



FALCON HEIGHTS

THE CITY THAT SOARS

2077 LARPENTEUR AVE. W.

CITY NEWS

Upcoming City Council Workshop and Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, City Council Workshop at 6:00 PM and City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.)

City Council Special Workshop

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.)

Community Resources

Various resident resources can be found on the City Website [here](#).

Become a Ramsey County Recycling Ambassador

Registration is now open until March 12. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Les Bolstad Golf Course Development Update

As the University of Minnesota interviews potential developers for the sale of the Les Bolstad Golf Course, the City of Falcon Heights is beginning to outline a master planning process for the site's redevelopment.

After meeting with consultant Andrew Dresdner of Bolton & Menk, the City is considering forming two groups: a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

The Community Advisory Committee will include members representing Falcon Heights, City commissions, The Grove neighborhood, and neighboring communities. The CAC will serve in an advisory role, helping identify community priorities to guide redevelopment. City staff, consultants, and representatives from the University, and eventually the selected developer, will also participate.

The Technical Advisory Committee will include representatives from partner agencies such as Ramsey County, the Metropolitan Council, and local watershed districts to provide technical expertise.

The CAC is expected to meet monthly at City Hall beginning as soon as mid-April. Residents interested in serving will be able to apply this spring. Watch [the City's website](#) and newsletter for details.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Workshop

February 25, 2026 – 6:00 PM

POLICY ITEMS

- Review of Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Proposal
- Legislative Priorities Continuation
- Towing Reimbursement Policy

City Council Meeting

February 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

- Consideration of Approving Resolution 26-14 Revoking a Municipal Business and Massage Therapy License

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- Consideration of Ordinance 26-02 Assigning a New Street Address for PID 152923340082
- Approval of Resolution 26-15 Authorizing Out-of-State Travel Request for Senior Maintenance Worker Dave Simons to Attend Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper Mechanic School in Elgin, IL
- Approval of Resolution 26-16 Appointing Signe Nestingen to the Community Engagement Commission

POLICY ITEMS

- Approval of Resolution 26-17 Establishing a Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee

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

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Visit the City Staff Directory [here](#).

City Hall Hours

Monday – Friday:

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Emergency Services

In case of emergency, always call 9-1-1.

Dispatch: 651-767-0640

St. Anthony Police Department

Phone: 612-782-3350

St. Paul Fire Department

Phone: 651-224-7811



COMMUNITY UPDATES

Cities for Safe and Stable Communities Coalition Seeks State Aid Following Operation Metro Surge

The Cities for Safe and Stable Communities Coalition, representing 21 Minnesota cities, including Falcon Heights, recently convened at the State Capitol in St. Paul to outline its 2026 legislative agenda following the drawdown of federal officers from Operation Metro Surge. The coalition is requesting immediate state municipal aid to help cities address the economic and operational impacts of the 10-week operation, including increased police overtime, business losses, food insecurity, rental assistance requests, and school disruptions. Cities are continuing to assess their full financial impact.

Beyond financial aid, the coalition also supports policy protections to prevent future federal overreach. These include reinstating “sensitive location” status for hospitals and schools, prohibiting the use of masked agents during local operations, and ending civil offense arrests at courthouses.

The primary objective for the 2026 session is securing municipal aid to restore cities to pre-surge stability. Cities are asking for resources to fix a crisis they did not create, but are responsible for repairing

More information on the city's response to federal immigration enforcement can be found [here](#).

Community Resources are available [here](#).

Immigration Resources

With recent reports of immigration officials targeting immigrant populations in the Twin Cities, the City of Falcon Heights wants to ensure that residents can connect to the proper resources that they need.

Learn more about immigration resources and how you can help [here](#).

Get Involved!

Falcon Heights is looking for dedicated individuals to serve on one of the City Commissions. You are encouraged to apply if you're passionate about community engagement.

The deadline to apply for the Community Engagement Commission is March 19, 2026. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved!

To learn more about the commissions or to apply, [click here](#).

Falcon Heights Ice Rinks

The ice rinks at Curtiss Field and the Grove are now closed for the season.



Neal Kwong Award

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

Nominations for the 2026 Award are due no later than Friday, April 24th at 4:30 PM.

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

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

See a Streetlight out?

Residents can report outages directly to Xcel Energy using an online form. To report an outage [click here](#).

If an outdoor lighting pole is broken, please call Xcel Energy Customer Care at 1-800-895-4999.

Please call City Hall to report any outages to the decorative lighting on Larpenteur Avenue.

Community Garden Lottery Open

Are you a Falcon Heights resident interested in gardening but living in an apartment or townhome? Or, maybe your yard is too shady? Consider renting a garden plot at Community Park this spring.

The Community Garden consists of 38 plots, each approximately 10' x 12' in size.

New this year, the City of Falcon Heights will only accept applications through a lottery system and will randomly select applications based on the number of garden plots available, as returning gardeners have first right of refusal. Lottery applications will be accepted through February 28. Any applications that are not selected will be discarded and not kept on file.

[Click here for more information and to apply through the lottery.](#)



New Items accepted at the Environmental Center

In addition to electronics, residents can now drop off kitchen countertop appliances and small electric items for recycling, free of charge, at the Environmental Center.

Environmental Center

1700 Kent St., Roseville

Tuesday-Friday: 11 AM-6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM-4 PM

Sunday-Monday: Closed

See the complete list of accepted items and restrictions [here](#).

Limited Time: Free Mattress, Box Spring and Metal Bed Frame Recycling

Say goodbye to that old bed for free! Between March 3 and April 30 only, Ramsey County residents can bring a maximum of four mattresses and box springs total and a maximum of four metal bed frames to the [Environmental Center](#) at no cost. [Second Chance Recycling](#) in Minneapolis will recycle the mattresses and box springs and either reuse or recycle the metal bed frames.

Please [register](#) in advance for a drop-off date and time so staff can plan accordingly.

Learn more at RamseyCountyMN.gov/Mattress

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors and Twin Cities PBS (TPT) present: Art + Medicine: Disability, Culture and Creativity

- Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026
- Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Place: 2200 Hillside Ave. W., the Centennial United Methodist Church building. Come to Door 2.

Details: Enjoy a movie and discussion with your neighbors! Artists and healthcare clinicians create alternative perspectives on disability through stories and performances, and redefine what we perceive as normal. Hosted by artist and storyteller Kevin Kling, Professor Jessica Horvath Williams, PhD, and Doctor Tsegaensh Selameab. Created in collaboration with the Center for the Art of Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

Registration is not required.

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



NATURE NEWSFLASH

CITY PROGRAMMING

Eco Driving

We live in a car-centric society, and personal vehicles are often necessary for daily life. However, cars are a major source of emissions that contribute to climate change and respiratory health concerns. While electric vehicles, biking, and public transit can reduce your impact, there are times when driving a gas-powered vehicle is unavoidable. In those cases, “eco-driving” can help protect your health and your wallet by reducing fuel use, improving vehicle performance, and increasing safety.

Eco-driving starts before you hit the road. Plan routes with less traffic, fewer stops, and more highway driving when possible to maintain a steady speed. Some navigation apps even highlight the most fuel-efficient route. Regular vehicle maintenance is also key. The American Automobile Association notes that properly inflated tires and removing roof racks when not in use can improve gas mileage.

Behind the wheel, avoid rapid acceleration and hard braking, which waste fuel and increase wear and tear. Most vehicles are most efficient between 55–60 mph, so slowing down can save gas. Limit idling, reduce heavy A/C use when possible, and turn off your engine if you’ll be stopped for more than a short time.

Electric vehicles produce zero tailpipe emissions and have the lowest overall impact on air quality. Hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles also offer lower emissions compared to standard gasoline cars, helping create cleaner air for everyone.

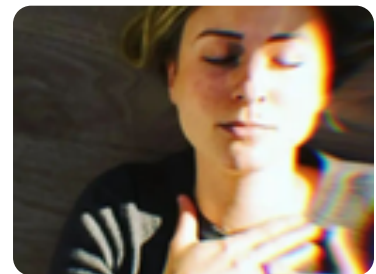
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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



Yoga

YogaHotDish Instructor Shaila Cunningham’s unique yoga recipe combines classical yoga with modern best practices, served up with a side of humor!

[Registration and information](#)



Breathwork Class

Calling all folks looking to ground, release, move stuck energy and restore!

[Registration and information](#)



Tae Kwon Do

Instructor Joshua Jordan’s Tae Kwon Do mission is to empower all ages with the knowledge of self-defense.

[Registration and information](#)