CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

MAYOR DECLARATION NO. 2020-01

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota ("Mayor") finds that the following local emergency ("Emergency") exists in the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota ("City"):

1. On March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) determined that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak constitutes a pandemic.
2. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
3. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor’s Executive Order along with this Declaration triggers activation of the City’s emergency management plan and enables the City to exercise its emergency powers.
4. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and the affects it will have on the health of our community.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29 authorized the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency, invokes necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster plans, and may authorize aid and assistance under those plans.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.37 authorizes the City, acting through its governing body, to:
1) Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster.
2) Exercise the powers vested by that section in the light of exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-coming procedures and formalities otherwise prescribed by law.

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency is sudden and could not have been anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of our community and threatens the provision and delivery of city services as a result of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency poses the risk of and may cause catastrophic loss of public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed.

NOW THEREFORE, as the Mayor of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, I declare that a Local Emergency exists effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020 in the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

Mayor Randall Gustafson

ATTEST:

City Administrator, Sack Thongvanh

NOTE: The Council must give approval in order for the Emergency Declaration to last for more than three days

City Council Meeting

The City Council regular meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7pm.

City Hall will be open to the public during the meeting. Social distancing as recommended by the CDC and the State will be enforced.

Agenda Packet

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Administrator Thongvanh at sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org or 651-792-7611
Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census are in the mail. Respond when you receive yours. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding.

![Image](https://example.com/invitation.png)

Learn more at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV).

**Census: Avoiding Fraud and Scams**

**Avoiding Scams Online**

Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real but is fake—and may be infected with malware.

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

**Staying Safe at Home**

- If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity:
  - First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
  - If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 844-330-2020 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

**Street Sweeping - Monday, March 23**

Due to COVID-19, we understand residents will be at home and vehicles will be out on the street. Public Works will continue to come back to sweep until the streets are cleared. It will be beneficial for us if you remove your vehicles out the street.

Street sweeping parking citations will not be enforced until further notice.
NEAL KWONG YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Do you know an outstanding youth between the ages of 12-19 who lives or volunteers in Falcon Heights?

Nominations for the annual Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award are now being accepted.

Adults can nominate someone, and parents can nominate their own children as well as other children.

Nomination forms are available on our website or at City Hall.

Deadline for nominations is April 30th.

Click here to apply!

Community Garden

PLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR $25 ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. COMMUNITY GARDEN IS LOCATED AT 2050 ROSELAWN AVE.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO ALL FALCON HEIGHTS RESIDENTS. TO REGISTER CLICK HERE

NOW HIRING! Seasonal Parks & Recreation Employees

Seasonal summer positions are now open! Apply online or at city hall. If you have any questions about the positions, please call city hall at 651-792-7600 or mail@falconheights.org

For more information please visit our website here.
A message from Lisa Kane, Executive Director from Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

Dear Residents of Como Park & Falcon Heights,

We at the Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program would like you to know that we are here to help our elderly neighbors in any way we possibly can. We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding how you can help, as well. Please feel free to call our office (651-642-1127) or email our Executive Director (director@comobnp.org) if you know of someone in need and are wondering what options are available. As a community we can support the most vulnerable amongst us.

All group activities and events are cancelled through at least April 1st, 2020. We will continue to provide updates via email, Facebook, and on our website at http://www.comobnp.org.

Our office will remain open during normal business hours, Monday-Friday (9am-5pm). Staff may be working from home at times, so please leave a voicemail message, if we do not answer. We will return your call as soon as possible.

As of March 17th, we will only be able to provide rides to essential medical appointments and we will be switching from in-person face-to-face volunteer visits to phone visits. We recognize that prolonged isolation can affect our health and wellbeing. If you would like a phone visitor or are in need of any other resources, please call 651-642-1127 or email director@comobnp.org.

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