



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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FIRE

Fire protection is provided the by
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POLICE

Police protection is provided by the
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

Emergencies	911
Non-emergency	651-767-0640

CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue. Meetings are streamed live from NineNorth (formerly CTV) and televised on public access channel 15.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, October 11 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 25 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 1 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM



>>> CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER, 11 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- None

MINUTES

1. September 27, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. October 4, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2023 Pavement Management Project (PMP) – Assessment Hearing

CONSENT AGENDA

1. General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
2. City Licenses
3. Appointment of Rick Siefert to the Planning Commission
4. Agreement for Suburban Representation Selection Process to the St. Paul Board of Water Commissioners
5. Amber Union Fund Transfer
6. Lindig Circle Basin Corrective Work
7. Summary Ordinance Smoking in Parks
8. Public Works F-450 Super Duty Truck Purchase

POLICY ITEMS

- None

CITY COMMISSIONS <<<

The City of Falcon Heights has four City Commissions, which serve the City Council in an advisory capacity. Commissioners are volunteers including Falcon Heights residents, local business owners, and business designees who have been appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Community Engagement Commission advises the City Council on matters related to community needs and issues, crime and prevention, public awareness, community involvement, and human rights issues. The commission also helps plan and facilitate community events such as Human Rights Day and the Ice Cream Social.

The Community Engagement Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

There are currently THREE vacancies. To apply, [click here](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks & Recreation Commission advises the Council on matters related to the operation of the City's public parks and the City recreation program.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

There is currently ONE vacancy. To apply, [click here](#)

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on matters related to planning, zoning, and land use. Meetings are streamed [live from NineNorth](#) and televised on public access channel 15.

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There are currently NO vacancies.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Environment Commission advises the City Council on matters related to environmental issues, including recycling and waste disposal, community gardens, and storm water runoff. The Commission also develops and recommends implementation of environmentally friendly initiatives such as rain barrels and solar panels, supporting and advancing the City's participation in the [GreenStep Cities](#) program.

The Environment Commission meets the second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

There are currently NO vacancies.

PUBLIC WORKS & <<<

TRAFFIC UPDATES

2023 PMP Construction Schedule

Staff is working with the contractor to address the significant weed growth that started in the high heat of summer. The project includes requirements to establish turf in the disturbed areas. As the establishment has not happened yet, the City is retaining project funds to ensure this work is completed properly.

The proposed final assessment amounts have been mailed to the affected property owners adjacent to the project. The assessment hearing is scheduled for October 11, 2023. The Council action on the assessments may occur on October 11 or October 16, 2023, to allow time to respond to concerns or Council direction brought up at the hearing.

Council Actions are denoted with CC. Council meetings are open to the public and also available for viewing on the Falcon Heights website or Channel 16 for cable subscribers.

October 11, 2023 – CC Assessment Hearing (notices have been mailed to affected property owners)

October 11 or 16, 2023 – CC Action on Assessments

Spring 2024 – Warranty Items & Final Restoration Touch-Up

Mowing

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

Sidewalks

Public Works formed and poured sidewalk panes on Hoyt Ave. in the Northome neighborhood. This week they will be saw grinding trip hazards on sidewalks.

Street Signs

Public Works will install new 25MPH speed limit signs on Hamline Ave. and Hoyt Ave.

Street Sweeping

Public Works will be street sweeping throughout the City as needed.

Ramsey County Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction

The intersection at Larpenteur and Cleveland will be a 4-way stop configuration until approximately mid-October. Expect traffic delays. For more information or to sign up for alerts, click [here](#)





COMMUNITY PARK **RENOVATION**

The City has long been planning the renovation of Community Park, located at 2050 Roselawn Avenue. Since the 1970s, the City leased the land from the University of Minnesota. With our lease expiring, the City purchased the property from the university for \$1.1 million this past May.

Back in 2014, the City hired WSB, a civil engineering and planning firm, to develop a parks master plan. The initial plans included multiple concepts for the renovation of Community Park. The City has once again hired WSB as the project manager and HCM Architects as the architects for the renovation. Both firms have extensive municipal park renovation experience, including both firms as the partners in the Roseville parks renovation.

The total park renovation budget is between \$2.5 to \$3 million. It is estimated that the new building will take approximately half of the budget, and the parking lot, design fees, site features, and to-be-determined park amenities will be the other half of the project cost. The City has been strategically saving for this renovation for many years, and will be able to pay a majority of the project cost through existing reserves. We also have a bonding request in to the State of Minnesota for \$1 million, and are applying for a wide variety of grants to assist with the project. Any remaining costs for the project will be financed through a municipal bond as a debt issuance. The City remains in a strong financial position with minimal debt.

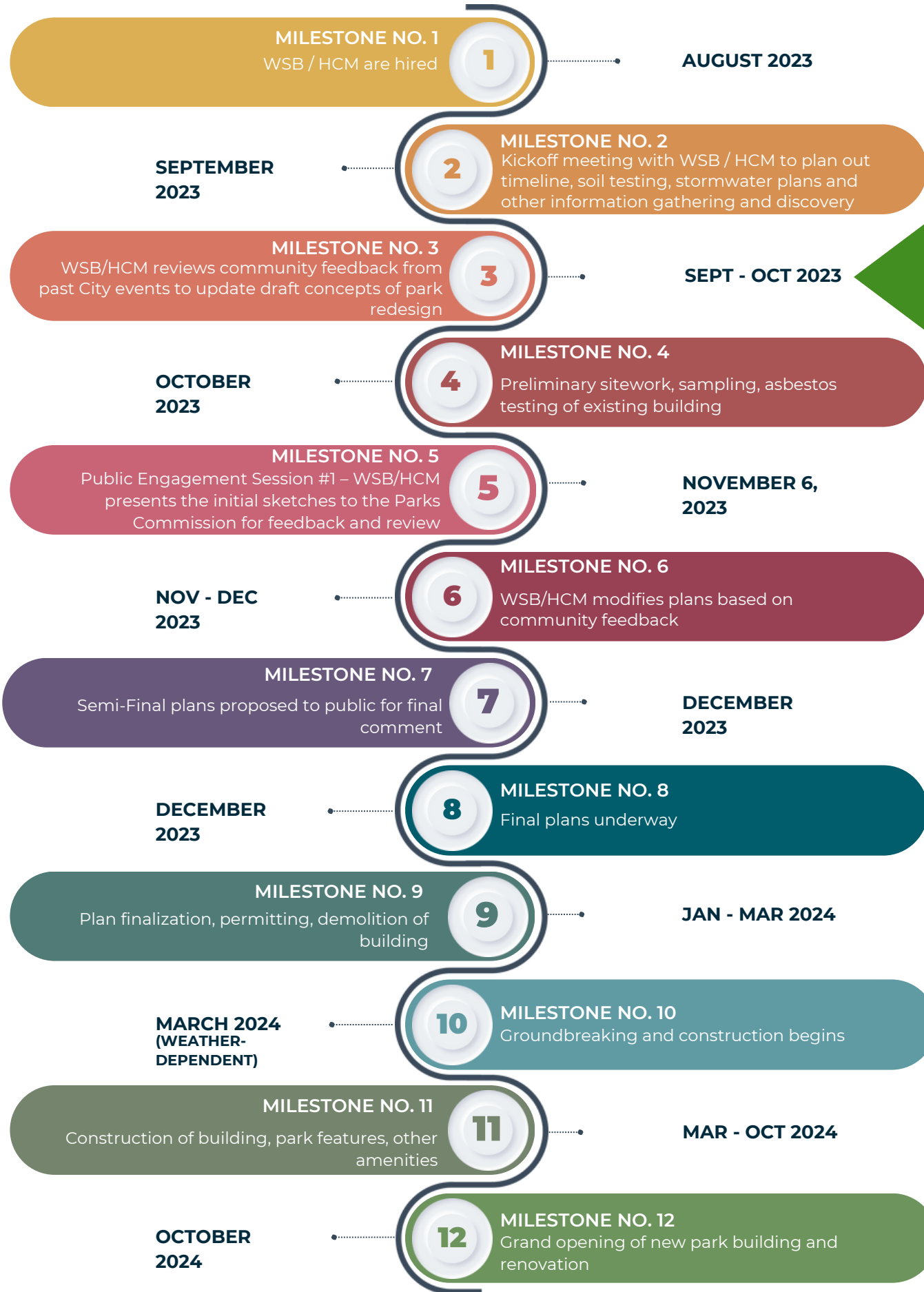
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION #1

During the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:30 PM, WSB (a civil engineering and planning firm) and HCM Architects will present initial sketches for the commission's feedback and review. The public is invited and welcomed to attend to share their feedback regarding the Community Park renovation project.

Monday, November 6
6:30 PM
City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.

COMMUNITY PARK TIMELINE

The timeline is subject to change as the project develops.



Snelling & Larpenteur Corridor Development Study

In early 2023, the City of Falcon Heights applied for and received a grant from Ramsey County to review the two most critical transportation corridors within the city, Snelling Avenue and Larpenteur Avenue. The project is to evaluate the existing land uses along the two corridors and identify areas of potential future redevelopment and reinvestment to meet future housing and business needs. With the outside grant funding, the City is undertaking a corridor study that will look at existing sites, note economic and market trends, and gain input from the Falcon Heights community about what type of development they would like to see in the future. The Planning Commission will serve as the steering committee providing feedback and shepherding the study throughout the process.

Our first community meeting is October 18, 2023 at 7 PM at City Hall. We welcome anyone to attend who is interested in contributing to the future vision of Falcon Heights. If you have any questions, please visit our website [here](#).

Snelling & Larpenteur

CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT STUDY

COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Community Engagement Commission

Hi, I'm Julie, chair person of the Falcon Heights Community Engagement Commission. We are looking for three individuals to join the Community engagement commission to continue to curate the relationship between the city and our residents. In the upcoming years we will be revisiting and revitalizing the Neighborhood Liaison program to help neighborhoods connect with each other and communicate with the city. We'll be looking for ways to connect with our renter community to help make sure all of our residents are represented. And of course, we will be working with the city to bring some of our favorite get togethers to life including Spring Together at Curtiss Field, the annual Ice Cream Social at Community Park at Human Rights Day. All we ask is for one Monday evening a month an open mind and an enthusiasm to connect with the city and our neighbors. If this sounds like something you are interested in just click this link and fill out the easy application. I look forward to connecting with you!

There are currently THREE vacancies. To apply, [click here](#)



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Reminder! Property Tax Payments Due

The second half of 2023 property tax payments are due Monday, Oct. 16. Payment can be made online, by mail, in person or at a payment drop box.

Property tax payments will be accepted via U.S. mail, at secure form drop-off locations and electronically. Options for making a direct payment:

- Pay online
- Pay by mail, in person, or drop box
- Pay by bill pay

City elections will be on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. The Mayor and two Council seats are up for election with the current terms expiring December 31, 2023.

Voter Registration

If you need to register to vote or update your registration, you may do so in-person at an Early Voting location, or on Election Day at your polling place. Voters may also register online, or download and mail a paper application. Visit [MNvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) for more information, and to verify any ID documents you may need to bring with you to your voting location.

Important Dates

September 22 – Absentee Voting begins for General Election.

In-person absentee voting is available at Ramsey County Elections - Plato Building

- Sep. 22 - Nov. 3 Weekdays: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- Saturday, Nov. 4: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

October 20 - In-person absentee voting will be available at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville.

- Oct. 20 - Nov. 3 Weekdays: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday, Nov. 4: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Monday, Nov. 6: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

October 17 – Last day to pre-register.

November 7 – Election Day.

Falcon Heights Polling Places

Falcon Heights has two election precincts. Properties west of Snelling Ave. are part of Precinct 1. Properties east of Snelling Ave. are part of Precinct 2.

- Falcon Heights City Hall (P-1) 2077 Larpenteur Ave. Falcon Heights, MN 55113
- Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (P2) 1795 Holton St. Falcon Heights, MN 55113

For the most up to date information on elections and voting, please visit:

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting> or [MNvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org)



St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Do you like music? Would you like to help to create a song?

Singer-songwriter Ann Reed is known to some local residents as co-host, with Dan Chouinard, of a monthly sing-along, first held at Luther Seminary and now on Ann's YouTube channel. In her song-writing workshops, Ann brings melodies and participants contribute ideas for lyrics, and together, songs are born.

When: Tuesdays, October 10 and 17

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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

No musical experience is necessary. There is no charge to participate.

All ages are welcome!

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

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Fairground Events

Twin Cities Book Festival

Description: Rain Taxi's Twin Cities Book Festival is the annual gathering for readers, writers, publishers, and purveyors of all things literary. The TCBF features dozens of presenting authors, children's programs, and a wide variety of exhibitors.

When: Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Progress Center

Admission: Free public admission. For more information, visit www.raintaxi.com

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League of Women Voters of Roseville Area

Conversations with Constituents

The League of Women Voters Roseville Area is sponsoring an event on October 26, 6:30 p.m., which will be held in the Roseville City Hall. This event will include conversations with mayors, Ramsey County commissioners and state representatives representing the cities of Roseville, Maplewood, Little Canada, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. The public is invited to this in-person event. There will be three 20-minute sessions where constituents will rotate among representatives.



State Legislators,
Commissioners, and
Mayors representing
Falcon Heights,
Lauderdale, Little
Canada, Maplewood,
and Roseville

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ROSEVILLE AREA

CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSTITUENTS

Q&A with our local elected officials

Bring your questions and join
the conversation!

What do YOU want to ask?
What are YOUR priorities?
What do YOU want to
understand?

October 26, 2023
Roseville City Hall
6:30 - 8:00PM
Doors Open at 6PM



Bell Museum

Solar Big Year – 2023 Eclipse

Saturday | October 14, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join the Bell Museum in celebrating Minnesota's partial view of the annular eclipse. The eclipse will be at its peak at about 11:45, and you will be able to see about 45% of totality in Minnesota.

Throughout the day, the museum will have solar-focused activities; a live stream of the eclipse from New Mexico, and their expert astronomy staff will be there to answer all your burning questions about the Sun!

Learn more about the event at the link below:

[Eclipse at the Bell](#)

This is an in-person event at the Bell Museum and is included in the cost of regular admission.



Como Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Como Park/ Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program is changing it's name to

ComoConnects
Resources and Support for
Neighborhood Seniors

A new website is available at:
www.ComoConnects.org

Phone: 651-642-1127



COMOCONNECTS

Resources and Support for Neighborhood Seniors (651) 642-1127

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RAMSEY COUNTY RECYCLING

Are you looking to recycle or dispose of yard waste, electronics or household hazardous waste? Ramsey County has an A to Z Recycling & Disposal Guide available for all Ramsey County residents as well as a hotline. To view the guide, click the link below or call the hotline at 651-633-3279.

Learn more about what can and can't be recycled [here](#).

CODE <<< ENFORCEMENT CORNER

We are nearing the end of lawn maintenance season, but don't forget to keep those weeds trimmed back in the meantime! Continue mowing until grass stops growing in the fall, generally around the end of October. Maintaining your grass height before winter can minimize diseases that occur when grass is too long over the winter, and long grass during winter may encourage vole activity.

RECYCLING FUN FACT

US recycling levels are currently at 21.4%. When the US reaches a recycling level of 75%, it will be the environmental and CO2 equivalent of removing 55 million cars from US roads each year.



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Home Energy Squad

The leaves are falling, and folks are rolling up their sleeves to dig into seasonal chores. Time again to hose out downspouts, get out the rakes, rack up garden hoses and prepare for what's around the bend – the long, cold winter we Minnesotans love to brag about living through. This year, make sure your home is prepared for the changing weather by having a visit from the Home Energy Squad (HES). It's the easiest fall chore to check off! With an HES visit, you can have peace of mind knowing your home is properly insulated, your furnace is working well, and your home is as energy efficient as possible. If work needs to be done to get to improve efficiency, the Squad will walk you through the steps and provides a customized plan for your home.

They will identify areas in your house that can be more efficient, which will not only help you stay warm and cozy in the winter, but comfortable and happy to be saving year-round. They will also install materials like LED lights, door weather stripping, a programmable or smart thermostat, and more to help you start saving instantly!

Whether you are new to your home or have lived in there for years, Home Energy Squad will help get your home ready for winter. Don't want to wait until December to find out you have an air leak or poor insulation in your house contributing to those pesky ice dams.

Plus, the City of Falcon Heights pays half the cost of a Home Energy Squad visit. \$50 is the most a visit would be, and free visits are available to income eligible households.

To schedule your appointment call 651-328-6220 or visit mncee.org/home-energy-squad.

The Home Energy Squad is provided by Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy and delivered by the local nonprofit, Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)



National Fire Prevention Week October 8 - October 14

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

Cooking safety starts with YOU.



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK™**

**Pay attention
to fire prevention.™**

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COOKING SAFETY

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

Tips to Stay Safe While Cooking

Cook with Caution

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove.
- Have a "kid-free and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Fighting a small cooking fire

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Doubts about fighting a small fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



>>> 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 Saturday, October 14 at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Purchase a drop-in session for the remaining class on October 14 for just \$15.

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

>>> Yoga

Register for drop-in yoga sessions!

Classes will run every Monday from September 11 - November 20 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>



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.

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

