



FALCON HEIGHTS

THE CITY THAT SOARS

2077 LARPENTEUR AVE. W.

Upcoming City Council Workshop and Meeting

- Wednesday, April 22, 2026
 - 6:00 p.m. | City Council Workshop
 - 7:00 p.m. | City Council Meeting
 - Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.)

City Council meetings are broadcast through NineNorth. Meetings are streamed live online, aired on local cable (channel 16), and recordings of past meetings are also available.

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

Council Approves Fairway Commons – Senior Housing (1644 Larpenteur Ave. W.)

Following the Planning Commission approval, the City Council recently approved amendments to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a new affordable housing project at 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, in the parking lot west of the existing Amber Union Apartments.

The site was previously approved in 2023 for a 100-unit affordable housing development called Amber Flats. In 2025, Velair Development Company worked with the City to update the project plan.

The newly approved development, Fairway Commons, will be a 110-unit affordable apartment building for adults ages 55 and older. The building will include a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments across four residential stories, along with one underground level of parking.

Sustainability Fair

Join us at the Sustainability Fair this Saturday, April 18, from 11 AM to 2 PM at Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 Larpenteur Ave. W.). Learn more about the event on page 3 of this newsletter, or visit the [City's website](#).



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Unofficial Recap

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 Klæui to the Community Engagement Commission
(Mayor Gustafson: Approved 5-0)

POLICY ITEMS

- Consideration of Fairway Commons Planned Unit Development Amendment Proposal (Wassenberg; Approved 5-0)
- Authorizing the Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for 1407 Larpenteur Avenue and 0 Larpenteur Avenue West (Mogen; Approved 5-0)

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 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

City Council Authorizes Purchase of “Get Pressed” Property (1407 Larpenteur Avenue)

The Falcon Heights City Council recently authorized the purchase of the property at 1407 Larpenteur Avenue, the former location of Get Pressed. Funding for the acquisition will come from the City’s fund balance reserves.

The site has a long history of commercial use, including a fuel station and a dry cleaner. Environmental assessments completed in 2023 through a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Brownfield Assessment Grant confirmed contamination on the site and outlined the steps needed to clean it up.

The building on the property has been vacant since the late 2010s and has been condemned. In recent years, the site has become a source of blight in the area.

By acquiring the property, the City will be able to work more directly with partners such as the MPCA, Ramsey County Environmental Health Services, and the Metropolitan Council to secure grants and technical assistance to clean up the site. Once remediation is complete, the City will evaluate potential redevelopment opportunities guided by community needs and regional priorities, which may include housing options.

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](#).

Join the Parks and Recreation Commission!

Looking to get more involved in the community? The City currently has one opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission advises the City Council on matters related to the operation of the City’s public parks and recreation programs. The commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Residents interested in serving are encouraged to apply by May 9. Learn more and apply on [the City’s website](#).



Mattress Curbside Pickup

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 are open this week on April 15. Residents must book in advance. Visit the [city's website](#) to make an appointment. 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.

Public Works Updates

- Public Works will be repairing planter boxes in the median over by 1830 Larpenteur Ave. W.
- Public Works will also start patching potholes on City Streets. Please report any potholes to City Hall at 651-792-7600.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota's Severe Weather Awareness Week takes place April 13–17, and encourages residents to review their emergency plans and learn how to stay safe during severe weather events such as thunderstorms, flooding, and tornadoes.

As part of the week, Minnesota will hold a statewide tornado drill on Thursday, April 16 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens may sound as part of the simulated tornado warning. The afternoon drill is intended for schools and businesses, while the evening drill gives families an opportunity to practice their safety plans.

Residents are encouraged to identify the safest place in their home, typically a basement or an interior room on the lowest level, and review emergency plans with household members.

For more information, visit the [Minnesota Department of Public Safety Website](#).

Highway 280 Closure

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has started a major resurfacing project on Highway 280 between I-94 and Hwy 36/I-35W. Work includes resurfacing the road, repairing bridges and ramps, and improving drainage.

Highway 280 will be fully closed through late August, with northbound lanes closing April 13 and southbound lanes closing April 29. The road is expected to reopen before the Minnesota State Fair, with some lane closures continuing into fall.

More information:

- [MnDOT Project page](#)
- Traffic updates: 511mn.org or call 511

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Hope in the Struggle: The Josie Johnson Story

- Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026
- Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Place: 2200 Hillside Ave. W., the Centennial United Methodist Church building. Come to Door 2.

Details: A reflection on the life of freedom fighter and civic leader Josie Johnson, who fought for fair housing, education, and civil rights. Hear in her own words how her experiences turned her to activism. Johnson was inspired by activists who came before her, and the documentary shows how her activism continues to inspire the next generation of activists, including her grandchildren. The struggle for justice and equality continues, but there is hope in the struggle.

Registration is not required.

Call 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org for more info. This program is partially supported by a Live Well at Home grant from the MN Dept. of Human Services

FirstHome Down Payment Assistance

Ramsey County is now accepting new applications for FirstHome. The FirstHome program assists first-time and first-generation homebuyers with low-to-moderate incomes who are purchasing homes in suburban Ramsey County.

Please visit [Homebuyer Assistance Ramsey County](#) for more information.

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.

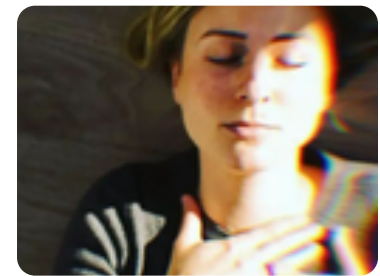
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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