



»» NEWSLETTER ««

Happy Holidays!

The City of Falcon Heights City
Council and Staff wish you a
happy holiday!

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FIRE

Fire protection is provided the by
St. Paul Fire Department.

Emergencies	911
Non-emergency	651-266-8989

POLICE

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

Emergencies	911
Non-emergency	651-767-0640

CITY HALL 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, December 27 City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 3, 2024 City Council Workshop Meeting 6:30 PM



>>> CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING <<<

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER, 13 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- Receiving the Feasibility Report and Ordering Public Hearing for the 2024 Roselawn Avenue Resurfacing Project

MINUTES

- November 29, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 6, 2023 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- City Licenses
- 2024 Animal Impound Services Contract
- Acceptance of Donation from Falcon Heights / Lauderdale Lions Club
- Job Reclassification from Assistant to the City Administrator to Administrative Services Director / Deputy City Clerk
- Promotion of Kelly Nelson to Administrative Services Director/Deputy Clerk
- Appointment of John Larkin to the Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners
- 2023 Year-End Budget Adjustments
- General Fund Transfer(s)

POLICY ITEMS

1. 2024 Fee Schedule
2. Law Enforcement Contract Update



CITY COMMISSIONS <<<

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

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

The Community Engagement Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 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 & <<< COMMUNITY UPDATES

Sewer

This week, Public works will be inspecting the sanitary and storm sewer access vaults for needed repairs.

Tree Trimming

Public Works will be trimming boulevard trees in the Northome Neighborhood.

Curtiss Field Hockey Rink

The 10-day forecast suggests weather will be too warm for ice rink flooding until after the new year.

Curtiss Field

Public Works along with the electric contractor, completed the electric hook up to the warming house at Curtiss Field.

Repairs

Public Works will be making repairs to the fleet as needed.

Trash & Recycling Holiday Schedule

All residential routes will run one day later during the last week of December. Friday collection day (12/29) will be on Saturday (12/30).

All residential routes will run one day later during first week of January. Friday collection day (01/05) will be on Saturday (01/06).

Recycle holiday trees, lights and cords

Ramsey County's year-round household hazardous waste collection site accepts holiday string lights and electrical cords. The site is located at 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103 and is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Holiday trees can be brought to Arden Hills, Frank and Sims, Midway and White Bear Township yard waste sites. Those sites accept trees and branches, which are turned into mulch. Please remove all decorations, lights, wire, tinsel and tree bags. Flocked trees are not accepted and may be placed in the trash.

Residents may also contact their trash hauler to see if they will accept trees for disposal or haul it to a compost site. A fee may be charged.

[View yard waste collection locations and hours](#)





COMMUNITY PARK **RENOVATION**

COMMUNITY PARK RENOVATION SURVEY

The City needs your help!
Falcon Heights is currently seeking the community's feedback regarding the Community Park renovation. Make your opinions known and help shape the future renovation of Community Park by taking the online survey [here](#) now through noon on December 27.

You can also find a link to the survey on the Community Park Renovation page of the City's website, including links to renovation documents, which are included in a smaller scale within the survey.
[Click to view.](#)



For more information regarding the Community Park Renovation, please visit the City's website [here](#).

TAKE SURVEY



COMMUNITY PARK TIMELINE

The timeline is subject to change as the project develops.

MILESTONE NO. 1

WSB / HCM are hired

1

AUGUST 2023

SEPTEMBER
2023

2

MILESTONE NO. 2

Kickoff meeting with WSB / HCM to plan out timeline, soil testing, stormwater plans and other information gathering and discovery

MILESTONE NO. 3

WSB/HCM reviews community feedback from past City events to update draft concepts of park redesign

3

SEPT - OCT 2023

OCTOBER
2023

4

MILESTONE NO. 4

Preliminary sitework, sampling, asbestos testing of existing building

MILESTONE NO. 5

Public Engagement Session #1 – WSB/HCM presents the initial sketches to the Parks Commission for feedback and review

5

NOVEMBER 6,
2023

NOV - DEC
2023

6

MILESTONE NO. 6

WSB/HCM modifies plans based on community feedback

MILESTONE NO. 7

Semi-Final plans proposed to public for final comment

7

JANUARY
2024

JANUARY
2024

8

MILESTONE NO. 8

Final plans underway

MILESTONE NO. 9

Plan finalization, permitting, demolition of building

9

JAN - MAR 2024

MARCH 2024
(WEATHER-
DEPENDENT)

10

MILESTONE NO. 10

Groundbreaking and construction begins

MILESTONE NO. 11

Construction of building, park features, other amenities

11

MAR - OCT 2024

OCTOBER
2024

12

MILESTONE NO. 12

Grand opening of new park building and renovation

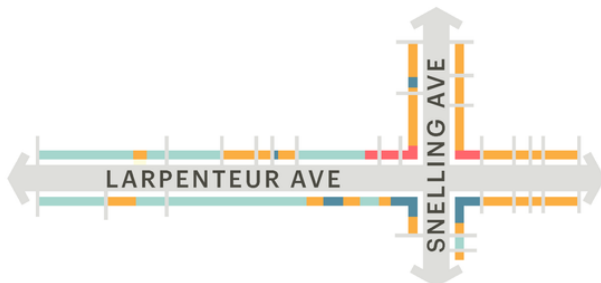
Snelling & Larpenteur

CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Falcon Heights is looking for applicants for three focus groups to serve as participants in the Larpenteur & Snelling Corridor Development Study!

If you are interested, please fill out the [application](#) at the link provided below and we will be in touch with you as soon as selections are made. Thank you so much for your interest!

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.



ZONING

- BUSINESS (B1, B2, B3)
- RESIDENTIAL (R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)
- PUBLIC LAND (P1, P1/R1)
- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

(MAP IS NOT TO SCALE)

COMMUNITY <<< DEVELOPMENT

My Electric Ride: An EV Transportation Video Challenge

Electric vehicles (EVs) of all kinds are here. And we want to hear about your experience, from electric scooters to electric school buses. Create a short video showcasing your personal experience with EVs as part of EPA's prize competition, and you may win up to \$3,000. Please note, the challenge closes on January 23, 2024.

To learn more about the challenge, click [here](#)

Fun Recycling Fact

Did you know that not all greeting and holiday cards are recyclable? If you're looking to dispose of some of them after the holiday season, make sure you know where to put them! Cards with foil, glitter, ribbons or velvet are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash.

Cards that light up or play music do not belong in the trash because of the battery. Bring them to the [household hazardous waste collection sites](#) for free. Cards and envelopes made only of paper should be placed in the curbside recycling bin.

>>> COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Get notified when sign up is open, by clicking [here](#)

Partners in Energy

The City of Falcon Heights has partnered with Xcel Energy and MNCEE to join the Partners in Energy Program.

We are looking for Energy Action Team members to help us develop the Falcon Heights Energy Action Plan. We are very excited to work with stakeholders in our community to create a vision and plan for our energy future.

Partners in Energy is a two-year collaboration with Xcel Energy to develop and implement our community's energy plan goals. This is an opportunity to engage stakeholders, create goals and strategies, and develop a work plan to be successful.

Click [here](#) for the Energy Action Team application.

Ready to Save on Your Energy Bills?

One convenient Home Energy Squad® visit is your answer to years of energy savings. We offer two home visit options:

- For homes built after 2000, mobile homes, condos, and renters — Only \$35 (normally \$70)
- For older homes — Only \$50 (normally \$100)

To learn more and to schedule your visit call 651-328-6220, or visit: mncee.org/hes

Free visits available to income qualified households.



COMMUNITY <<< DEVELOPMENT

Ramsey County Prepares For Climate Change With New Action Framework

The effects of climate change impact everyone in Ramsey County. So, the county is taking steps to address that and create opportunities to strengthen the economy, improve health and create a more equitable community for everyone.

Ramsey County recently published its first Climate Action Framework to guide the county's response to climate change. The framework was developed with input from residents, county staff and key partners. It builds on the six focus areas identified in the State of Minnesota Climate Action Framework:

- Clean transportation: Connect people to places through a safe, equitable and sustainable transportation system.
- Climate-smart natural land: Manage county land to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support healthy ecosystems and increase environmental resilience.
- Thriving communities: Collaboratively build the capacity of Ramsey County communities to survive and thrive in changing conditions.
- Clean energy and efficient buildings: Pursue 100% carbon-free, reliable and affordable electrical power and heat sources through policies, investments and partnerships.
- Healthy lives: Partner with community to reduce the direct and indirect health impacts of climate change together.
- Clean economy: Build an economy that addresses climate change and creates equitable opportunities for all.

County departments will focus on "near-term" actions outlined in the plan over the course of 2024. They will share updates on this work at ramseycounty.us/ClimateAction.

A team of residents will meet with county staff regularly throughout the year to review progress and discuss ways to improve outcomes. While the current team has been selected, there will be opportunities for new residents to participate later in the year.

Learn more about Ramsey County's climate action work and sign up to receive updates.



Holiday Lights

Glow Festival

Stroll through CHS field and enjoy an interactive holiday-themed light display made up of over a million dazzling lights. The walk-through festival features a selection of attractions including an enchanted forest, a selfie plaza, and bike pedal-powered Christmas trees.

November 16 - December 31

CHS Field, 360 N. Broadway St., St. Paul,
glowholiday.com

Keystone has partnered with GLOW Holiday to be one of its 30+ non-profit partners that will be celebrated throughout the festival and \$1 per ticket purchased for the event will go back to these charities at the end of the festival. You can purchase tickets by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/2UE5d3k>. You can save money by using the code "GLOWGIVES" (in all capital letters). The discounted ticket price will be under "Charity Adult GA" or "Charity Child (3-12) GA".



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors is your community organization that provides services and activities to support seniors who are living independently.

Services and activities that are currently being offered online are chair yoga and lunch gatherings; in-person activities are movies, game day, senior exercise class, card-making workshops, Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance, blood pressure clinics; in-home services include foot care, handy services, rides to health-related appointments, grocery delivery, tech help, as well as regularly scheduled calls or visits to seniors.

Contact SAPAS at sc@sapaseniors.org or 651-642-9052 to find out how to join the online offerings or how to receive other services. Or, visit www.sapaseniors.org to learn more about the program.



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

Bell Museum



Heart & Solstice

The winter solstice marks the shortest day of sunlight in our hemisphere—after December 21, the days begin to get longer again! Welcome the new season and celebrate the returning light at the Bell.

Take heart and celebrate the season with the Bell Museum from December 20, 2023 through January 7, 2024, during museum hours (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day).

They have planned a variety of programs and activities. Try a Winter Walk scavenger hunt through the galleries and explore the winter solstice at a gallery cart in Minnesota Journeys, visit the temporary exhibit Life on the Edge to learn about the search for life in the universe, and learn about winter constellations in the planetarium when you see Minnesota Night Skies.

SPIRE Credit Union and Hiway Credit Union are Merging

As Hiway Credit Union and SPIRE Credit Union approach their legal merge date, the Twin Cities-based credit unions shared their much-anticipated new name and brand: Blaze Credit Union.

Blaze Credit Union will officially launch on January 1, 2024, combining Hiway Credit Union and SPIRE Credit Union in a merger-of-equals. Boards and management teams are being integrated, with SPIRE President/CEO Dan Stoltz taking the role of CEO, and Hiway President/CEO Dave Boden becoming the President. All employees will be retained, and all 26 existing branch locations will remain open.

The City of Falcon Heights would like to congratulate SPIRE and Hiway on their merger and welcome Blaze Credit Union!

More information about the merger and the new name, can be found [here](#).



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

City Hall will be closed on the following Holidays:

- Monday, December 25, 2023 – Christmas Holiday
- Tuesday, December 26, 2023 – Christmas Holiday
- Monday, January 1, 2024 – New Years

KIDS DANCE CLINIC

Come dance with the Roseville Area High School Dance Team! Open to boys and girls ages 3-12. Come learn new dance skills and two fun routines in which you will perform alongside RDT in their annual winter show. Participants will be provided snack/lunch during the clinic as well as a t-shirt that they can keep and will wear for the winter show performance.

Check in is 10-10:30 AM at RAHS lower gym lobby. 1240 County Road B2 W, Roseville, MN 55113

The clinic will be held from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Participants will then stay with the dance team and perform in the Roseville Dance Team Winter Show. Doors open for the Winter Show at 12:30 PM and the show begins at 1:00 PM. The show should last 90-120 minutes.

Fee: \$50. Registration after January 9, 2024 is not guaranteed a t-shirt.

[Register here](#) or scan the QR code.



>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

City Hall Programming

Tae Kwon Do <<<

Register for Tae Kwon Do sessions!

Tae Kwon Do Basic and Intermediate/Advanced sessions will be held on Tuesdays, with classes running January 9 - February 13.

Cardio Kickboxing classes will be held on Thursdays, running January 11 - February 15.

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

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

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

>>> Yoga

Register for yoga sessions! You can purchase one or multiple drop-in sessions!

Classes will be held on Mondays from November 27-March 4 at 4:30 PM. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

*No classes held on December 25, January 1 or February 5.

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



Love your heart! Take advantage of these **free/donation-based** Blood Pressure Clinics.



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

2nd & 4th Mondays from 2-3:30 PM at Falcon Heights City Hall

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