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2022 Elections Information

In 2022, there will be two election days for Fridley voters:

- August 9, 2022- Regular Primary
- November 8, 2022- General Election

Early Voting

If voters are unable to vote on election day, they may want to vote by Absentee Ballot. Fridley residents are welcome to vote early at the Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue) beginning June 24 for the Regular Primary. Voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Voters may also vote at the Anoka County Courthouse (2100 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303).

In addition, voters may request ballots be mailed to their home. To apply for a mailed Absentee Ballot, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's web site: www.sos.state.mn.us, or call 1-877-600-VOTE (8683).

Absentee Ballots can be returned via mail or in person to:

Anoka County Elections & Voter Registration
2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160
Anoka, MN 55303

Local Candidates

For Fridley City Council, the following vacancies will be on the ballot: Councilmember for Wards 1, 2, and 3. Terms for these Council positions are four years beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026.

Redistricting

Since 2020 was a census year, the City of Fridley has undergone redistricting since the last election with the new census information. There were no changes to the wards, however there were some slight changes to two precincts. The reorganization of Ward 2 Precinct 2 and Ward 3 Precinct 3 have caused changes in polling locations. The polling locations at Fridley Covenant Church and Michael Servetus Unitarian Church have closed. The new polling locations for residents who voted at these locations previously are now Hayes Elementary School (615 Mississippi St NE), North Park Elementary School (5575 Fillmore St NE), Redeemer Lutheran Church (61 Mississippi St NE), St. Philip's Lutheran Church (6180 MN-65), and Stevenson Elementary School (6080 E River Rd).

Visit MNVotes.org or call 763-572-3523 to find your new polling location if you were affected by this change.

Chores & More Program for Seniors

Did you know? Anoka County Community Action Program offers a Chores & More program for seniors to help with housekeeping, minor home repairs and seasonal chores.

This program can be a solution to a temporary situation such as illness or injury, or an essential service to help residents remain living safely and independently in their homes.

For income-eligible clients, Chores & More services are available on a sliding fee scale rate (or suggested donation). If you or someone you know is interested in these services, please contact the Chores & More staff at 763-783-4767. Learn more at accap.org.



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City of Fridley's 7th Annual Tree Sale

Could your yard use a tree? The City of Fridley's tree sale is now open and offering a variety of reduced cost trees. Trees improve air and water quality, increase property values, lower energy bills, and provide valuable wildlife habitat. All trees come in #10 containers (approximately 5'-6' tall).

Submit your order by July 29 online at FridleyMN.gov/TreeSale or by calling the City at 763-572-3594. Trees will be available for pick-up on September 10 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Fridley Civic Campus. Limited quantities available. Limit two trees per species per household. Fridley residents only.

Species	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Ecological Value	Cost
Autumn Brilliance Service Berry	25 feet	Full or partial sun	Birds and insect pollinators may utilize this tree for its flowers and fruits; fruits are edible	\$35
Redbud "Northern Strain"	25 feet	Full or partial sun	Birds and insect pollinators may utilize this tree for its flowers and fruits	\$35
Princeton Elm	50-70 feet	Full sun	Resistant to Dutch Elm Disease; nesting sites for birds	\$30
River Birch	50-70 feet	Full or partial sun	Seeds eaten by birds; nesting sites for birds	\$30
Black Hills Spruce	45 feet	Full sun	Nesting sites	\$35

Fridley Community Calendar

July

- 4 City Offices Closed for Independence Day
- 7 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 11 City Council Meeting
- 12 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 City Council Meeting
- 26 Public Accuracy Test for the Primary Election

August

- 1 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 4 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 6 Early Voting at City Hall Begins
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 City Council Meeting

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 at least one week in advance.

Your Opinions are Needed!

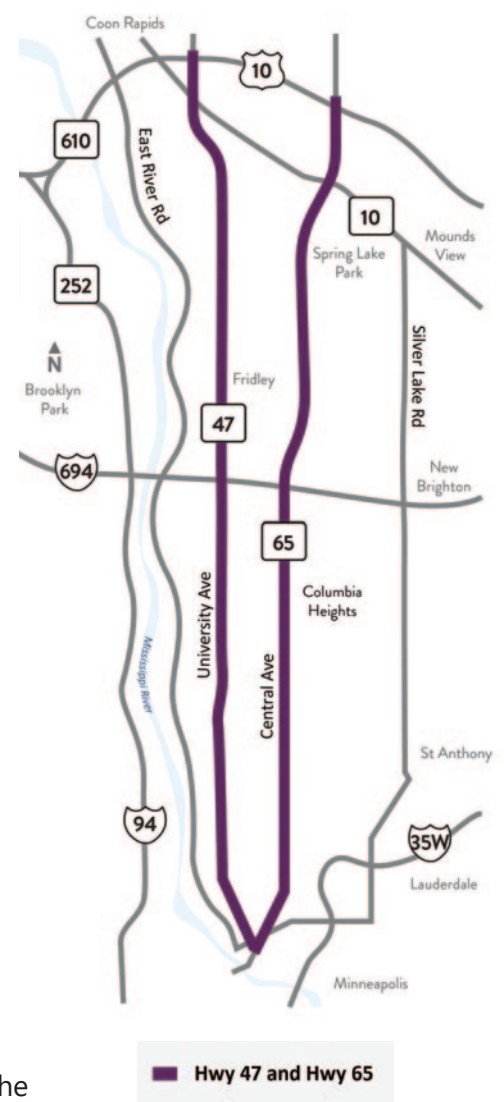
Concerned about safety issues within the MN 47 and MN 65 corridors? Then let your voice be heard!

Residents, businesses and anyone else interested is invited to share ideas on improving the vital transportation routes we use every day. Do not miss this opportunity to join your friends, neighbors and coworkers to help shape local infrastructure.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is working to develop a future vision for University Avenue (Highway 47) and Central Avenue (Highway 65) from Northeast Minneapolis to the Northtown Mall. The study area passes through the cities of Blaine, Coon Rapids, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Hilltop and Minneapolis – a total of 20 corridor miles.

To gain local input, MnDOT is hosting eight community conversations – four in-person and four online – about existing conditions and how they can be improved. Possible enhancements regarding the future of our intersections and roadways will be shared to gain feedback and ideas. This is an opportunity to express your viewpoints and help improve the future of your community.

If you have interest in learning more about our community's transportation routes, please join us in July! Dates, times, locations and opportunities to give feedback are available on the project website at talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-47-hwy-65-study.



Reminder: Sales and Repair of Vehicles

Pursuant to the Fridley City Code, repair or painting of motor vehicles and small engines is not permitted either as a business or a hobby in the City of Fridley. Minor repairs are allowed if completed within one day.

Vehicle dealers cannot buy, sell or store vehicles on residential property in the City of Fridley.

Recodification Update

A complete review and update of the Fridley City Code is underway. The recodification process involves the Fridley City Council, the City Attorney, and a wide array of staff who work collaboratively to suggest updates to the Code for the public and Council to consider. The process will include a thorough inventory of the Code, and an analysis of every chapter to ensure compliance and alignment with the Fridley City Charter, state statutes, federal laws and various best practices.

The Code is a collection of ordinances, or local laws, adopted by the Council and arranged into a common structure. Coupled with the Charter, it provides the foundation for nearly all municipal functions. It governs numerous procedures of the City, and many behaviors of residents and business owners.

On August 23, 2021, the Council authorized the City Manager to begin recodification. The project is led by the City Manager's Office and facilitated by the City Clerk's Office. At its January 24, 2022, meeting the Council heard an update from staff on Title 1 of the Code

(General Provisions). At its meetings in February, the Council conducted a public hearing and two considerations of the ordinance to update Title 1. The Title was approved on March 14, 2022. The Council will hear an update to a portion of Title 2 (Administration), which outlines administration procedures for City services. The Council will call for a public hearing sometime this summer to review Title 2 and take public comment.

After Title 2 is approved, the City will begin work on Title 3 (Health, Safety, and Welfare), which includes an array of chapters aimed at protecting the health and safety of residents and business owners.

The City has created a webpage for the project where all supporting documents may be viewed (FridleyMN.gov/1582/Recodification-Project).

Any questions on the project may be directed to the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov. View the Code online at Fridley.municipalcodeonline.com.



Development Update: Happy Tails Rescue

Founded in 2005, Happy Tails Rescue, a non-profit organization based in Fridley, is dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned animals. Along with a committed group of volunteers, the rescue works with foster homes, local veterinarians, trainers, and boarding facilities to rescue dogs and cats, and provide them with loving temporary care until a forever home can be found.

Happy Tails Rescue started renting in Fridley, after finding a space they needed in a nice location. The rescue then bought a building in Fridley due to its location and how amazing the City has been. "We really enjoy being in Fridley!" stated the Rescue's owner.



Learn more:
happy@tailsrescue.org / tailsrescue.org



Looking for a family volunteer opportunity? Adopt a Fridley Park!

Are you looking to make a positive impact in the Fridley Community? Adopt a Fridley park! Community members and groups will work alongside City of Fridley Parks and Recreation staff to help keep our city parks clean and beautiful. Volunteers will be responsible for picking up litter, removing weeds, and reporting any vandalism or safety hazards to parks staff. To learn more about the Adopt-A-Park program and apply to adopt a park visit FridleyMN.gov/AdoptAPark or call Fridley Recreation at 763-572-3570.





BUY ONLINE

Pickup curbside or in-store

START SHOPPING AT

FridleyLiquor.com/Shop

Available only at the 57th Ave. location (next to Cub Foods)

Submit Your Concerns Online

Did you know? You can report concerns online at FridleyMN.gov/1517/Report-A-Concern via your smart device or a computer.

What types of things can you report online?

- Private property maintenance concerns, container storage, vehicle violations.
- Public property concerns such as graffiti, park equipment maintenance, potholes, tree concerns.
- Crimes that do not require immediate police presence.

2022 Recycling Drop-Off Schedule

The City of Fridley will host five recycling drop-off and paper shredding events in 2022 at Recycle Technologies, Inc., in the location previously occupied by Green Lights Recycling. Midwest-based Recycle Technologies, Inc. purchased Green Lights Recycling in the Fall of 2021 and led the September and November 2021 drop-offs. We look forward to continuing our successful recycling drop-off and paper shredding events with them this year.

NEW IN 2022! Free recycling of electronic media including CDs, VHS tapes, floppy discs, and cassette tapes. It is requested, but not required, that you remove these items from their plastic sleeves prior to bringing them in. Before bringing electronic media to be recycled, please check donation options listed in the recycling directory at FridleyMN.gov/Recycling.

2022 Schedule of Events

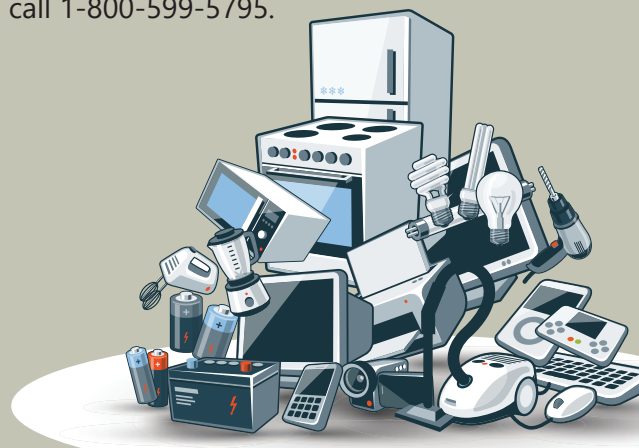
July 9

September 10

November 12

- All events 8 a.m. - noon
- Cash and Check Only
- Drop-off entrance located at 1525 99th Ln NE
- All Fridley residents receive \$30 off their total plus free recycling of many items including light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding and more.
- Visit FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff for a full list of items in pricing
- Questions? Call 763-572-3594

Looking to get rid of a working refrigerator or freezer that you no longer need? Xcel Energy will pick up it up from your home and pay YOU \$50. Learn more and schedule an in-home or contactless pick up at XcelEnergy.com/Fridge or call 1-800-599-5795.



Reuse in the Community

Choose to reuse! Reusing an item is even better than recycling it! You are likely familiar with local thrift and donation centers, but there are many homegrown initiatives that promote reuse popping up all over. Before you toss an item, see if it can be used through one of these options:

Buy Nothing Fridley/Spring Lake Park Facebook Group

This Facebook group, which is part of the worldwide "Buy Nothing Project," is open to residents of Fridley and Spring Lake Park. The group provides its members an opportunity to give, receive, lend and share a variety of items for no cost. To participate, use your Facebook account to search the group name and select "Request to Join."

Toy Libraries

If you attended the Environmental Fun Fair in May, you might have had a chance to meet representatives from the new location of the Minneapolis Toy Library in Northeast Minneapolis. Members of the toy library can

borrow a range of toys for kids aged 0-5 years old. Toy donations are also accepted. Learn more at mplstoylibrary.org.

Little Free Libraries

Little Free Libraries have popped up all over Fridley and allow you to take or leave a book for free. Each library is a little bit different. Find libraries or information on how to build your own at LittleFreeLibrary.org. In partnership with the City's recycling program, the Adopt-A-Park captains at Edgewater Gardens, Sylvan Hills Park and Briardale Park will be installing Little Free Libraries in their parks this summer. Drop-off a book you loved and pick up some new material while exploring Fridley's parks.



Join us for an all-ages book/puzzle/game swap before the Roxxy Hall Concert at the Fridley Civic Campus on July 19 and a kids-themed book/puzzle/game swap before the Jolly Pops Concert at Commons Park on August 10. Stop by the book swap to grab some new books/puzzles/games.

ALL AGES SWAP

JULY 19 | 6 - 7:30 P.M.
FRIDLEY CIVIC CAMPUS

Have items to swap? Drop-off your good condition books/games/ puzzles on the following dates to be included in the swap:
July 11-19 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall
July 12 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at City Hall
July 19 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. on the Plaza

Please have items sorted by the following categories: adult fiction books, adult non-fiction books, cookbooks, young adult books, games and puzzles.

KIDS SWAP

AUGUST 10 @ 10:30 A.M.
COMMONS PARK

Have items to swap? Drop-off your good condition books/games/ puzzles on the following dates to be included in the swap:
August 3-9 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall
August 10 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Commons Park

Please have items sorted by the following categories: picture books, activity books, early reader, young reader, young adult, games and puzzles.

**You do not need to bring an item to take an item.
Any items left after the swap will be donated or distributed in the community.**

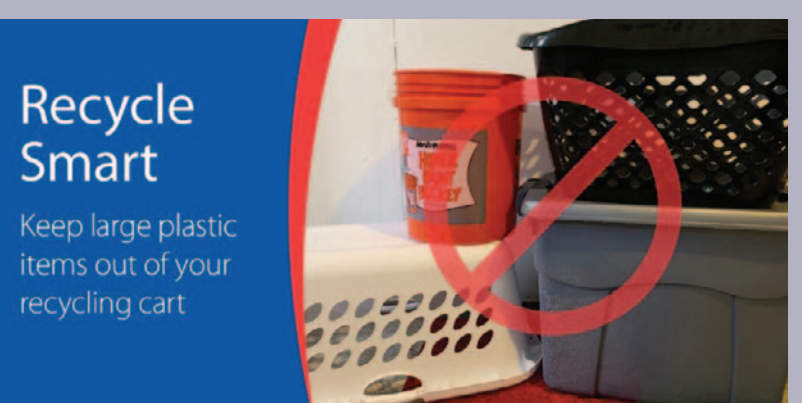
**Staff are not monitoring donated items for content.
Items at the swaps do not represent the options or positions of the City of Fridley.**

Recycle Smart – Bulky Plastics are Not Recyclable

It may be tempting to put that broken hamper in your curbside cart or bring your kid's old toy to a recycling center...it is plastic, so it is recyclable, right? Actually, that is NOT correct. Curbside programs are set up to sort plastic bottles, cups and containers by shape and size. Large, bulky, plastic items like children's toys, kiddie pools, lawn furniture, laundry hampers, plant pots, buckets and other plastic household items are not meant for curbside recycling

programs. Drop-off centers do not want them either. They ARE NOT recyclable.

If not damaged, consider reusing or donating these items. If damaged, contact your hauler before throwing away for more details and to see if there is a charge for disposal.





2022 Citywide Garage Sale Maps will be available July 20

Last year, more than 100 sales participated in our Citywide Garage sale. Check our website at FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale on July 20, 2022, for a map of this year's sales!

Garage Sales will take place on July 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Weather

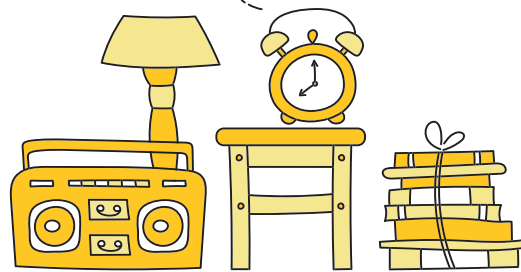
The Citywide Garage Sale will be postponed or canceled if there is inclement or severe weather. Garage sale hosts will be contacted if this situation occurs.

Trash to Treasure Day

Fridley residents can participate in Fridley's Trash to Treasure Day by placing items they no longer want on the curb or end of their driveways from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. Please mark these items as "Free." Community members can pick up items that are marked "Free." No registration is required.

Please remove any remaining items from the end of your driveway by 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. All unwanted items will need to be removed

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE July 22 & 23



FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale

within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event. The City of Fridley will NOT be picking up items for disposal.

Additional Questions

If you have questions about the Citywide Garage Sale, please contact Olivia Raun, Communications and Engagement Specialist, at Olivia.Raun@FridleyMn.gov or 763-572-3579.

Sustainability Awards

The City of Fridley is being recognized for its efforts to become a more sustainable City through multiple awards in 2022. The City's Public Works Department was selected for the American Public Works Association's Excellence in Sustainability Award for 2022 and will be recognized at the National American Public Works Association's Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in August. The City also advanced from a Step 3 to a Step 4 Green Step City under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's GreenStep City Program and was recognized at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in Duluth, Minnesota in mid-June.

Thank you to all the Fridley staff, residents and businesses who have helped Fridley go green!

Tons of Fun had at the 2022 Environmental Fun Fair!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Environmental Fun Fair in early May. We had a great time participating in environmental activities, listening to live music and eating delicious food with you!





Water Efficiency Grant – Now Including Dishwashers

The City of Fridley was awarded another water efficiency grant by the Metropolitan Council to provide residents and businesses rebates for switching to water-efficient appliances and irrigation systems. \$12,500 in rebates will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Act now before funds run out! Apply today at FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant. Call 763-572-3554 with any questions.



Rebate amounts:

Item	Specification	Rebate Amount*	Estimated Water Savings
Dishwasher	Energy Star Labeled	\$150	4,000 gallons per year
Washing Machine	Energy Star Labeled	\$150	2,000 gallons per year
Toilet	WaterSense Labeled	\$100	13,000 gallons per year
Irrigation System Controller	WaterSense Labeled	\$150	7,600 gallons per year
Irrigation System Audit	Conducted by WaterSense-Certified Irrigation Professional	\$150	Dependent on findings
Spray Sprinkler Body	WaterSense Labeled	\$5 per head	N/A
Rainbarrel	N/A	\$50	N/A

Why should I participate?

Funding for this rebate program is provided by the Metropolitan Council’s Water Efficiency Grant program to encourage water savings in Fridley. All of the City’s water comes from groundwater sources, which take many years to recharge, so it is important that we conserve our water. Pumping from the ground also uses considerable energy, which costs money and contributes to greenhouse gases. Many homes in Fridley have older appliances. Switching to newer, more efficient appliances will save you and the City money and help conserve resources.

Who qualifies for the rebate?

All property owners in the City of Fridley qualify. Renters are encouraged to work with the property owner to participate. Rebates for toilets, dishwashers and washing machines can only be used for replacement items, not for new construction. The product must have been purchased after July 1, 2022.

Why should I update my irrigation system?

Irrigation systems can use a lot of water, especially if they are not properly calibrated. A

smart irrigation controller automatically adjusts watering frequency and amounts based on weather and site conditions. This keeps your yard from getting over-watered. Even if you already have soil sensors, a smart irrigation controller is important, especially in yards with slopes or patches of shade. If every home in the U.S. with an irrigation system used a smart irrigation controller, we could save 100 billion gallons of water per year (equal to the household water needs of 1.2 million Americans). Smart irrigation controllers also allow you to control your irrigation system from your phone and chart water usage over time.

What are the benefits of rain barrels?

Rain barrels allow you to water your plants using runoff from the roof. This keeps the runoff out of the storm sewer system and promotes storm water infiltration. Rain barrels are a preferable alternative to using irrigation systems, since irrigation systems use drinking water which costs money to pump, treat and distribute.

How will I get my rebate?

Your rebate will be applied to your utility bill. Depending on when you submit your receipts, it may take a full billing cycle for your rebate to process. If your rebate is more than your water bill, the rest of the rebate will be applied to the second billing cycle.

What other rebate programs does the City offer?

The City of Fridley offers discounts on the Home Energy Squad program as well as a competitive loan program. Learn more by visiting our website at FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms.

OUR LEADERS ARE READERS

This program is brought to you through a partnership with the Anoka County Library Mississippi Branch.

Join us at the Fridley City Hall as our civic leaders read stories about their jobs and roles in city government. After each story readers will take families on a behind-the-scenes tour of their work spaces.

July 28 – Fire
August 11 – Police
August 25 – Mayor Lund
All Events are at 10:30 a.m.

REC ‘N ROLL

We’ve got your ticket to a rockin’ good time! The Fridley Recreation team will be coming out to neighborhood parks throughout the summer with our Rec ‘n Roll mobile. We will offer a variety of activities on-site including games, sports, arts, crafts, music, and more!

Free snacks will be provided, thanks to our partnership with Fridley School District Food Services. Health and safety guidelines will be followed. Team members will set up activities and equipment for Fridley youth.

Find the Rec ‘N Roll mobile at all of our Community Concerts at the Civic Campus! We will have games and fun on the Plaza for all ages!

Jun 21 - Aug 11	Tuesday	Thursday
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Ruth Circle (8160 Ashton Ave NE)	Creekview (6801 Anoka St NE)
2:30 - 4 p.m.	Madsen (735 73rd Ave NE)	Flanery (1487 Onondaga St NE)



SafeCam - Register Your Surveillance Camera

About SafeCam

Do you have a surveillance camera at your residence or business? If so, Fridley Public Safety would like to partner with you to help keep your neighborhood safe.

Security cameras can be a great tool when solving crimes, but police are not always aware who has surveillance cameras and potentially vital information to help solve a crime.

The Fridley Public Safety Department is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily register their private video surveillance systems with the department and allow officers to contact them should a crime occur in or near where the camera is installed.

Register

Register your surveillance camera online at FridleyMN.gov/SafeCam.

FAQs

What is the SafeCam program?

The SafeCam program was launched in the Spring of 2022 by the Fridley Public Safety Department. It is a 100 percent voluntary, opt-in initiative that allows residents and businesses to register the location of their private video surveillance systems with the department. This allows officers to contact them should a crime occur in or near where the camera is installed. Opting in to the SafeCam program does not give Fridley Public Safety access to video footage until granted by the home or business owner. Interested property owners can register at FridleyMN.gov/SafeCam.

Why does Fridley Public Safety need access to private video footage?

When a crime occurs, video footage is one of the most valuable tools available to investigators and officers. Knowing the location of video surveillance systems allows officers to quickly reach out to those owners and ask for their footage, instead of trying to track down where video footage exists, if at all.

Do other cities have programs like this?

Yes. Fridley is one of several cities in Minnesota and the country that have similar programs, called SafeCam or otherwise.

What kind of cameras could be registered?

Any kind of video surveillance cameras are important. Some common types include video doorbells, wireless video camera systems and home security systems. Registering for the SafeCam program only records the addresses and basic characteristics of the cameras, not the brand or serial number of the cameras.

Does the Police Department have direct access to my video footage?

No. Registering for the SafeCam program only adds an address to the Public Safety Department's database and map of camera locations throughout Fridley. If a crime occurs in the area video footage is needed, the Public Safety Department will reach out directly to the owner to request the footage.

Can I opt out?

Yes. Once registered for the SafeCam program, you may opt out of the program at any time by calling the Public Safety Department at 763-572-3629.

Home Alone Safety Tips for Kids

1. Post emergency phone numbers where children can see them. Include 9-1-1, the parents' work and cell numbers, numbers for neighbors, and anyone else who is nearby and trusted.
2. Have and practice a fire evacuation plan. Make sure that all of the smoke detectors work. Review emergency exits and discuss pathways to safety from each room in the house. In the event of a fire, children should 1) get out of the house immediately, then 2) call 911 from a neighbor's house or cell phone.
3. Schedule check-ins. Make it a rule that your child calls a parent (or other adult that you designate), or leaves you a message at designated times throughout the day and if they leave/return home.
4. Your child should not leave the house unless it has been cleared with you first or there is an emergency such as a fire.
5. Remove or safely store ammunition and weapons in locked areas.
6. Have a first aid kit handy and review it with your child.
7. Lock the doors and if the home has an electronic security system, children should learn how to turn it on and have it on when home alone.
8. Never open the door to strangers. Always check before opening the door to anyone by looking out through a peephole or window.
9. Kids should not talk about being home alone on social media.
10. Keep them busy. Kids are less likely to get into trouble if they are occupied with homework, chores and other activities.



Music in our Parks with Fridley City Band!

Join us this summer for music in our parks! Music will be provided by the Fridley City Band. All concerts take place at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your family, friends, a lawn chair and join us for a lovely, musical evening!

Date	Time	Park
July 18	7 p.m.	Briardale Park
July 25	7 p.m.	Springbrook Nature Center

NIGHT to UNITE!
Neighbors Joining Together

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Fridley's annual Night to Unite takes place the first Tuesday in August. It is a chance to build community partnerships with Public Safety, and get to know your neighbors. Learn more at FridleyMN.gov.

Have Your Birthday Party at Springbrook!

Create lasting memories—have a birthday party at Springbrook! Birthday parties (unless otherwise noted) are for children turning 4 - 11. Included in your fee is private rental space for two hours, a 45-minute outdoor naturalist program (topics listed below), and access to brand new exhibits and nature trails. Call the Nature Center (763-572-3588) to book your party today!

Fees and Availability

Fees: \$125

Maximum number of attendees: maximum of 15 children and up to 5 adults

Time slots: Saturdays or Sundays, 10 a.m. - noon or 2 - 4 p.m.

Topics

Explore the party topics and choose what is best for you!

SURVIVAL!

See if you have what it takes to survive in the wilds of Springbrook Nature Center!

ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Are you curious about what creatures live at Springbrook Nature Center? Let's take a hike to look for signs of animals, using indicators like tracks, scat and even potential homes!

GPS (AGES 8-11)

Learn how to use the GPS units and go on an adventure in the park!

POND EXPLORATION (APRIL-OCTOBER)

Learn about the wetlands of Springbrook from inside them! Dip a net or container into the ponds in the Nature Center and get an up-close view of the creatures that live in them.

SCAVENGER HUNT (AGES 4-7)

Follow naturalist clues on an adventure throughout the park!

ARCHERY (APRIL-OCTOBER, AGES 6+)

Learn the basics of archery, starting with what came before the modern bow.

SNOWSHOEING (SNOW REQUIRED)

Let's learn about snowshoes, play snowshoe games, hike over hill and dale, and burn off some of that excess energy by exploring the winter woods. NOTE: Must have 3 inches of snow pack to use snowshoes.

INSECT DISCOVERY (APRIL-OCTOBER)

Dive into the secret world of insects within Springbrook's prairies. We will get up close to the diverse world of insects and how they color our landscapes.



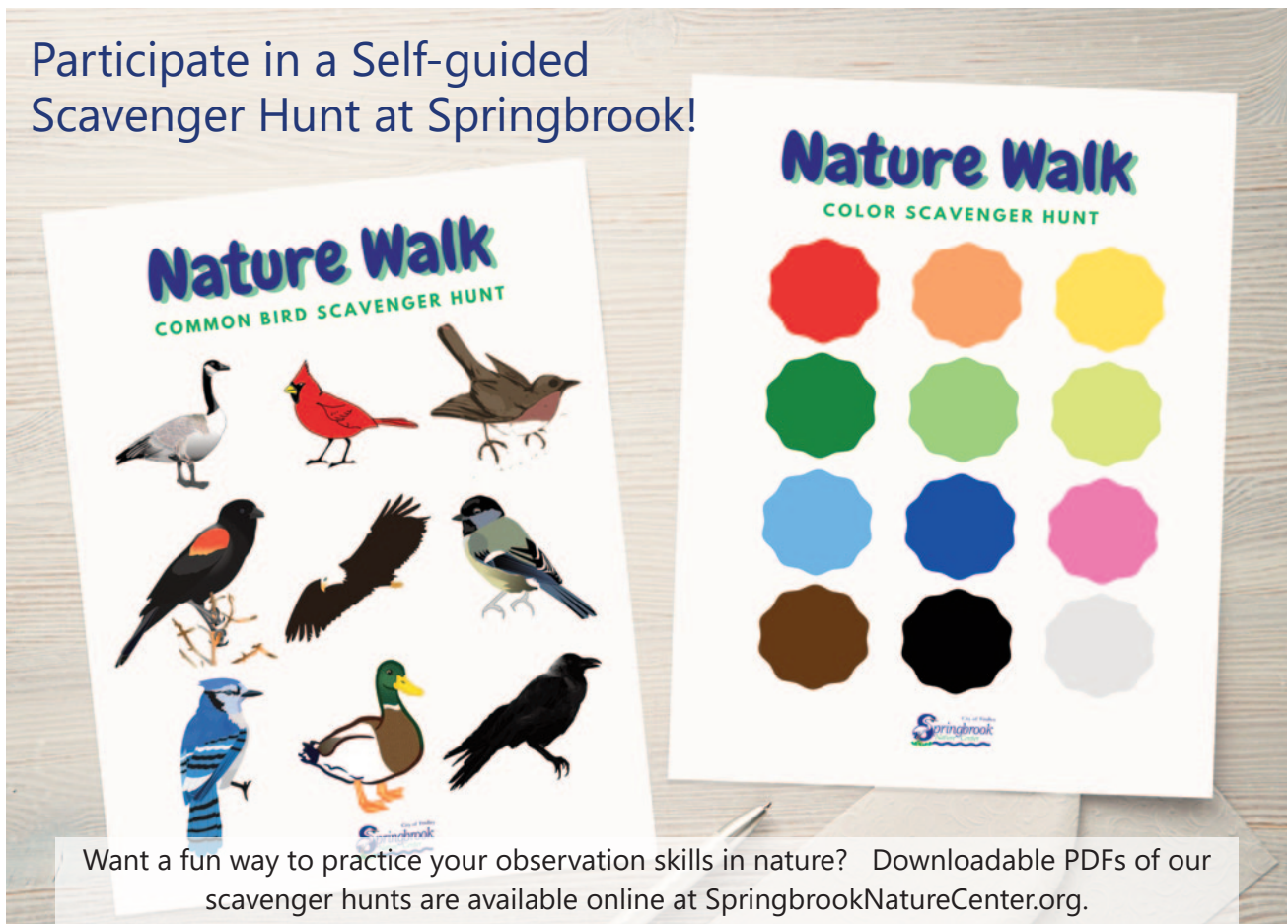
Pumpkin Night in the Park
Saturday, October 22

Save the Date!
2022 Pumpkin Night in the Park

Pumpkin Night in the Park will return on Saturday, October 22, 2022! Advance sale tickets only. More information will become available soon!

Check SpringbrookNatureCenter.org for the most up-to-date information.

Participate in a Self-guided Scavenger Hunt at Springbrook!



Want a fun way to practice your observation skills in nature? Downloadable PDFs of our scavenger hunts are available online at SpringbrookNatureCenter.org.



community concert SERIES

Fridley is getting musical this summer with a full line-up of live performances. Musical acts range from big band to blue grass to Brazilian and it is music that whole family can enjoy. So, grab a blanket or chair and join us for a season of song! Come early to the Civic Campus concerts to enjoy a meal from one of the local food trucks.

The Rec N Roll Mobile will be at all Civic Campus concerts with games and fun for all ages!

Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather—check our Facebook page (City of Fridley) or call the weather hotline 763-572-3578 for updates.

SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER @ 7PM		
100 85TH AVE NW, FRIDLEY		
<small>The SNC concerts are made possible through a generous gift by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.</small>		
VINNIE ROSE Acoustic Guitar/Live Looping	JULY	12
BLUE GROOVE BLUEGRASS Bluegrass	AUG	16
<small>Fox 9 and MN Nice Cream will be giving away free ice cream before concert!</small>		
CIVIC CAMPUS @ 7PM		
7071 UNIVERSITY AVE NE, FRIDLEY (EAST SIDE, BEHIND CITY HALL)		
ROXXY HALL Rock 'n Soul	JULY	19
<small>Sponsored by the Anoka County Library • Book Swap • Rustic Chef Food Truck</small>		
RUM RIVER BRASS Brass Quintet	JULY	26
<small>Brick Oven Pizza Bus</small>		
INNOCENT REGGAE BAND Reggae	AUG	23
<small>Brick Oven Pizza Bus</small>		
NATANIA & TICKET TO BRASIL Brazilian	AUG	30
<small>Rustic Chef Food Truck</small>		
CHILDREN'S CONCERTS @ 11AM		
KIDPOWER WITH RACHAEL	AUG	5
<small>Springbrook Nature Center</small>		
THE JOLLY POPS	AUG	10
<small>Commons Park</small>		
<small>Chalk the Walk, Kid's Book Swap</small>		