



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.

Learn more about the project on the [City Website](#).

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Workshop

April 22, 2026 – 6:00 PM

POLICY ITEMS

- Meet & Greet with St. Anthony Police Chief and Officers

City Council Meeting

April 22, 2026 – 7:00 PM

PRESENTATION

- St. Anthony Police Department Annual Report
- Presentation of Updated City Website

CONSENT AGENDA

- General Disbursements, Payroll, Wire Payments
- Approval of City Licenses
- Reappointing Jacob Brooks to the Planning Commission
- Approving a Contract with Electro Watchman Inc. for Added Access at Community Park
- Authorizing the Budget Amendments to
- Transfer Funds and for the Purchase of 1407 Larpenteur Ave. W. – Get Pressed
- Authorizing a Change Order for 2026 Sanitary Sewer CCTV & Clean Project #26-02 with American Environmental, LLC
- Consideration of City Hall Operating Under Summer Hours
- Awarding Bid for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project FH 25-03 to Visu-Sewer
- Authorizing the City to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program
- Authorizing the Purchase Agreement for Playground Equipment from Northland Recreation at Community Park

POLICY ITEMS

- Appointing Members to the Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Request of Out-of-State Travel Reimbursement for an Elected Official

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.

Learn more about the project on the [City Website](#).

Sustainability Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Recycling and Sustainability Event on Saturday, April 18, at Falcon Heights City Hall. Residents from Falcon Heights and Lauderdale came together to recycle electronics and textiles, shred paper, explore sustainability resources, and connect with local organizations.

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](#).

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 already closed 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



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, and 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 continue patching potholes on City Streets. Please report any potholes to City Hall at 651-792-7600.

Compost Giveaway and Garden Tool Swap

Spring is the perfect time to start planning your garden, and residents in Ramsey County have access to several free resources to help their gardens thrive.

Pick up free compost on Saturday, May 2. A healthy garden starts with healthy soil. On Saturday, May 2, pick up free compost made from food scraps at the [Ramsey County Environmental Center](#). The compost used at this event is locally sourced.

Swap garden tools in May

Garden tools can be expensive. Instead of buying new tools for a project this spring, visit the [Garden Tool Swap](#)! Ramsey County residents can swap gently used garden tools for free at the Ramsey County Environmental Center this May. The event runs every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, May 9 and May 16, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

[See the full list of accepted items.](#)

Metro Transit is Looking for Feedback

To continue to improve affordability and accessibility, Metro Transit is considering several proposed updates to fares and the fare payment system.

Metro Transit is accepting comments about these proposed updates online and at public meetings through Tuesday, May 26.

How to provide feedback:

- Submit comments [online](#)
- Comment over the phone by calling 612-373-3333
- Attend an in-person or virtual hearing. Find out dates and locations [here](#).

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Legacy Journaling

Join a unique and meaningful class facilitated by Gabriel Ross, retired director of Creative Spirit and experienced Soul Journal facilitator.

No art or writing experience is needed. All levels welcome. Reflect, create, and connect with your life story.

Start compiling your legacy in a supportive, inspiring environment—and discover just how meaningful your story truly is.

Reserve your spot today and begin your creative journey!

Free workshop

- Dates: Tuesdays, April 28th–May 26th
- Time: 9:15–11:15 a.m.
- Where: 2200 Hillside Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Registration is required. To register, call 651-642-9052 or email: sc@sapaseniors.org.

Priority given to 60+ who live in the SAPAS service area

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

Growing for Good

Visit the [Como Park Lutheran website](http://ComoParkLutheran.org) for more information

COMO PARK LUTHERAN

GROWING FOR GOOD

Saturday, May 2nd

12:00 – 2:00 PM • 1376 Hoyt Ave W, St. Paul

Catch the cultivators buzz. Grow abundantly.
Share generously. Thrive, together.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Kids' Activities**
Fun for all ages – get your hands dirty!
- CPLC Giving Garden Tour**
See the giving garden up close
- Ask a Ramsey Garden Educator**
Get expert tips from local growers

WHO'S JOINING US

- MN Hobby Beekeepers**
Meet local beekeepers and learn about pollinators
- Como Grow a Row**
Growing food to share with neighbors in need
- St. Paul Growers Association**
- MN Tool Library**
- St. Paul Parks & Rec**
- Como Community Seed Library**
- District 10 Como Community Council**

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

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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](http://HomebuyerAssistanceRamseyCounty.org) for more information.

NATURE NEWSFLASH

CITY PROGRAMMING

Electric Lawn Mowers

Mowing the lawn is a common chore for many homeowners who keep turfgrass lawns. If you are bothered by the noise, fumes, maintenance costs, storage needs, and having to store gas, you may find that electric lawn equipment could be right for you. Electric lawn mowers are a quieter, lighter option that doesn't emit harmful air pollutants right into you and your family's lungs, and they are of course a great option if you are interested in cutting fossil fuels out of your life.

Electric mowers come in corded options, and battery-powered mowers. There are also robotic mowers, which function like a robotic vacuum for your lawn! For battery-powered mowers, you want to calculate the square footage of the yard to be mowed to make sure the battery can cover the lawn on a full charge. To find out how to calculate this, check out the Shift2Electric webpage. Many outdoor lawn equipment companies that have electric options have one battery that is compatible with a variety of pieces of equipment, such as trimmers, edgers, weed whackers, and chain saws.

You can find lists comparing the products on this website. While new electric mowers may be more expensive up front, the reduced cost of maintenance and fuel (the American Lung Association estimates you can mow a city lot 33 times for \$1) makes them competitive with gas mowers. Their lack of emissions, lower noise and vibrations, lighter weight, and simple start make them compelling. To overcome the upfront cost, you can look for used equipment or apply Xcel Energy's rebate (up to \$75 off the total cost).

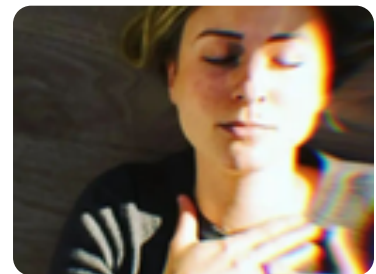
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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