



Your handbook for living in Falcon Heights

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Welcome to the City of Falcon Heights!

Dear New Residents,

On behalf of all your Falcon Heights neighbors, we want to welcome you to your new home in our "Fair" city! You have chosen a truly unique place to live. It is located just ten minutes from the downtown districts of both St. Paul and Minneapolis. Falcon Heights has access to several parks, shopping malls, and numerous other attractions. We also boast several attractions within city boundaries, including the Minnesota State Fair, the Gibbs Farm Museum, the University of Minnesota Institute of Agriculture, and the University's Les Bolstad Golf Course, all located in Falcon Heights. Convenient public transportation is always available through the MCTO and the Roseville Area Circulator systems.

People are surprised to find so much available in a city of just 5,521 residents -- all the convenience of larger cities with a "small city" feel. As a small city, we rely heavily on the talents and energies of our residents of all ages to help maintain the quality of life we have come to enjoy. A wide range of community events are planned each year to bring people together to strengthen community bonds. Watch for notices of these events in the bi-annual City Newsletter website. Also, sign up for our city's listserv link found on the city's homepage, and Like or Follow us on Facebook or Twitter for the latest city news.

We look forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Gustafson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Randy Gustafson

Mayor

History of Falcon Heights

The present City of Falcon Heights originally was contained within the boundaries of the old Rose Township, which also included the cities of Lauderdale and Roseville, as well as sections of St. Paul, Minneapolis and St. Anthony.



Settlement of the area began as early as 1843, six years before Minnesota became an official territory. Credit for the first settlement is generally granted to Stephen Desnoyer, who established his home on the banks of the Mississippi River near the present site of the Town and Country Golf Course. The family of Isaac Rose also settled in the area in 1843. Rose Township was named after Isaac Rose as a reward for his

assistance in the federal land survey of 1850.

Soon to follow the Rose family in settlement was Heman Gibbs, who established his home on a land grant west of Cleveland Avenue, and north and south of Larpenteur. In his home, Gibbs established the first school in Rose Township. The school remained in service until 1959, one of the longest periods of use in the state's history.

The original sod house built by Heman Gibbs is no longer standing, but the second house built for the family in 1854 still remains on the site. The Ramsey County Historical Society purchased the Gibbs' farm in 1949, and operates it as a museum, while the homestead itself is listed on the National Register as a designated historical site.

In 1859, one year after Minnesota was granted Statehood, Rose Township organized a voting precinct, and with all 22 legal voters present, town officers were duly elected and taxes were levied for the coming year. Nearly half of the original Rose Township was absorbed by St. Paul in 1881. Of the remaining area, the first urban area to arise was Rosehill, now known as Lauderdale.

It was in the 1930's, that the area known as Falcon Heights received its name. The secretary of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M), John Cable, owned a larger parcel of land in the present City. Cable made plans to plat the area with his real estate agent, a gentleman named Faulkner, who named the development after himself. The Keller Corporations bought the land owned by Cable in 1936. They retained the name of the development, Falcon Heights, completed the platting, and constructed the first house in 1937.



In the early 1940's, retail business construction began in the area, with development centering on the intersection of Snelling and Larpenteur and on Hamline between Hoyt and Iowa. At one time, a small airfield occupied one of the fields near Snelling and Larpenteur. The city park that now occupies the site is named after the airport, Curtiss Field

With the incorporation of Roseville in 1948, and the continued development of the area, the residents were faced with a choice regarding the form of government they desired to serve their needs. On April 1, 1949, by a vote of 5 to 1, the citizens rejected petitioning either Roseville or St. Paul for annexation, and chose instead to establish their own independent village government.



The incorporation of the Village of Falcon Heights brought in all of the remaining unincorporated areas of Rose Township, including the State Fairgrounds, University of Minnesota Campus Golf Course, and Test Fields. These public lands comprise two-thirds of the total land area in our City.

In 1973, the State Legislature mandated a change in municipal government from Village to City. The following year the Village of Falcon Heights officially became the City of Falcon Heights. Some longtime residents still call it "The Village."

Residential development began in Falcon Heights in the 1920s, mostly southeast of the Snelling/Larpenteur crossroads and along the main roads north of Larpenteur. After World War II the fields northeast of Snelling/Larpenteur of Larpenteur were rapidly developed into a grassy suburb typical of the era.

The University of Minnesota, north of Hoyt Street and west of Cleveland Avenue created University Grove, one of the Twin Cities' most unique neighborhoods. The homes, each individually designed and built, were intended to provide convenient, affordable housing for University faculty and staff.

Homebuilding spread west of Larpenteur in the 1960s and 1970s, filling up the remaining pockets of land not owned by the University of Minnesota. The newest developments - Maple Court, Questwood, and 1666 Coffman - follow the townhome or condominium model, reflecting the scarcity of land in the inner suburbs and the need to fit more households into less space and provide life-stage housing for retired residents.

In 2003, the 50-year-old shopping center at the southeast corner of Snelling and Larpenteur was razed, and a new mixed-use development took its place. Falcon Heights Town Square includes an apartment building for senior citizens, a multi-family apartment building with retail businesses on the ground floor, and a cluster of 14 townhomes, adding over 170 households to Falcon Heights' population.

Administration



The Administration Department is responsible for many City operations; include management of licenses, City Code and Ordinances, and finances.

City Council

The mayor and City Council are the elected policy makers for the City of Falcon Heights. The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue. Meetings are streamed live from CTV and televised on public access channel 15.

Council members and the mayor are elected to four-year terms. City Council elections are held in odd numbered years.

 Mayor Randy Gustafson Term Expires 2027	 Council Member Georgiana May Term Expires 2029	 Council Member Jim Mogen Term Expires 2029	 Council Member James Wassenberg Term Expires 2027	 Council Member Paula Mielke Term Expires 2027
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City Commissions

All City Commissions consist of volunteers who are appointed to their posts by the Mayor with the Council's approval. Commission members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

- **The Planning Commission** serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Council concerning zoning issues and assures that proposed regulations and other land use issues are compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- **The Community Engagement Commission** is charged with advising the 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, facilitate community events such as Human Rights Day, and block parties.
- **The Parks and Recreation Commission** provides input on parks and trail maintenance and helps promote healthy activities and lifestyles for residents. It also develops plans for existing and expanding community recreation.
- **The Environment Commission** makes recommendations for current and future handling and recycling of solid waste materials in the City, developing environmentally friendly initiatives.
- **Youth Commissioners** is a place where youth plays a role in shaping Falcon Heights' future and making the city a better place to live. Youth Commissioners will get the opportunity to enhance their civic leadership skills, serve as role models and represent their peers in school and neighborhood.

If you want to serve in one of the commissions, please contact City Hall 651-792-7600 or mail@falconheights.org for openings.

City Newsletters

A bi-annual publication is mailed, and a weekly online newsletter informs residents of Council actions, ordinances, recreational opportunities, services, and items of interest. The Mayor, Council Members, and staff provide the contents of the Newsletter. You can subscribe to the online weekly newsletter at <https://www.falconheights.org/residents/e-mail-notifications>

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofFalconHeights/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/1732049/>

Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/city/feed/>

Public Works

The Public Works maintenance facility is located at 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. (connected to City Hall). This facility handles the streets, sewer, utilities, and park divisions.

Street

Falcon Heights rights-of-way include most residential streets and all alleys. Snelling Avenue is Minnesota State Highway under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The following streets are under Ramsey County jurisdiction:

- Larpenteur Avenue
- Cleveland Avenue
- Fairview Avenue
- Hamline Avenue (north of Larpenteur)
- Fulham Avenue (north of Larpenteur)

Pot Holes

After harsh winter weather, our roads tend to develop the occasional pot hole. If you become aware of a pot hole please report it! If the pot hole you would like to report is on a Falcon Heights street, please contact City Hall, and the Public Works Department will be notified.

Street Lighting

- Xcel Energy maintains most of the city streetlights.
- To report an outage of a streetlight, call Xcel at 1-800-960-6235 or report online at <http://www1.xcelenergy.com/ODL/OUTAGEREPORT/>
- If you witness accidental damage to a streetlight, or see evidence of vandalism, call 911, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and they will send the appropriate aid.

Street Sweeping

Local streets and alleys are swept in the spring around mid-April and again in mid-November after most of the leaves have fallen.

Sealcoating

Streets are sealcoated about every four years to assure maintenance.

Seasonal Load Limits

Please check MNDOT's website for current restrictions.

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/materials/pvmtdesign/sll/index.html>

Trash and Recycling

Trash and Recycling bins must be removed from the street or alleyway within 24 hours after collection.

Snow Removal and Enforcement

Winter in Minnesota involves snow, and sometimes lots of it. The City's snow removal period begins automatically when the City receives two inches of snow. A snow emergency is not called, as happens in other cities. The Public Works Department begins plowing city streets after two to four inches of snow has fallen and may go out multiple times during large snow events. For more information on streets, parking, and sidewalks during snow events, please visit the city website.

- A Falcon Heights **snow removal period** begins automatically whenever there is new snowfall of two inches or more, not when the snow stops falling.
- There will be no announcement on the radio or TV.
- St. Paul and Minneapolis snow emergencies do NOT apply to Falcon Heights.
- The snow removal period ends 48 hours after it has stopped snowing or when the streets have been plowed full-width.
- **All parked vehicles must be removed from the street during a snow removal period. Vehicles left on the street during a snow emergency are considered a public nuisance and are subject to being ticketed and towed. Streets must be clear and open for emergency vehicle access.**
- During large snow events, the Public Works Department will often plow multiple times during the event. **If streets have been plowed once but an additional two inches of snow has fallen, cars must remain off the street.** If you have any questions about the snow removal period, please contact City Hall.

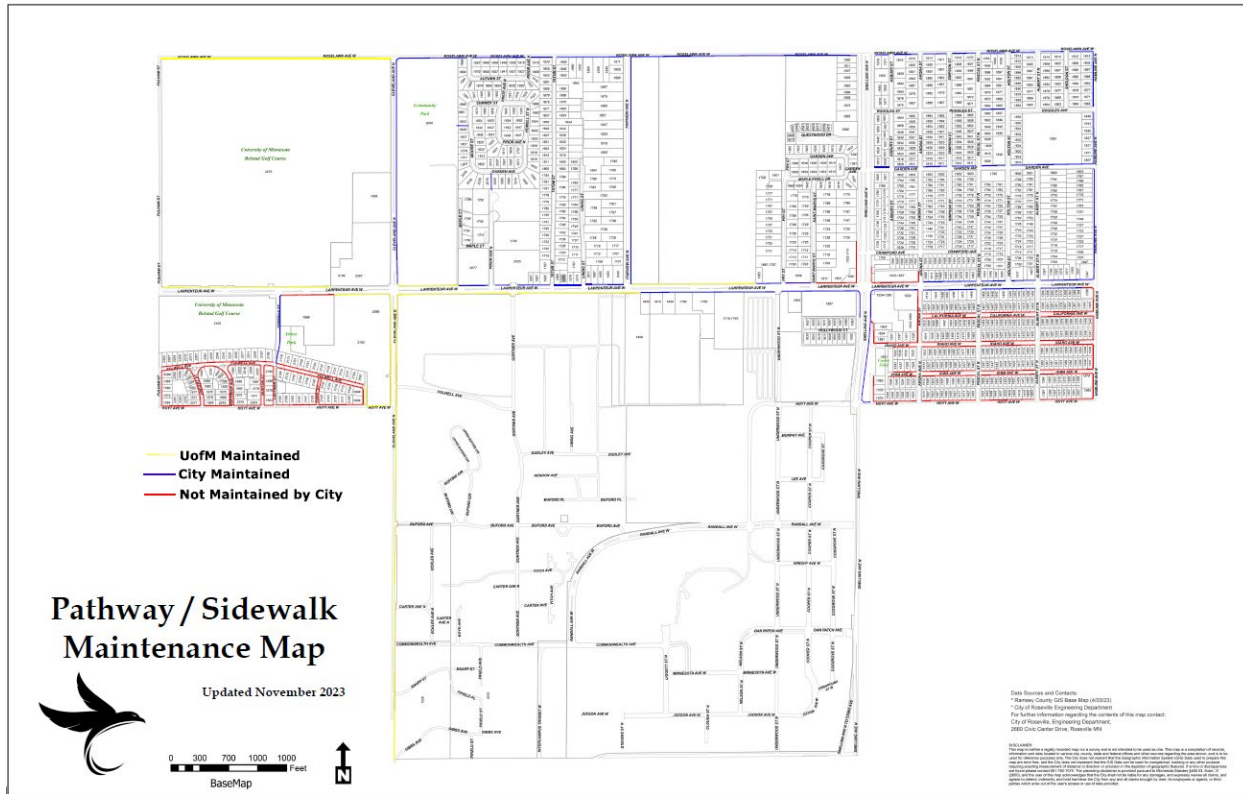
Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared by the adjacent property owner(s). City Code states that sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after a storm has ended. Snow and ice that is not cleared could result in a nuisance violation and abatement by the city, billed to the adjacent property owner(s).

Alleys

Like sidewalks, alleys must be cleared by the adjacent property owner(s). In Falcon Heights, property owners usually get together as a block and hire a snow plowing service, pre-paid for the season. Divided among all owners, the cost is usually very reasonable.

New residents should talk to their neighbors or seek out their Neighborhood Liaison to find out the arrangements for their block. If you do not know who your Neighborhood Liaison is, call City Hall, 651-792-7600 during office hours.



Saint Anthony Police Department

The City of Falcon Heights contracts police services with the St. Anthony Police Department.

Office

3301 Silver Lake Road NE

Saint Anthony Village, MN 55418

General Line: 651-782-3350

EMERGENCY: 911 | Non-Emergency Dispatch: 651-767-0640

St. Paul Fire Department

The City of Falcon Heights contracts fire services through the St. Paul Fire

Department **St. Paul Fire Station 23:**

General Line: 651-266-8989

1926 Como Ave.

St Paul, MN 55108

EMERGENCY: 911 | Non-Emergency Dispatch: 651-767-0640

A Fire Marshal is employed by the City part-time to perform such tasks as preventive and new construction inspections, and rental and business inspections.

Neighborhood Liaison

Falcon Heights Neighborhood Liaisons are citizen volunteers who help with everything from organizing block parties to preparing for emergencies. The Community Engagement Commission sponsors this community network.

Why do we have Neighborhood Liaisons?

We want to connect residents of Falcon Heights' neighborhoods with each other with the city through the Community Engagement Commission (CEC). Liaisons do this by building relationships to more effectively cultivate a caring, supportive, and inclusive community.

What do Liaisons Do?

- Welcome new residents.
- Promote neighborhood gatherings, block parties, or other activities that work for your neighborhood.
- Be a connector and communicator between the neighborhood and City Council through the CEC.

Want to become more involved in your neighborhood? Sign up online, call city hall or in person.

The Neighborhood Liaisons Packet is available online and at City Hall.

City Events

The city hosts a variety of events each year and it is a great way to engage with the community.

Spring Together: Cultivate connections with neighbors at Curtiss Field. There will be yard games and free ice cream.

Ice Cream Social: Join your neighbors for an Ice Cream Social. There will be games for all ages, live music, and a resource fair.

City Wide Garage Sale: Want to get rid of things around the house or looking to buy? Falcon Heights' Garage Sale Day is held in September.

Fall Fest: Join neighbors one last time before the winter arrives for a fall themed event.

Human Rights Day: It is celebrated annually across the world on 10 December every year. The Community Engagement Commission hosts the event each year with different themes.

Check our website for updated dates and times and new events!

State Fair

Parking

To reduce the Fair's impact on your daily life, please keep in mind that the police enforce the following regulations in Falcon Heights:

The following are not permitted in residential areas at any time of the year:

- The parking of cars on lawns
- Advertising of parking spaces for sale
- Outdoor sales of merchandise, such as mini-donuts or sunglasses (Lemonade stand is acceptable)

To report parking code violations, call the police via Ramsey County Dispatch, 651-767-0640, and they will contact the officers on duty.

STREET PARKING WILL BE RESTRICTED

Many streets will be posted "No Parking" on the water hydrant side during the Fair so that public safety vehicles have access through streets and to the hydrants.

Residents as well as fairgoers must abide by street parking restrictions.

Temporary parking permits and parking bags are not issued during the Fair except for very unusual and extenuating circumstances.

Some areas near apartment buildings and in a few cul-de-sacs will be posted "No Parking Except By Permit". These permits will be issued only to persons living in apartment buildings with limited off-street parking. Permits will be issued through the individual apartment owner or manager.

Vendors

The City of Falcon Heights does not allow temporary business vendors within the city limit and right-away except for kids's lemonade stands. The City of St. Paul allows vendors within their city limits. In order to obtain the temporary license, please contact St. Paul.

St. Paul State Fair License Department

651-266-8989

For more information, please visit St. Paul's official website.

Quick Reference Phone Numbers and Helpful Resident Information

Licensed Refuse Haulers:

Tennis Sanitation will pick recycling up every Friday. Any company can do general trash collection, so long as they are licensed in the City of Falcon Heights. Licensed Haulers for 2020 are:

Curbside Waste Inc - 763.504.2872
Aspen Waste Systems Inc - 612.884.8000
Republic Services (Allied Waste Systems) – 651.455.8634
Walter's Recycling & Refuse – 763.780.8464
Advanced Disposal - 651.487.8546
Waste Management - 952.890.1100
Gene's Disposal - 651.426.1224

For questions on yard or hazardous waste, call Ramsey County Disposal at 651-633-EASY (3279).

Food Scraps Collection

You can now bring your food waste, non-recyclable paper, and compostable plastics to the Ramsey County collection sites. There is no charge to drop off, but you must show proof of residency in Ramsey County. **Falcon Heights has a food scraps collection site at City Hall at 2077 Larpenteur Ave West!**

Community Garden

In 2007, the Falcon Heights Environment Commission spearheaded the efforts to establish a community garden for Falcon Heights residents who have no space to garden where they live. The garden is located at Community Park on the southeast corner of Roselawn & Cleveland.

Garden plots can be reserved each year for \$25 per plot. For more information visit <https://www.falconheights.org/residents/parks-recreation/community-garden>

Parking Permits

If you live on Larpenteur Avenue, Tatum, Lindig, Prior, Maple Court, University Grove, Hollywood Ct, and Falcon Woods and need a parking permit, please complete the Resident Parking Permit form online or at city hall.

Phone Number Quick Reference

Emergency	911
Police Department (Record Unit)	612-782-3350
Ramsey County Dispatch (non-emergency)	651-767-0640
Ramsey County Road Conditions	651-266-7100

City Hall	651-792-7600
Poison Center	800-222-1222
Crisis Intervention Center	612-873-3161
Comcast Cable (Residential)	651-222-3333
Recycling — Tennis Sanitation	651-459-1887

St. Paul Water Utility 651-266-6350

- Dispatch/Emergency 651-266-6868
- Meter Reading/Repair 651-266-6850
- Emergency Sewer Service 651-484-3366

Xcel Energy

- Lights Out 800-895-1999
- Gas Emergency/Odor 800-895-2999
- 24 Hour Information 800-895-4999
- Gopher State One Call 811 or 651-454-0002

Driver & Vehicle Licenses:

Driver's License Bureau (renewals) Driver's Exam Station
Roseville License Bureau
2737 N Lexington Ave, Roseville
651-484-2962

North Metro Driver's Exam Station
I-35W & Co Rd I, Arden Hills
651-639-4057

Post Office

Roseville
2000 W Co Rd B2, Roseville
651-226-2171

St. Anthony Park
2286 Como Ave, St. Paul
651-645-7182

Libraries

Ramsey County Public Library
2180 N Hamline Ave, Roseville
651-631-0494

St. Paul Public Library
2245 Como Ave, St. Paul
651-642-0411

Public Schools:

Falcon Heights Elementary 651-646-0021
Brimhall Elementary School 651-638-1959
Roseville District #623 Offices 651-635-1600

Roseville Area Middle School 651-482-5280
Roseville Area High School 651-635-1660

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.FALCONHEIGHTS.ORG](http://www.falconheights.org)