



# FALCON HEIGHTS

## THE CITY THAT SOARS

2077 LARPENTEUR AVE. W.

### Upcoming City Council Workshop and Meeting

- Wednesday, April 8, 2026
  - 6:00 p.m. | City Council Workshop
  - 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting
- Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.)

### Rebuilding Together

Overwhelmed with home repairs? Rebuilding Together Minnesota works year-round to sustain healthy neighborhoods and ensure that people in need can live independently and safely in their homes.

Through 2 programs they support repairs and modifications:

- Safe at Home Program
- Home Repair Program

Visit the [Rebuilding Together Website](#) to learn more about qualifications and to apply for help.

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2026

## CITY NEWS

### Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment Updates

The Planning Commission recently approved an amendment to a previously approved development at 1644 Larpenteur Ave. The request, submitted by Velair Development Company, modifies plans for a proposed 110-unit affordable senior (55+) apartment building. With the Planning Commission's approval, the amendment will now move forward to the City Council for further consideration.

In addition, the Planning Commission approved a resolution finding the City's proposed acquisition of 1407 Larpenteur Ave. W., the former "Get Pressed" property, is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. This item will also move forward to the City Council for further approval.

### Questions or Comments

Residents with questions about these items can contact Hannah Myhren, Community Development Coordinator, at 651-792-7613 or [hannah.myhren@falconheights.org](mailto:hannah.myhren@falconheights.org).

# CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

## City Council Meeting Unofficial Recap

March 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

### CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- Approval of City Licenses (Gustafson; Approved 5-0)

### POLICY ITEMS

- Consideration of a Contract with the City of Lauderdale to Provide Street Sweeping Services Through 2028 (Mogen; Approved 5-0)
- Approval of Resolution 26-24 Approving a Contract with TimeSaver OffSite Secretary, Inc. for Recording Minutes (Gustafson; Tabled 5-0)
- Approval of Resolution 26-25 Authorizing Change Order #2 with New Look Contracting, Inc. for the Falcon Heights Community Park Improvements Project FH-01 (Mielke; Approved 5-0)

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

# CITY COUNCIL

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# CITY STAFF

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Phone: 651-792-7600

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

## City Hall Hours

Monday – Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## 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

## Highway 280 Closure

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will lead a major resurfacing project on Minnesota State Highway 280 in 2026. The project will resurface the highway between Interstate 94 and Minnesota State Highway 36 / Interstate 35W, repair bridges, improve drainage, and resurface ramps.

Construction is scheduled from April through November 2026, with Highway 280 fully closed between I-94 and Hwy 36/I-35W from April through late August. Road closures will start on Monday, April 13.

The highway is expected to reopen before the Minnesota State Fair, with lane closures continuing through the fall. These improvements will extend the life of the roadway and bridges, enhance safety, and provide a smoother ride for motorists.

More information about the project and detours can be found on [the project page](#).

## Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising

Falcon Heights hired American Environmental to clean and televise the city's sanitary sewer system west of Snelling Avenue.

They will continue cleaning and televising the sewer lines the week of March 30.

The sanitary sewer lines are cleaned using high-performance sewer cleaning equipment. A cleaning nozzle is propelled from 1 manhole to the next using water under high pressure. The nozzle is then pulled back to the starting manhole. As the nozzle is pulled back, water scours the inside of the sanitary sewer pipe. Any debris in the pipe is pulled back with the water. The debris is removed from the manhole with a vacuum unit. If roots are found, they are cut with a root cutter. This process is repeated on every sewer line cleaned.

During the cleaning process, air occasionally vents into a home through the sanitary sewer service line and ventilation system. When this happens, water in the toilet bowl can bubble or surge or, in rare cases, splash out of the bowl. To minimize water splashing out of your toilet bowl, make it a habit to keep the lid down. Strong sewer gas smells may also enter your home.

If you have questions or are experiencing issues, please contact City Hall at 651-792-7600

### Mattress Recycling

Residents of Falcon Heights can take advantage of a free curbside mattress recycling program through a partnership with Second Chance Recycling and Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy.

Appointments open April 15, 2026. A link will be provided on the [city's website](#) to make an appointment. Residents must book in advance. On your scheduled day, place items outside by 7:00 a.m. on the front boulevard or in the alley for pickup. The weather will not affect collection.

The program is open to residents of single-family and duplex/2-unit homes within the city.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, email [citycurbside@emerge-mn.org](mailto:citycurbside@emerge-mn.org).

### Sustainability Fair

Residents of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale are invited to a community Recycling and Sustainability Event on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.

The event will offer free electronics recycling, textile recycling, and paper shredding for residents of both cities.

Residents are also encouraged to stop inside City Hall to explore sustainability resources. The event will feature local organizations, activities for kids, and a free electrification workshop at noon hosted by Home Energy Squad.

Falcon Heights and Lauderdale households can also receive free countertop food scrap bins while supplies last. Join us for a fun and practical way to recycle, learn, and connect with local sustainability resources.

More information can be found on [the City's Website](#)

### St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Do you have a healthcare directive in place? If not, join SAPAS and get it done!

In honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day, stop by to create your own healthcare directive—a legal document that allows someone you trust to make medical decisions for you if you're unable to do so.

Attorney Chris Courtney will be on-site to answer questions and notarize documents. Forms will be provided (or bring your own), and you can complete yours at your own pace.

- Free drop-in event
- Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026
- Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (come anytime)
- Location: Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

Let us know if you plan to attend so we have the correct amount of paperwork.

651-642-9052  
[sc@sapaseniors.org](mailto:sc@sapaseniors.org)

This event is partially supported by a Live Well at Home grant from the MN Dept. of Human Services.



# NATURE NEWSFLASH

# CITY PROGRAMMING

## Discounted Backyard Compost Bins Available for Ramsey County Residents

Why should you consider investing in a compost bin? In Ramsey County, we are lucky enough to have the food scraps drop-off program. The food scraps you drop off at one of the locations (like City Hall!) go to an industrial composting facility and become finished compost that you can access. You can put a lot more items in the Ramsey County Food Scraps Collection Bin than in a backyard setting, because the industrial composting process is able to process things like animal products, grease, and biodegradable products. However, backyard composting is also a great practice to reduce food and yard waste ending up in landfills. Backyard compost should only have plant-based food scraps, leaves, grass, coffee grounds, eggshells, and weeds that have not gone to seed. Backyard composting is great for gardeners who want to generate their own soil amendments to improve the nutrient content and moisture of the soil. Compost requires some tending, but containers like a compost bin and free online resources like [this one](#) from the UMN extension make it easy to do!

Ramsey County residents can purchase a discounted backyard compost bin through [the annual compost bin sale](#). A 125-gallon compost bin is available for \$80, and residents can use the promo code "Ramsey" for an additional \$20 off, bringing the total cost to \$60.

Supplies are limited. Purchased bins can be picked up on May 2 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at the new Environmental Service Center in Roseville.

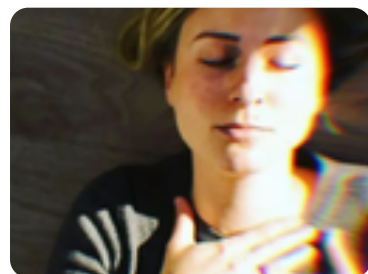
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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