!	9/5/2023 2:46 PM
52	The temporary parking signs really worked well in my neighborhood.	9/5/2023 2:40 PM
53	Mark the curb on the opposite end with a no parking sign as well and not just where stop signs are. It's ridiculous how close people park on the corners and then you can't see KIDS, cars, or anything else than trying to turn. Also, there is absolutely no reason residents shouldn't be allowed to sell parking if able. On one side of Hoyt, families that choose make TONS of money, across the street families are ban. We don't have a choice that these cars come here, those that choose to do so should be allowed to legally profit from the fair. It's also super interesting that everything West of Snelling was either no parking or permit only. Weird that the Mayor and his cronies make it so they don't have to deal with parking and fairgoers while the rest of us do.	9/5/2023 2:32 PM
54	Parking solutions for Falcon Heights residents. Permit(s) issued to residents perhaps? We shuffled cars the entire time and borrowed driveway space from neighbors for visiting family members.	9/5/2023 2:28 PM
55	The "parking here" signs & booths outside the fair on the St. Paul side is a terrible nuisance	9/5/2023 2:27 PM

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and makes that area in front of the main entrance much more hectic.

56	If a parking lot is full, there should be more signage so that cars can keep the traffic flowing instead of having it backed up since they're so way far back that they don't know there's no parking/the lot is full	9/5/2023 2:23 PM
57	The signs within 30 feet of stop signs were so helpful. It would also be helpful to have those on the other end of the street. We had a few days where people parked on Asbury were jutting out into Crawford, and it made right turns and kids biking more dangerous.	9/5/2023 2:12 PM

State Fair Complaint Log

Address	Complaint
Albert St	Last year, our stretch of Albert St. (between Larpentuer and Garden) was entirely posted no parking on the west side of the street during the Fair. I was surprised to see only two lots posted no parking this morning. Are more signs on the way?
Holton St	Confused on new signage. Believes we should include a timeframe and let people park during the night as that is not when the fair is happening.
Sheldon St	Confused on new signage. Thought it was only for not parking in front of fire hydrants. Was not sure if it was for the whole block/side Feels it's not needed on that street as not many fairgoers park there.
Larpenteur Ave	Confused on year permit parking vs state fair parking
RCSO Suggestion	Curb Painting yellow for stop signs. Limit state fair permit passes or include license plates on pass.
Roseville	Fair, pedestrian traffic control at Larpenteur and Fry. I don't know exactly who's responsible for this is, I also contacted the Fair office. The referenced intersection is very dangerous without proper traffic control staffing. It is chaos, someone is going to make a mistake and seriously injure or kill someone. This needs to be mitigated TODAY!!! Thank you.

State Fair express bus ridership was up 33%

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Metro Transit provided more than 241,000 rides to the Minnesota State Fair from suburban park-and-ride lots this year, a 33% increase over last year.

"Transit is always a great way to get to big events and there aren't many events that are bigger than the Minnesota State Fair," Metro Transit General Manager Lesley Kandaras said. "We are thrilled we could expand our State Fair Express Bus service this year, allowing more people to make Metro Transit a part of their fair experience."

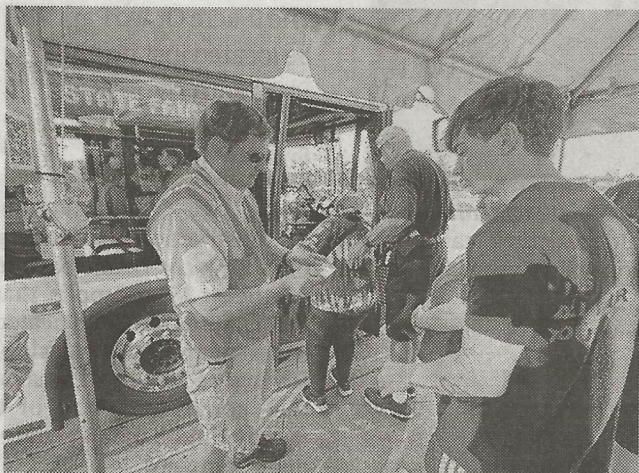
Metro Transit deployed

more than 100 buses a day to provide its State Fair express service. The agency resumed service from the 95th Avenue park-and-ride lot in Blaine for the first time in several years, which helped fuel the large uptick in ridership, spokesman Drew Kerr said. Metro Transit also ran express buses from lots in Bloomington, Minnetonka and Cottage Grove.

The agency is hoping to open a fifth State Fair express park-and-ride site in 2024.

Attendance at this year's Great Minnesota Get-Together was 1,835,826 people, making it the sixth-best-attended fair.

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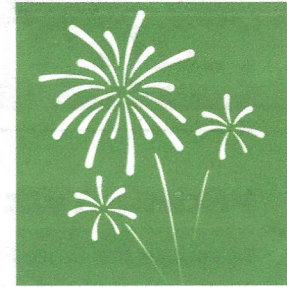
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FAIR FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

This year, the MN State Fair will start shows at 7:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. on Labor Day), which is thirty minutes earlier than in previous years.

Below, is an estimated schedule of the nightly fireworks during the 12 days of the State Fair. **Please note that weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances may cause the times to change or be delayed.**

For more information about the 2023 Grandstand Concert Series, click the link: <https://www.mnstatefair.org/grandstand/> or scan the QR code.



- | | <u>Actual time</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Thursday, August 24 at 9:30 p.m. | 9:36 |
| • Friday, August 25 at 10:15 p.m. | 10:18 |
| • Saturday, August 26 at 9:45 p.m. | 9:58 |
| • Sunday, August 27 at 10:20 p.m. | 10:13 |
| • Monday, August 28 at 9:00 p.m. | 9:00 |
| • Tuesday, August 29 at 10:30 p.m. | 10:45 |
| • Wednesday, August 30 at TBD | 9:20 |
| • Thursday, August 31 at 10:55 p.m. | 11:03 |
| • Friday, September 1 at 9:45 p.m. | |
| • Saturday, September 2 at 10:55 p.m. | 10:44 |
| • Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 p.m. | 10:10 |
| • Monday, September 4 at 9:00 p.m. | 9:01 |

STATE FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

To report concerns WITHIN the fairgrounds such as those regarding fireworks, attendance levels, noise, etc., contact the MN State Fair directly. During the fair, email is the best way to reach staff as it is the most monitored. Email: guestservices@mnstatefair.org

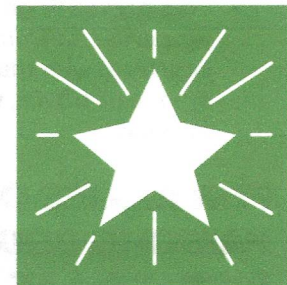
Guest Services: 651-288-4559
Hotline 651-288-4400



IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2023

The city's State Fair Task Force provides recommendations to the City Council in an effort to improve the experience of residents during the fair. Such changes implemented this year include:

- Trash cans to be added by the MN State Fair throughout the highest traffic neighborhoods ([Trash Can Map](#)).
- Free "Be Good" yard signs made available from the MN State Fair.
- Recommending to the City Council to increase parking violations during the State Fair. The City Council approved Ordinance 23-04, which increased the parking violation fee from \$50 to \$100 for violations occurring August 15 - September 15.
- Prohibit parking on the water side of certain streets in the NE quadrant ([2023 State Fair Parking Map](#))



QUICK LINKS

[2023 State Fair Parking Map](#)
[Trash Can Map](#)
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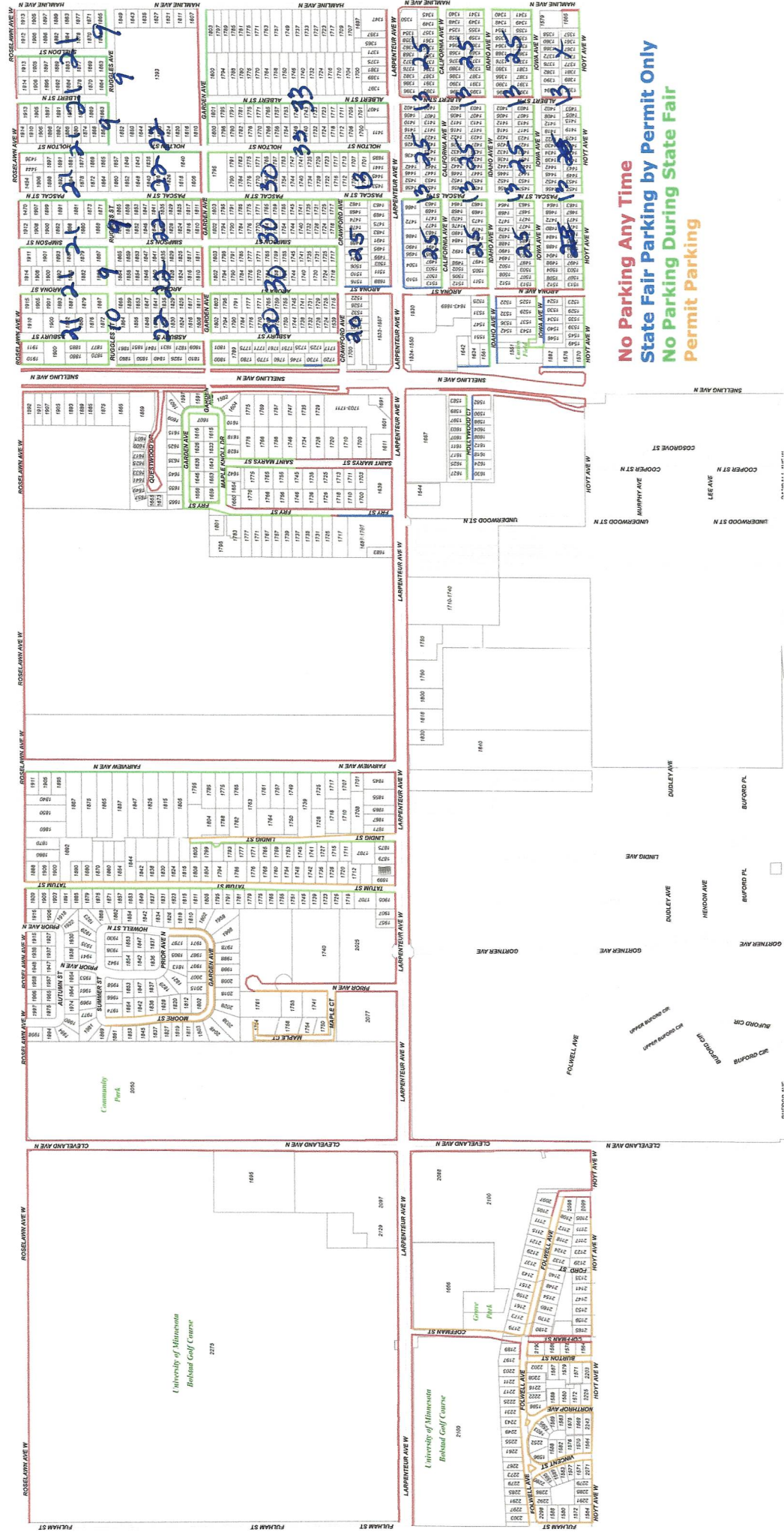
street parking spots

Northeast Quad = 556

North Home = 329

Total both Neighborhoods

885 street parking spots



No Parking Any Time
State Fair Parking by Permit Only
No Parking During State Fair
Permit Parking