



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.)

Fix-It Clinic

Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It Clinic.

- Saturday, April 25, 2026
 - 10 AM – 1 PM
 - Ramsey County Environmental Center (1700 Kent St., Roseville)

CITY NEWS

Larpenteur Avenue Redevelopment Updates

Following the Planning Commission's approval of the PUD 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. The amendment will now move forward to the City Council, where it will be discussed on Wednesday, April 8.

In addition, the Planning Commission approved a resolution finding that 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 be discussed by the City Council on Wednesday, April 8.

More information can be found in the City Council's agenda packet on [the City Website](#).

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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Workshop

April 8, 2026 – 6:00 PM

POLICY ITEMS

- Consideration of Fairway Commons Planned Unit Development Amendment Proposal
- Consideration of the City’s Acquisition of 1407 Larpenteur Avenue West

City Council Meeting

April 8, 2026 – 7:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- Approval of City Licenses
- Authorizing Application for the Livable Communities Development Project Grant Program for Fairway Commons
- Authorizing Application for the Livable Communities Small Area Planning Project Grant Program for the Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Master Plan
- Approval of Comcast Agreement for Wi-Fi Installation at Community Park
- Declaring the Public Works 2010 Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper as Surplus to Sell to Purple Wave Auction
- Accepting the Resignation of Joe Morseth from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Declaring a Vacancy
- Appointing Caitlin Klauui to the Community Engagement Commission

POLICY ITEMS

- Consideration of Fairway Commons Planned Unit Development Amendment Proposal
- Authorizing the Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for 1407 Larpenteur Avenue and 0 Larpenteur Avenue West

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

CITY COUNCIL

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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. Hwy 280 is closing mid-April for pavement and bridge improvements.

Northbound lanes fully close April 13 at 5 a.m., southbound lanes fully close April 29.

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](#).

Call 511 or check 511MN.org for the most up-to-date traffic impacts.

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](#)

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.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, email citycurbside@emerge-mn.org



Xcel Energy Updates

Pole Testing

Xcel Energy will be conducting routine testing of wooden utility poles (both distribution and transmission) across its Minnesota service area from mid-March through October. This work includes hand-digging around pole bases, sounding poles, and minor drilling to assess structural integrity. Crews will restore all sites upon completion.

Testing will be visible in the community, and some poles may require follow-up repair or replacement. Affected residents will receive advance notification (calls or postcards), and city staff will be notified concurrently.

Residents with questions should contact Xcel Energy’s Customer Contact Center at (800) 895-4999. All crews will be identified with Xcel Energy branding and credentials.

Ramsey County Open Book – Preliminary Market Value Review Meeting

Ramsey County will host its annual Open Book meeting on April 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Plato Building, 90 Plato Blvd. West in Saint Paul.

Open Book is an opportunity for property owners to speak directly with appraisal staff, review property information and get answers to questions. No appointment is required.

If you have questions or would like to discuss your property, you are encouraged to contact the Assessor’s Office at 651-266-2131 or use the Assessor’s Office contact form before the meeting. Many concerns can be resolved through this initial conversation.

Any Lab Test Now – Grand Opening

Falcon Heights Councilmembers recently attended the grand opening of Any Lab Test Now, a new health testing service located along the Larpenteur Avenue corridor.

The ribbon cutting marked an exciting milestone for the business and highlighted continued investment and activity in the corridor.

City officials were pleased to help welcome the new business and wish the team continued success as they begin serving the community.

Residents can learn more about the services offered by Any Lab Test Now by visiting [the company’s website](#).



St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Equal Portions: Food, Friendship and Fun

Presented by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Catered luncheon and presentation on the third Thursday of the month! Upcoming event details below.

- Date: Thursday, April 16th
- Time: Noon - 1:30 pm
- Place: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.
- Details: This month, they welcome speaker Margot Monson. Margot is an entomologist whose interest in bees stems from her passion for understanding the role insects play in the diversity of natural habitats.
- Food cost: \$15, cash or check at the event. You may bring your own lunch, in which case the event is free. Lunch is planned to be a Baked Potato Bar.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 8th so enough food can be ordered. Please note any dietary restrictions or preferences, as well as if you need a ride to the event, at registration.

Call 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org to register or for more information.

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

Ramsey County Open House

The community is invited to an Earth Day celebration at the Ramsey County Environmental Center on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Drop by for a sneak peek of the facility, insights on recycling and food scraps collection, upcycled crafts activities, native seed sowing and light refreshments. Families can also enjoy story time with Murphy the Recycling Unicorn. All are welcome.

Find the schedule of events: RamseyCountyMN.gov/ECOpenHouse

Why Darkness Matters for People, Birds, & Wildlife

Join the Roseville Area League of Women Voters (LWVRA) Environmental Committee at their upcoming event, where they will discuss the importance of protecting natural darkness.

Event Details:

- Tuesday, April 14 | 6-7 PM
- Ramsey County Library - Roseville (2180 N Hamline Ave.)
- Free and open to the public

Guest speakers Todd Burlet & Kikki Sonnen will explain why protecting natural darkness matters for human life, wildlife and the wonder of a star-filled sky.

More information can be found on the [LWVRA Website](#).



NATURE NEWSFLASH

CITY PROGRAMMING

Give Your Home a Breath of Fresh Air This Earth Month

Make your home more efficient, lower its carbon footprint, and learn how to make efficient choices for your next home project with Home Energy Squad®.

Home Energy Squad is a CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy program that helps Minnesotans improve their efficiency with energy assessments and energy-saving upgrades. During your visit, energy experts will come to your home and evaluate its energy use. Based on their findings, they'll install energy-saving materials at the time of the visit at no added cost. You may receive LED lightbulbs, weatherstripping, high-efficiency showerheads, and more.

After the visit, you'll receive a personalized report of the findings, including recommendations for other ways you could save energy around your home, like installing insulation or upgrading your heating system. If you have any questions about your report or projects, you can call and speak to an energy advisor for guidance.

Increasing your home's efficiency will improve your home's performance. Your heating and cooling systems will be able to maintain your preferred temperature more consistently, you'll feel more comfortable, and you'll be helping the planet.

Schedule your visit today to receive your home energy assessment, energy-saving materials, and follow-up guidance. Thanks to Falcon Heights, your visit will be discounted. For more information on Home Energy Squad and to schedule your visit, please visit mncee.org/HES or call 651-328-6220.

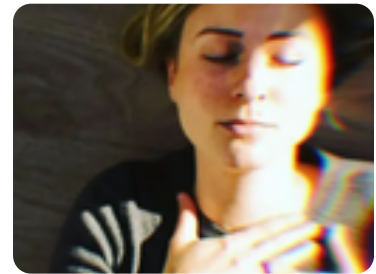
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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