



# Fridley

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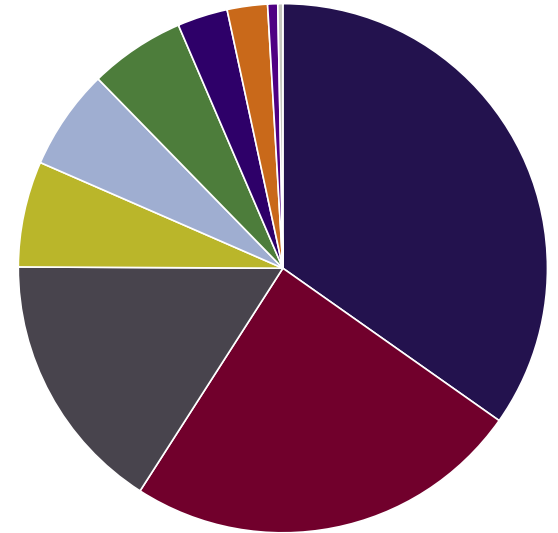
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## 2024 Budget Summary

### The Daily Value of Your City Tax Dollars at Work

Public Safety	\$1.13
Capital Investments (Civic Campus, Parks)	\$0.79
Public Works	\$0.52
City Manager's Office	\$0.21
Finance	\$0.20
Community Development	\$0.19
Parks & Recreation	\$0.10
SNC	\$0.08
City Council	\$0.02
IT Capital	\$0.01



**\$3.25 per day to help fund essential City services**  
**Decrease of \$37 annually for 2024**

The impact of the City's portion of the overall property tax is about \$3.25/day to the median value home. The amount represents a \$37 annual decrease from last year. Services include public safety, parks and recreation, public works and general administration, but do not include enterprise services such as water and sewer.

### What Does the 2024 Budget and Levy Include?

The City of Fridley's (City) 2024 Budget represents a spending plan based on the City's Vision Statement: We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses. Through months of planning by City staff and many hours of discussion and review by the City Council, the City's 2024 Budget was approved on December 11.

In 2024, the City continues its commitment to improving the quality of life through investments in parks, infrastructure, equipment, and people. With the intention of delivering good value for taxes paid.

Major investments in Moore Lake Park will be completed this year and attention will be directed to Commons Park, Edgewater Garden Park, Sylvan Hills Park, Logan Park and others. Street, water, sewer and storm water improvements will continue as planned, assuring a reliable infrastructure.

Costs associated with personnel (wages, benefits, taxes, training) continue to make up the single largest expense within the 2024 Budget. For the

General Fund, which is primarily funded through property taxes, personnel services will increase by 7.6 percent in 2024. The bottom line is that retaining quality employees is cost effective. Attracting and retaining top talent is vital to an organization's success.

Compensation for most staff is determined by a policy that recognizes merit, length of service and fairness within the organization and in comparison, to other cities. The City's workforce has become younger due to numerous retirements, but remains talented and dedicated. As a result, a significant number of employees are moving through the pay steps thus creating higher expenses than in previous years. The City has no vacancies in key positions and the Police Division is fully staffed.

In total the City has 211 staff, including full-time, part-time, and paid on-call firefighters. Eighty-three of those employees were hired in the last three years. Between 2020-2023, 28 staff were promoted to elevated positions within the organization. The City's pool of talented professionals includes many younger staff who are striving for and committed to their professional development. This commitment to learning and growth serves our community and results in higher levels of services for residents.

### Where Can I View the Full Budget?

The complete City budget may be found online at [FridleyMN.gov/CityFinancials](http://FridleyMN.gov/CityFinancials) or examined in-person at City Hall.

**City Budget, continued on page 7**



## Springbrook Spring Spree - April 13

Planning is underway for this year's Springbrook Spring Spree! Save the date of Saturday, April 13, for this exciting fundraising event. More information coming soon!



## Moon Plaza Site Redevelopment

Moon Plaza, the 1960's strip mall, was demolished this fall to make way for a new apartment building. The new building will have 169 units, with a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units, and will be affordable to people making 60 percent of the area median income (AMI). This translates to an annual income of \$56,000 for a family of two, and \$70,000 for a family of four. Rents are expected to be between \$1,200 to \$1,700 per month. Each unit will have a washer and dryer, stainless steel appliances, and nine-foot ceilings. The common area amenities will include a community room, a game room, an outdoor patio with a dog run, a tot lot and connections to existing sidewalks and public transportation.

The developer, Roers Companies, is currently working on the new building's foundation excavation, pouring footings, creating the foundation walls and installing utilities. Wood framing of the individual floors should start in February. Castillo Commons, the name of the new apartment building, is expected to open in the Spring of 2025.



### External Utility Service Insurance

As a reminder, external utility service programs, such as utility service insurance, are not sanctioned or endorsed by the City. If you receive a mailing about these services, remember to do your due diligence and research prior to inquiring about these services. Please contact the Utilities Division at 763-572-3529 with any questions.

### Save the Date! Homeowner Programs Open House

Join fellow Fridley homeowners at our Homeowner Programs Open House on Wednesday, March 27, from 4-7 p.m. to learn about available resources. Topics include grants, loans, Home Energy Squad services and homeowner safety.

The Open House will be held at Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE. Attendees are welcome to come any time during the event. There will be no formal presentations given. More information about programs can be found at [FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms](http://FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms).



## FRIDLEY BY THE NUMBERS

More than **4,000** people attended the City's **16** special events

**173 public programs**

were recorded and made available online, including public meetings, educational and promotional videos and updates on special events



New Building Value Added Through Development

**\$66,767,917.19**

Springbrook Nature Center accumulated more than

**42,000 hours** of teaching programs

**482** applicants for **18** City jobs posted



## Grant Awarded to Update Zoning Chapters

The City of Fridley was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to help update the City's Zoning Chapters. The Code updates will help Fridley achieve the vision laid out in the community's Comprehensive Plan. The updated code will support a more efficient equitable development pattern.

Assisted by local consulting firm HKGi, staff and policymakers will meet to consider changes to landscaping, parking, density and active transportation standards included in the

Zoning Chapters. Members of the Planning Commission and City Council will meet to work on updates in 2024. Meetings are open to the public.

Financing for this project was provided by the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Act grants. Learn more about City Code updates at [FridleyMN.gov/Recodification](https://FridleyMN.gov/Recodification).



## Recodification Update

The City Manager's Office and City Clerk's Office have continued work on the Recodification process of reviewing the City Code (Code) to see what areas can be updated to make the Code easier to navigate and make sure it meets the needs of those who live and work in Fridley. This process began in 2021, and staff from every department have been working on reviewing the Code. The latest Title to be approved by the City Council is the six chapters that make up Title 4, Public Nuisance.

Some chapters received an update to their content, while others simply received some modernized language. Some chapters were consolidated, such as all three chapters that pertain to vehicles: Abandoned Junk or Unsafe Motor Vehicles, Junk Vehicles and Vehicle Towing, into one chapter simply titled Vehicles.

The chapter on Abatement of Exterior Public Nuisances received the most updates to align with State Law, and includes procedural changes such as notifications residents will receive if an abatement of an exterior public nuisance is determined, and changes to the request for hearing timeline from 10 days to 14 days to ensure the deadline will not fall on a weekend.

Title 4 of the Code was adopted at the City Council meeting on August 28, 2023, and became effective on September 16, 2023.

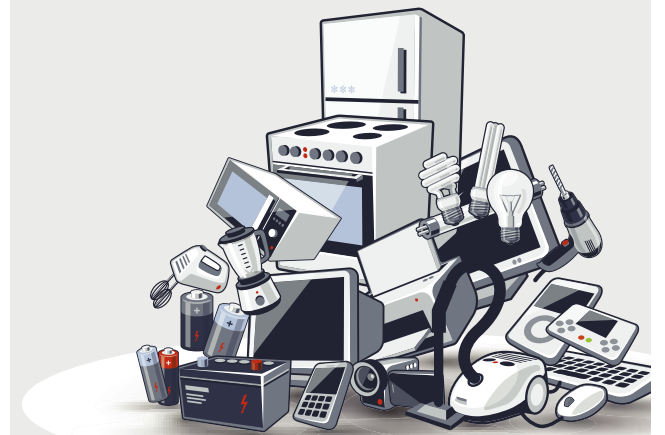
The City has created a webpage for the project where all supporting documents may be viewed and it can be found at [FridleyMN.gov/Recodification](https://FridleyMN.gov/Recodification). Any questions on this project may be directed to [CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov).

## Save the Date! 2024 Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding Events

2024 Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding Events will occur at Recycle Technologies (1525 99th Lane, NE entrance) from 8 a.m. – Noon on March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. Items accepted include:

- Small electronics (free)
- Batteries (free)
- Light bulbs (free)
- Scrap metal and small engines (free)
- Bicycles (free)
- Paper shredding (free)
- Appliances (Discounts available)
- Water heaters and softeners (Discounts available)
- Televisions (Discounts available)
- Mattresses (Discounts available)
- Tires (Discounts available)

Visit [FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff](https://FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff) for a full list of accepted items, discounts and pricing.



## Where to Keep Inoperable Vehicles

Are you curious about what vehicles you can have in your driveway or parking lot in Fridley?

In general, vehicles kept outside at your property should be licensed and street operable. A licensed vehicle means your car has legal and up-to-date license plates and tabs, while street operable means it should have all parts present and not be partially dismantled. If you have a car that does not meet these requirements, it should be repaired or kept in a garage.

For more information about vehicle regulations or other code questions, feel free to contact Dan Cahill, Code Enforcement Inspector, at 763-572-3598 or [Daniel.Cahill@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Daniel.Cahill@FridleyMN.gov). If you would like to report an inoperable vehicle or any other code violation, visit [CitizenServe.com/Fridley](https://CitizenServe.com/Fridley) to make an anonymous complaint.

**2,719**

violations were identified and resolved within the interior and exterior of rental properties



**184** trees added to our community



The Fire Division responded to more than **2,600** calls for service



**2,084**

properties were inspected and updated as part of the Quintile Review

**881**

cars at participated in the March-September recycling events



Public Works responded to **13** plowing events and **25** ice control events

**522**

pollinator plants planted by volunteers at Commons Park in celebration of National Public Lands Day

The Police Division conducted **8,862** traffic stops and responded to **26,251** calls for service



\* as of October, incidents only

# Utility Billing Changes – What Residents Need to Know

As a resident of the City of Fridley, you receive a quarterly utility bill that combines four key services: water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and recycling.

The changes in your bill from one quarter to the next can be a bit confusing. Some changes are due to the time of year, as seasonal consumptions can vary significantly. For example, during the warmer months you may have extra water usage to maintain your lawn. In addition, charges like sanitary sewer for residential and small multi-family properties are calculated once a year and carried forward for the next three quarters. While the City continuously tries to keep our rates low, there are factors beyond our control such as the rising cost of infrastructure and the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services charge for sewage disposal. This accounts for 80% of the expenses in the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund and has increased an average of 6.1% over the past three years.

### Utility Rate Changes

**Utility Funds:** Based on the current revenue and expenditures projections and to maintain an adequate balance of cash in each fund, there will be a modest 3% increase in the Water Utility Fund, and a 4.5% increase in the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund. The Storm Sewer Utility Fund will have a 9.7% increase.

**Recycling Fund:** The City’s Recycling Fund is used to cover the cost of the City’s residential recycling program. Currently, the City has a contract with Republic Services Inc. to provide city-wide curbside recycling. Recycling commodity pricing has fallen this year, so based on the City’s variable price model, there will be an increase after two years of decreases. The increase will be \$2.40 per dwelling unit per quarter for residential units of 12 users or less.

### What does this mean to your utility bill?

The total impact of these proposed changes will result in an increase of \$11.34 per quarter (5.2%) to a residential customer using 18,000 gallons of water a quarter. See below for the cost comparison for the increase from 2023 to 2024 for an average residential quarterly utility bill.

### How does Fridley compare with other cities?

As you can see in Figure 1, for Cities with a population between 20,001 and 50,000, the average increases are quite a bit higher than Fridley’s for all utilities. Overall, the average increases in 2023 for Water, Sanitary Sewer (Wastewater) and Storm Sewer (Stormwater) systems for those populations were 7.7%, 7.6% and 14.7%, respectively. For comparison, in 2022, the average rate increases for systems of this size were 6.3% for Water, 8.4% for Sanitary Sewer, and 13.2% for Storm Sewer.

Fridley has been able to keep our rate increases lower due to the City Council’s decision to use American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Federal Government to help pay for costly utility infrastructure projects.

This decision helps our community threefold; first, by keeping Utility rates stable for our residential and commercial customers; second, by reducing the need for external debt issuances in the Utility funds; and third, by keeping the City’s utilities safe and well maintained. 2024 will be the last year to use these funds.

### Typical Household Water Use and Ways to Reduce Water Consumption

According to the American Water Works Association, about half of household water use is for flushing and laundry.

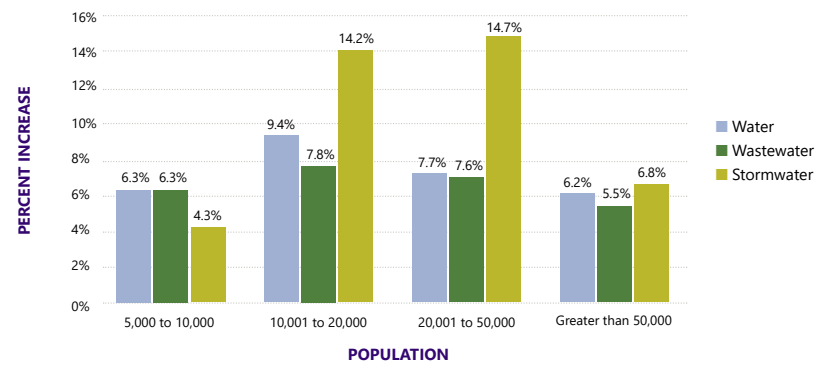
Some easy ways to reduce water consumption include:

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and washing dishes by hand.
- Run the clothes washer only when full.
- Update to a water-efficient washer, toilet and/or irrigation system. (The City is offering rebates through May 30, 2024.)

- Shorten shower time. (1 to 2 minutes shorter saves approximately 25 gallons per month.)

Nobody likes rate increases, but they are sometimes a necessity. The City believes in a Fridley that is safe, friendly, and vibrant and provides stable homes for families and businesses. Residents should always be assured of the best quality of services at the best value to ensure the future of these community assets. If you have any questions on your Fridley utility bill, you can reach us at 763-573-3529.

**FIGURE 1: AVERAGE REPORTED 2023 RATE INCREASES**  
METRO AND NON-METRO UTILITIES SERVING 5,000 OR GREATER



**FIGURE 1: Residential (18,000 Gallons Used)**

	2023	2024	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Water Utility</b>				
Fixed Charge	\$ 22.90	\$ 23.59	\$ 0.69	3.0%
Usage	\$ 52.10	\$ 53.66	\$ 1.56	3.0%
Subtotal	\$ 75.00	\$ 77.25	\$ 2.25	3.0%
<b>Sanitary Sewer Utility</b>				
Fixed Charge	\$ 55.70	\$ 58.21	\$ 2.51	4.5%
Usage	\$ 67.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 3.00	4.5%
Subtotal	\$ 122.70	\$ 128.21	\$ 5.51	4.5%
<b>Storm Water</b>				
Fixed Charge	\$ 12.20	\$ 13.38	\$ 1.18	9.7%
<b>Recycling</b>				
Fixed Charge	\$ 8.50	\$ 10.90	\$ 2.40	28.2%
<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$ 218.40</b>	<b>\$ 229.74</b>	<b>\$ 11.34</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

## Sign up to pay your utility bill automatically with our free Auto Pay program

- Save money (no stamps, no processing fees)
- Save time (no checks to write)
- No late fees, and no worries!
- Sorry, residential renters are not eligible.

### Auto Pay is a free service and enrollment is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Simply complete the form below.
2. Attach a voided check. (Deposit slips are not acceptable).
3. Return this form and voided check to the address listed below. Once you are enrolled, your utility bill will state \*\*\* Bank Draft\*\*\*. It is that simple!

Bills are paid automatically from your checking account on the due date. Our **Auto Pay** program is a free service and you can unenroll anytime by contacting us at least 10 days prior to the due date of your bill.

**Questions? Call us! 763-572-3529**

Mail completed forms to:

City of Fridley, Attn: Utility Billing, 7071 University Ave NE, Fridley MN 55432

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utility Account #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking

By signing below, I am authorizing the City of Fridley Utility Billing Department to automatically withdraw my utility payments from my checking account.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## A Look into Fridley's Citizens' Academy

Each fall, a group of about 30 Fridley community members spend 11 weeks learning about Fridley's Public Safety Department through a program called Citizens' Academy. Participants get a behind-the-scenes look at a various topics including traffic stops, fire skills, K9s, use of force, firearms, crime prevention and personal safety.

Along with learning about these topics, participants get hands-on experience through activities including conducting mock traffic stops, trying out the decision-shoot simulator, being lifted on the fire ladder and more!

Here is what a few recent Citizens' Academy graduates had to say about their experience:

***"Hearing the Public Safety Department and various other City Departments speak so highly of their jobs and why Fridley stands out above the rest, made me feel pride for our city and excited for the community's***

***future. When a big department, such as Public Safety, is given a face and name, it becomes human and approachable.*** – Rachel Westhoff, 2023 Citizens' Academy Graduate

***"I am so passionate about this program that I urge anyone and everyone to give it a shot. Going through Citizens' Academy has changed my perception and how I feel about this city. It has opened my eyes to what cops go through besides just traffic stops. It's a great opportunity to learn from law enforcement and show up for them and the City."*** – John Crane, 2023 Citizens' Academy Graduate

***"There was not a single evening that was boring. Many of the classes were hands-on and interactive, but even those that were 'story telling' were fascinating."*** – Laurie Kelzenberg, 2023 Citizens' Academy Graduate



### Interested in Citizens' Academy?

Citizens' Academy 2024 will begin in September. Applications will open this summer. Keep an eye out online and in future editions of the newsletter for details. Visit [FridleyMN.gov/CitizensAcademy](https://FridleyMN.gov/CitizensAcademy) to learn more about this program!



## It is an Election Year! Here is What You Need to Know

2024 will provide two opportunities for voters to cast their ballots to elect the President of the United States: The Presidential Nominating Primary on March 5, and the General Election on November 5. There will also be a Primary Election held on August 13, which will have runoffs for County, State and City seats. Here is a closer look at the first 2024 election date, the Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP):

The PNP is a little like caucuses that other states hold in a presidential election year, and a little like the regular Primary held in August. It is a way to narrow down Presidential candidates for each party using ballots. The results will be tabulated in the same manner as the primary. The one difference is at the PNP, separate ballots will be printed for each

March 5 - Presidential Nominating Primary  
August 13 - Primary Election  
November 5 - General Election

participating political party. Voters will be required to select the party they align with and select their candidate of choice. Simply put, the PNP is a part of each political party's process for selecting a presidential nominee.

The date for the PNP is March 5. The Polls will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Early voting will be available at City Hall beginning January 26. You may early vote anytime during business hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can also request a ballot for early voting by mail by visiting the Secretary of State's website: [SOS.State.MN.US/Elections-Voting](https://SOS.State.MN.US/Elections-Voting). More information on the PNP can be found there as well, or you can contact the City Clerk's Office at [CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov) or 763-572-3573.



## Keeping Area Children Warm This Winter

On October 26, the Fridley Police Association partnered with Omnetics, Inc., and the Fridley Lions Club to hold their annual Coats from Cops event. Coats, boots and other winter gear were provided to **148 families** in an effort to keep area children warm this winter.

Learn more at  
[FridleyPublicSafety.org/Tip411](https://FridleyPublicSafety.org/Tip411)

Receive crime alerts and other community information

Submit an anonymous tip at Fridley Police

View our crime map, social media pages and website



# Let's Celebrate! 2024 '49er Days

2024 marks the 75th birthday of Fridley and the 50th birthday of the Fridley '49er Days Festival! Everyone is invited to join the Fridley '49er Days celebration in June at Commons Park.

- **Thursday, June 13, 2024** – Fridley Lions Club Parade
- **Friday, June 14, 2024** - Family Fun Night and Car Show
- **Saturday, June 15, 2024** - Music, Activities, Fireworks & More!

We need your help to make this the best celebration ever!

- Sign up to volunteer
- Showcase your business or community group by reserving a vendor space or register to participate in the parade

More information and registration can be found at [FridleyMN.gov/49ers](http://FridleyMN.gov/49ers)

Stay in the know! Follow us on [Facebook.com/49erdays](https://www.facebook.com/49erdays)



**Did You Know? Fridley was incorporated as a city in 1949. That significant year is why the City's annual festival is called Fridley 49er Days.**



## Skate into the Winter at Commons Warming House!

Thanks to the community for donating ice skates during the Fridley Parks and Recreation Department Ice Skate Drive. We now have over 30 pairs of skates for the public to use for FREE at the Commons Park Warming House. If you have ice skates you would like to donate, they can still be dropped off at Commons Warming House during open hours.

## Winter Parking in Effect through April 1

Friendly reminder: Fridley does not declare snow emergencies. From November 1 through April 1, however, it is a violation to park any vehicle on City streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

It is a violation to stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the plowing or removal of snow, ice or waste from public streets or highways regardless of date or time.

Violators will be tagged and towed, and subject to storage charges.

Fridley City Code, Chapter 506.05

Fridley Lions and Fridley Liquor Present

# 2024 Winter Warm-Up

Food, Wine & Beer Extravaganza

Celebrating & supporting Fridley's 75th anniversary!

Warm up with local restaurants & vendors providing specialty food, beer & wine tastings.

Bid on amazing prizes in our silent auction.

*Proceeds will be given back to support youth, needy, our schools, 49er Days 75th celebration and our community.*


**Tickets: \$45**

**February 23, 2024**

**6:00-8:30pm**

Banquets of Minnesota  
6310 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley

[www.FridleyLions.org](http://www.FridleyLions.org)





City Budget, continued

**BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

	2024 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Taxes	\$ 15,620,500	\$ 14,455,700
Licenses and Permits	1,309,000	1,371,700
Intergovernmental:		
Federal	165,000	895,000
State-General (Local Government Aid)	2,198,900	1,743,400
State-Categorical	3,448,100	4,308,000
Other-Local	15,000	11,000
Charges for Services	3,497,300	3,693,400
Fines and Forfeits	132,500	133,400
Special Assessments	650,000	993,300
Interest on Investments	722,100	339,200
Gambling Tax	52,200	60,000
Miscellaneous	408,100	71,800
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>28,218,700</b>	<b>28,075,900</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
General Government	4,760,200	4,512,700
Public Safety	13,088,200	11,926,200
Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	5,448,700	5,045,700
Streets and Highways (construction)	3,165,000	5,408,000
Sanitation	539,000	460,400
Culture and Recreation	1,696,700	1,613,100
Capital Outlay	6,876,000	8,126,000
Miscellaneous	29,200	112,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>35,513,000</b>	<b>37,204,100</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(7,294,300)	(9,128,200)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>		
Sale of General Fixed Assets	127,000	115,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
General Fund	542,500	680,100
CIP-Parks		-
Building Fund		-
Capital Equipment	200,000	250,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
CIP Streets	(200,000)	(106,600)
CIP Parks	(154,000)	(135,000)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>515,500</b>	<b>803,500</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>(6,778,800)</b>	<b>(8,325,100)</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>\$ 20,577,799</b>	<b>\$ 19,620,870</b>

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

	WATER	SEWER	STORM WATER	LIQUOR	2024 BUDGET	2023 BUDGET
<b>Revenues</b>						
Sales	-	-	-	6,719,800	6,719,800	7,138,700
Operating Revenues	4,676,200	6,910,600	2,102,600	-	13,689,400	13,067,200
Total Gross Profit and Operating Revenues	4,676,200	6,910,600	2,102,600	6,719,800	20,409,200	20,205,900
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Personnel Services	920,800	540,800	747,300	721,500	2,930,400	2,716,900
Supplies	402,900	60,500	40,200	31,100	534,700	407,700
Cost of Sales	-	-	-	4,845,900	4,845,900	5,198,600
Other Services & Charges	2,183,500	6,454,300	1,471,000	737,000	10,845,800	10,614,200
Total Operating Expenses	3,507,200	7,055,600	2,258,500	6,335,500	19,156,800	18,937,400
Operating Income (Loss)	1,169,000	(145,000)	(155,900)	384,300	1,252,400	1,268,500
<b>Nonoperating Revenue (Exp)</b>						
Interest Income	90,500	36,100	36,000	15,000	177,600	287,700
Grant Proceeds	410,000	1,100,000	-	-	1,510,000	1,344,500
Capital Outlay	(2,650,000)	(1,690,000)	(560,000)	(55,000)	(4,955,000)	(2,755,000)
Debt Service	(913,700)	(42,600)	(37,000)	-	(993,300)	(1,286,200)
Total Nonoperating Rev (Exp)	(3,063,200)	(596,500)	(561,000)	(40,000)	(4,260,700)	(2,409,000)
Income (Loss) before Operating Transfers	(1,894,200)	(741,500)	(716,900)	344,300	(3,008,300)	(1,140,500)
Operating Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	(338,500)	(338,500)	(338,500)
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(1,894,200)</b>	<b>(741,500)</b>	<b>(716,900)</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>(3,396,800)</b>	<b>(1,479,000)</b>

**Questions?** Email Finance Director Joe Starks at Joe.Starks@FridleyMN.gov or call 763-572-3520.



## Are You Struggling to Pay Your Utility Bills?

The Energy Assistance Program can help pay for your electric or gas bill. Applications for the 2023-2024 Energy Assistance Program are now available through May 31, 2024. Contact Anoka County Community Action Program at 763-783-4747 or visit ACCAP.org. Recipients can also be referred for weatherization services, including improved insulation.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### January

- January 2 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- January 4 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meeting
- January 8 | City Council Meeting
- January 9 | Charter Commission Meeting
- January 9 | Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- January 15 | City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17 | Planning Commission Meeting
- January 22 | City Council Meeting

### February

- February 1 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- February 5 | Charter Commission Meeting
- February 5 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- February 12 | City Council Meeting
- February 13 | Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- February 19 | City Offices Closed for Presidents' Day
- February 21 | Planning Commission Meeting
- February 26 | City Council Meeting

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in any City of Fridley services, programs, or activities. Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons who require auxiliary aids should contact the City at 763-572-3450.

## Winter Fun in Our Parks!

### Cross Country Ski and Multi-Use Trails

The City of Fridley grooms trails in Commons, Meadowlands and Riverview Heights Parks. Six-foot trails are groomed including a three-foot section for cross country skiing and a three-foot section for multi-use. Multi-use trails can be used for a variety of activities—walking, fat tire biking, snowshoeing, etc. We do our best to groom the trails weekly depending on snow depths and conditions.

### Sledding Hill

If you are looking for a great place to bring the sleds—check out Commons Park!

### Snowshoeing and Kicksledding

Snowshoeing and kicksledding are fun and a great workout that can be done on the snow at any of our parks (a minimum of three-inch base of snowpack is best). Springbrook Nature Center has snowshoes and kicksleds that are available for rent from the front desk between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on a daily basis and can be used on-site at Springbrook.

### Ice Skating

The City of Fridley maintains five general skating rinks and six hockey rinks in Fridley! General rinks are located at Briardale, Hackmann, Logan, Sylvan Hills and Plymouth Square Parks. Hockey rinks can be found at Commons (2), Flanery, Madsen and Ruth Circle Parks, and Hayes Elementary School. We need ten consecutive days of freezing temps to create safe and usable ice. Skating rink lights are on Monday - Sunday from 5-10 p.m.

### Sledding Hill

Are looking for a great place to bring the sleds? Check out Commons Park! The sledding hill is located just beyond the playground and picnic shelter.

### Warming House at Commons Park

The Commons Park Warming House will be open this winter! Ice skates of various types and sizes are available for the public to use for FREE! The warming house will be closed if unsafe ice conditions or extreme cold temperatures are present. Please check [FridleyMN.gov/WinterParkUse](http://FridleyMN.gov/WinterParkUse) for opening day. Hours are (weather and ice conditions permitting): Friday, 3:30-7 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday 1-6 p.m.; closed on holidays.



### INTRO TO ICE FISHING

Join us on the ice for some fishing fun. Instructor and Fishing for All owner, Evan Griggs, will teach basic ice safety and ice fishing skills. All equipment is provided. Dress for the weather. Registration required for this one-hour session. Parent/guardian must be present. No fishing license required.

6521	Ages 8+	M	Jan 15	1 - 2 p.m.	\$5
6522	Ages 8+	M	Jan 15	2 - 3 p.m.	\$5

Moore Lake Park



Saturday, January 20 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue NE

Wander through our Winter Wonderland with activities for the whole family! Activities include:

- Medallion Hunt
- Snow Painting
- Campfires
- Ice Games
- S'mores
- Zumba
- Kicksleds
- Fat Tire Bikes
- Hot Cocoa
- Snowshoeing
- Storytime
- And More!

### CREATE COMMUNITY ART FOR WINTERFEST

Bring your artistic flair to the North Suburban Center for the Arts from November 17 – January 13 to add winter magic to our community artwork/photo backdrop. Stop by Winterfest for a photo op and to see the final creation!



### WINTER GEAR DRIVE:

Help keep our community warm this winter! We are accepting donations of gently used/new winter gear. Donated gear will be available free of charge during Winterfest. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall, Springbrook Nature Center or North Suburban Center for the Arts during business hours until January 13.



Bundle up and get ready to hike at Springbrook using the light of glowing lanterns to guide you. Listen for owls hooting, keep your eyes peeled for elusive nocturnal animals, warm up by the fire and enjoy s'mores.

Registration is required, \$5 per person. Children five and under are free. Register online, or by calling the Nature Center at 763-572-3588.

Please check in at Springbrook's front desk for the event. If snowpack allows, snowshoes will be available to rent for \$5/pair, while supplies last.

**Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**January 12, February 9 and March 8**