



FALCON HEIGHTS

THE CITY THAT SOARS

2077 LARPENTEUR AVE. W.

Upcoming City Council Workshop and Meeting

- Wednesday, May 13, 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.

Spring Together

Join the City of Falcon Heights for the annual Spring Together Event! Enjoy free popcorn and cotton candy, connect with City partners and community resources, and new this year, enjoy live performances by the Falcon Heights Orchestra.

Saturday, May 16 | 3 - 5 PM
Curtiss Field (1551 Iowa Ave. W.)

CITY NEWS

City Council Appoints Community Advisory Committee Members

As the University of Minnesota is in the process of reviewing proposals from potential developers for the Les Bolstad Golf Course, the City of Falcon Heights hired planning consultant Bolton & Menk. They recommended creating two advisory bodies: a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Following the application and interview process, the council appointed 9 members to the committee, who represent various economic, demographic, and neighborhoods within the City of Falcon Heights and adjacent cities. The CAC will meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, for approximately 18 to 24 months, with its first meeting starting in May.

The goal of the CAC is to assist with developing a master plan for the redevelopment.

Learn more about the committee on the [City's Website](#).



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Unofficial Recap

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
(Gustafson; Approved 5-0)

POLICY ITEMS

- Appointing Members to the Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
(Wassenberg; Approved 5-0)
- Request of Out-of-State Travel Reimbursement for an Elected Official
(Wassenberg; 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

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](#).

Community Park Renovation Update

Since the start of spring, Community Park has been busy with construction crews as they continue renovations.

Crews are working on finalizing the new park building and shelter, pouring concrete, redoing the parking lot and installing the new playground. The existing playground will stay until the new playground is installed later this summer.

Dates for the parking lot replacement are still being finalized, but will be published when known, as it requires full closure of the parking lot.

Learn more about the Community Park Renovation on the [City's Website](#).

Road Construction Updates

Snelling Ave./Highway 51 Closure

Repairs and resurfacing on nearly 3.5 miles of Highway 51/Snelling Avenue in Arden Hills and Roseville begins Monday, April 27, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Work is planned on the roadway between Highway 36 in Roseville and Grey Fox Road in Arden Hills. During the project, construction crews will work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Motorists will encounter lane closures and short-term closures of side streets when there is work nearby. There will also be two weekend directional closures with detours.

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

- Boulevard restoration from damage to the grass by the snow plows.
- Cleaning and clearing out catch basins.
- Repair degraded asphalt around sanitary manholes throughout city.

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

Coffee and Game Day

Presented by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation, and board games with friends and neighbors. Coffee will be provided, and a variety of games will be available, including Dominoes, Scrabble, Rummikub, Mahjong, Cribbage, and more.

- When: The first Friday of each month. Next gathering is May 1st.
- Time: 10:00–11:45 AM
- Where: 2200 Hillside Ave W. (please use Door 2)

No registration is required—all are welcome!

For questions, contact the SAPAS office at 651-642-9052 or email sc@sapaseniors.org.

Free Paper Shredding Event

Protect your personal information by bringing confidential documents to a paper shredding event for Ramsey County residents on Friday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramsey County Environmental Center.

Residents may bring up to three banker-size boxes, weighing no more than 50 pounds each. Event may end early if trucks fill up.

Learn more: RamseyRecycles.com/PaperShredding.

Growing for Good

Visit the [Como Park Lutheran website](https://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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Text to 9-1-1

Did you know you can text 911 in an emergency? Text-to-911 is a critical alternative when calling 911 isn't possible – whether you're in danger, unable to speak or facing a situation where making noise could put you at greater risk. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing or speech impaired may use text-to-911 as a first contact option.

Learn more through the [Minnesota Department of Public Safety](https://www.mn.gov).

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).

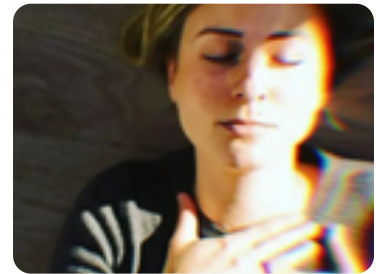
This article was written by Olivia Siebert, a Minnesota GreenCorps member who previously served with the City of Falcon Heights. Is there something you want to see in the Nature Newsflash, or are you an expert and want to be included in future articles? Send your ideas over to Hannah Lynch, Community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