



»»» NEWSLETTER «««



CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
2077 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST
FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55113
651-792-7600





CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue. Meetings are streamed live from NineNorth (formerly CTV) and televised on public access channel 16.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, March 26 - City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 02 - City Council Workshop - 6:30 PM





CITY COUNCIL MEETING



CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2025
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- NineNorth Update

MINUTES

- February 26, 2025 City Council Workshop Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- E-Meter Consideration – Presentation from the State Fair Task Force

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, and Wire Payments
- Approval of Resolution 25-26 Authorizing the Removal of Amy Christiansen from the Environment Commission
- Reappointment of John Pellegrini to the Environment Commission for a Second Term

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Resolution 25-27 Supporting Legislation Expanding the Ramsey County Housing And Redevelopment Authority to Include Economic Development Agency Powers
- Approval of Resolution 25-28 Authorizing Letter of Support for the Equal Access to Broadband Act
- Approval of Resolution 25-29 Accepting Proposal from iWorQ to Include Payment Processing from Payroc as the City's Payment Processor



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Falcon Heights City Council will host a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26th at 7PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave W.) to consider an ordinance change allowing the use of e-meters on certain city streets during the Minnesota State Fair.

The plan as proposed by the State Fair Task Force would be:

- Implementation of e-meter parking zones during the Minnesota State Fair on certain streets in the Northeast Quadrant neighborhood (Snelling to Hamline, Roselawn to Larpenteur), and Northome neighborhood (Snelling to Hamline, Larpenteur to Hoyt). The e-meters will be on the non-hydrant sides of streets where there is currently no State Fair parking restrictions, as identified on the map.
- The City would contract with ParkMobile, the largest parking management vendor in Minnesota, to collect revenue without the need for physical meters or payment kiosks in the neighborhoods.
- ParkMobile would supply the City of Falcon Heights signage that city crews would install on e-metered streets.
- Visitors would be charged \$25 per day to park on these streets, using ParkMobile's app, pay-by-text, or pay-by-phone options.
- The City of Falcon Heights would net approximately \$20 per parking visit, with a revenue estimate of \$100,000 to \$200,000 annually. These funds would be invested in City infrastructure projects to lower the property tax burden on residents.
- Residents living on streets with e-meter parking will have the opportunity to get a resident pass, good for one vehicle to park on the street for all 12 days of the Fair.
- The City would hire Parking Ambassadors to ensure compliance with parking restrictions, as well as serve as a resource to visitors looking for information. The Parking Ambassadors would report vehicles parked without paying their meter to law enforcement, who would issue tickets to illegally parked vehicles.

More details on the proposal, including frequently asked questions and additional information, are available [here](#).

Parties interested in voicing their opinion on the proposal may attend the public hearing, or submit written testimony by mail to City Hall prior to the public hearing, or email to mail@falconheights.org

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS ACTIVITIES SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM - 2025

The City of Falcon Heights is committed to promoting community engagement and active participation in recreational activities for our youth. The Activities Scholarships Program provides financial assistance to encourage Falcon Heights youth residents to enroll in activity programs offered by approved institutions in Falcon Heights and neighboring communities. As the City of Falcon Heights' program offerings are limited in 2025, we want to encourage youth to stay active and engaged. To encourage this youth participation in activities this Spring/Summer, the City is offering a reimbursement of up to \$25 per household to support children ages 4 to 17 attending camps, enrolling in arts or sports activities, taking swimming lessons and more.

[Click to learn more about the activities scholarship program and reimbursement](#)

COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

Saturday, April 26 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Falcon Heights City Hall (2077
Larpenteur Ave W)

The City is offering electronics recycling through Repowered Recycling, textile collection through Retold Recycling, and paper shredding services through Shred Right. These services will be in our parking lot. Electronics, textiles, and paper shredding are available to Falcon Heights and Lauderdale residents only.

Come inside City Hall to learn about ways to incorporate sustainability in your daily life!

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

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The City of Falcon Heights is developing a Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate impacts, and strengthen community resilience. This plan, funded by a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant, is expected to be completed by summer 2025.

As we continue this important work, we want to hear from you! Join us for the Climate Action Plan Community Input Session on Monday, March 31st, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave W).

At this session, you'll learn about the planning process, key findings so far, and have the opportunity to share your ideas to help shape the plan. Your input is essential in creating a sustainable future for Falcon Heights!



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

RAMSEY COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Ramsey County's Environmental Center is opening on April 1! This new facility will make it easier for residents to reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle.

Located at 1700 Kent Street in Roseville, features include:

- A household hazardous waste drop-off.
- Electronics, food scraps, and household recycling.
- A free product reuse room.

All are invited to join the county's celebrations during Earth Week:

- Tuesday, April 22: The first 200 people dropping off household hazardous waste or electronics receive free giveaways.
- Thursday, April 24: Open house from 6 to 8 PM
- Saturday, April 26: Fix-It Clinic at the Environmental Center from 10 AM to 1 PM

Learn more about the new [Environmental Center](#).



ST. ANTHONY PARK AREA SENIORS

Come to a rock-out workout at Pound Fit Class – with new April offerings!

Presented by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

- Place: 2200 Hillside Ave W, come to Door 2
- Date & Time:
- Tuesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 - Upcoming Dates: March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29
- Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 PM
 - Upcoming Dates: April 3, April 10, April 17, April 24

Participants follow full-body movements with drumsticks, choreographed to music. Exercises can be performed in seated or standing positions—no experience required!

Class is led by Mike LimBybliw, an experienced Pound Fit instructor. This class is offered for FREE. Participants are encouraged to contribute through voluntary donations, but no one is turned away from inability to do so.

Call the SAPAS office at 651-642-9052 or e-mail sc@sapaseniors.org for more information and to register.

Here's what current participants have to say:

- "It's my favorite class I've tried. None of the moves are too complicated. It's a good workout, and the music is great!"
- "My core thanks me!"
- "Mike is awesome."
- "I can't imagine not going—it's so invigorating!"



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

LIONS CLUB | COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, April 5 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Anpétu Téča Education Center | 1910 County Road BW, Roseville, MN 55113

A day of Fun & Giving Back!

Join the Lions Club for a fun and free event where kids can get their vision checked, and families can work together on awesome projects to help others in our community!

- **Snack Packs for Hunger:** Help make snack packs for kids who need a little extra food!
- **Eco-Friendly Seed Pots:** Get your hands dirty while making fun seed pots that help the planet! You can take one home, too!
- **Cranes of Hope Cards:** Create colorful cards to cheer up cancer and hospice patients!
- **Placemats for Meals on Wheels:** Help decorate placemats for people who get meals delivered to their door.
- **Hypoglycemia Kits:** Pack helpful kits for people with diabetes who need a little extra care.
- **Narcan Kits for Safety:** Help make kits that keep our community safe.
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It's a day full of fun activities and making a BIG difference—come be a community hero!

Register [here](#) or email Lion Marie at marie2fly@gmail.com.

COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET

Como Park Lutheran Church is partnering with the St. Paul Growers Association to bring a farmers' market to the Como Park neighborhood!

This new market will take place in the Como Park Lutheran Church parking lot located at 1545 Hamline Avenue and will be held every Thursday afternoon from 2:00 – 6:00 pm from May 15 - October 30, 2025.

There will be a variety of locally grown and produced food items for sale. This market accepts and provides matching dollars to SNAP/EBT customers.

COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET



Matching program for
SNAP/EBT customers!



Dates
Thursdays
2 PM - 6 PM
May 15 - Oct. 30, 2025

Location
1545 Hamline Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55108



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

RAMSEY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE | SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 17
Aldrich Ice Arena | 1850 White Bear Ave,
Maplewood, MN 55109

The Ramsey County Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale features annual flowers, natives, and perennials for sun and shade; dozens of tomato varieties, popular vegetables, herbs, houseplants, and more. Check out [their website](#) for a Sneak Peek of what you'll find at the sale and to RSVP to get reminders about the popular annual plant sale.

COMMISSIONERS WANTED!

The Community Engagement Commission is looking for commissioners. There are currently two vacancies.

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, 6:30 PM, at City Hall. Click [here](#) to learn more, and to apply.

NEAL KWONG AWARD

Neal Kwong was a Falcon Heights resident who tragically passed away at the age of fifteen. He was an outstanding member of our community. In his memory, the City established the Neal Kwong Award to recognize young people, ages 12 to 19, who display leadership and volunteerism in Falcon Heights. Nominees must live in or volunteer in Falcon Heights. Parents are encouraged to support their youth by nominating them or by helping neighbors and friends willing to nominate them.

Nominations for the 2025 Award are due no later than Friday, April 25th at 4:30 PM.

The award recipient(s) will be recognized at a Falcon Heights City Council meeting, in this newsletter, and on a plaque in the lobby of City Hall.

For more information on the award and for a link to the application, please visit the [website here](#)



NATURE NEWSFLASH <<<

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT - MIKE'S AIRLOCK ENTRY

Mike on Garden Ave wrote in to tell us about his clean energy project: an airlock entry. While it sounds like something out of a space movie, it is actually a great cold-climate design choice that improves home energy efficiency, reduces drafts, and provides a buffer zone between the home and the outdoors. Airlock entries are an additional buffer between your front door and the outdoors. They are designed with two airtight doors with a small space for a bench or chairs between them, so when you open the outer door, the cold air does not enter the house.

Mike reported that his home has a north-facing front door, so the entry was frequently cold, drafty, and snowy. Even with a storm door, they were still experiencing too much Minnesota winter indoors. They decided to install an airlock entry door, also known as a vestibule, last year and it has helped tremendously. Mike reported that his airlock entry:

- Reduced their energy bills
- Kept cold air out of the home
- Gave them a place to sit down and put on boots and winter gear

He would recommend it to anyone who faces similar problems in the Minnesota winters, although he notes that it is more expensive to do if you hire a contractor instead of doing it yourself, which could be more affordable. This is a great design choice for older homes to keep your entryway more comfortable and convenient while also lowering your energy bills! Don't waste your heat on a poorly insulated entrance.

If you have a home efficiency or clean energy project you would like to have spotlighted, please fill out [this form on the city website!](#) We would love to share about your project (either with your name or anonymously). As a Partners in Energy City, sharing energy efficiency tips and tricks with your neighbors is a great way to help boost residential energy efficiency. This form gives you the opportunity to share beyond your block!



This article was written by Olivia Siebert, the Minnesota GreenCorps member serving with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community Development Coordinator, at hannah.b.lynnch@falconheights.org



The most important thing you can do to determine if an item can be recycled at City Hall or a grocery store is to test if it STRETCHES. In contrast, a sign of nonrecyclable plastics is a loud crinkling sound when you compress the plastic, or if they tear super easily but do not stretch at all. If the product has the How2Recycle label and it is listed as "Store Drop-off", it can be taken to City Hall. You can also check a bag to see if it has the #2 HDPE label or the #4 LDPE label inside the little recycling triangle. Plastic film labeled with other numbers (like 1, 5, or 7) cannot be placed in the plastic film recycling bin.

NOT RECYCLABLE (TRICKY ITEMS)



>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

City Hall Programming

Tae Kwon Do <<<

Tae Kwon Do Basic and Intermediate/Advanced sessions are held on Tuesdays, with classes running from February 25 - April 8 (no class on March 4).

Cardio Kickboxing classes are held on Thursdays from February 27 - April 10 (no class on March 6) from 5:30 to 6:15 PM

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

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

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

>>> Yoga

Register for yoga today! You can purchase single or multiple drop-in classes to attend upcoming classes running from March 3 - May 19 (schedule posted online).

Classes are held on Mondays at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Classes are instructed by Shaila Cunningham, who has over 20 years of experience and was certified in 2001 in-residence at Kripalu. Appropriate for healthy beginners or for those wanting to explore "deeper practices," classes will combine classical yoga with best practices, served up with a side of humor. Shaila serves as instructor for North Oaks and Midland Hills Golf Clubs and offers additional classes at YogaHotDish locations.

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





The mission of ComoConnects is to organize community volunteers, professionals, and family members to provide care for their neighborhood seniors in ways that support choice, dignity, and independence.

With the spirit of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," ComoConnects provides a spectrum of services, bringing neighborhood health professionals, volunteers, caregivers, and community leaders together to provide high-quality, long-term care.

They provide services to residents aged 65 and better in the community of Como Park as well as areas of Falcon Heights.

To learn more about ComoConnects, visit their website [here](#) or call 651-642-1127

Tubman Legal Services

For over 48 years, Tubman has helped people of all ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds who are experiencing relationship violence, exploitation, mental and chemical health issues, and other forms of trauma.

Throughout the Twin Cities, Tubman provides safe shelter, housing legal services, counseling, youth programming, violence prevention, community education, and other wraparound services.

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

>>> RESIDENT RESOURCES

Northeast Youth & Family Services



NYFS is here for you!

Immediate openings are available for
mental health clients age 4 and over

Call us at 651-486-3808 or
[request an appointment online today!](#)



Northeast Youth & Family Services (NYFS) is a nonprofit, community-based and trauma-informed mental health and community services organization that has been serving people in the northeastern suburbs since 1976.

NYFS services include clinic-based and telehealth counseling for all ages, school-based services, day treatment services for middle and high school youth, diversion programming for youth, Community Connections programming for isolated youth, and Community Advocate services.



RESIDENT <<< RESOURCES

Online BIPOC Support Groups

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has coordinated various online support groups to help BIPOC. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Energy Cents Coalition

Are you looking for help paying your Xcel bills or are you in need of a replacement furnace, water heater, or refrigerator? Call 651 - 774 - 9010 to check if you are eligible.

Protection & Crisis:

There are protection & crisis resources available that are provided by Ramsey County. Click [here](#) for more information regarding protection and crisis resources.

Emergency Assistance:

Get help with shelter payments, such as past due rent, to stop evictions or foreclosure. Click [here](#) for more information that could help!

Blood Pressure Clinics

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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM at Hendrickson Apartments

Food Assistance:

There are many meal and food assistance programs that are available in Ramsey County.

Visit the Ramsey County website for information regarding food resource guides, programming, emergency support and more! Use the interactive map to find resources near you, including delivery services, free dining and meal sites.

United Way

United Way 2-1-1 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Minnesota. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to connect you with resources and information. Just call 2-1-1



MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE IS LEAD SAFE

Lead is a toxic metal that is harmful to humans, especially children under 6 and pregnant or breastfeeding adults. The most common source of lead exposure is paint and dust on windows in homes built before 1978. Any amount of lead exposure is dangerous. If you or someone in your household may have been exposed to lead, contact your healthcare provider.

Lead removal grant:
Ramsey County provides grant funding to reduce lead poisoning in children.

How it works:

- An environmental health specialist tests for sources of lead in your home.
- Windows that test positive for lead-based paint are replaced.
- Other lead hazards found in the home are addressed.
- Grant funds cover 80% of the project cost, homeowner is responsible for remaining 20%.

To learn more about qualifications, and how to clean up sources of lead in your residence, [visit this website](#).

>>> RESIDENT RESOURCES

Free Legal Help for Renters

HOME Line provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. We work to improve public and private policies relating to rental housing by involving affected tenants in the process.

The hotline service is confidential.

- For English, call 612-728-5767 or email your question to one of our housing attorneys.
 - Toll-free from Greater Minnesota: 866-866-3546
- HOME Line ofrece servicios en español. Para Español, llame al 612-255-8870.
- HOME Line waxay bixisaa adeeg ku baxa Afka-Soomaaliga. Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860.
- Peb lub koom haum HOME Line muaj neeg txhais lus Hmoob. Hais lus Hmoob, Hu 612-255-7104.

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.



CITY COMMISSIONS <<<

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

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

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

There are currently two vacancies. For information and application, 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 PM at City Hall.

There are currently two vacancies. For information and application, 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 on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Environment Commission advises the City Council on matters related to environmental issues, including recycling and waste disposal, community gardens, and stormwater runoff. The Commission also develops and recommends the 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 on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.

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): 4 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!



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FIRE

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

Emergencies	911
Non-emergency	651-266-8989

POLICE

Police protection is provided by the
St. Anthony Police Department

Emergencies	911
Non-emergency	651-767-0640

CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday - Friday
• 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM