

City of Falcon Heights State Fair Task Force

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Mona McGarthwaite____
Vice Chairperson Nicole Porter ____
Secretary Jennifer Johnson__

Ross Allard ____
Tom Baldwin ____
Rice' Davis ____
Tom Prather ____

Georgiana May____
Tom Brace ____
Jennifer Paulus ____

Staff Liaison Jack Linehan ____
Council Liaison Paula Mielke ____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 17, 2025

E. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Post-State Fair Survey – Final Results
2. Final Report to City Council
3. Member Topics / Open Discussion

F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Council Liaison Update
2. Staff Liaison Update

G. ADJOURN

Next regular meeting date: November 19, 2025 at 6:30PM



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Meeting Date	October 15, 2025
Agenda Item	E1
Attachment	Survey Data 2025, AI Summary
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Final Survey Data
Description	For the third consecutive year, the city ran a post-State Fair survey. Overall, we saw 195 respondents, which was an increase over responses last year. The full, raw survey data is included as an attachment. To summarize the data in an efficient manner with strained staff resources, I asked an artificial intelligence (AI) to analyze the full data. Also attached is the full summary from AI.
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	Survey Data, AI Summary
Action(s) Requested	Staff asks Task Force Members will be asked to discuss the final survey results.

AI Summary of Survey Data

The below summary is from an advanced language learning model that was prompted to analyze the survey data, including the open-ended questions.

Overview

The 2025 Falcon Heights State Fair Survey collected 195 total responses, with the majority of respondents residing within city limits. The survey primarily assessed perceptions of public safety, police visibility, parking enforcement, and traffic conditions during the Minnesota State Fair, especially under the first year of the pay-by-mobile parking and parking ambassador programs.

Q2. Residency

- 97.9% (191 respondents) identified as Falcon Heights residents.
 - This near-total local participation indicates the survey strongly reflects the experiences of residents directly affected by State Fair activities.
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Q3. Neighborhood Representation

- **Top neighborhoods represented:**
 - **Northeast Quadrant** – 50% (96 respondents)
 - **Northome** – 34.6% (66 respondents)
 - **Snelling West** – 5.8% (11 respondents)
 - Others (Fairview-Lindig-Tatum, Falcon Woods, Hollywood Court, etc.) each under 5%.
 - Strong response from Northeast Quadrant and Northome, the neighborhoods most impacted by fair-related parking and traffic.
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Q4. Police Patrol Visibility

- **Yes:** 85.8% **No:** 14.2%

- **Key themes:**
 - Positive feedback dominated, citing increased visibility, professionalism, and reassurance from St. Anthony Police Department (SAPD) patrols.
 - Many appreciated “seeing officers several times a day,” noting this was an improvement over Ramsey County coverage in past years.
 - A small minority (≈10%) perceived either limited or excessive presence—some comments requested fewer patrols or raised concerns about traffic stops and balance of enforcement priorities.
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Q5. Adequacy of Policing Outside Fairgrounds

- **Strongly Agree / Agree:** 73%
 - **Neutral:** 21%
 - **Disagree / Strongly Disagree:** 5%
 - **Themes:**
 - Residents generally felt policing outside fairgrounds was adequate and effective.
 - Common concerns involved pedestrian safety at crossings (Larpenteur & Fry, Snelling intersections) and traffic congestion near gates.
 - Some requested State Fair coordination with partner agencies for better traffic control and lighting.
 - A few (under 3%) preferred less policing, suggesting over-enforcement or heavy presence.
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Q6. Parking Enforcement

- **Strongly Agree / Agree:** 74%
- **Neutral:** 22%
- **Disagree / Strongly Disagree:** 6%
- **Observations:**

- Many credited “parking ambassadors” and SAPD for effective enforcement.
 - Several respondents reported reduced illegal parking and clearer residential access.
 - However, notable frustrations were voiced:
 - Signage clarity and ticket confusion (especially early days of the fair).
 - Some described enforcement as “too heavy-handed” or “police-state-like.”
 - Calls for better multilingual communication, especially for newer residents.
 - Overall, residents valued the resident-only zones and consistent patrols, though implementation adjustments were recommended for 2026.
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Q7. Parking Ambassadors

- **160 responses:**
 - ~60% saw ambassadors regularly.
 - Feedback overwhelmingly described ambassadors as friendly, polite, helpful, and visible.
 - Some noted limited interaction opportunities due to quieter streets.
 - A small group expressed skepticism about cost-effectiveness, suggesting “too many staff for empty streets.”
 - Positive mentions frequently cited clear communication and assistance with mobile payments.
 - Improvement suggestions: add staff early in fair, expand ambassador training on assisting confused fairgoers, and ensure coverage across all quadrants.
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Q8. Neighborhood Safety

- **Strongly Agree / Agree: 89%**
- **Neutral: 17%**

- **Disagree / Strongly Disagree: 4%**
 - **Insights:**
 - Residents overwhelmingly felt safe or safer compared to previous years.
 - Many credited the reduced traffic, new parking controls, and visible police patrols.
 - Comments highlighted a “calmer,” “quieter,” and “more family-friendly” environment.
 - A few isolated safety mentions involved reckless drivers and noise, but overall sentiment was that safety improved meaningfully under the new system.
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Q9. Traffic Compared to Past Years

- **Strongly Agree / Agree: 72%**
 - **Neutral: 17%**
 - **Disagree / Strongly Disagree: 11%**
 - **Common Feedback:**
 - Majority saw dramatic traffic reduction, especially in Northome and Northeast Quadrant, attributing this to paid parking and resident-only restrictions.
 - Repeated comments called the fair “the quietest in decades.”
 - Small minority (under 10%) noted continued speeding on Snelling, Hamline, and side streets, suggesting ongoing traffic calming may be needed.
 - A few nostalgic voices missed “seeing fairgoers” or felt reduced neighborhood energy.
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Key Takeaways

1. Community Satisfaction

- The 2025 Fair was viewed as one of the best-managed years in memory.

- Over 70–90% approval on all major metrics: safety, policing, parking, and traffic.

2. Success Factors

- Transition to St. Anthony PD was well received.
- Pay-by-mobile parking and ambassador program significantly improved neighborhood experience.
- Noticeable reduction in traffic congestion, illegal parking, and noise.

3. Areas for Improvement (2026)

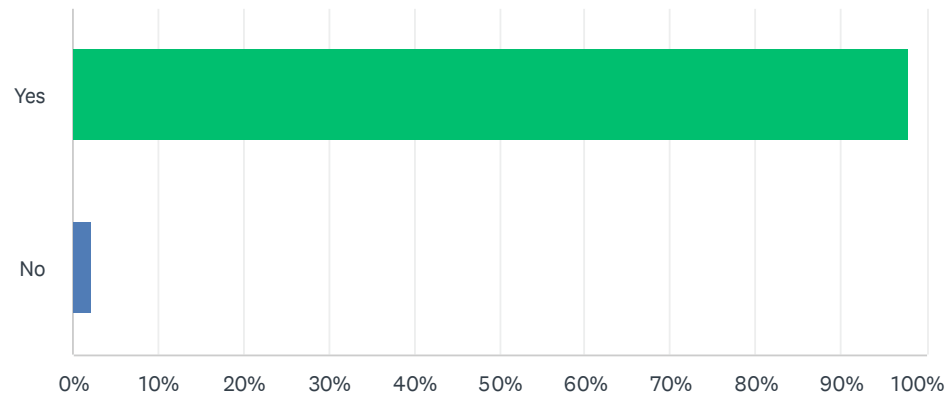
- Enhance signage visibility and multilingual clarity for parking zones.
- Increase pedestrian safety measures (crosswalk lighting, intersection patrols).
- Review ticketing protocols to ensure fairness in initial implementation.
- Consider additional ambassadors early in the fair and better coverage balance.

Conclusion

The 2025 Post-State Fair Survey reveals strong resident support for Falcon Heights’ new fair management model. The partnership with St. Anthony Police, combined with modernized parking enforcement, produced tangible improvements in safety, tranquility, and traffic control. Future focus should refine communication, signage, and pedestrian protection, building on what residents described as a “night-and-day” improvement from prior years.

Q2 Are you a Falcon Heights resident?

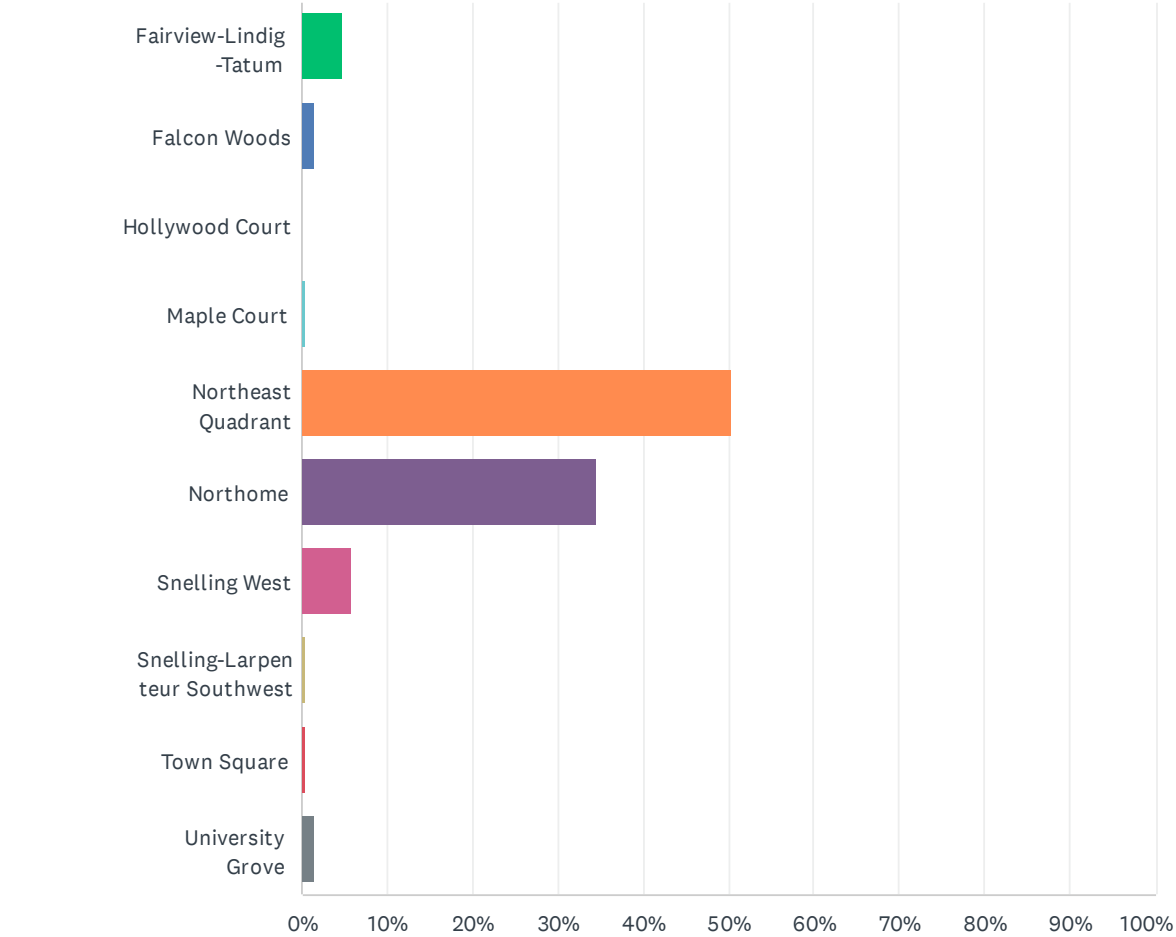
Answered: 195 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.95%	191
No	2.05%	4
Total Respondents: 195		

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

Answered: 191 Skipped: 4

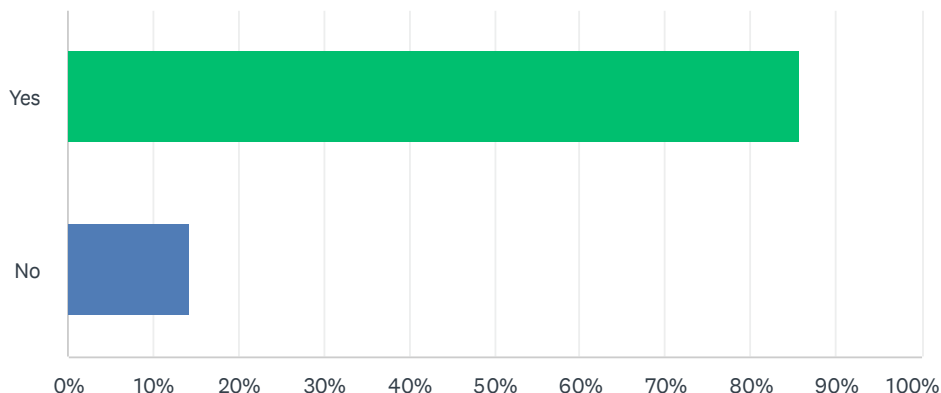


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fairview-Lindig-Tatum	4.71%	9
Falcon Woods	1.57%	3
Hollywood Court	0.00%	0
Maple Court	0.52%	1
Northeast Quadrant	50.26%	96
Northome	34.55%	66
Snelling West	5.76%	11
Snelling-Larpenteur Southwest	0.52%	1
Town Square	0.52%	1
University Grove	1.57%	3
Total Respondents: 191		

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

Answered: 190 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	85.79% 163
No	14.21% 27
TOTAL	190

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE FREQUENCY OF PATROLS SEEN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:	DATE
1	The police patrols in our neighborhood had already increased in our neighborhood after contracting with St. Anthony.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
2	Patrols appeared more frequent than usual.	9/24/2025 2:55 PM
3	Not much	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
4	I definitely have seen St Anthony PD vehicles more than I saw Ramsey County vehicles (overall, not just during the fair).	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
5	It was great to see frequent patrols on Larpenteur.	9/17/2025 10:05 AM
6	Often seen and responsive to questions & concerns.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
7	Good frequency	9/16/2025 1:15 PM
8	St Anthony police did a great job of being present in the neighborhood.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
9	Definitely see police more often. It is appreciated.	9/16/2025 9:20 AM
10	I only saw police once during the Fair, and that is consistent with the rest of the year.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
11	Very thankful to have SAPD back.	9/15/2025 5:19 PM
12	Saw officers several times and noticed parking violation tickets.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM
13	Thought the frequency was just right.	9/15/2025 4:22 PM
14	They were around a lot- very appreciated	9/15/2025 3:37 PM
15	maybe once a week	9/15/2025 3:34 PM

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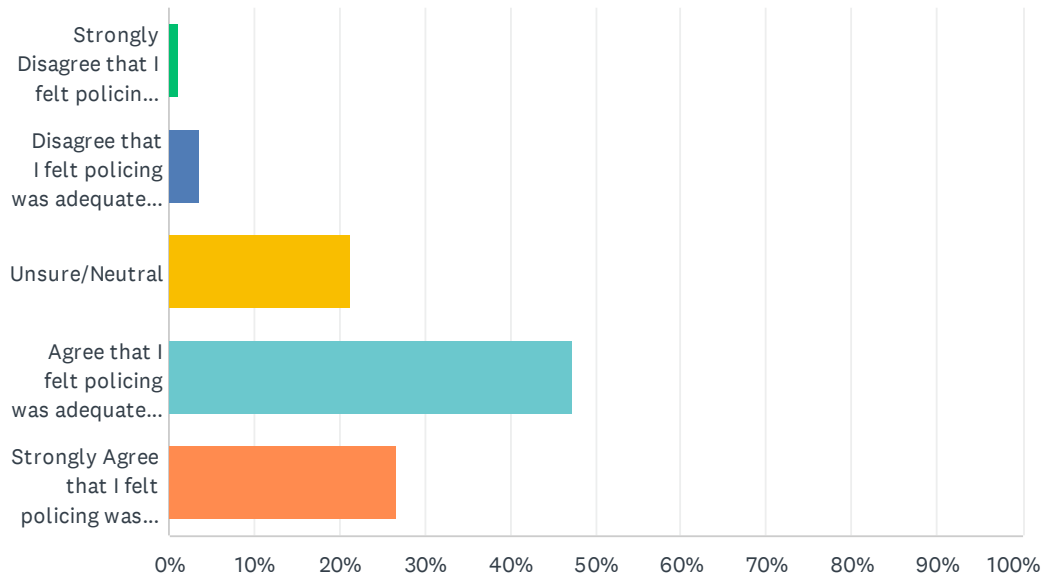
16	Seemed like quite often. It was good	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
17	Great to see St. Anthony officers back again	9/14/2025 3:03 PM
18	I saw them occasionally (once or twice a day)	9/13/2025 11:17 PM
19	Loved seeing lots of patrols!	9/12/2025 7:44 PM
20	Once	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
21	Ticketing	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
22	I saw patrols often	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
23	Less police next time. Don't need them targeting and harassing my neighbors.	9/10/2025 9:45 PM
24	About the same as normal. Not sure I noticed an uptick in patrols.	9/10/2025 9:12 PM
25	About the same as non fair days.	9/10/2025 1:49 PM
26	I don't recall	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
27	I saw the parking patrol, not officers	9/10/2025 12:22 PM
28	Was happy with the frequency	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
29	It was at least a couple times per day and much appreciated.	9/10/2025 8:45 AM
30	noticed a greater amount of patrols in the neighborhood compared to other years	9/10/2025 8:01 AM
31	Daily	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
32	Patrols were quite frequent and this felt adequate. One patrol officer was able to help me with personal items fairgoers left in my front yard. They were very helpful.	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
33	Better than in previous years	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
34	Adequate	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
35	Loved seeing them, they were very visible and active	9/9/2025 4:39 PM
36	More than last year	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
37	I saw a car about once per day.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
38	Thank you	9/9/2025 2:59 PM
39	Great presence not only during fair but had increased since change from Ramsey County	9/9/2025 2:46 PM
40	I don't think I saw any, but they could have been there...	9/9/2025 2:42 PM
41	No patrols but tons of speeders using frontage road as a shortcut.	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
42	The police presence from the St Anthony PD was fantastic. Living on a cut through street that is already very busy without the fair going it was nice to see them patrolling, ticketing and being on alert for our children	9/9/2025 12:24 PM
43	By car, not by foot.	9/9/2025 12:03 PM
44	They seemed as frequent as patrols typically patrol	9/9/2025 11:41 AM
45	Happy to see the more frequent patrolling return with Saint Anthony.	9/9/2025 9:42 AM
46	2-3 times per day	9/9/2025 6:18 AM
47	Nice to wave to the officers and see them out and about.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
48	Police were ticketing for parking violations, but I saw so many cars driving thru stop signs or at illegal speeds. How can the police balance ticketing with actual safety issues in our neighborhood	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
49	A good amount of patrols down our street at all hours.	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
50	Increased frequency	9/8/2025 8:58 PM

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51	Sort of, more since the annunciation shooting	9/8/2025 5:51 PM
52	Was pleased with the number of times police seen	9/8/2025 5:48 PM
53	We did have a speedometer machine.	9/8/2025 5:21 PM
54	Daily	9/8/2025 5:15 PM
55	Police did an outstanding job suing the fair	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
56	They were patrolling most of the day, but didn't seem to see them later in the afternoon/evening.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
57	I did not see police on our street, but in the general vicinity. We are near Roseville, and I saw more Roseville squads around than St. Anthony. I heard frequent sirens, however, so I know they were busy.	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
58	Infrequent	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
59	I saw police officers patrolling the neighborhood almost daily (which was great!)	9/8/2025 4:50 PM
60	Fantastic how often we saw them!	9/8/2025 4:46 PM

Q5 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt there was adequate policing OUTSIDE the fairgrounds/in Falcon Heights during the course of the State Fair.

Answered: 192 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that I felt policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/in Falcon Heights during the fair.	1.04%	2
Disagree that I felt policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/in Falcon Heights during the fair.	3.65%	7
Unsure/Neutral	21.35%	41
Agree that I felt policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.	47.40%	91
Strongly Agree that I felt policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/in Falcon Heights during the fair.	26.56%	51
TOTAL		192

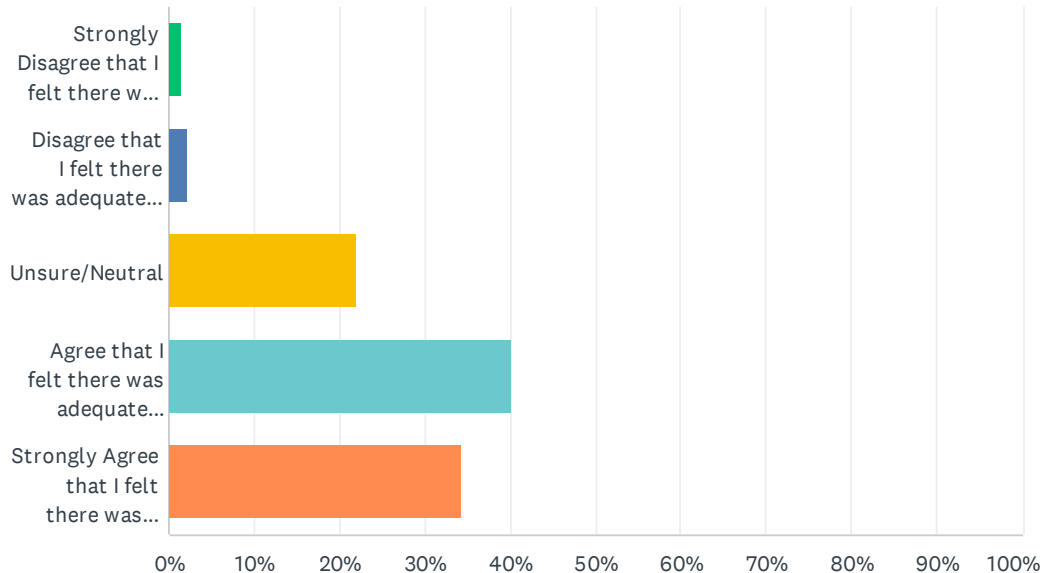
#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON POLICING OUTSIDE OF THE FAIRGROUNDS:	DATE
1	My response is specific to my observations in the Northome neighborhoods.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
2	There didn't seem to be any crime issues in my immediate area. As usual traffic was terrible, but not much can be done about that.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
3	Hard to judge as I felt more concern and paid far more attention to the policing within the City.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
4	SAPD did nice work in Falcon Heights during the Fair. The Fair Police failed their responsibility to protect their pedestrian guests crossing Snelling or Larpenteur beyond the main gate at Midway Parkway speaks volumes of the priorities of the Fair Administration. Traffic control issues at the North Gate stretched frequently for more than a mile west on Larpenteur and north on Snelling. On Opening Day this resulted in needless delays to resident and commuter traffic due to Fair attendee selfish driving behavior. MN Fair Police should have planned for this annual traffic control issue by working with their partner agencies - State Patrol on State Highway 51 (Snelling) at Hoyt, Larpenteur, Roselawn, Skillman, Co Rd B/Hwy36/Co Rd B2/Co Rd C -	9/15/2025 9:58 PM

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5	I didn't hear of many problems, except people who parked in No Parking areas.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
6	Could use police or security to help at major crosswalks. I cross at Fry and Larpenteur and and it is dark and cars do not stop for bikes or pedestrians. Being a pedestrian (I run everyday) was more dangerous this year than in past years.	9/15/2025 3:52 PM
7	The police driving at high speeds up Hamline while getting to the state fairgrounds needs to be addressed (in general, but also during the fair where there is more activity). The city of both Roseville and Falcon Heights are lucky that the police haven't killed someone going at that high of speed going thru that intersection Hamline/Roselawn intersection, as a person walking you don't have enough time to get out of the way.	9/14/2025 8:08 PM
8	So many vehicles speedy through the neighborhood and on the main streets.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
9	State Fair needs to provide or provide funding for policing at pedestrian crossings (Hoyt and Snelling, Snelling and Larpenteur, Larpenteur and Fry)	9/11/2025 8:07 AM
10	Less police next time.	9/10/2025 9:45 PM
11	Can't speak for the other entrances but I felt their north entrance was manned well. I feel there should be some added portable lighting at the crosswalk at Laurpenteur Ave W & N Underwood St. Pretty dark and fast moving vehicles on Laurpenteur in the evenings.	9/10/2025 1:49 PM
12	Sorry, I don't recall policing presence at that time	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
13	I saw a robust police presence	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
14	I agree, but I can only speak for where I live, which seemed to be less busy compared to last year due to the paid parking	9/9/2025 4:08 PM
15	I didn't see any issues that would have required the police. That seems like a good thing.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
16	need more police on the side of Midway Parkway that the busses pick up on.	9/9/2025 3:22 PM
17	No patrols in snelling west.	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
18	There needs to be more traffic enforcement for pedestrians around Larpenteur/Fry.	9/9/2025 12:34 PM
19	I didn't know of any problems, but I wouldn't consider myself knowledgeable enough to know "on the whole." Still, I felt like traffic moved and people were out walking alone and with pets,a LOT.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
20	High emphasis on ticketing parked cars. Less interaction with speeding, blowing lights and stop signs, reckless driving around pedestrians	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
21	The officers managing traffic do not address the safety hazards encountered by pedestrians crossing Larpenteur at Fry. This is especially problematic after dark.	9/8/2025 7:17 PM
22	I am very disgusted by the lack of police presence at the major intersections near the fair. There were several unsafe situations with people blocking traffic bc they want to get to the fair faster. I complained once to st Anthony police	9/8/2025 5:51 PM
23	Was More than adequate	9/8/2025 5:13 PM

Q6 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt there was adequate parking enforcement in your neighborhood during the fair.

Answered: 192 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that I felt there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	1.56%	3
Disagree that I felt there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	2.08%	4
Unsure/Neutral	21.88%	42
Agree that I felt there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	40.10%	77
Strongly Agree that I felt there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.	34.38%	66
TOTAL		192

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PARKING ENFORCEMENT:	DATE
1	I have no idea how this was enforced. I was curious about that but did not see any information provided on how the parking was being enforced.	10/6/2025 5:25 PM
2	Over the weekends of the fair there were many more cars parking in resident/permit parking only in Northome neighborhood, but it may have been due to inadequate signage.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
3	It was difficult for me to tell because hardly anyone parked on our block during the Fair (Holton St between Garden & Roselawn). I walked around our neighborhood during that time and it seemed that most cars were parked on the streets closest to Snelling and below Garden.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
4	We noticed much less parking on Simpson and Arona area. We've been here 44 years. Perhaps the park and rides were busier?	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
5	I didn't see a lot of issues but my street is posted no parking, so I'm not sure how it went in other areas of the city.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
6	Adequate, but could be increased (e.g. occasional wrong-side parking, parking at Get Pressed)	9/16/2025 8:23 PM

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7	This was a startup year for the City of Falcon Heights and the Saint Anthony Village Police Department. This was a hard start. We really don't want the SAVPD to be issuing parking tickets. We want them to police our neighborhoods.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
8	We live on Larpenteur and did not have any firsthand experience with this.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
9	I heard that signs need to be clearer for those who aren't motivated to cooperate.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
10	I did get a ticket when a parking pass was on the rear view mirror. After talking to City Administration, they were able to work with SAPD and void the ticket. Thank you.	9/15/2025 4:02 PM
11	Please enforce no selling parking spots for residents, I saw a number of Falcon Heights folks selling spots which is against city code and it taking parking revenue from the city.	9/15/2025 3:52 PM
12	The signs used were way/way/way too small. I had to get up underneath the sign to actually read it. If I were a fairgoer having to park, I wouldn't have even noticed those signs.	9/14/2025 8:08 PM
13	I haven't seen the numbers yet. It looked like a lot of cars were parked without permits and without tickets.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
14	The ambassadors did a fine job!	9/14/2025 3:03 PM
15	The only parking enforcement witnessed was at a new family to the community who likely did not receive passes and English is not their first language but the issue was resolved.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
16	Vehicles were parked within five feet of my driveway, which is a violation.	9/11/2025 8:47 PM
17	Maybe too much. Saw a lot of written tickets on windshields	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
18	I felt it was ridiculous having teenager walking around checking cars	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
19	The \$25 parking charge was the most unfriendly, idiotic thing I've seen here in my lifetime. Really, really poor optics. To charge people that much on a street that used to be free? We've lost our minds. Pathetic. The City Council should be ashamed.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
20	it was great! Loved how much less traffic there was and how safer the drivers were	9/10/2025 9:45 PM
21	Why can the city park for money but not the people? And why was the reasoning behind allowing it the same arguments city council made against private parking?	9/10/2025 8:52 PM
22	In my opinion, there was too much parking enforcement. I am opposed to pay parking. For all of 8/28 and at least half of 8/29, there were no sandwich board signs posted in my neighborhood, and I would assume elsewhere in Falcon Heights. On these two days the normal number of cars were parked on the 1700 block of Simpson, and further north. That is to say, the street was packed! However, the Park Mobile signs on posts were inadequate indicators that people had to pay to park. I tried the app myself (cumbersome!). There was no information on the cost of parking until I was many steps into the process of paying. There was no info on the hours of enforcement in the app. Many people received tickets on 8/28 and 8/29. I hope they dispute these tickets, and I hope the tickets are forgiven. But I suppose many of them will not understand that they were victims of poor/no signage. And the city's obvious greed in charging for parking and fining violators \$100 just gets you all closer to your goal of being an unfriendly community. I really am so frustrated about charging for parking during the fair!	9/10/2025 8:49 PM
23	Didn't see parking enforcement	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
24	It would help to know how many tickets were issued for illegal parking to determine if enforcement was adequate.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
25	I am not sure if there was better enforcement or not but DEF less cars illegally parked!	9/10/2025 8:01 AM
26	I think the company monitoring the parking did a great job. Courteous and always in vests.	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
27	It wasn't perfect, but it was much better than in past years. I think the cost moved some of the traffic out of the neighborhood overall and away from the intersection corners specifically, which was helpful.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
28	I was impressed by the number of tickets I saw- but even more happy that there was resident only on the north south streets- that was super helpful	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
29	Fair guests park on Lindig where there are 2 hour parking signs. Is this permitted? We did not think any free public parking was available to non-residents during the fair. Where cars parked	9/9/2025 7:39 PM

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in front of our lot, there was damage to the landscaping and trash left in the yard.

30	I was pleased to see so many parking tickets on vehicles that had chosen to ignore the pay parking system.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
31	I saw many people checking for permits	9/9/2025 4:08 PM
32	There is no parking at all in our area and I didn't see anyone violate that rule.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
33	I heard it was good.	9/9/2025 3:22 PM
34	Based on the fact that there were empty street places, it seems like enforcement worked.	9/9/2025 2:42 PM
35	I strongly disagree with paid parking, I have never had parking concerns in the past.	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
36	Too much. It was like a police state.	9/9/2025 11:29 AM
37	i saw people patrolling often throughout the day	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
38	Signage needs to be better and more clear. People thought that they could pay for parking and get a ""permit"" I feel that Albert, Pascal and Arona street signs need to say NO PARKING and below that Resident permit parking only. People were confused. More paper signs stating resident permit parking only. If we are going to continue with pay parking it will take the public several years to really get the message. Almost everyone who parked in our neighborhood was wanting to do the right thing.	9/9/2025 9:00 AM
39	We didn't have much parking on the street, so I didn't notice enforcers around too much. Seemed just fine.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
40	Ridiculous amount of overkill with the ParkMobile tickets	9/8/2025 8:49 PM
41	We noticed a police officer issuing tickets. Is that the best use of police officer time, or could the parking ambassadors have handled that?	9/8/2025 5:39 PM
42	Loved not having people parking down Tatum.	9/8/2025 5:21 PM
43	I didn't see any parking enforcement but I'm not sure I would have been able to tell	9/8/2025 5:14 PM
44	Again, it was more than adequate. It was excellent	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
45	Lots of violators, not a lot of tickets, I don't think the police were able to keep up.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
46	Our street was not included in the parking meters and we are far enough away that we don't get many on our street. However, when walking around, we did notice some questionable parking just to our south in the businesses along Prior (between Larpenteur and Garden) as we saw people walking to/from cars (and it was obvious that they were not going to work there). .	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
47	Very frequent	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
48	Saw lots of cars parked in resident only spaces (on Pascal St) without hang tags and rarely ticketed.	9/8/2025 4:46 PM

Q7 Did you see parking ambassadors in your neighborhood? If so, how did you feel they interacted with the public?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 35

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes though I did not witness any interactions.	10/6/2025 5:25 PM
2	We observed and conversed with many parking ambassadors. They all did a remarkable job in enforcing the new parking policies in this inaugural season.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
3	Yes. They were friendly and courteous. We recognized them after the first two days.	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
4	I think I saw an ambassador or two but did not interact with them or see them with the public.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
5	Yes, I saw them making their rounds but did not witness any interactions with the public.	9/24/2025 2:55 PM
6	I saw one	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
7	Saw them several times a day. They did a the best they could on Arona street south, but the lack of signage made it a real challenge.	9/23/2025 10:27 AM
8	Once. Seemed to be helpful	9/23/2025 8:44 AM
9	I saw some people in high-vis vests and assume they were associated with parking. There were FAR fewer cars on the 1700 block of Arona than past years.	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
10	I did not see them.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
11	Yes I saw them when walking but did not interact. Neither party initiated interactions	9/16/2025 8:23 PM
12	YES. I felt they were helpful and informative and necessary. Not as an ambassador, but as a resident and a member of the FHSFTF, I tried to interact and be helpful with as many fairgoers and neighbors as possible. I had a very positive experience.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
13	Great and am glad they were present.	9/16/2025 1:39 PM
14	Yes, but we didn't observe any interactions they had.	9/16/2025 1:31 PM
15	Yes. They were always visible and interacted freely. Great job.	9/16/2025 1:15 PM
16	Did not see any, but again, we live on Larpenteur so it's not expected.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
17	Yes. Frequently saw ambassadors. Friendly.	9/16/2025 10:49 AM
18	I observed no problems	9/16/2025 9:32 AM
19	Yes, but not sure how often they interacted	9/16/2025 9:22 AM
20	Yes - I didn't see them interact with the public but I also didn't see a need for them to interact. They were checking parking permits.	9/16/2025 9:20 AM
21	Yes, and they were polite and helpful with those parking in the neighborhood every time I saw them.	9/16/2025 8:38 AM
22	No issues. Seemed fine.	9/16/2025 8:14 AM
23	Yes, I saw them. It seemed they had good interactions with folks.	9/15/2025 9:08 PM
24	No, I did not see any.	9/15/2025 6:50 PM
25	Yes. They seemed to be pleasant and respectful.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
26	I did not see ambassadors	9/15/2025 6:26 PM
27	Did not see ambassadors	9/15/2025 5:30 PM

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28	I saw ambassadors walking around but it was typically in the AM before they got too busy. I didn't personally witness engagement.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM
29	I did not. Our block did not receive many, if any, non-resident parkers.	9/15/2025 4:23 PM
30	I chatted with one and a supervisor, just for fun. The Ambassador, being young, was quite shy but friendly and the supervisor was very nice.	9/15/2025 4:22 PM
31	Yes. I talked with 2 ambassadors. They were helpful	9/15/2025 4:02 PM
32	Yes. No negative interactions witnessed.	9/15/2025 3:59 PM
33	yes, and they did fine	9/15/2025 3:58 PM
34	N/A	9/15/2025 3:52 PM
35	NA	9/15/2025 3:44 PM
36	I didn't see parking ambassadors or observe their interaction with the public.	9/15/2025 3:39 PM
37	yes- minimal interaction that I saw but they were present	9/15/2025 3:37 PM
38	no	9/15/2025 3:34 PM
39	No	9/14/2025 8:08 PM
40	I did. The interaction was great.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
41	Excellent	9/14/2025 3:03 PM
42	Yes, I saw them. I did not witness any interaction between them and the public.	9/13/2025 11:17 PM
43	I saw them but did not see them interacting with the public.	9/12/2025 10:24 PM
44	Yes I saw ambassadors out and about. But I didn't see interactions.	9/12/2025 7:44 PM
45	I did not see any.	9/12/2025 7:00 AM
46	We saw them sitting in an SUV and sometimes walking. There were no visitors parking so I never once saw them interacting with anyone other than the additional info #6 and the police did arrive also.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
47	Yes, but I did not see them interacting with anyone.	9/11/2025 8:47 PM
48	None	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
49	Yes. Helped people navigate pay for parking. Were courteous	9/11/2025 1:14 PM
50	See above	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
51	Daily and frequently! Majority did very well.	9/11/2025 8:07 AM
52	i saw the parking ambassadors on my block but I didn't observe them interacting with the public.	9/11/2025 5:56 AM
53	Not as many as I thought I would. The first day I didn't see any until after I called city hall to let them know I wasn't seeing any and I was helping visitors myself who were very confused.	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
54	I saw a few, but not many. What a waste of money for an idiotic program.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
55	Excellent interaction with the parking public	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
56	Yes, they did a great job	9/10/2025 9:45 PM
57	Yes I saw parking ambassadors. I did not see them interact with anyone.	9/10/2025 9:12 PM
58	I did see them walking around, with mostly nothing to do starting 8/30 and through the end of the fair. Once the sandwich boards were posted, most people did NOT pay to park on the 1700 block of Simpson and many of the surrounding streets in the Northeast Quadrant. When I drove or walked the streets in my neighborhood during the fair, the majority of parked cars had resident permits. I never saw an ambassador interact with a human. They were doing what they were hired to do, which was to check for parking violations. The were parking enforcement assistants, not ambassadors.	9/10/2025 8:49 PM

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59	Yes. Nicely.	9/10/2025 6:26 PM
60	I did - they were fine	9/10/2025 4:42 PM
61	Yes. I thought they did well. They went about their job without interruption when I observed them.	9/10/2025 3:21 PM
62	Several times	9/10/2025 1:49 PM
63	Yes. They were great.	9/10/2025 1:24 PM
64	Yes, saw them. No opinion on interaction	9/10/2025 12:50 PM
65	I saw city council members walking the neighborhood. I didn't see parking ambassadors in the neighborhood.	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
66	No I didn't. I assume they interacted professionally.	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
67	Yes. They were very personable.	9/10/2025 12:22 PM
68	Yes, but not often.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
69	Yes I saw them.	9/10/2025 11:12 AM
70	Yes, I didn't watch interactions but from a distance they seemed good	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
71	No	9/10/2025 9:20 AM
72	Didn't see any	9/10/2025 9:08 AM
73	I did see them and although we never chatted their demeanor appeared very friendly.	9/10/2025 8:45 AM
74	Yes- didn't observe them interacting with the public.	9/10/2025 8:01 AM
75	Yes. Friendly and helpful	9/10/2025 6:08 AM
76	Excellent! Friendly and relaxed.	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
77	Never saw them interacting with the public	9/10/2025 12:34 AM
78	Yes. They did great	9/9/2025 10:23 PM
79	Yes. I saw them. Didn't see them ticketing.	9/9/2025 9:56 PM
80	Interactions appeared positive.	9/9/2025 9:44 PM
81	Yes, they seemed pleasant. I did not see any interactions between parking ambassadors and the public.	9/9/2025 9:43 PM
82	Yes. Appropriate interactions.	9/9/2025 9:35 PM
83	Yes. They seems courteous and prompt with their interactions.	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
84	Helpful and friendly	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
85	Yes, but I never saw them talking with anybody. They were mainly walking up and down empty streets with little to no parked cars.	9/9/2025 8:34 PM
86	Yes. They were helpful and visible.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
87	Saw them! Not sure how they interacted w the public, but felt like they were available if needed	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
88	No, I did not see any.	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
89	No	9/9/2025 6:51 PM
90	Yes. They were great. I saw them helping lots of people.	9/9/2025 5:58 PM
91	I saw several walking our block every day. I only saw they interacting with public a couple of times but it seemed to go well as they answered questions or explained the pay parking system.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
92	I am not sure if they were parking ambassadors, but I did see people with yellow vest checking for whether or not people paid to park on the street.	9/9/2025 4:08 PM

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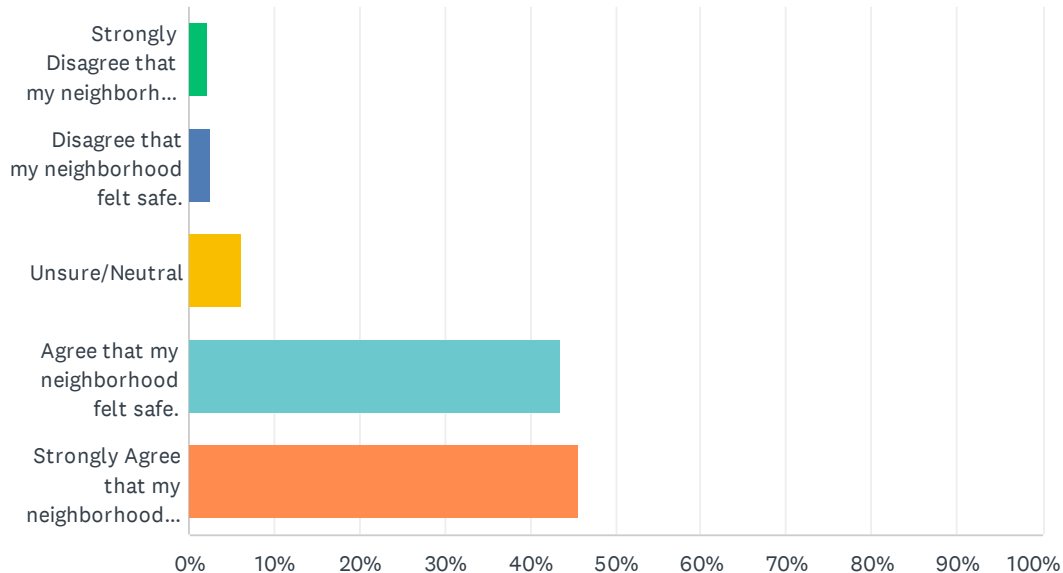
93	no, there was no reason to have an ambassador	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
94	yes when driving in FH	9/9/2025 3:22 PM
95	Yes! They did well.	9/9/2025 2:56 PM
96	Sometimes, not often. Can't comment on interactions.	9/9/2025 2:46 PM
97	no.	9/9/2025 2:42 PM
98	Yes, no interactions because there were no fair visitors around as in past years.	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
99	Didn't see one	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
100	Yes. I saw parking ambassadors multiple times daily. I feel they were courteous, polite, and working.	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
101	Yes, they were great! I saw them answering peoples questions and ensuring people were not only paying but that ppl were respectful of space, like not parking to close to driveways	9/9/2025 12:24 PM
102	Yes, did not witness interaction. My area of NE was pretty quiet as far as parking.	9/9/2025 12:17 PM
103	Yes, I did see them. I didn't interact with them closely.	9/9/2025 12:03 PM
104	Yes. The parking ambassador was great.	9/9/2025 11:41 AM
105	Yes, but other than tagging violations I did not see them interacting with the public.	9/9/2025 11:29 AM
106	No, but I dont have a lot of parking.	9/9/2025 11:26 AM
107	No, I did not see any parking ambassadors.	9/9/2025 11:26 AM
108	I did not see parking ambassadors in my neighborhood.	9/9/2025 11:02 AM
109	Yes. Good	9/9/2025 10:57 AM
110	Yes, didn't see how they interacted.	9/9/2025 10:48 AM
111	Yes. Often.	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
112	no	9/9/2025 9:59 AM
113	Yes - Courteous	9/9/2025 9:42 AM
114	I did see ambassadors. There were not enough ambassadors especially for the first year! Two ambassadors on duty had way too much ground to cover! I ended up helping people that were having trouble with getting things up on their phone to pay for parking. There was absolutely no one around to help with an issue that would help them get their payment made. Unfortunately for them they had to leave the spot or get a 100.00 ticket. There should be some way for ambassadors to help people with this issue. Most people figure out on their own how to get to the fair from our neighborhood on their own.	9/9/2025 9:00 AM
115	Saw them in the morning, but did not witness any of their interactions with the public	9/9/2025 8:42 AM
116	I think I saw them but didn't see any interaction.	9/9/2025 8:37 AM
117	I spoke with one, he answered my questions well.	9/9/2025 7:47 AM
118	I did not see any parking ambassadors	9/9/2025 7:36 AM
119	Unsure	9/9/2025 6:18 AM
120	I saw them on the street and didn't observe any interactions with the public.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
121	Yes, but not interacting. I regularly fielded questions related to parking while walking the neighborhood	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
122	Yes, I saw several waking down our street but never saw them interact with the public.	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
123	Thought it went well. Day one the signage was not adequate but once the corner sandwich boards were in pace it was good.	9/8/2025 9:12 PM
124	Saw them did not interact with them.	9/8/2025 9:02 PM

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125	Yes	9/8/2025 8:58 PM
126	Yes. They were mostly walking around completely deserted blocks-I personally never saw them interact with one person -what a waste of resources	9/8/2025 8:49 PM
127	Saw them but didn't observe any interaction	9/8/2025 8:03 PM
128	No	9/8/2025 7:23 PM
129	Does not apply	9/8/2025 7:17 PM
130	I did see parking ambassadors but they were not interacting with the public.	9/8/2025 6:57 PM
131	Yes. They seemed to be cordial in their interactions.	9/8/2025 6:23 PM
132	Never saw a one.	9/8/2025 6:02 PM
133	Did not see anyone	9/8/2025 5:56 PM
134	Na	9/8/2025 5:51 PM
135	Did see parking ambassadors but not their interactions with the public	9/8/2025 5:48 PM
136	Unsure	9/8/2025 5:42 PM
137	We saw only a couple during the entire time of the fair. They seemed friendly and helpful.	9/8/2025 5:39 PM
138	I saw ambassadors but not while they were interacting with the public.	9/8/2025 5:34 PM
139	Yes. I didn't see interactions	9/8/2025 5:32 PM
140	Did not see any ambassadors.	9/8/2025 5:21 PM
141	Yes, most were fine.	9/8/2025 5:20 PM
142	No	9/8/2025 5:17 PM
143	Yes and they interacted well.	9/8/2025 5:17 PM
144	Yes. They were working and nice	9/8/2025 5:15 PM
145	No	9/8/2025 5:14 PM
146	Yes They were excellent	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
147	Yes. I only interacted with a supervisor, and it was a great experience.	9/8/2025 5:09 PM
148	Yes, and yes they interacted with the public. Often saw them giving directions, assisting with questions, and helping to prevent more parking violations.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
149	No; our street was not part of the metered parking.	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
150	Yes, didn't see interactions, friendly	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
151	Yes, I frequently saw the parking ambassadors walking the streets, but did not see much interaction.	9/8/2025 5:05 PM
152	Yes. Very friendly and helpful	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
153	There were so few I barely saw any. One day they said there was only 2 for the whole neighborhood.	9/8/2025 4:52 PM
154	I saw individuals that were checking cars for having paid for parking, but did not observe many interactions with the public.	9/8/2025 4:50 PM
155	Yes, fine	9/8/2025 4:49 PM
156	We saw them. They seemed helpful as they were interacting with visitors. However, most often we just saw them wandering up and down the street (likely checking enforcement).	9/8/2025 4:46 PM
157	Yes. Very nice job - friendly and sharing how things were going. They did great!	9/8/2025 4:42 PM
158	They were friendly to residents	9/8/2025 4:41 PM
159	No	9/8/2025 4:39 PM

Q8 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt safe in my neighborhood during the 2025 MN State Fair.

Answered: 193 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that my neighborhood felt safe.	2.07%	4
Disagree that my neighborhood felt safe.	2.59%	5
Unsure/Neutral	6.22%	12
Agree that my neighborhood felt safe.	43.52%	84
Strongly Agree that my neighborhood felt safe.	45.60%	88
TOTAL		193

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON SAFETY:	DATE
1	I did not feel more or less safe this year than in previous years.	10/6/2025 5:25 PM
2	Several actions that were implemented really made an impact: Signage and marking of corners to ensure drivers had a clear view at intersections. Engaging the media to share the new parking policies pre-fair. Providing the residents contact numbers to report issues observed. Employing parking ambassadors.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
3	I usually feel safe in my neighborhood, even with heightened awareness of visitors during the Fair.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
4	No more safe. No less safe. We feel less safe over all in this neighborhood. Sad to say	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
5	I have never felt unsafe in my neighborhood during the 45 years I have live in Falcon Heights. The issues are more traffic. noise, trash, and those annoying pedicabs.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
6	Overall decreased activity and traffic made my neighborhood feel safer than in the past.	9/16/2025 8:23 PM
7	VERY good and helpful to see the repeated rounds of SAVPD vehicles.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM

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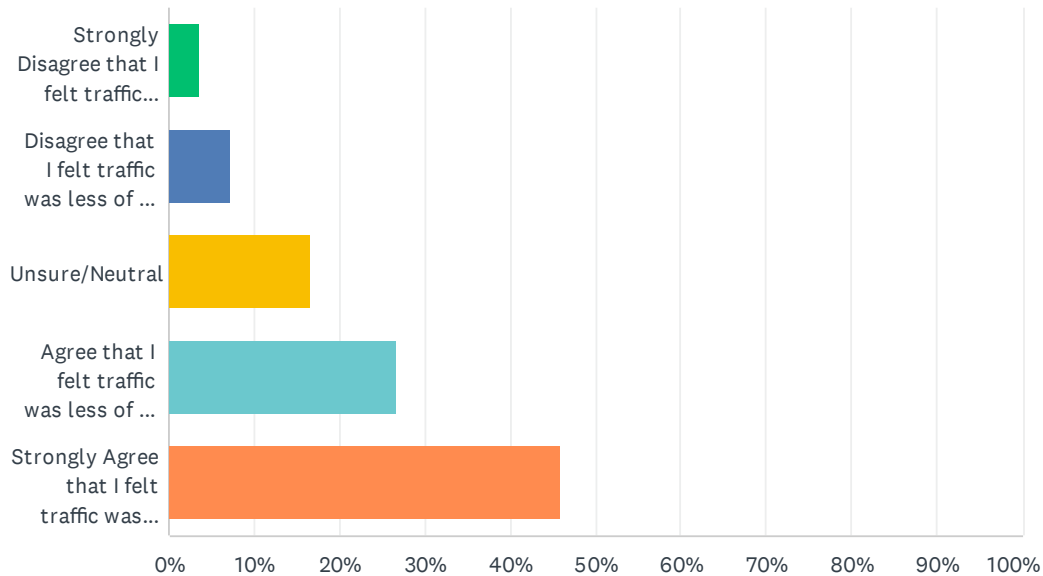
8	Traffic was decreased in the immediate neighborhood which does not ever happen during the fair.	9/16/2025 1:39 PM
9	I was shocked at how much calmer our neighborhood was during the fair compared to past years. There was much less traffic and risky driving in and around Northome. Last year I witnessed two crashes near my house and have been hesitant to let my kids play outside during the fair due to the amount of cars going through the neighborhood that were driving too fast and seemed distracted/in a rush to find parking. Thank you for instituting paid parking! It made the fair much more bearable and safe this year!	9/16/2025 9:22 AM
10	There seemed to be less people walking back to their cars at night and driving away when I was out walking my dog.	9/15/2025 6:50 PM
11	Felt safer then other years.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
12	It was definitely quieter on our street this year.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM
13	I've never not felt safe	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
14	I have never felt unsafe in past years either.	9/12/2025 10:24 PM
15	It felt safer this year and I think it was the new parking fees and patrols that helped.	9/12/2025 7:44 PM
16	The neighborhood has never ever felt unsafe so this is a silly question.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
17	I have always felt safe in my neighborhood.	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
18	Much less chaotic with the traffic. Felt safer walking the dog	9/11/2025 1:14 PM
19	I felt it was as safe as it always is	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
20	But this didn't have anything to do with the parking, I always feel safe here	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
21	I've always felt safe in this neighborhood. State Fair or no State Fair. The parking program did nothing to change anything but create more government waste. Unneeded!	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
22	Much safer than previous years	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
23	Neighborhoods are barely safe without the fair. Bums, druggies and ankle bracelet wearing bobs have all been found in my yard	9/10/2025 8:52 PM
24	Safer than usual as there were less people parking and zooming through the streets. I generally feel safe during the fair. Traffic is the most concerning towards safety as not all people drive slowly and stop at stop signs.	9/10/2025 6:26 PM
25	I always feel safe in my neighborhood whether during the fair or not	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
26	Overall agree, but drivers seeking parking still way too fast for side streets and many cars not stopping at stop signs.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
27	The pedicabs that brought fairgoers back to their cars at night often had their loud speakers blaring. We could use less of that.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
28	Less traffic and not as many people wandering the neighborhood.	9/9/2025 5:58 PM
29	There were fewer loud groups of people walking down our street after the concerts were completed. Which made it feel more pleasant/safer.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
30	The groups of people who pass by, esp. at night, are loud.	9/9/2025 2:42 PM
31	I did have two interactions with upset fair goers because of the parking	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
32	Except people speeding on frontage road.	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
33	I've never felt safer during the fair! We weren't sequestered in our backyard.	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
34	Having the police patrolling helped keep it safer	9/9/2025 12:24 PM
35	Disturbing flyers found by neighbors.	9/9/2025 12:17 PM
36	It did not feel more safe. I generally feel safe in my neighborhood.	9/9/2025 12:03 PM
37	This is NOT due to this parking issues	9/9/2025 11:29 AM

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38	Cars drive so fast through our neighborhood trying to find parking or cutting around stoplights.	9/9/2025 10:48 AM
39	Traffic and accidents on Snelling are always dangerous, especially at night.	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
40	Lack of sidewalks with fully parked streets and people driving recklessly made me feel unsafe walking with my family	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
41	Hearing sirens and seeing in the neighborhood	9/8/2025 5:15 PM
42	Knowing that the fair attracted antisemites to our neighborhoods did not make me feel safe.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
43	Traffic, was the biggest safety issue (see below)	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
44	Our street was OK but the general area felt very busy, and there was an increase in unpredictable drivers. Therefore, I felt less safe driving in the area and did not even attempt to walk much.	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
45	Less traffic, noise, litter	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
46	The huge reduction in traffic made me feel a lot safer in my neighborhood. People were out walking their dogs and kids were biking and rollerskating. Unlike the last few decades. It was easy to pull out of my driveway and not be nervous about getting smacked. I absolutely loved the change in traffic patterns in this state fair due to pay parking and hope it continues.	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
47	Someone peed in front, not back of my house as company was coming.	9/8/2025 4:52 PM
48	More so than previous years due to decreased traffic	9/8/2025 4:49 PM
49	Loved, loved, loved how calm it was this year!!!!	9/8/2025 4:46 PM

Q9 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt traffic was LESS of a problem during the 2025 MN State Fair when compared to past years.

Answered: 192 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that I felt traffic was less of a problem.	3.65%	7
Disagree that I felt traffic was less of a problem.	7.29%	14
Unsure/Neutral	16.67%	32
Agree that I felt traffic was less of a problem.	26.56%	51
Strongly Agree that I felt traffic was less of a problem.	45.83%	88
TOTAL		192

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON TRAFFIC:	DATE
1	Fewer cars circling through the neighborhood looking for parking.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
2	There was less traffic, for sure. However, I've never thought Fair traffic was problematic.c	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
3	As I mentioned before, there weren't many cars parked on our street other than a few residents, and there is always congestion the closer you get to the fairgrounds.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
4	More of a problem on Snelling	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
5	The paid parking requirement greatly reduced the # of cars on the 1700 block of Arona. However, I did notice speeding cars south-bound some mornings that I assume was related to trying to get past back-ups on Snelling (and did see SAPD pull one car over).	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
6	Where I live it's always going to be terrible. It may have been slightly less terrible this year, but idk.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
7	Traffic was significantly less of a problem this year than in the past. in 2025 there was less	9/16/2025 8:23 PM

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street parking (almost no fair parking at the SE corner of Northeast quadrant), less backed up and gridlocking traffic on Snelling and Larpenteur, and fewer people circling for parking.

8	There was far less traffic and vying for parking spaces in the Northome area. Certainly, far less parking on California Avenue than in the past.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
9	Traffic in our neighborhood has not been a problem for us in the past.	9/16/2025 1:31 PM
10	Traffic from parking cars was down this year. There's a consensus on this from people that live in the Como neighborhood of St Paul, as well.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
11	Please see above comment for 9. It was remarkable how much of an effect the paid parking had on traffic in Northome. The last several years had gotten worse and worse with constant traffic and dangerous driving. This year was SO MUCH better. Please keep this policy in place!!!!	9/16/2025 9:22 AM
12	There was less parking traffic but still cars speeding down our road. I live on Arona street.	9/16/2025 9:20 AM
13	Such a big difference. I'm neutral on the pay to park policy, but what I noticed was the difference in traffic levels, and that was fantastic. It greatly reduced the number of people driving up and down the streets looking for free parking. The roads seemed a lot safer.	9/16/2025 8:38 AM
14	It was quite peaceful and way less traffic then years previous. I felt more safe walking on the streets then any other time of the year including outside of the fair time. I would go as far as to say it would be nice to carry parking bans on one side of the street permanently if possible.	9/16/2025 8:14 AM
15	After Opening Day/weekend (which historically is a cluster**) traffic inconveniences were surprisingly few.	9/15/2025 9:58 PM
16	I appreciate the decrease in traffic and people circling the neighborhood looking for parking.	9/15/2025 7:36 PM
17	Fewer cars, less fighting for parking spaces, less traffic circling thru the neighborhood.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
18	Hamline was much quieter in general and even tho Hamline was free, parking was not heavy	9/15/2025 5:30 PM
19	Much less traffic roaming the streets and a much calmer atmosphere this year.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM
20	Significantly fewer fair parkers on Pascal St North of Larpenteur this year.	9/15/2025 3:58 PM
21	Night and day this year to years in the past. On so many levels. It was great.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
22	Traffic was the same. But I wouldn't call it a problem.	9/13/2025 11:17 PM
23	Again, I have not had concerns about traffic in my immediate neighborhood.	9/12/2025 10:24 PM
24	Constant speeding. The first day of the fair was the worst we have ever experienced in our 10 years here.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
25	I was not paying attention to the traffic.	9/11/2025 8:47 PM
26	It was also much quieter in Como too. Many como residents commented on it	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
27	Have lived here 52 years and this was the quietest it's ever been!	9/11/2025 1:14 PM
28	It was never a problem for me	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
29	People were still flying through the streets, which we were told wouldn't happen.	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
30	It's never been a problem. It's the State Fair! That means more cars! Big deal!	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
31	Very little traffic on my street	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
32	I have never felt fair traffic was a PROBLEM. Fair traffic is what happens when your community is the site of a giant event for 12 days. You learn to cope with it and to take alternate routes. You enjoy the fact that you live close the fair so you can bike or walk over. You enjoy having your friends and family park in your driveway and maybe you give them a shuttle ride to the gate. You enjoy the sound of the music from the Grandstand drifting in your windows if the wind is coming from the right direction. You enjoy the distant sound of the fireworks. But you don't moan and groan about the traffic. You knew what you were getting into when you moved into the neighborhood, for God's sake! BTW, the traffic was the same as ever. The only difference was the streets in the Northeast Quadrant had almost no visitors	9/10/2025 8:49 PM

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parking on them, which frankly took some of the fun out of the fair for me. I missed seeing people come and go.

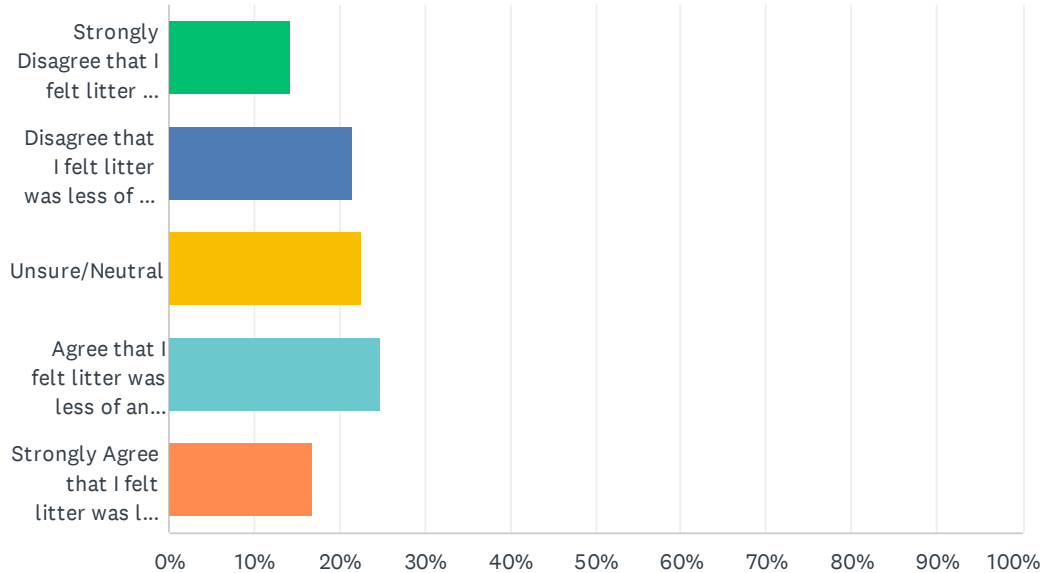
33	It was great!!	9/10/2025 6:26 PM
34	Much less parking on our block than previous years	9/10/2025 3:21 PM
35	No vehicles parked around our neighborhood (Ruggles and Sheldon)	9/10/2025 1:49 PM
36	Nobody parked on our street at all as they didn't previous years. I think charging \$25 per day in the north eastern quadrant is quite a price for a location a mile away from the fair.	9/10/2025 12:37 PM
37	There was hardly any traffic!!	9/10/2025 12:22 PM
38	Too fast on side streets, many barely acknowledging stop signs.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
39	Yes!!! Much safer walking my dogs. The cars weren't jammed in everywhere with tons more people not paying attention and just looking for open spots.	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
40	There was a significant improvement in the traffic flow and patterns.	9/10/2025 8:45 AM
41	Pay parking I believe helped with congestion. I hope it helps with taxes for us too. :)	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
42	My area of Simpson and Garden was much quieter this year- it was really wonderful! Every neighbor that I talked to was of the same opinion- we were pleased with a quieter experience this year.	9/9/2025 9:43 PM
43	Traffic on Snelling was still a nightmare. Parking on Northhome streets was minimal as pay parking on my street seemed to deter traffic. Most of the parking was done by fellow residents.	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
44	I am confident that it was because of the paid parking	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
45	Traffic was generally less of a problem, except the one time they shut down Snelling and the main fair gate due to a protest. I was stuck between Larpenteur and Hoyt for 1 hour.	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
46	Traffic during the fair the last 15 years was horrible. This year was much more like it used to be. My wife and I were able to go for several walks and didn't worry about traffic. My stress level was way lower this year.	9/9/2025 5:58 PM
47	The significant reduction in traffic on our block and in our quadrant was wonderful. We went for our regular walks in the neighborhood without worrying about high traffic volume. It felt like we didn't lose our neighborhood and quality of life during the fair. It was wonderful to see others out walking and running as well.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
48	Very noticeable that there was less traffic this year, less poor behavior, less poor parking and less dangerous driving	9/9/2025 4:39 PM
49	I think the pay parking reduced traffic in the area.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
50	Getting in and out of our location is always an issue. It was the same this year as years past.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
51	lead to more traffic down Hamline towards County road B. More parkers on the streets by St Rose Church. we get no kickback but full streeth on Eldridge across from the church before the parking lot is full. Parking is awful many days of the fair. we cannot get our boat out any day really. This is not ok. we lived in our home before the park and rides came to be.	9/9/2025 3:22 PM
52	I LOVED the calmer streets. Normally my street is crazy busy and people speeding looking for spots.	9/9/2025 2:56 PM
53	The amount of traffic seemed less, but drivers seemed cranky - people honking and a couple of missed crashes trying to cross Hoyt at Pascal.	9/9/2025 2:42 PM
54	I have never thought it was a problem	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
55	Children could ride bikes safely in the NE quadrant throughout the fair!	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
56	I believe the pay parking helped alleviate the constant circling of cars looking for spots	9/9/2025 12:24 PM
57	It was no different than any other year.	9/9/2025 11:29 AM
58	I didn't notice any difference.	9/9/2025 11:26 AM
59	Fewer cars parking, but cars were still flying through the neighborhood.	9/9/2025 10:48 AM

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60	Traffic in my NE Quadrant neighborhood was significantly reduced. I felt safe having my kids ride their bikes in the neighborhood.	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
61	The same backup waiting to get into lots. The same difficulty getting back into my building.	9/9/2025 9:59 AM
62	In 31 years we have lived here we have never had a year so quiet with no parking on our street.	9/9/2025 9:42 AM
63	Traffic was slower. It was slower in Como and other surrounding areas as well that didn't have pay parking. If pay parking truly lessens traffic I am for it. We should however, have two parking passes for all residents including Larpenteur and Hoyt. Having resident parking only on north and south streets was good.	9/9/2025 9:00 AM
64	On our block, the traffic was at pretty normal levels on most Fair days.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
65	Although Snelling was closed for an hour or so on the last Saturday of the fair and that was problematic.	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
66	I never thought that traffic was a problem in the past. It's like five days per year there was traffic in the neighborhoods-who cares!	9/8/2025 8:49 PM
67	Traffic was much better within the neighborhoods, but seemed worse on Hamline/Snelling/Fairview. This is probably because of changes in traffic flow with people looking for free parking. But I much prefer the quieter neighborhood!	9/8/2025 6:00 PM
68	Traffic seemed the same	9/8/2025 5:56 PM
69	The streets were weirdly empty on multiple days of the fair. It was weird.	9/8/2025 5:42 PM
70	I observed fewer cars driving in the neighborhood.	9/8/2025 5:34 PM
71	It was definitely easier to navigate on the side streets and there wasn't a ton of areas backed up even by the park and ride.	9/8/2025 5:21 PM
72	Way less cars and traffic!!	9/8/2025 5:20 PM
73	Traffic picks up 2 weeks before the fair	9/8/2025 5:15 PM
74	I moved here this year so can't compare	9/8/2025 5:14 PM
75	Way less of a problem.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
76	Traffic was A LOT less than previous years. However, we still had some speeders and people blowing through stop signs. But overall, it felt safer to go out for a walk during the fair.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
77	It was less of a problem, but we did still see some cars driving fast on our streets.	9/8/2025 5:05 PM
78	See above. It was a shock how much the traffic improved. I know it would be better, but I didn't know it would be this much better. I never wanna go back to the old way.	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
79	Noticeably less traffic in the late afternoons and evenings	9/8/2025 4:41 PM
80	I thought the parking restrictions were a huge success--I noticed an enormous reduction in traffic	9/8/2025 4:36 PM

Q10 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt litter was an issue in your neighborhood from fairgoers this year.

Answered: 190 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that I felt litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood.	14.21%	27
Disagree that I felt litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood.	21.58%	41
Unsure/Neutral	22.63%	43
Agree that I felt litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood from fairgoers.	24.74%	47
Strongly Agree that I felt litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood from fairgoers.	16.84%	32
TOTAL		190

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON LITTER:	DATE
1	I appreciate the well-positioned trash cans although I haven't noted an increase in litter during the Fair in previous year e haven't had trash cans.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
2	Littering on Holton Street north of Garden has rarely been and issue.	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
3	We haven't had much problem with litter on our block in the past or during the recent Fair.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
4	Never is in this quadrant	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
5	We don't usually get much litter on Arona north of Larp.	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
6	Still a few scofflaws that litter, but it was pretty good this year.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
7	I still saw litter from fairgoers in NE Quadrant, but significantly less than in years past.	9/16/2025 8:23 PM
8	There is always trash. It seemed like less. But still ...	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
9	There is always a bit of it but we try to pick it up when we see it along Larpenteur.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM

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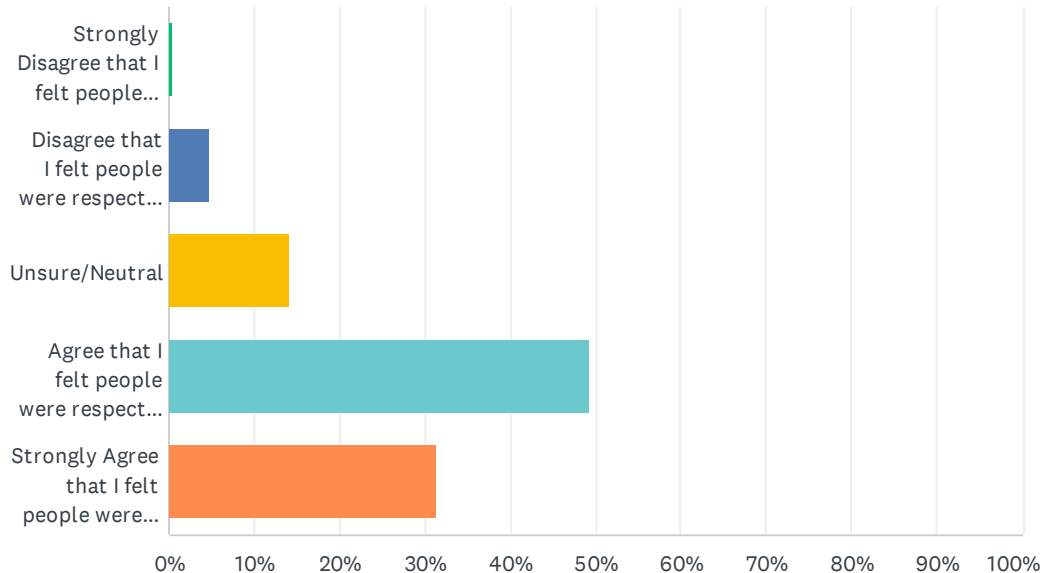
10	There was also less foot traffic in our neighborhood this year, which had an impact on the amount of litter	9/16/2025 9:22 AM
11	I never really notice a litter problem.	9/16/2025 8:38 AM
12	The wording of this question is inconsistent. The questions asks "litter was an issue" and the answers say "litter was less of an issue". I think it was less of an issue this year.	9/15/2025 6:50 PM
13	I think litter was still pretty similar- saw a diaper on our block. yuck	9/15/2025 3:37 PM
14	It was better than in the past. There was still some.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
15	I didn't see litter as a major issue, same as in years past.	9/13/2025 11:17 PM
16	We have never had a litter issue .	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
17	I usually pick up any litter, but did not notice much this year.	9/11/2025 8:47 PM
18	I've never had much of a problem with litter during the fair. All year I have occasional wrappers or can in my yard. I just pick it up	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
19	I've not experienced litter previously	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
20	Litter has not been an issue I have noticed before	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
21	Again, it's never been a problem here.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
22	No litter on my street	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
23	Litter lots of litter	9/10/2025 8:52 PM
24	Litter has never been an issue in my neighborhood. Also the syntax is so garbled in this question and responses.	9/10/2025 8:49 PM
25	Litter is usually minimal.	9/10/2025 6:26 PM
26	Not an issue this year or other years	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
27	Agree but could always use more trash cans during fair	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
28	Wasn't an issue last year.	9/10/2025 11:12 AM
29	Saw some smaller things but definitely less than prior years. We used to have people dump their car trash on our lawn but didn't this year. Perhaps having a record of their car being there was a deterrent?	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
30	The garbage cans have helped tremendously	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
31	It has never been a problem	9/10/2025 12:34 AM
32	It was the same as prior years. I saw no trash barrels in our neighborhood.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
33	Litter was left in our yard from fairgoers parking on Lindig. They threw their trash from their parked cars into our yard.	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
34	The reduced volume of foot traffic greatly reduced the litter.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
35	There didn't seem to be any litter issue near our place.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
36	Have never had excess issue with litter in our neighborhood	9/9/2025 2:46 PM
37	I have never thought it was a problem	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
38	Litter was not an issue for us this year, though stories of racist literature drops were concerning. We didn't come across any personally though.	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
39	No messes that i saw.	9/9/2025 12:34 PM
40	I didn't notice any issues with litter.	9/9/2025 11:26 AM
41	We are lucky not to have much litter over the years. We pick up the odd tissues and a cup here and there, but really sparse most of the years we've lived here.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
42	Lots of litter dumped out of cars paying to park, including diapers	9/8/2025 9:34 PM

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43	I have never had a problem with litter in my immediate neighborhood during the fair.	9/8/2025 6:23 PM
44	I don't think litter from the fair has ever been a problem in my neighborhood	9/8/2025 5:56 PM
45	Paid parking made people not come to our neighborhood, win for us!	9/8/2025 5:51 PM
46	No issue with litter	9/8/2025 5:32 PM
47	No litter.	9/8/2025 5:20 PM
48	I wasn't here last year	9/8/2025 5:14 PM
49	Antisemitic litter was a problem.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
50	A few items here and there, but overall less than previous years.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
51	We still have plenty of stuff laying around from the street work that started months ago!	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
52	There was less litter this year.	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
53	And your past, there was always litter and garbage and sometimes dirty diapers. I don't think I saw one thing this year.	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
54	I've never had to pick up litter	9/8/2025 4:52 PM
55	Saw almost none - only picked up a few items during all 12 days from our yard (past years it has been a few items per day)	9/8/2025 4:46 PM
56	We have not had much issue in the past. Seemed the same.	9/8/2025 4:41 PM

Q11 On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, I felt people were respectful of personal property.

Answered: 191 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Disagree that I felt people were respectful of personal property.	0.52%	1
Disagree that I felt people were respectful of personal property.	4.71%	9
Unsure/Neutral	14.14%	27
Agree that I felt people were respectful of personal property.	49.21%	94
Strongly Agree that I felt people were respectful of personal property.	31.41%	60
TOTAL		191

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON RESPECTFULNESS:	DATE
1	We had so few visitors that I cannot comment.	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
2	Never have had a problem in 44 years	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
3	I haven't noticed a lot of issues on our block in general, aside from spotting people relieving themselves near trees or shrubs that are closer to the street.	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
4	Again, it was OK	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
5	I didn't feel as though there was a much foot traffic as there has been in the past.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
6	Oddly, we had someone steal our ripe tomatoes from our front yard garden the week after the fair ended, but not during it! :)	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
7	Had someone drive unto our lawn and hit a parked car on the passenger side in front of our house.	9/15/2025 5:30 PM
8	Litter bins help and most people were not overly boisterous. Only one night did we hear a loud group and it sounded like they were on Hoyt.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM

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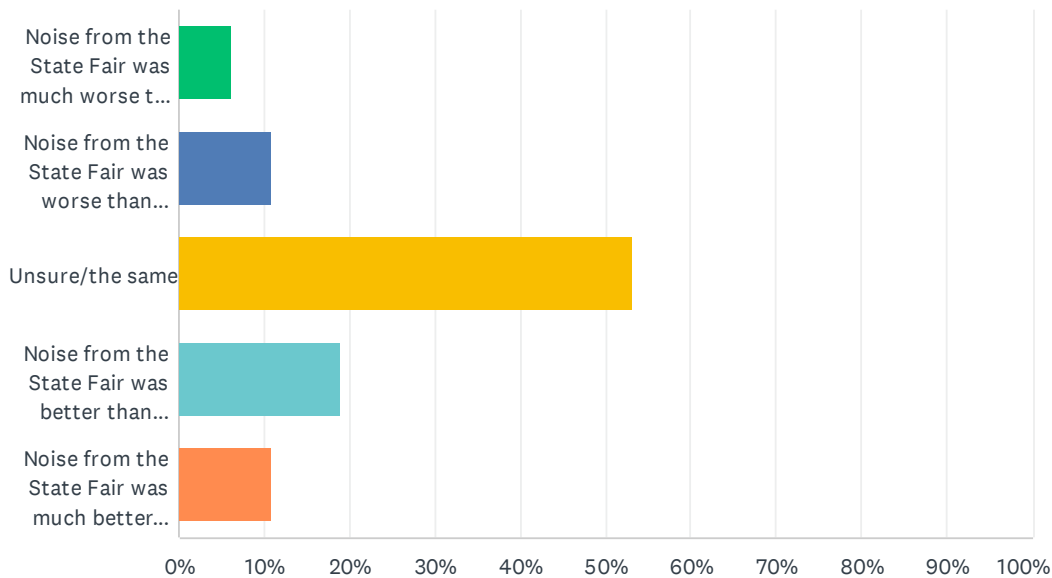
9	We are very far removed from the fair that we don't see many people.	9/14/2025 8:08 PM
10	I think having there license plate in the system helps.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM
11	Ha, we never saw a single car pay to park on our block. The comment made by folks parking in Roseville was "this can't be a money maker. Why would I pay \$25 to park when I can drive 3 more blocks and park for free".	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
12	Parking within five feet of my driveway.	9/11/2025 8:47 PM
13	Again, I did not notice an issue with people being disrespectful before	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
14	The paid parking program did one thing. It shouted to everyone in Minnesota: 'Hey, we don't want you here!' A complete joke of an idea.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
15	Didn't have any issues but outside of litter or blocking side walks/driveways, we usually don't have problems	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
16	Never had a problem	9/10/2025 12:34 AM
17	mostly, but not entirely.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
18	First year I didn't have someone knock on my door to use my bathroom!!	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
19	People were not respectful, as they threw litter in our yard and damaged the landscaping while getting in and out of their vehicles on Lindig.	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
20	Less people were walking in the neighborhood. So really not an issue.	9/9/2025 5:58 PM
21	Again with the reduction of foot traffic, there were far fewer people in the neighborhood.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
22	I did not the Falcon Heights sign in my yard. I didn't see any issues with disrespect of property.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
23	Trash in yard. Mailbox damaged	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
24	More residents in Falcon Heights residents parked cars on their lawn this year.	9/9/2025 12:03 PM
25	This is no different than any other year.	9/9/2025 11:29 AM
26	We don't get much traffic from fair visitors, so we had no problems.	9/9/2025 11:26 AM
27	Block entrances and exits into/out the building	9/9/2025 9:59 AM
28	Again, we've never had trouble, so I'm not quite the right person to evaluate changes. We are lucky not to see much disrespect.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
29	Sitting in peoples front lawns. Blocking driveways and alleys. Disregarding parking signs, u turns in intersections, leaving trash on lawns	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
30	I don't think fair goers were around personal property in my neighborhood	9/8/2025 5:56 PM
31	I don't know that we saw many fairgoers this year.	9/8/2025 5:20 PM
32	I live on a corner and people were walking on my lawn to look at the parking signs. Also no one came to collect the little flags marking where the water lines were on my property which was annoying.	9/8/2025 5:14 PM
33	Not sure how to answer. Littering lawns with antisemitic and racist flyers is not respectful. Graffiti on buildings is not respectful. But there seemed to be less of other types of trash from the fair.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
34	Didn't see anything or anyone damaging personal property.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
35	People parking near the Park & Ride at County Road B and Fairview were parking in several illegal places, too close to corners, etc. and people walking to/from fair seemed to disregard the "no fair parking" signs at the businesses to our south.	9/8/2025 5:07 PM
36	On a few days that the traffic was bad, I did see some more bad parking that blocked or hindered some of the driveway aprons	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
37	Not when my yard was peed on	9/8/2025 4:52 PM

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38	Saw lots of people walking on the grass on Pascal - probably due to no sidewalks	9/8/2025 4:46 PM
39	Again, we had such a reduction in traffic/foot traffic, that very few people were walking through the neighborhood	9/8/2025 4:36 PM

Q12 On a scale of Much Worse to Much Better, how would you rate the noise from the 2025 State Fair, whether fireworks, vehicles, music, people, etc.?

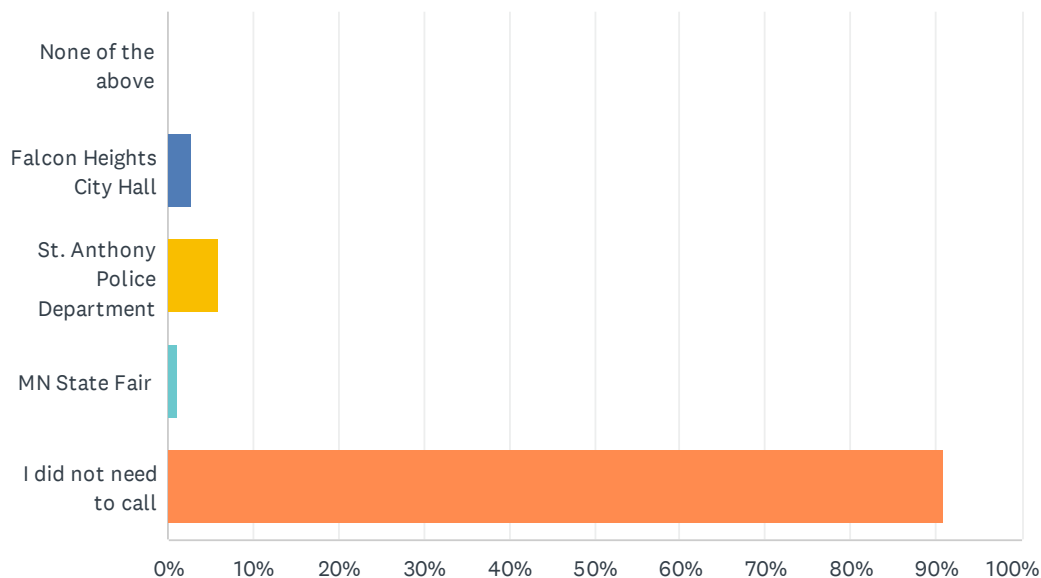
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Noise from the State Fair was much worse than usual.	6.19%	12
Noise from the State Fair was worse than usual.	10.82%	21
Unsure/the same	53.09%	103
Noise from the State Fair was better than usual.	19.07%	37
Noise from the State Fair was much better than usual.	10.82%	21
TOTAL		194

Q13 Did you contact the City of Falcon Heights, the State Fair, or St. Anthony Police Department for any issues during the fair? If so, who did you contact? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 185 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Falcon Heights City Hall	2.70%	5
St. Anthony Police Department	5.95%	11
MN State Fair	1.08%	2
I did not need to call	90.81%	168
Total Respondents: 185		

#	ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK: WAS IT CLEAR WHICH AGENCY TO CALL FOR YOUR ISSUE? DID YOU SPEAK TO SOMEONE OR LEAVE A MESSAGE? HOW MANY TOTAL CALLS DID YOU MAKE DURING THE STATE FAIR? WAS/WERE YOUR ISSUE(S) RESOLVED?	DATE
1	I made a point to engage the officers patrolling our neighborhood. They offered to help in any way.	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
2	If you could arrange for some big fans on the fairgrounds to blow the corn dog smells over to Simpson and Crawford next year, that would be much appreciated. Also if you could remove some of the tree that have grown up towards Dinos so we can see the fireworks from our porch and jack up the fireworks a bit to be as loud as they used to be, it would make me ever so happy. 😊 Thank you for your consideration :)	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
3	The Fair gets noisier every year. If the city meets with Fair staff, they should discuss this as it can be super obnoxious; the biggest problems are Grandstand shows and a few noisy vendors on Machinery Hill.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM
4	The airplane advertising noise was TERRIBLE! All day long over and over those little planes	9/17/2025 10:05 AM

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circling made it impossible to enjoy our backyard. The planes should be banned. The best weather of the summer was ruined by plane noise. This needs to be changed next year. For all we put up with, plane noise should not be one of them.

5	I did not need to call, but guidance on when to call FH City Hall vs SAPD could be more clear	9/16/2025 8:23 PM
6	I had several casual conversations with various SAVPD officers during the 12 days. They were always helpful, positive and respectful of any comments.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
7	I called the police regarding illegal parking on the North/South streets in northome (no permits)	9/15/2025 8:23 PM
8	My neighbor called about the planes and called twice to reach a sponsor. Plane flew higher after that, but then returned to flying low which was VERY loud.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
9	Yes. I spoke to parking ambassadors, task force members and the city administrator. My parking ticket was voided and resolved. People were very helpful	9/15/2025 4:02 PM
10	I personally informed guests of resident only parking on Pascal, to save them tickets. Signage was terrible	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
11	I made one call and didn't bother after that. I was met with rudeness and unhelpfulness. So no, I would not say my issue was resolved. I did reach out after the call and was told it would be resolved internally.	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
12	Every council member who voted in favor of paid parking should be ashamed of themselves. And the person..Paula Mielke...who suggested that we take down signs that say "This House Opposes Pay Parking" should resign from the council immediately.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
13	Yes, it was clear on who to call	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
14	I spoke with a patrol officer about the racist and antisemitic materials we found on our street.	9/10/2025 1:24 PM
15	Noise wasn't a problem for me, nor were fair attendees	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
16	Noise from airplanes dragging ads was unacceptable. Wife logged complaints for us. Need to address for 2026, too loud and constant to even hold a conversation.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
17	In past years we've called but didn't feel the need to this year even when we saw people parking in permit only spots without a permit. Clearly there were people checking so we let them handle it.	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
18	Too many small planes constantly flying over my home	9/10/2025 9:20 AM
19	The pamphlet sent out made it clear- hung it on the fridge during the fair. Loved it!	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
20	Didn't call - don't think anything would have happened.	9/9/2025 9:59 AM
21	I called because of visibility of parking signs and lack of available ambassadors to help people.	9/9/2025 9:00 AM
22	Handout/mailing were clear.	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
23	The planes advertising flew constantly over our neighborhood both weekends. It's a beautiful summer weekend and holiday weekend and we literally could not be in the yard and have conversation with family, friends or neighbors. The house also shook when they flew by. FAA and state fair said it wasn't their problem. So who does have a day and can change this for next year?	9/8/2025 9:34 PM
24	I contacted the federal aviation authority about the increase in banner planes and my issue was not resolved, in that they said the planes are legal	9/8/2025 7:23 PM
25	One call for parking enforcement but the situation resolved while i was on the call.	9/8/2025 7:17 PM
26	See above	9/8/2025 5:51 PM
27	Called regarding private businesses selling parking without a license or permit to do so.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
28	Just contacting them regarding parking issues and people idling in a no parking zone. They responded and the issue was resolved.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
29	I did not call, but a neighbor did call to complain about the small plane noise and apparently received no positive reply. This constant noise of small planes circling overhead and pulling	9/8/2025 5:07 PM

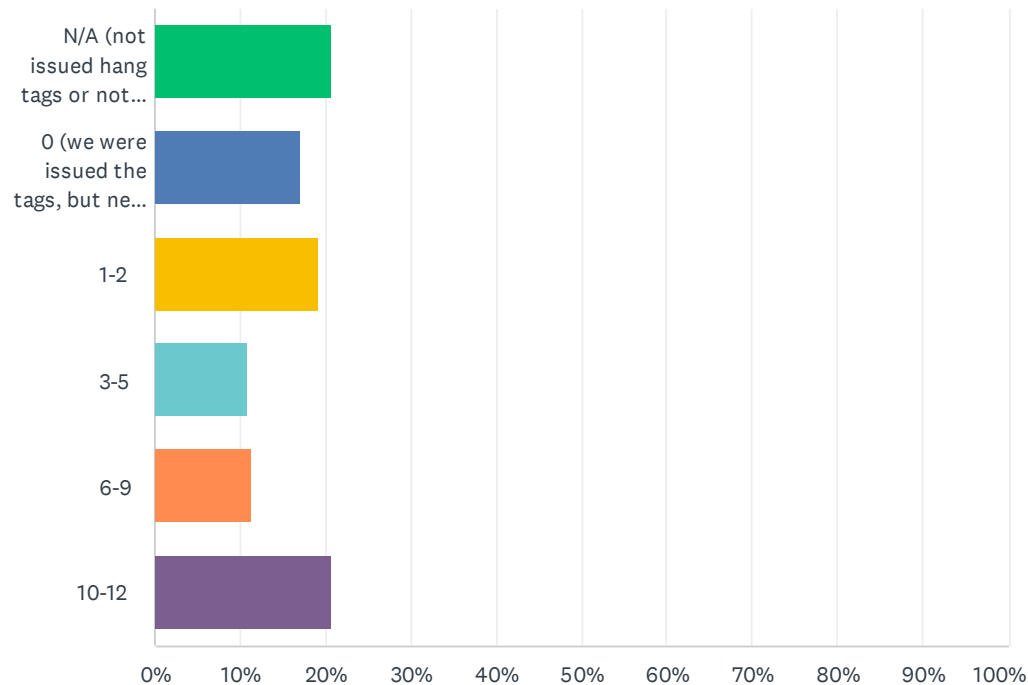
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advertising banners was absolutely the WORST part of the fair noise. The weather was the best it has been in years, and I wanted to work outside in my garden, or just enjoy some peace and quiet in the nice weather. This was totally impossible for 12 days of the fair. I can deal with traffic, music and fireworks better than the small planes.

30	It was clear, no need to call	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
31	In terms of the noise, the traffic and people and fireworks and music were much better. The only thing that got worse was the low flying airplanes with the banners. There were days where I could just hear them constantly roaring, which seemed like 10 feet over our head. Seemed like there were much more planes this year than last. That would be my only noise complaint.	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
32	2 calls. The overhead plane banners flying all day overhead was by far the worst ever. I'll take the fireworks and people noise over that. They went over ever 2 minutes. I called the State Fair and all they said was we are not responsible for the noise and sent me an email.	9/8/2025 4:52 PM

Q14 How many days did you use your hang tag parking passes?

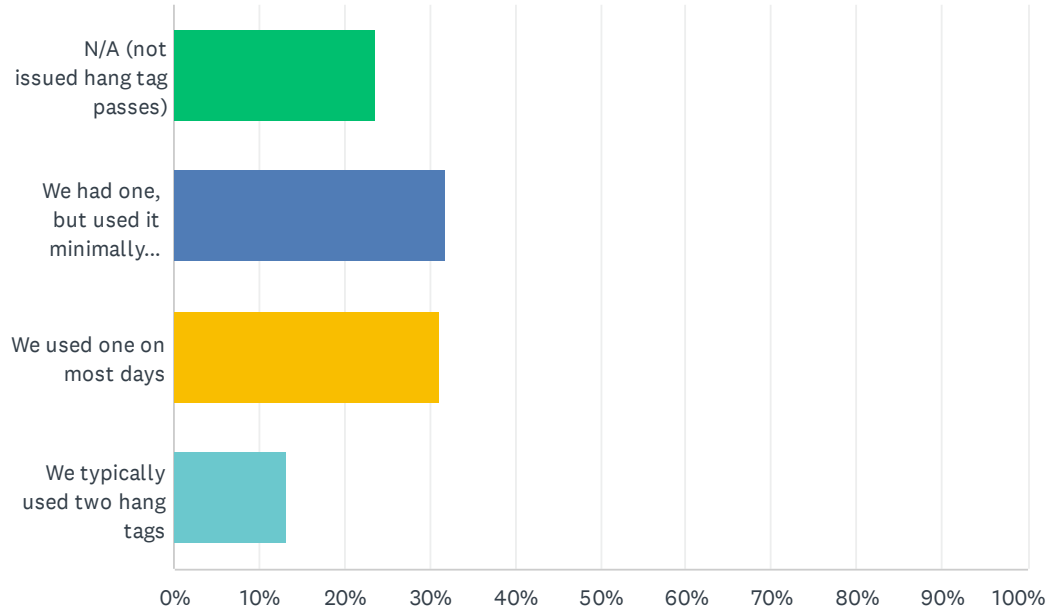
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A (not issued hang tags or not living in on eligible streets)	20.73%	40
0 (we were issued the tags, but never used them)	17.10%	33
1-2	19.17%	37
3-5	10.88%	21
6-9	11.40%	22
10-12	20.73%	40
TOTAL		193

Q15 How many passes did you typically use on the days that you used them?

Answered: 173 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A (not issued hang tag passes)	23.70%	41
We had one, but used it minimally (three days or less)	31.79%	55
We used one on most days	31.21%	54
We typically used two hang tags	13.29%	23
TOTAL		173

#	DESCRIBE OTHER USE:	DATE
1	We have a long driveway...	9/23/2025 11:05 AM
2	I was issued a hang tag but never used it.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
3	We did not use it.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
4	We had one hang tag and didn't use it	9/14/2025 3:03 PM
5	We were ineligible for hang tags due to living on Hoyt. We did get a variance on both of our vehicles and used both of them all 12 days of the fair.	9/12/2025 10:24 PM
6	We used 2 tags 3 days during the fair when we had a family function and guests from out of town.	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
7	We had a tag, but never used it	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
8	I had more friends and family parking in my driveway than ever, because they didn't want to pay \$25 for parking. More fun for me to see people and offer them a cost savings for their visit to the fair. But also, in the past I could easily provide convenient parking for friends and family	9/10/2025 8:49 PM

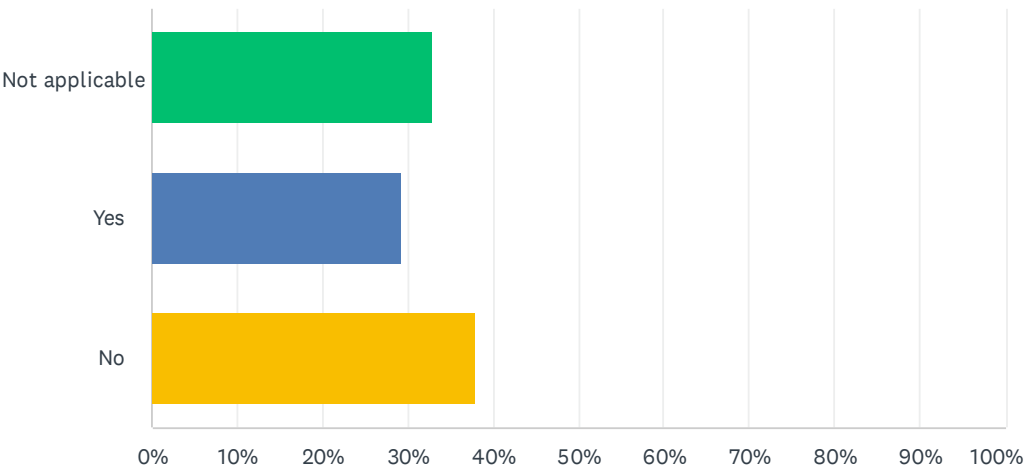
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by moving one or both of our cars to the street or "saving" them a spot they could use on the street. Now I had to go through the bother of getting hang tags and making sure I had them displayed. And my friends and extended family could not put their vehicles on the street at will. You increased the burden on residents when this used to be a perk of living near the fair.

9	City Hall said they had mailed a second tag out to me, but I never received it. Elke offered that I could come pick it up from City Hall but I just couldn't get over there during business hours (I was at work). I'll have to get a second pass for next year.	9/9/2025 9:43 PM
10	Some days used two, but most often just one	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
11	I never received my permit	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
12	We used it and let friends park in our driveway.	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
13	we had one car parked on the street most of the time. It swapped back and forth between the two cars we had, so we used both passes regularly.	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
14	Had 2 but used only 1 twice	9/9/2025 6:18 AM
15	For friends attending the state fair with me	9/8/2025 5:48 PM
16	Used one every day	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
17	We used two passes on three days	9/8/2025 4:41 PM

Q16 Did you use the "Resident State Fair Permit Parking" only areas?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable	32.81%	63
Yes	29.17%	56
No	38.02%	73
TOTAL		192

Q17 Provide optional feedback regarding the State Fair or other issues you'd like the Task Force to address for 2026 and beyond.

Answered: 138 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	What is the money that was made from the parking permits going toward? How will Falcon Heights residents benefit from this? With the steep cost of the recent road construction, it would be great if funds could be funneled toward that to reduce strain on residents.	10/6/2025 5:25 PM
2	Keep lights on in Curtiss Field after sunset.	10/5/2025 9:18 AM
3	We missed seeing the young families with strollers/wagons pass by in the morning and come home exhausted at night. We missed the, "where are you from" moments that we've had in the past.	9/29/2025 5:34 PM
4	I'd like the Task Force to consider minimizing the paid parking zone to those blocks closest to the fairgrounds, or to at least offer a sliding scale of parking fees -- charging less in zones as you get farther away. It didn't make much sense for someone to pay \$25 on our block and then walk more than a mile to the fairgrounds. Sure enough, hardly anyone parked on our street during the Fair this year. We live on Holton St, about five blocks east of Snelling, so historically we haven't had the same amount of traffic or parked cars on our street during the Fair as others. Before the pandemic, we did have people parking over Labor Day weekend, and also the past couple of years as attendance increased again. We don't really mind having fairgoers park on our street, especially since it is only on one side, but the \$25 definitely kept them away this year. Perhaps charging \$10-\$25 depending on how close you park might bring in more revenue for Falcon Heights. The Task Force should consider that the way the mobile parking was rolled out this year wasn't great from a community good will / PR aspect. Going from free parking to \$25 was abrupt and made our city seem like we were saying Not In My Backyard, rather than being a good neighbor to the Fair.	9/26/2025 10:42 AM
5	The signs that stated this is a paid parking zone seemed to be effective; otherwise, it would be pretty easy for someone to park and not realize they need to pay.	9/24/2025 2:55 PM
6	Please add more signage to Arona Street between California and Idaho if it continues to be resident permit parking. Those two little signs on posts obscured by trees were not enough. When nobody parked there it stayed open, but as soon as one car parked (even a resident permit) then the block would immediately fill with cars that then got tickets.	9/23/2025 10:27 AM
7	I was totally fine with the decision to try paid parking and fine with using it in the future if it makes financial sense for the city. I think it would be wise to provide easy-to-access information about how much it cost, how much was made above the cost to run it, and exactly how any extra \$ will be used. I was surprised that the rate was as high as the fair lots, but I assumed the rate was set to ensure the cost of the program was covered. Because of the paid parking, we actually had more of an option to park in front of our house than normal since it seemed a lot of people pivoted to park-n-ride lots. There were definitely fewer people parking on the north end of the 1700 block of Arona - most days we would've had cars here by 9am but this year there were days where the only car in front of our house belonged to a neighbor. I think Arona is often used as a way to bypass backups on Snelling and I definitely saw people speeding southbound on a few mornings (shout-out to SAPD for pulling someone over one morning just down the block). But, cars speeding down Arona are a year-round thing. There are just more during the fair. Although the increased traffic, bike-cab music, and occasional driveway interference of parkers can be a nuisance, I find the concert volume and circling planes far more disruptive during the fair. There have been times when I can literally hear the actual lyrics being sung, and I can often hear the music even with the windows closed. And one weekend day had two of those stupid banner-toting planes. I guess at least this noise is for a short period.	9/19/2025 10:30 AM
8	This year was OK. Noise level is still pretty bad at times, and there are always a few drunken louts stumbling through late at night. Unless they agree to move the Fair elsewhere, this probably won't change.	9/17/2025 4:26 PM

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9	The airplane advertising noise was TERRIBLE! All day long over and over those little planes circling made it impossible to enjoy our backyard. The planes should be banned. The best weather of the summer was ruined by plane noise. This needs to be changed next year. For all we put up with, plane noise should not be one of them.	9/17/2025 10:05 AM
10	Please continue to limit street parking and local traffic by implementing pay parking or resident only parking.	9/16/2025 8:23 PM
11	I think the park-by-mobile program was a start. It was successful because it is a beginning of positive change in our community. It is helpful because it was a seriously traffic calming program. It's nice that we made some revenue, however, safety is paramount, and the changes suggested by the SFTF and implemented by the City for the past 2 years during the State Fair are POSITIVE and we need to continue to improve upon them.	9/16/2025 3:17 PM
12	The overall benefit in our neighborhood was an obvious reduction of traffic and speeders which from our perspective is a success due to the emeter pay for parking pilot and sincerely hope it continues.	9/16/2025 1:39 PM
13	We were frankly quite troubled by the message that the new parking fee program gives--not at all the message of enthusiastic welcome to Falcon Heights which we had always appreciated being communicated. In our corner of the Northeast Quadrant there was no need for charging \$25 for parking. Friends who heard about it tended to have a similar reaction to ours. Given the limited payback, we think it was a step backward for Falcon Heights's image in the larger community.	9/16/2025 1:31 PM
14	I'm not sure the task force can address this, but the noise from overhead, small airplanes was unruly. The airplanes were carrying an advertising banner, but they would always turn right over our neighborhood. I couldn't even leave the windows open as the noise was so loud.	9/16/2025 1:15 PM
15	It seems like the vocal sentiment has been against the city selling metered parking. FWIW, I support it as long as all impacted residences (including those on Larpenteur) have accesses to the free passes. I appreciate the city is trying to recoup some money to put toward the costs incurred during the fair. Can more be done to convince the county to put flashing lights on the pedestrian crossing walk on Larpenteur at Fry? This remains a very, very dangerous crossing for fairgoers, and the fair police that monitor the Larpenteur gate entrance are not allowed to help stop traffic.	9/16/2025 10:56 AM
16	The streets were quieter but I miss the fair goers and atmosphere they brought during the fair.	9/16/2025 10:49 AM
17	The noise from the planes with banners was horrible and constant. The new parking plan was a wonderful improvement. Very efficient.	9/16/2025 9:32 AM
18	In my opinion, the paid parking policy this year drastically improved the experience of the fair in our neighborhood. I was already in support of this policy when it was announced because I hoped it would calm traffic, but was astonished at how much safer it felt compared to the last several years. I love the fair, but had started to dread each year due to the immense amount of traffic and dangerous driving we had been experiencing. I didn't know the experience of the fair as a close neighbor could be this much better. Thank you so much for instituting paid parking this year and PLEASE keep it for future years.	9/16/2025 9:22 AM
19	I would reinforce the idea of parking only on one side of the street should be considered year round in order to create a safer walking and bike riding space. Especially on Arona street between roselawn and larpentur. Possibly consider a sidewalk as it is heavily trafficked often speed on. I would also consider speed bumps or one way to discourage use of Arona as a through street. Possibly roundabouts as well to slow through traffic.	9/16/2025 8:14 AM
20	Encourage the State Fair Police/Administration to recognize their responsibility to provide for the safety of their pedestrian guests entering and exiting ALL gates including the ingress/egress intersections adjacent to State Fair property.	9/15/2025 9:58 PM
21	The planes circling overhead constantly were an unwanted addition this year. Otherwise, I was very pleased with how this year went. Thank you for all of you do!	9/15/2025 8:23 PM
22	Despite the negative comments on social media I think the parking permits were successful in reducing traffic, noise, litter and congestion in the neighborhood. I appreciate all of the work the task force has done thus far in making the city a positive and livable place while millions of people come each year. We have lived here 20 years and this is the first year we haven't been negatively impacted by the fair.	9/15/2025 7:36 PM

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23	I think the parking was good. I think more (big large temporary) signs in the NE quadrant would be helpful for the parkers. But it seemed like a good solution.	9/15/2025 6:50 PM
24	Reducing the traffic led to a MUCH calmer atmosphere in the neighborhood. I didn't expect that but I absolutely hope it continues! The planes were louder, flew several at once, and left the usual path; they were painfully intrusive this year. Thank you.	9/15/2025 6:43 PM
25	Perhaps the fee to park in FH next year should be \$15-\$20. Setting the cost at \$25 seems too high.	9/15/2025 6:26 PM
26	It was so quiet this year that we often forgot the fair was going on.	9/15/2025 5:30 PM
27	All for the charging for parking. Not much different than a parking meter.	9/15/2025 5:19 PM
28	Noise from traffic far less this year. Fireworks noise always a frustration - too bad they're every night! Big noise issue this year was that of small banner carrying planes - CONSTANT during daytime hours and extremely loud, even when inside with windows closed. Kudos to the task force, both this year and last on making decisions carefully, with community input welcomed! Well done! Signs marking 30 feet to corner and no parking zones a huge help. We also appreciated having resident only parking areas, which cut down on illegal parking near driveways and alleys and improved visibility when driving. We didn't have nonstop traffic up and down our streets (Iowa and Pascal) searching for parking this year. Signs clearly stated the policy and plenty of media attention alerted people to the change in policy.	9/15/2025 4:40 PM
29	The program seemed to well utilized in areas much closer to the fair. I think it's a fair ask for the value received and not a shakedown levied on out-of-towners. I'd consider the program a success if it was profitable and/or limited traffic/parking/disturbance otherwise.	9/15/2025 4:23 PM
30	Want to compliment SAPD: At one point a friend dropped off my kids in front of my house and was obviously not able to park, so they briefly parked on the no-parking side (Northome). We stood in my front yard for a few minutes to chat and a SAPD squad car slowed at the end of the block to look down the block at us (and the obviously illegally parked car). The officer clearly read the situation correctly (residents just trying to live their lives, though briefly in technical violation) and wisely just moved on without even stopping by to say anything. I was very grateful for, and very impressed by, the discretion and compassion the officer showed. Very well done indeed. Also, the one VERY annoying noise feature was that one of the (at least three) aircraft flying the advertising around was extremely loud. The other (two?) were okay, but one was just ridiculously loud. Flying low over my house every few minutes for hours at a time on a nice weekend day was extremely annoying.	9/15/2025 4:22 PM
31	The streets were quieter and litter and noise was down. The airplane noise from advertising seemed more than usual. Overall, I felt like the parking permit process went well.	9/15/2025 4:02 PM
32	As long as the pay parking does not lose money ; I am all for it because it reduced auto traffic on my street. Maybe next year if you could post the 20 mph speed limit in conjunction with the pay parking signs.	9/15/2025 3:58 PM
33	Help at crosswalks without lights (Fry & Larpenteur) like pre-COVID would be appreciated.	9/15/2025 3:52 PM
34	State Fair police should help stop traffic at Fry/Larpenteur for crossing pedestrians. Cars that do not stop for this crosswalk continue to be a problem and a police presence/ability to issue fines would be helpful in feeling safe while crossing here. Other crossings to get to the fair are at traffic light controlled intersections so they do not have this issue.	9/15/2025 3:44 PM
35	I think the parking program was a great idea. I think the city should continue to have temporary parking meters during state fair. With each succeeding year the general public will get used to paying for parking. As a small community the parking meters are a great option for offsetting some of the hidden costs of having the state fair grounds within our community's boundaries.	9/15/2025 3:39 PM
36	I was opposed to this plan but I have to admit that it seemed to work well and the city ended up being very responsive to neighbor concerns.	9/15/2025 3:37 PM
37	I am sure this has been stated, but the airplane traffic was ridiculous. My kiddo is now terrified of all airplanes.... when they used to love seeing them. The fair airplanes were to low, too loud, and way way to many times of circling. I did not personally call on the airplanes, but was reading those that did had zero help with them from either the state fair saying they had no control over the airplane traffic or the FAA who had a canned response about airplanes.	9/14/2025 8:08 PM
38	Keep the parking the way it was this year.	9/14/2025 4:11 PM

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39	What's the issue with the Oppose Pay for Parking residents? Don't they want more city revenue to keep our property taxes down?	9/14/2025 3:03 PM
40	It is my hope that adjustments can be made to the street parking policy to include residents on Hoyt and other ineligible streets. In all honesty, I missed the buzz and excitement the neighborhood had prior to the new parking arrangements. Both foot traffic and vehicle traffic were less in the Northhome area as it looked as if the paid parking was a major deterrent. While I didn't have to fight for a spot to park my vehicles (once I got a variance), it did not feel welcoming to the people coming to enjoy the fair.	9/12/2025 10:24 PM
41	Thought the new system worked well. Thank you!	9/12/2025 7:44 PM
42	Would prefer a small percentage of ticket sales, but understand that is an uphill battle. Was so much quieter this year - but we are no super close to the fair. I wonder if tiered parking rates would have worked better.	9/12/2025 7:00 AM
43	The task force is a bunch of crabby, inconsiderate folks and city council members and should be dissolved. Engaging kind, nice folks from the neighborhood to engage with the state fair folks would go a long way. Same complaints, different day is getting real old. Try something new!	9/11/2025 10:01 PM
44	All residents should be issued 2 hang tags no matter street you live on. Would Lindy report on income & expenses before Nov election . How many tickets were issued ? Who got the money? How many who got tickets are contesting them & who do they go to ? Where were the extra ports potties ? We're a my accidents reported ?	9/11/2025 6:28 PM
45	I feel it was an un necessary exercise and a waste of public resources overall Also, I did not appreciate a city council member knocking at my door and "bullying" me for my view on "fee for " parking. I was asked to "remove my yard sign". No freedom of speech in Falcon heights? I was appalled !	9/11/2025 10:48 AM
46	I want to see the actual numbers of money made from this and how it will offset our property taxes like we were told it would. Our street was never full. If you wanted resident only parking, you should have just done that. There was no cost and no hours posted on the posts. I know a few of us called in about that and then, lo and behold some sandwich boards appeared the next day. I still maintain this is an incredibly unwelcoming, disrespectful, classist money grab. It seems to be pushed hard by one specific person on the council, who I learned has been harassing residents who oppose her. The lack of engagement and integrity from this council is appalling and has forever tainted my view of the council so long as the current members remain on it.	9/10/2025 11:04 PM
47	Vote to eliminate this senseless program immediately. Just curious, do you all hate the State Fair so much that you create laws that seek to keep people away? Here's a little inside tip: The Fair is here to stay. Embrace it with love, not hate.	9/10/2025 10:36 PM
48	1. Loved the new pay for parking! 2. Continuous airplane noise was obnoxious!	9/10/2025 9:52 PM
49	Ditch the hang tags and use codes from the app instead.	9/10/2025 9:45 PM
50	Streets from California and north across Larpenteur looks pretty empty most days of the fair. If your goal was to keep people out of the neighborhoods you probably succeeded. If your goal was to make money not sure that really happened.	9/10/2025 9:12 PM
51	If u can park for money so too should we	9/10/2025 8:52 PM
52	1. Please see above for my complaint about the inexcusable lack of clear parking signage for the first day and a half of the fair. 2. I would expect that the financial data for pay parking will be made available to residents prior to the election in November. I intend to cast my ballot based on which candidates will support/oppose pay parking in the future, and in order for anyone to make a decision about pay parking, we need all the data on costs, net proceeds, and whether pay parking accomplished any of the other stated goals of the plan (safety, respect for private property, etc.) 3. Councilperson Paula Mielke reportedly knocked on the door of my neighbor on 9/8 and asked her to take down her "This House Opposes Pay Parking" sign. Mielke said the sign was giving a bad impression of our neighborhood. I also have a sign. (I and another neighbor actually had all the signs printed.) There are five or six signs just on our block. I don't know if any other residents were asked to take their signs down, but I feel strongly that harassing residents by asking them to remove lawn signs is what some might call a First Amendment violation -- particularly when that request is coming from a city	9/10/2025 8:49 PM

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council member. I have growing discomfort that the elected leaders of Falcon Heights are determined to change things about our community because THEY want to, not because they are representing the will of the residents. The pay parking issue was largely unpopular. Unless it brings in an overwhelming amount of money and lowers our property taxes significantly, and unless it accomplishes some of the other (poorly argued, by the way) goals of the plan, I think it should be dropped for the future. It felt like government overreach, it was greedy, and it was definitely a rushed process that did not allow for enough resident input before being put into action. 4. The City made it difficult to obtain a second hang tag. The info in the mailer with the first hang tag said I had to fill out a paper form and mail it back to the city to get a second tag. That means I had to find an envelope and a stamp, and THE ADDRESS of city hall, which was not stated on the form, but was in tiny print on the letterhead of the letter sent with the first tag. However, as I was looking up something on the city web site, I found a way to request a second pass online. Why wasn't that method described in the mailer with the first tag? I suspect because you wanted to make it as inconvenient as possible to get a second hang tag. Honestly, you are going to have to lower my property taxes a LOT for me to forget how irritating this entire pay parking thing is.

53	Thank you! I enjoyed the quieter neighborhood :)	9/10/2025 6:26 PM
54	I missed having the Fair flow into our neighborhood. I'd like to see parking fees less next year, if possible.	9/10/2025 4:42 PM
55	Approve of the funds generated from parking. Perhaps consider reducing fee to \$20 per day?	9/10/2025 3:21 PM
56	Perhaps taking a look at tiered parking. More \$\$ for closer parking zones, less as you're parked further from the fair. Lift the one side only of street parking during the fair on streets greater than 36 ft in width IOT generate additional parking revenue. (EMS should still have the ability to respond as needed) Remove the ordinance of not allowing property owners from generating income to charge for parking on their property. Properties S of Hoyt just 36ft from FH in St. Paul have the opportunity to generate thousands of dollars of income. Proper insurance and inspection of any property for owners would want to pursue that could be inspected by the city and pay the city for a permit to do so. Businesses, non profits alike. Ie.. UCC parking lot could generate some \$\$ to park there. Keep up the good work that you all do. FH is a great community and 12 days of the fair is something all of us should be handle. For those who can't there are many options for them to avoid it. Thanks again.	9/10/2025 1:49 PM
57	Get rid of paid parking now and going forward. Remove all of the state fair haters from the city council	9/10/2025 12:50 PM
58	No one parked on our streets at all during the fair unless they were residents during the fair. The only people that parked on our street were residents. I think \$25 in the NE quadrant is way too much for people to pay to park for the fair. Maybe make tiered parking. I think paid parking is fine and the city is fine to recoup some funds but to expect people to pay \$25 in the NE quadrant is not realistic and no one parked on our streets. They have in previous years.	9/10/2025 12:23 PM
59	I think we should continue the paid parking next year, as I hear that Roseville and St Paul will institute paid parking too.	9/10/2025 12:22 PM
60	A great success!	9/10/2025 12:21 PM
61	Taking restrictions in the NE quadrant is not necessary. It only impacts the residents	9/10/2025 12:15 PM
62	Would like to know how much revenue FH gets from ticketing for parking violations and how that revenue is split with STA police. Also need to address airplane noise. I am OK with ambient Fair noise, concerts and fireworks, but planes flying low all day long is not OK.	9/10/2025 11:51 AM
63	The permit only spots were a huge help. Overall we were super happy with less traffic, less garbage and people monitoring it, between police and ambassadors. Thank you!	9/10/2025 9:22 AM
64	Cut down on the planes please! More policing needed on Como Ave, Cleveland Ave and Larpenteur Ave. Rude drivers! And driving too fast.	9/10/2025 9:20 AM
65	Living on Holton just north of Larpenteur, usually our block gets state fair parking, especially on weekends. This year there was none. So the \$25 parking fee was set too high to get anyone to use it on our block.	9/10/2025 9:08 AM
66	The new parking was outstanding! Really appreciated how it balanced so many needs: 1) Increased potential for city revenue, 2) Ample parking access for residents, 3) Significant	9/10/2025 8:45 AM

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reduction in traffic and speed of the traffic, 4) Increased availability of parking for non-resident fairgoers throughout the day and evening.

67	I was not happy about having paid parking. I did not think it would change the amount of craziness in the neighborhood with people trying to get spots to park and with the issue of illegally parking (blocking our alley, ontop of stop signs etc) I was wrong! It made a HUGE positive difference in the neighborhood!	9/10/2025 8:01 AM
68	Paid parking in Northeast quadrant certainly kept traffic down but I'm sure did not generate money anticipated. Not one car parked on our block while years past it was full every day. No issues whatsoever with parked cars in the past. Looked similar in the majority of the quadrant. Looking forward to a report on how much \$ that actually generated and how much it cost to implement.	9/10/2025 6:26 AM
69	I think you did a fantastic job! Communication was excellent regarding the new parking program. For those opposed, frankly, they should ask themselves how self-righteous they are. They clearly like to pay higher taxes and road assessments. There are so many free options for fair goers I don't understand the objection to pay parking. Anyway, great job. Thank you!	9/10/2025 4:44 AM
70	Because it was paid parking we had much less traffic in our area during the fair. We are in the north east quadrant and after the first few days, it was much easier to get around and much easier to park. I think paid parking is a success.	9/9/2025 10:23 PM
71	Drivers that were trolling the neighborhood for parking seemed more attentive. Overall this was a good fair experience. Thanks for your work and efforts and willingness to try something new! If the numbers make sense, I'd be in favor of continuing the paid parking.	9/9/2025 9:44 PM
72	Not sure if the Task Force can address this, but the amount of advertising airplanes and the duration of fly time seemed much increased compared to previous years. It would be great if that could be reduced.	9/9/2025 9:43 PM
73	The signage for paid parking was inadequate. There needs to be signs every 30-40 feet to prevent people missing the signs. Perhaps it would help if signs were double sided.	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
74	Bravo on the paid parking!	9/9/2025 9:26 PM
75	We had far less parking on our block and the blocks around us. It seemed that people generally didn't park much in the NE Quadrant. We've been here for over 10 years and we've never seen it this empty.	9/9/2025 8:34 PM
76	I would like to better understand the overall net income of the parking fee.	9/9/2025 8:31 PM
77	Additional signage for the pay parking- maybe additional small signage (like the no parking or resident parking little temp posts). Shocked by how well the paid street parking went! Does falcon heights get the revenue generated from ticketing? Or is that SAPD? I do question why residents are not allowed to advertise for parking spots?? Maybe I misunderstand. But if folks have large driveways (not me!), why not hold out a sign to sell the spot? Not a fan of parking on yards, though	9/9/2025 7:51 PM
78	I feel this survey is misleading. I don't agree with charging for parking and we weren't issued a pass even though we use on street parking. I think the parking enforcement was also misleading to the public. I hope you do not renew the contract.	9/9/2025 7:49 PM
79	Please clarify if fairgoers are allowed to park on Lindig. If they are not allowed to park on Fairview, they should not be able to park on Lindig. If they are not allowed to park on Lindig, this should be enforced. We have an empty back lot on Lindig which attracts fairgoers seeking parking, and causes them to be careless about damage to the property and litter.	9/9/2025 7:39 PM
80	Pay for parking was a game changer. I was able to park in front of my house without a problem this year. Less traffic, less noisy people walking down the street at 11 pm. Thank you for coming up with a solution to the State Fair parking dilemma.	9/9/2025 5:58 PM
81	We LOVED the new parking system and hope it continues into the future. It gave us our neighborhood back. We have lived here more than 30 years and this year felt much more like 15+ years ago. A little more activity in the neighborhood but we didn't have to alter our normal living patterns.	9/9/2025 5:54 PM
82	The planes constantly flying overhead was the only negative experience we had regarding the fair this year. Very annoying, loud and constant. On the flip, so happy to have SAPD back,	9/9/2025 4:39 PM

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they did a great job and were very present. Also support the pay parking. Hoping we brought some decent revenue in. We highly feel it kept the riff raff out of our neighborhood, and we actually went for walks and allowed our son to bike this year (we wouldn't in the past due to such aggressive driving from visitors trying to battle for any parking space).

83	I am hoping that the paid parking encouraged more people to carpool and ride the bus to the fair. I was very neutral at the beginning on whether or not I thought permit parking/paid parking would be a good thing, but our neighborhood seemed much quieter and it appeared that the places where you parked to ride the bus were busier so I think it did encourage people to be more thoughtful on how to get to the fair. I think if we want to encourage environmentally friendly options to the fair \$25 is a good price to encourage that.	9/9/2025 4:08 PM
84	I think the pay to park is a good idea. It reduces traffic and hopefully helped offset the city's expenses.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
85	There needs to be a police officer at the intersection of Fry and Larpenteur for people that cross the street there. The cars do not tend to stop, and the Fair security ignores those that cross Larpenteur at Fry; they only seem concerned with cars that are entering or leaving the Fair grounds. I attended the fair 6 times and never felt safe crossing Larpenteur at Fry. I believe a pedestrian crossing light needs to be installed there.	9/9/2025 4:06 PM
86	NO PARKING ON CITY STREETHS BY PARK AND RIDES. ESPECIALLY THE ONE AT ST ROSE. THE STREETHS ARE NARROWORAL THEN THE OTHER STREETHS IN ROSEVILLE. WE ALREADY HAVE NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE FO THE STREETH ALL YEAR. THIS IS THE SIDE ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH. BLOCKS GOING INTO THE PARKING LOT OF HAR MAR MALL. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE SAY THI EVERY YEAR. NO ONE LISTERNS.	9/9/2025 3:22 PM
87	Thank you for the great work	9/9/2025 2:59 PM
88	I really enjoyed the paid parking because of the quieter calmer streets. However, to make it friendlier, I would extend the hours until an hour after the concert ended. That way fairgoers who are at the concert don't have to move their cars and have to pay for parking again.	9/9/2025 2:56 PM
89	I do not feel new parking charge is worthwhile. Seems excessive. Will be curious to see wh as t outcome of his much city rally earned in charging. A lot of confusion on times enforced, not great signage. I do not appreciate city charging for parking especially when so many are feeling squeeze of cost of living.	9/9/2025 2:46 PM
90	I really appreciated that there was less traffic during the fair. We were able to use the resident only parking which was great. I do think there needs to be better signage for the resident parking only street on the corners of Hoyt. Lots of people got tickets outside our house (corner Pascal and Hoyt) and it seemed like many missed the signs when they made the turn onto Pascal. They seemed to see the signage up the street, where there were less spots and more signage. Would be nice to do a sandwich board.	9/9/2025 2:31 PM
91	The state fair is the best time of year and I love living in the host city. I am disappointed in the barriers the city put up for parking for visitors.	9/9/2025 2:21 PM
92	Traffic on frontage roads	9/9/2025 1:27 PM
93	I'm so grateful we got to enjoy our neighborhood and our last summer evenings before school began with less stress than usual. *Big thanks* and two thumbs up. 10/10 would absolutely recommend continuing paid parking during the State Fair.	9/9/2025 12:40 PM
94	Please make it safer for pedestrians at the Larpenteur gate. I	9/9/2025 12:34 PM
95	I would like to see how much it cost the city to implement the paid parking. Very few fair goers parked on my street. There is no way the city made a profit. I'd like a program that is net zero or profitable. The price was way too high.	9/9/2025 12:03 PM
96	I felt that the on street parking was very expensive, being that parking at the fair would have been cheaper and this was farther away. Coupled with even more expensive admission tickets, it is beginning to feel like attending the fair is a luxury and inaccessible for average families.	9/9/2025 11:45 AM
97	I want to know how many parking violation tickets were written this year and compare to previous years. How much does city receive from parking tickets.	9/9/2025 11:29 AM
98	Noise from planes dragging advertising banners has been unbearable this year, especially over	9/9/2025 11:26 AM

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the final weekend of the fair. It would be great if the city could work with the fair (or whoever else is involved) to limit this noise pollution.

99	The pay for parking situation needs to be revisited and improved. Confusion, signage, cost (\$25 is way too much in my opinion), city staff workload, etc. I hope more thought and consideration will be given before next year rolls around.	9/9/2025 11:02 AM
100	I think speeding is a huge issue through our neighborhoods. Children are playing and we have vehicles traveling approx. 30-40mph through our streets. That is not safe. I think more enforcement as well as potentially placing signs saying no thru traffic during the fair are necessary.	9/9/2025 10:48 AM
101	I'm very interested to see how much revenue was generated. I felt the price for parking, especially in the NE Quadrant, meant that many fewer people parked in the neighborhood. It was nice as it was quieter and safer. I wonder if pricing the parking at \$15, perhaps in the NE Quadrant, would have increased people willing to park and walk from there. One concern I had was that the signage left a lot to be desired. I think it wasn't obvious enough that paid parking was being enforced or what the price would be. I want us to be transparent with visitors to our city on what the pricing would be and not trick them into getting a parking ticket. I saw many tickets being handed out and I think some of that could have been avoided with better signage.	9/9/2025 10:12 AM
102	Ten days feeling trapped in my apartment. Not able to get back in, if went out.	9/9/2025 9:59 AM
103	I want to see cops help people cross between Larpenter and the north gate. They used to but now it is up to the cars to simply stop and then people can cross. Multiple times cars blew through but pedestrians were aware enough that there was not a disaster	9/9/2025 9:39 AM
104	The airplane noise was more frequent and much louder than usual. I always expect some noise but this year was too much! Three planes at one time circling. It would be great if the City of Falcon Heights would contact the FAA or whom ever needs to be contacted and file a complaint for the city regarding noise.	9/9/2025 9:00 AM
105	Seemed to be less traffic thru the neighborhood this year which was welcomed. I think the resident only parking areas were a great idea as well as the no parking signs placed on either sides of our driveway	9/9/2025 8:42 AM
106	Our street hardly had any cars on it, especially compared to past years. The new fees seem to be more of a deterrent than a money maker. Seems kind of silly. Also - not sure if I indicated the right neighborhood. The map was so small I couldn't read the street names. We live on Holton north of Larpentuer - not far from Martinizing Dry cleaning (which is quite the eyesore).	9/9/2025 8:37 AM
107	I live on Hoyt and did not get a parking permit which is not equitable at all. I would have to pay to park in my neighborhood. This should be changed for the future. In past years, I would park in other street when the no parking went into effect.	9/9/2025 7:47 AM
108	It was very frustrating that houses on Larpenteur, Hoyt, and others were not included in getting hangtags and that we had to go through a lot of hassle to eventually get our license registered with the pay mobile app. All residents should get free street parking if paid parking is going to be implemented. Overall appreciated that streets by us were less busy. Should consider tiered paying depending on when people come/go, but have to assume that would be hard to monitor. We never saw ambassadors though so I'm unsure how well the paid parking was enforced. Would like transparency on how much was made from the paid parking and what issues were brought up to city hall/police about it.	9/9/2025 7:36 AM
109	The airplanes were noisy and constant. That has to go as it is polluting the air in more ways than one.	9/9/2025 6:18 AM
110	One of the things we wish was possible is a shorter entrance pass with lower fee. :) We feel quite confident that we'd run over to the Fair for breakfast or supper 3 or 4 more times during the Fair. Maybe even more. But the entrance fees are too high to do it frequently. I get the constraints--just always want to let the Fair know that we'd be glad to spend money over there!! (Just not the full price on that many days.)	9/8/2025 9:44 PM
111	ParkMobile is a solution in search of a problem. I hated all the signs. I hate that we are charging people to park on a public street. I hate that my family and friends could not park in front of my house without being charged. I am disgusted with how this transpired, and the arrogance of the city council in dismissing the concerns of the residents and forcing this down our throats.	9/8/2025 8:49 PM

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112	Support continued use of permit parking	9/8/2025 8:03 PM
113	The planes were excessive this year. One at a time is annoying but fine, but 3 at a time got to the point where you could barely be outside without disruptive noise. There are also quite a few sirens during the fair at all hours of the night and it seems like those could be used less when on Larpenteur in the middle of the night when there isn't traffic anyway.	9/8/2025 7:23 PM
114	Crossing Larpenteur safely. This is an issue on other Fairground events, too.	9/8/2025 7:17 PM
115	I live on Fry street. We have a little added traffic on our street but not much. I did like the year barriers we put at the end of the street. No reason for people to drive through our neighborhood and the barriers resulted in almost no additional traffic. Generally no issues and appreciate the no parking signs on street. The frequency of police/emergency sirens on Larpenteur and Snelling has increased through the years and I would be supportive of any planning /initiatives that could alleviate incidents in our neighborhood. Thank you for your efforts!	9/8/2025 6:27 PM
116	Small plane advertising seemed super loud this year. Interfered with sitting outside	9/8/2025 5:48 PM
117	While supportive of paid parking for the fair, the way it was executed this year fell below expectations. Signage was poor and the volume of citations was high. Additionally, by charging a flat fee throughout the fair across all streets instead of peak pricing or other variation based on proximity to the fair, the vibe of the neighborhood was weird. The way it was applied implied fairgoers were not welcome at all in our neighborhood which I do not support.	9/8/2025 5:42 PM
118	Thank you for trying the new program. I hope it will continue and be fine-tuned in the future.	9/8/2025 5:39 PM
119	We observed many more open parking spaces this year than previously. I would like the city to release the net revenue from parking fees. The public needs to know if this was a worthwhile venture for the city.	9/8/2025 5:34 PM
120	Is there any way to provide additional space for bikes on the roads to the grounds? With traffic coming in both directions and then people walking it was tough to get around it all to the free bike parking. Easy to leave at the end of the night though.	9/8/2025 5:21 PM
121	I liked it better this year. Much quieter minus the airplanes.	9/8/2025 5:20 PM
122	Everyone does their best to their ability during the fair police, residents etc nobody likes the fair in there neighborhood. What are you going to do.	9/8/2025 5:15 PM
123	The parking system was organized and implemented extremely well. It was a complete win / win/ win. No downsides whatsoever. City should renew the contract for next year. There seemed to be a lot more noise from the fair. Especially planes and helicopters circling the grounds. We sat out on our deck and at times found not even carry on a conversation the air traffic was so loud. Don't recall that ever being an issue.	9/8/2025 5:13 PM
124	While the new pay for parking didn't really affect us that much, I'm still opposed to the idea on the reputation of Falcon Heights just trying to make a buck and not really solving any problems.	9/8/2025 5:09 PM
125	I would like a comprehensive report detailing the amount of income from the new parking fees shared at one of the upcoming city council meetings. I was very disappointed that we were using police resources to write parking tickets. If crime is truly one of the major concerns around the state fair, this is absolutely ridiculous. Did we incur overtime fees to utilize the police for tickets?	9/8/2025 5:09 PM
126	I would gather more feedback from your ambassadors (like myself), but overall I think the program was a success. I would recommend tickets be issued by the city itself next year to help offset the load on the Police. Alternatively, having a cadet or community service officer who is just responsible for tickets could be an alternative. Ambassadors found a lot of violators but the police often stopped giving tickets after a certain duration. Work with the state fair to announce ALL of Falcon Heights is now paid parking. The goal should be compliance and having people pay, but if they can park and not get a ticket, they will do it again in the future. Clearer signage in certain areas...A lot of confusion was in regards to WHAT area was paid parking, some thought because a sign was not in front of them, they could park for free. Overall, I think it was a great success for the first year.	9/8/2025 5:08 PM
127	Please do something about the small plane noise! These businesses can find another way to do advertising. I doubt anyone at the fair was really looking at them, but those of us NOT at the fair found this extremely disruptive.	9/8/2025 5:07 PM

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128	None	9/8/2025 5:06 PM
129	Regarding the parking permits, they were very small. In our truck, it would not be visible at all if hung from the mirror. I had to tape it to the windshield below the equipment behind the rear view mirror. Maybe have bigger hang tags like handicap parking permits or an extension that allows the tag to hang lower.	9/8/2025 5:05 PM
130	The city of falcon heights has not been clear on how the money generated from parking is going to benefit its own residents. If the city of falcon heights can benefit from patrons of the state fair why do the residents that pay taxes here cannot benefit from living here? If we live here we should at least get some sort of discount for state fair tickets or something	9/8/2025 5:00 PM
131	Most of the neighbors I talked to loved the quieter street. Hopefully they respond to this survey as well because I never wanna go back to what it has been the last two decades.	9/8/2025 4:58 PM
132	STOP THE PAID PARKING. You need more signs. People could not figure out what to do, until the sandwich boards came out. They did not know the hours. We as a neighborhood helped people who were parking in the permit only or they would of been ticketed. We DID NOT get PAID! Cops told me they thought it was awful Their computers did not work in our area, so they had to write it down or something strange. Something about bandwidth. The signs were so little and trees blocked them. I was a disaster year.	9/8/2025 4:52 PM
133	I would love to know what the money earned from parking in Falcon Heights / any parking tickets given out are going towards. I would also like to know how much money the city earned from this.	9/8/2025 4:50 PM
134	From our perspective, the paid parking initiative was a HUGE success. It really cut down on the traffic and chaos on our normally busy intersection. I did feel like I was living in "sign city" due to the number and types of signs about parking. I think this could be simplified moving forward. Why, oh why, don't we simply paint curbs like every other city in the US?	9/8/2025 4:46 PM
135	Surprised that there are residents who don't see the benefits of this program. It would be useful to have more data by street - I have a feeling some streets are more impacted than others.	9/8/2025 4:42 PM
136	Not sure you can do anything about this, but the noise from the airplanes flying around towing banners was much worse than in past years. Hard to talk over the noise of the planes when outside.	9/8/2025 4:41 PM
137	I felt the traffic, noise and disturbance was much less this year. It was nice to be able to park on the street during the fair instead of having to juggle cars in the driveway.	9/8/2025 4:39 PM
138	The air planes were very loud and disruptive	9/8/2025 4:37 PM



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Meeting Date	October 15, 2025
Agenda Item	E3
Attachment	2023 Report
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Final State Fair Task Force Recommendations
Description	The State Fair Task Force was re-started by the City Council in 2023 to serve a two-year term, with an official task force sunset date of December 31, 2025. As a final order of business, the State Fair Task Force should report of the group's activity and final recommendations. To consider, attached are the final recommendations from 2025
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	• 2023 Final State Fair Task Force Recommendations
Action(s) Requested	Review and consider how to put together the final report to City Council.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: State Fair Task Force
Date: January 10, 2024
Subject: Final State Fair Task Force Report and Recommendations

Overview on the Taskforce & Acknowledgements

On June 14th, 2023 a special task force was appointed by the City Council with a clear directive: to provide the City Council with recommendations aimed at enhancing the quality of life for residents impacted by events at the Minnesota fairgrounds. This Task Force also had the responsibility to ensure continued positive relations with our community neighbors and partners. Furthermore, it was essential that the Task Force's recommendations ensured that all residents, such as renters, seniors, and minority groups, were not adversely affected by any new policies or procedures.

The Task Force was composed of a dedicated group of individuals including Ross Allard, Bob Tomlinson, Christian Ruud, Mona McGarthwaite, Rice' Davis, Tom Brace, Vickie Brand, Georgiana May, Paula Mielke, and Jennifer Paulus. In addition, Deni Larson participated as a non-voting member. City Administrator Jack Linehan served as the staff liaison to ensure the Task Force decisions and recommendations aligned with broader city goals. Leading up to the State Fair, the Task Force met on a bi-weekly basis. It's worth noting that this Task Force concluded its operations on December 31, 2023. It was the goal of the State Fair Task Force to provide a final report to the City Council following the expiration of the group.

History

The Minnesota State Fair is within the municipal boundaries of the City of Falcon Heights. However, in 1985, the Minnesota State Fair leadership successfully lobbied for an amendment to MN Stat. 37.01 that explicitly states that *"Any part of the State Fairgrounds which is within the boundaries of another city or political subdivision of the state is detached from the city or political subdivision"*. This limits the ability of the City of Falcon Heights to regulate or levy taxes on the operations of the Minnesota State Fair. The focus of the Task Force and other past regulatory action has focused on the jurisdictional authority of the City of Falcon Heights.

2023 Recommendations

The State Fair Task Force held its first meeting on June 15, 2023. The 2023 State Fair was approaching rapidly, and the Task Force was aware that timely recommendations were essential to ensure a safe and manageable experience for residents. They delved deep into the issues and, after careful consideration, suggested several policy changes that the City Council enacted prior to the 2023 Minnesota State Fair.

- Designate the hydrant side of all streets in the Northeast Quadrant neighborhood as no parking zones. This would not only address the parking disorganization but also ensure that essential services like firefighting would remain unhindered.
- Add more temporary signage throughout the community to provide clarity and reduce violations. The additional signage included more signs for No Parking During the State Fair and those marking the 30-foot "no parking here to (stop)" in front of stop signs.
- To disincentive ignoring parking regulations, the Task Force passed a policy doubling parking violations between August 15th and September 15th. The Task Force believed that a financial deterrent would discourage visitors violating parking regulations.
- The Task Force passed motions to uphold these existing State Fair procedures outlined in the administrative manual:
 - No parking on front lawns
 - No sale of parking on lawns or permeable surfaces
 - No vendors in front lawns
 - Kid lemonade stands as the only allowed commercial venture in residential districts

Forging Stronger Relationships

The Task Force met with the new State Fair CEO Renee Alexander and members of her leadership team including marketing director Christine Noonan and operations manager Mike Hagan. Topics discussed included:

- Adding more park-and-ride sites and Metro Transit express buses
- Status of northeast transit hub
- Admission caps
- Noise reduction from fireworks
- Revenue sharing
- Adding 25 new garbage bins placed at our recommendation throughout the city

The Task Force also met with the Shevek McKee, director of Como District 10 Council. McKee has created a State Fair resource guide and gave permission to use it as a

model for creating one for Falcon Heights' residents. The comprehensive 'State Fair Resident Guide' was not just informative but was designed to empower residents with knowledge. The guide was shared electronically. City staff recommends including it next year in a print newsletter distributed in August.

The Task Force held a post meeting with the State Fair operations and marketing managers to discuss what worked well in 2023 – garbage cans placed in the neighborhood and sharing fireworks schedule – and other areas to address going forward.

State Fair Survey

To ensure that the implemented changes were not just top-down but also reflected the experiences of residents, a feedback survey was conducted post the 2023 State Fair. This survey witnessed participation from 163 respondents, whose feedback was invaluable.

- 57.4% believed the parking enforcement measures implemented this year were an improvement—a testament to the Task Force's initiative
- 61.8% observed a reduction in littering
- 67.9% felt that the fairgoers were respectful of private properties.
- 64.59% favored doubling parking fines
- 79.51% appreciated the curb markings and added signage

However, challenges remain, as 32.3% still felt that traffic was a significant problem during the State Fair and other popular events such as the car shows.

The open-ended feedback section was a gold mine of insights and recommendations:

- Expand parking restrictions to include “no parking within 30 feet” signs on both sides of the block
- Add signage to mark “no parking within 5 feet” of alley entrances and driveways
- Improve signage at crucial crossings like Fry Street and work with policing to protect pedestrian safety
- Provide more porta potties in neighborhoods
- Extend State Fair regulations to other large-scale events such as the Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back to the 50s

Full survey results available here:

www.falconheights.org/home/showpublisheddocument/4312/6383218726982300

Next Steps

As Falcon Heights looks to the 2024 Minnesota State Fair and beyond, the City Council has a robust set of recommendations at its disposal, including:

- Regulate and enforce pedicabs safety guidelines during the State Fair
- Refine city ordinances to offer more clarity on parking regulations
- Further define terms such as “kids’ lemonade stands”
- Ensure commercial businesses obtain licenses if third-party parking services are employed
- Officially codify current State Fair procedures outlined in the administrative manual to allow additional enforceability
- Because parking pressure will continue to be an issue, consider ways to ensure that residents can reasonably expect to be able to park near their home.

In the long term, the City Council should explore avenues for financial support or reimbursement from either the Minnesota State Fair or the State of Minnesota, acknowledging the wear and tear on the city's infrastructure. Moreover, the council should proactively engage with the State Fair to explore more inclusive ticketing options for various community groups.

Additionally, it is recommended that the city commission a financial impact study on the State Fair with the support of our state legislators and other elected officials.

Conclusion

In 2023, the Falcon Heights Task Force has proven that when a community comes together with a clear vision and purpose, transformative changes can be achieved. Their dedication has set the stage for a harmonious relationship between the Minnesota State Fair and the Falcon Heights community. The road ahead is clear, with both immediate and long-term recommendations, and it's now upon the City Council to steer Falcon Heights to a future where events like the State Fair only amplify the city's charm and not detract from it.