



»» NEWSLETTER ««



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

>>> CITY COUNCIL

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



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, November 5 - City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 12 - City Council Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM





CITY COUNCIL MEETING UNOFFICIAL RECAP



CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2025
7:00 PM

AGENDA - AMENDED

PRESENTATION

- Roseville Area School District – Capital Project Levy for Technology Referendum

MINUTES

- September 10, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 - September 10, 2025 City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
- (Meyer; Approved 5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, and Wire Payments
 - Approval of City Licenses
 - Approval of Pay Estimate #5 to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for the 2025 Pavement Management Project
 - Approval of Pay Estimate to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for Repairs Made Related to 2021 Pavement Management Project
 - Approval of Resolution 25-96 Authorizing All Energy Solar Change Order for City Hall CT Cabinet Installation
 - Authorization of Inspection and Repairs for Plow Truck Units #16 and #12 Not to Exceed \$11,000
 - Approval of Postage Meter Lease for City Hall
 - Approval of Ordinance 25-06 and Summary Ordinance 25-06 Amending the 2025 Fee Schedule to Add Fee for Lower Potency Hemp Retailer Registrations
- (Gustafson; Approved 5-0)

POLICY ITEMS

- Request for Proposals – Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Consultant
- Consideration of Falcon Heights – Lauderdale Lions Club's Use of City Hall Parking Lot for Holiday Tree Sales and Approval of 2025 Holiday Tree Sales License

(Mielke; Approved 5-0)

The full City Council agenda packet can be found [here](#).



LES BOLSTAD GOLF COURSE SALE

The University of Minnesota has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sale and redevelopment of the Les Bolstad Golf Course property.

Earlier this year, the City of Falcon Heights formed a Visioning Committee—made up of two City Council members and three Planning Commission members—to develop guiding principles for the site's future. Following community input gathered through an open house and online survey, the Planning Commission and City Council jointly approved the Goals and Guiding Principles document on September 23.

This document has been submitted to the University to help inform its RFP process. While the RFP release marks an important step, there will be additional opportunities for City and community input as the University evaluates proposals and the development process continues.

More Information:

- [Falcon Heights Golf Course Page](#)
- [Les Bolstad Golf Course FAQ Page](#)
- [Goals and Guiding Principles](#)
- [University of Minnesota RFP](#)

FALCONEERS CARD CLUB

The local Falconeers Card Club is looking for new members!

The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 1 - 3 PM at Falcon Heights City Hall. Members typically play cribbage and 500. All are invited to attend! Questions, call Ken at 612-207-3159.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & UPDATES

ELECTIONS

In-person absentee and early voting are available for the November 4 election through November 3 at the Ramsey County Elections Office at the Plato Building (90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107).

Early Voting is now also available at additional locations through November 3.

- [Ramsey County Library—Roseville, 2180 Hamline Ave. N.](#)
- [Ramsey County Library—Shoreview, 4560 Victoria St. N.](#)
- [Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave.](#)
- [North End Community Center, 145 Lawson Ave. W.](#)

For more information visit: [Early Voting](#)

Falcon Heights has two council seats up for election. [Click here](#) to see who filed for candidacy.

FALCON HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters - Roseville Area hosted a candidate forum on September 11 for two open seats on the Falcon Heights City Council. You can rewatch the recorded forum [here](#).



2025 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Falcon Woods:

Work within the Falcon Woods neighborhood is substantially complete. The contractor will be doing final restoration in the storm pond in the southwest area this week.

Northome:

Substantially complete.

Thank you for your patience during the 2025 Falcon Heights Pavement Management Project.

PARK BENCHES INSTALLED AT GROVE PARK

The City of Falcon Heights applied for and received a grant from Ramsey County's Be Active! Be Green! Bench Initiative. Three park benches were recently installed at Grove Park, located at 1600 Coffman Street, creating a more walkable environment for park users. A big thanks to Active Living Ramsey Communities for the benches and to our public works department for assembling and installing them.



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

Crews have begun installing the prefabricated building and picnic shelter. Please be aware of increased activity and equipment in the area. Portions of the site may be temporarily closed for safety.

During the renovation, park visitors are advised to use caution around construction areas. The remainder of the park will remain open.

More information about the Community Park renovation can be found [here](#).

2025 PMP ASSESSMENTS:

The Falcon Heights City Council approved the assessment roll for the 2025 Falcon Heights Pavement Management Project. Property owners may prepay their assessment, in part or in full, without interest through November 10.

The project included street improvements in the Falcon Woods neighborhood (Autumn St., Prior Ave. N, Summer St., Moore St., Howell St. N, and Garden Ave.) and the Northome neighborhood (California Ave. W, Idaho Ave. W, and Iowa Ave. W).





Game Night



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Falcon Heights City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.

Register for a night of FREE games and pizza! Bring your own game or borrow one of ours. All ages are welcome to attend, but those under eight years old must have a guardian accompany them.

**Please RSVP by email to mail@falconheights.org
by 4:30 PM on 11/5 so enough food is ordered.**



COMMUNITY <<< EVENTS & UPDATES

RAMSEY COUNTY PROPOSED 2026-2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Ramsey County Manager Ling Becker submitted the proposed 2026-2027 biennial budget to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Next steps:

The county board will consider the proposed budget in the weeks ahead, with opportunities for community input through written comments, commissioner engagement, and public hearing on Dec. 11. A final 2026-2027 biennial budget is scheduled for adoption on December 16, 2025.

- The complete schedule of presentations can be found on the county's calendar.
- Service team presentations can be found on the Budget & Finance page of the county's website.
- Measures and related data are available in the county's open data portal.

PRELIMINARY LEVY UPDATE

The City Council approved the proposed preliminary tax levy for 2026. The City is proposing a preliminary 2026 tax levy of \$2,882,408, a 3.88% increase. Key budget factors include higher staffing and police service costs with St. Anthony Village, and changes in state aid. The surplus from the pay-by-mobile program brought the levy increase down an additional two percentage points. For the median-value home in Falcon Heights, the proposed increase is about \$100 per year or \$8.33 per month.

ST. ANTHONY PARK AREA SENIORS

Driving Class

Presented by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

- Date: Thursday, November 6
- Time: 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
- Place:
 - 2200 Hillside Ave. - Come to Door 2
- Fee: No charge

Join us for a defensive driving course tailored for those who are 55 or older. This 4-hour course is taught by a National Safety Council certified instructor, Tim Walstrom. Those who complete the course may be able to receive an auto insurance discount.

NOTE: Due to legislative changes, there is no longer a separate first-time course. ALL are welcome—even if you have not taken a defensive driving class before!

Registration is required. Call the SAPAS office at 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org to sign up or for more information.

COMO FARMER'S MARKET

COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET



Matching program for SNAP/EBT customers!



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

Location
1545 Hamline Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55108





Last Day of the

Como Park Farmers' Market

DRESS UP IN YOUR COSTUMES AND COME JOIN US!

Thursday, October 30, 2025



2:00 PM — 6:00 PM



Como Park Lutheran Church Parking Lot

(located at the corner of Hamline Ave N & Hoyt Ave W)



No tricks,



Just treats!





Northeast Youth
& Family Services

Transforming Lives



No Wait for New Therapy Clients

Offering care for youth and adults (birth through the lifespan) through in-person and telehealth appointments.

INDIVIDUAL THERAPY • FAMILY THERAPY • GROUP THERAPY

ABOUT US

At Northeast Youth & Family Services, our mission is to transform lives by ensuring access to care that nurtures healing, cultivates community, and inspires hope.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We welcome everyone, whether you have insurance or not. While we accept most insurance plans, we also offer a Sliding Fee Scale to help lower costs based on your income and family size.

OUR CLINICIANS ARE TRAINED TO ADDRESS:

- Depression, Anxiety, & OCD
- Trauma
- Anger & Aggression
- ADHD
- Autism
- Burnout & Compassion Fatigue
- Stress
- Parenting Support
- Grief & Loss
- Family Conflict & Abuse
- Relationship Issues
- Identity Development
- Self-Harm
- Suicidal Ideation
- Behavioral Concerns

LOCATIONS:

Shoreview Clinic
3490 Lexington Ave. N., Suite 205
Shoreview, MN 55126

White Bear Lake Clinic
1280 Birch Lake Blvd. N.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110



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NATURE NEWSFLASH



your yard
CAN **BEE**
the **CHANGE**
#Lawns2Legumes

LAWNS TO LEGUMES PROGRAM

Do you want to protect pollinators in your yard? Lawns to Legumes offers free resources for DIYers to learn how to plant pollinator-friendly gardens, meadows, lawns, trees, and shrubs. It also provides cost-share grants to help cover the costs of doing a project. The goal is to help people create habitats for at-risk species like the rusty patched bumble bee and the monarch butterfly. Historically, the rusty patched bumble bee (Minnesota's state bee), was common in eastern US and the Midwest. Due to factors such as habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens, and climate, among others, the rusty patched is an endangered species. The monarch (Minnesota's state butterfly), famous for its seasonal migration from Canada and the northern US to Mexico, has experienced similar precipitous drops in its population. These are just two of many pollinator species declining in population in recent years.

Lawns to Legumes is currently taking applications for cost-share grants of up to \$400 to create pollinator habitat for the Spring 2026 cohort. To get started with a grant application, [click here](#). The application deadline for the Spring 2026 Lawns to Legumes Individual Support program is November 30, 2025. Grant recipients will be notified in mid-January 2026. The Lawns to Legumes grant program has soared in popularity, with more than 33,000 applications in the last five years. Their [website](#) has links and other resources if you have the ability to build your own pollinator garden without the grant.

If you don't get accepted for that grant, there are a couple of other mini/micro grants offered by other organizations to help add native plants and stormwater management infrastructure in your garden. Most of the city of Falcon Heights currently falls in the Capitol Region Watershed District, with some portions of the city currently in the Rice Creek Watershed District. You can find out which watershed you are in using this [map tool](#) and/or by searching your address in the search bar. The watershed boundaries may shift, but most offer grants to residents to put in clean water infrastructure like rain gardens and permeable pavement. Check out the CRWD's [Clean Water Project Grants](#) or RCWD's [Mini Grants](#) and [Water Quality Grants](#) as funding becomes available in 2026.

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



>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

City Hall Programming

Tae Kwon Do <<<

Tae Kwon Do Basic and Intermediate/Advanced sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, with classes running from October 21 through December 2. See the specific schedule online.

Cardio Kickboxing classes are held on Thursdays, with classes running from October 23 through December 4 from 5:30 to 6:15 PM.

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

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

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

>>> Yoga

You can still purchase single or multiple drop-in classes for sessions running through November 24.

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

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

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



>>> PARKS AND RECREATION <<<

City Hall Programming

Breathwork <<<

Calling all folks looking to ground, release, move stuck energy and restore! With minimal tools (it's just you and your breath), breathwork allows for an immediate shift so we may let go of stress, pain & stuckness to create space for new life, energy and flow.

During these circles, we practice a 3-part breath, sometimes referred to as conscious connected breath (in through the belly, in through the chest, and exhale-all in and out through the mouth). Speed this up just a bit, and there you have it. Find a pace that works for you and enjoy the ride.

Two upcoming monthly classes will be held, and you can register for one or both. Payment is on a sliding fee scale of \$17/\$27/\$37 per class. Pay what you can! Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 6 and Thursday, December 4 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

For more information and to register, [click this link](#).





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

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

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

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

TUBMAN LEGAL SERVICES

For over 48 years, Tubman has helped people of all ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds who are experiencing relationship violence, exploitation, mental and chemical health issues, and other forms of trauma. Throughout the Twin Cities, Tubman provides safe shelter, housing legal services, counseling, youth programming, violence prevention, community education, and other wraparound services.

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

>>> RESIDENT RESOURCES

NORTHEAST YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



NYFS is here for you!

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

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



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

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



RESIDENT <<< RESOURCES

Online BIPOC Support Groups

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



Energy Cents Coalition

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

Protection & Crisis:

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

Emergency Assistance:

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

Blood Pressure Clinics

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COMOCONNECTS
Resources & support for neighborhood seniors



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



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

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

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

Food Assistance:

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

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

United Way

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



MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE IS LEAD SAFE

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

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

How it works:

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

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

>>> RESIDENT RESOURCES

FREE LEGAL HELP FOR RENTERS

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

The hotline service is confidential.

- For English, call 612-728-5767 or email your question to one of our housing attorneys.
 - Toll-free from Greater Minnesota: 866-866-3546
- HOME Line ofrece servicios en español. Para Español, llame al 612-255-8870.
- HOME Line waxay bixisaa adeeg ku baxa Afka-Soomaaliga. Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860.
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To learn more and to schedule your visit call 651-328-6220, or visit: mncee.org/hes

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CITY COMMISSIONS <<<

The City of Falcon Heights has four City Commissions, which serve the City Council in an advisory capacity. All commissioners, including youth members and officers, receive a \$50 stipend per formally noticed meeting attended, provided they are present for the majority of the meeting. Commissioners may decline compensation and serve voluntarily. The majority of Commissioners are Falcon Heights residents, but may also include local business owners and business designees who have been appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

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

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

There are currently open vacancies. For information and application, click [here](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

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

There are currently no vacancies. For information and application, click [here](#).

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

There are currently no vacancies.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

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

The Environment Commission meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

There are currently no vacancies.



CITY RENTAL FACILITIES <<<

>>> CITY HALL

Full Council Chambers

Full Capacity: 150 / 75 seated

Pricing: \$125 + tax for 3 hours \$200 + tax for a half day \$275 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

Partial Council Chambers

Half Capacity: 75 / 30 seated

Pricing: \$60 + tax for 3 hours \$115 + tax for a half day \$175 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

Conference Room

Capacity: 8 maximum

Pricing: \$35 + tax for 3 hours \$70 + tax for a half day \$125 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

Kitchen

Capacity: 10 / 6 seated

Pricing: \$30 + tax for 3 hours \$60 + tax for a half day \$75 + tax for a full day

A \$200 refundable damage deposit is required and setup fees may also apply.

City Hall reservations are only available for PUBLIC use; no private events may be held here.

Reservation Form

FIELD/COURT <<<

The City has various courts and fields that can be reserved at Curtiss Field and at Community Park. For details and specific pricing, please see the [reservation form](#)



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FIRE

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

Emergencies 911

Non-emergency 651-266-8989

POLICE

Police protection is provided by the
St. Anthony Police Department

Emergencies 911

Non-emergency 651-767-0640

CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday - Friday:

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

