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2024 Election Information

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 NE) beginning June 28 for the regular primary. Voting hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., with additional voting hours from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. Voters may also vote at the Anoka County Courthouse (2100 3rd Avenue, Anoka).

Absentee ballots can be returned via mail or in person to:
Anoka County Election & Voter Registration
2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 160, Anoka, MN 55303

There are two remaining election days in 2024 for Fridley voters:

- **Regular Primary: August 13, 2024**
- **General Election: November 5, 2024**

Local Candidates

For the Fridley City Council, the following vacancies will be on the ballot: Mayor and Councilmember-at-Large. Terms for these Council positions are four years beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028.

Polling Place Changes

As a reminder, if you reside in Ward 2, Precinct 3, your polling location has changed from North Park Elementary School to the new building at Moore Lake Park (5872 Central Avenue). If you have any questions about where to vote, you can find your polling location online at SOS.State.MN.US. or contact the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov or 763-572-3573.

NIGHT to UNITE! August 6, 2024

Night to Unite 2024 will be held on August 6 from 6-9 p.m. at various block party locations throughout the City. Public Safety and City staff will make an effort to stop by every registered party to connect with the community.

This is a great opportunity for neighbors to connect with each other and to build relationships with the Public Safety Department. With more than 80 block parties registered, this annual event is an evening full of community, fun and celebration!

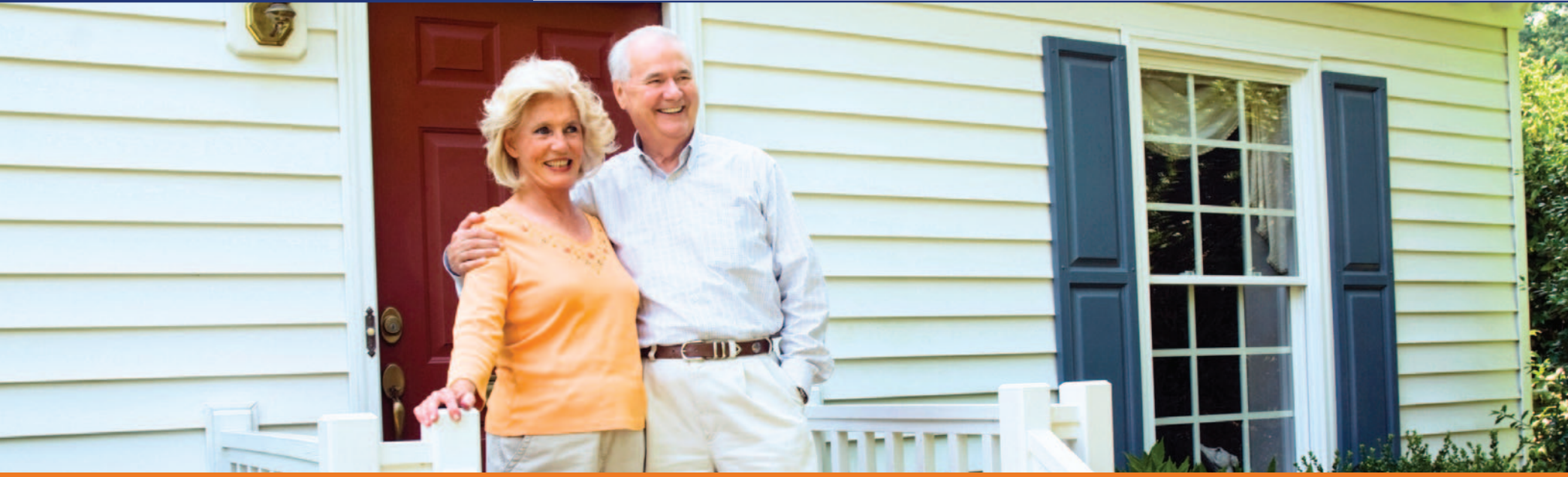
Thank you for your partnership in making Night to Unite a valuable community event.

Register to Host a Block Party

Please complete the block party application online at FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite by Friday, July 19.

Completion of this registration will place your party on a list to be visited by members of our Public Safety staff. You will also receive a small bag with goodies for your party. Pick-up of these items is scheduled for Thursday, August 1.





Spruce Up Your Home, Invest in Your Future: Home Improvement Deferred Loans Now Available

Dreaming of more space for a growing family, an updated kitchen or bathroom, or finally finishing your basement or attic? Senior Deferred Loan applications opened on April 1, 2024, and as of the newsletter publication deadline, funds are still available. And for income-qualified homeowners of all ages, the new Fridley Home Betterment Deferred Loan program is also accepting applications!

Here's how it works:

- **Affordable financing:** No payment is required until the property is sold or the title is transferred. There is a possibility of

complete loan forgiveness if you stay in your home for the 30 year loan term.

- **Focus on improvement:** Make essential repairs or upgrades to your property. The program includes most interior or exterior maintenance or remodeling, with eligible uses determined during a free site visit.
- **Budget-friendly structure:** Up to \$20,000 per property is available to homeowners earning up to 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), based on household size and Adjustable Gross Income from the borrowers' most recent Federal Tax Return.

Ready to get started? Contact Fridley's loan processor, Center for Energy and Environment, at 612-335-5884 or online at mncee.org/Fridley to see if your income qualifies and discuss your home improvement goals. This program can turn your dream renovation into a reality, while increasing the value and comfort of your home.

Funding for Fridley's Deferred Loans comes from the Metro Area Sales and Use Tax for Housing, and from special legislation approved by the Minnesota legislature in 2023.

2024 Income Limits (published 4/1/2024)					
Household size	1	2	3	4	5
Senior Deferred: 60% AMI	\$52,200	\$59,650	\$67,100	\$74,500	\$80,500
Home Betterment: 80% AMI	\$68,500	\$78,250	\$88,050	\$97,800	\$105,650

Recycling Drop Off Event

July 13 from 8 a.m. - noon

On July 13, Fridley residents will have an opportunity for free and reduced recycling of bulky items such as mattresses, appliances, electronics and more! You can receive \$50 off your total with proof of Fridley residence (driver's license, mail or utility bill).

What can that include?

- Two appliances
- A large 60" TV
- A small TV
- Four tires
- And more!

All drop-off events will be held at Recycle Technologies Inc. (formerly Green Lights Recycling). Enter at 1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine.

See a full pricing list at FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff.



Pet Reminders

While enjoying the summer with your furry friends, please remember these actions to help keep your pets and our community safe!

Leashes

When your pet is not on your property, it must be on a leash. If you want to let your dog enjoy some time running around, we encourage you to visit Locke Dog Park (840 71st Avenue NE). This 1.5 acre, fenced, off-leash dog park provides nicely shaded and enclosed areas for dogs of all sizes.

Dog Registration

Dogs six months of age and older must be licensed with the City and vaccinated against rabies. Licenses are valid for the life of the dog. We do not require cats to be licensed. Learn more about dog licenses. Learn more about dog licenses online at FridleyMN.gov/1605/Licenses.

A multiple pet license is required for owners who have four or more pets. Please apply for each lifetime dog license prior to applying for the multiple pet license.

Clean Up After Your Pet

Please remember to clean up after your pets. Check out the City's newly installed pet waste stations at some of our popular parks to encourage owners to clean up their pet's waste!



Pet Waste Stations Coming to a Park Near You!

Picking up dog poop is no fun, but seeing dog poop left behind in your parks and neighborhoods is even worse. Additionally, dog poop contains high levels of bacteria and nutrients that can wash into our lakes, river and creeks when it rains. This summer we are reminding all dog owners that City Code requires picking up after your pets right away.

The City has been installing pet waste stations at City parks including Commons, Summit Square, Briardale, Madsen, the Civic Campus and Moore Lake Park (with grant support from the Rice Creek Watershed District) to encourage park users to pick up after their dog. Thank you for keeping our parks an enjoyable place to walk and play!

Updated Critical Area Rules are Now in Effect

Last year, the City updated its Critical Area ordinance to reflect new State rules regulating land development within the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA). The MRCCA is a corridor of land along each side of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that encompasses all properties west of East River Road in Fridley. Properties in the MRCCA have been subject to additional zoning standards since the adoption of the Critical Area Overlay District

in 1983. While many of the zoning standards remained the same, changes were made related to land alteration, placement of impervious surface, and vegetation management in ecologically important areas including along the River, its tributaries and bluffs. If you live in the MRCCA and are planning a project in proximity to one of these areas, please visit FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea or call 763-572-3594 to determine if a Critical Area permit is needed.

Important rules to keep in mind include:

New Terms

The Critical Area District Chapter includes the following new terms are helpful for understanding MRCCA regulations. More information and maps of these areas can be found at FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea:

- Bluffs: Areas with slopes greater than 18% over a distance of 25 feet
- Bluff impact zone: The bluff and land within 20 feet of the bluff
- Intensive vegetation management: The removal of all or a majority of the trees or shrubs in contiguous patch, strip, row, or block
- Shore impact zone: 50% of the required structure setback from the river
- Significant existing vegetation stands: Largely intact and connected plant communities that contain a sufficient representation of the original native plant community

Building and Construction

Structures, impervious surface, and facilities along the river, its tributaries, and bluffs must meet the following design requirements:

	Separated from River District	River Neighborhood District	Urban Mixed District
Setback from Bluff	40 feet	40 feet	40 feet
Setback from River	100 feet	100 feet	50 feet
Setback from Tributary	50 feet	50 feet	50 feet

Land Alteration Standards (Grading and Filling)

Land alteration in areas near water and on steep slopes increases the risk of soil erosion and the movement of sediment into water. Land alteration permits will continue to be required for any project in the bluff impact zones or that disturb more than 10 cubic yards or 100 feet of soil within 50 feet of a public water or wetland or natural drainage route. The new rules state that:

- Erosion control projects, habitat restoration and repair, and maintenance of existing structures, and water access paths are allowed with a permit in the bluff impact zone (within 20 feet of a bluff). All other activities are prohibited in the bluff impact zone.
- Riprap, retaining walls or other erosion control structures to correct and established erosion problem are allowed with a permit in the bluff impact zone. There are specific design standards and conditions for constructing these structures. The construction of the structures below the ordinary high-water level would continue to require DNR permit or approval.

Vegetation Removal and Management Standards

Retaining vegetation along the river, its tributaries, and on slopes is important to stabilize soil to slow, absorb, and filter stormwater before it runs into the river. Vegetation is also important for retaining the scenic qualities of the river. A permit is now required for intensive vegetation management in bluff impact zones, shore impact zones, significant existing vegetative stands, and areas within 50 feet of a wetland or tributaries except for the following activities:

- Maintenance of existing lawns, landscaping and gardens.
- Removal of vegetation in emergency situations as determined by the City of Fridley.
- The removal of isolated individual trees or shrubs that are not in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block that does not substantially reduce the tree canopy or understory cover. However, trees over four inches in diameter that are removed from these areas need to be replaced.

Protect the Vote, Inspire the Voters: Become an Election Judge

The City of Fridley is seeking election judges! While ensuring the integrity of our elections, this role offers a uniquely rewarding experience - witnessing and facilitating citizens' fundamental right to vote.

Anna, a seasoned election judge, shared her experience from the March 2024 election. "It was a delightful day. Our group had 17 new voters, and it was fun to watch them get registered and vote. I'm not sure who was more excited, them or me." For Anna, the true joy came from interacting with first-time voters and playing a part in their voting experience.

Serving as an election judge is an opportunity to build meaningful relationships within the community while playing an important role for voters. By facilitating the electoral process, judges help create positive associations with civic engagement from the start - especially for new voters experiencing their first election.

The City will assist approximately 15,000 voters in casting ballots this November, the impact election judges have in ensuring every eligible voter feels informed and at ease throughout the process. From checking in voters to issuing ballots to answering questions, election judges are the face of Election Day.

If you want to make a difference in your community and be part of the democratic process, consider serving as an election judge. You will uphold election integrity while creating lasting memories for first-time voters - moments that could shape their civic engagement for years.

Visit FridleyMN.gov/Jobs for more information.

Upcoming Heartsaver Classes

Fridley Police and Fire want to make Fridley a Heart Safe Community. Sign up for one of our upcoming classes to learn CPR and first aid skills. Classes are open to ages 16 and older. The cost is \$60 per registrant. Learn more and register online at FridleyMN.gov/HeartSafe.

HeartSaver CPR:

August 15 | 6 - 10 p.m.
September 21 | 8 a.m. - noon
October 17 | 6 - 10 p.m.

HeartSaver First Aid:

July 18 | 6 - 10 p.m.

Fridley Community Calendar

July

- July 3 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- July 8 | City Council Meeting
- July 11 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- July 17 | Planning Commission Meeting
- July 22 | City Council Meeting

August

- August 1 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- August 5 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- August 7 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- August 12 | City Council Meeting
- August 13 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- August 21 | Planning Commission Meeting
- August 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.



ADOPT-A-PARK

Make a difference in Fridley! We are looking for community members, families, groups or organizations to adopt our City parks. We ask for a minimum one-year commitment with at least four clean-ups each year. Training is provided.

Help Make Fridley Parks Shine!

Adopt-A-Park volunteers will be recognized by signage in their adopted park and through community events.

To adopt:

763-572-3570

FridleyMN.gov/AdoptAPark

2024 Tree and Native Plant 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. Limited quantities available. Limit two trees per species per household. Species subject to change, please visit FridleyMN.gov/TreeSale for availability.

Species	Container Size	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Ecological Value	Cost
St. Croix Elm	#10	60-75 feet	Full sun	Nesting sites for birds	\$41
Swamp White Oak	#10	50-70 feet	Full sun	Nesting sites for birds; acorns for wildlife	\$44
Blue Beech	#10	20-30 feet	Full sun, partial shade, or shade	Seeds for birds and wildlife; nesting sites for birds. Grows well in full shade. Does not do well in deep sand.	\$70
'North Star' Cherry (sour cherry)	#7	10-15 feet	Full sun	Flowers for pollinators; fruit for birds	\$38
Black Hills Spruce	#10	20-40 feet	Full or partial sun	Nesting site for birds	\$41
Watering Bag	20 gallons	Watering bags make it easier to provide the irrigation necessary to help your new tree hydrated			\$15

We are also excited to once again partner with Minnesota Native Landscapes to offer discounted pricing on native seed and plant kits to help your yard become pollinator friendly.

Seed Mixes: Bagged seed mixes are a low-cost way to establish a pollinator patch when precise plant layout is not important. Seed mixes include cover crops to stabilize the soil while the plants establish, which can take up to three years. You may choose to mix seed with plugs for greater visual impact. Learn more about how to prepare an area for seeding at FridleyMN.gov/Pollinators.

Name	Planting Area	Description	Cost
Pollinator Mix	100 square feet	A diverse mix for pollinators. Grasses, sedges, and over 25 wildflower species, for dry to mesic conditions	\$20
Bee Lawn	1,000 square feet	A short stature, pollinator-friendly, and low maintenance alternative to traditional turf. Contains non-native species that provide pollinator forage and requires less mowing, watering, and fertilizer.	\$70

Plant kits: Each kit will consist of 36 plugs comprised of six plants of six different species. Species may be substituted based on nursery availability. All kits cost \$50.40. Find example kit contents at FridleyMN.gov/TreeSale.

Name	Description
Backyard Prairie Kit	An attractive mix of native prairie species for your backyard. Grows well in dry to mesic soils and full sunlight. Heights ranging 36 inches and up.
Short and Tidy Kit	A mix of short-statured, well-behaved prairie species. Perfect for existing flowerbeds with mesic soil and full sun to partial shade. Up to 36 inches in height.
Part-Shade Kit	Designed for areas with 50% or more shade and filtered sunlight under mature trees.
Rain Garden Kit	Mesic to moist soil species. Perfect for areas of concentrated runoff and occasional inundation.
Shoreline Stabilization Kit	Deep-rooted, wet-soil species to help prevent erosion along large bodies of water.
Prairie Grass Kit	A mix of native prairie grasses. Plant on its own or use alongside other kits to provide ground cover, a more natural prairie look, and support for wildflowers.
Milkweed Kit	A mix of milkweed varieties to host Monarch caterpillars and fall-blooming nectar favorites for Monarch butterflies.

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SafeCam – Register Your Surveillance Camera

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 department and allow officers to contact them should a crime occur in or near where the camera is installed.

Registering for the SafeCam program only adds an address to the Public Safety Department's database and map of camera locations. The department does not have direct access to your footage.

Register

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

The Fridley Public Safety Department is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily register their private video surveillance systems with



Sylvan Hills Park Stormwater Improvements

The City was awarded grant funding from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to install improvements to manage stormwater within Sylvan Hills Park (6204 Jupiter Rd NE) in conjunction with the upcoming Park System Improvement Project. Grant funded improvements include:

- An underground infiltration system to provide regional treatment for stormwater runoff for an approximately 65-acre drainage area draining to the park via the storm sewer system. This will be situated under an open space area and appear as a mowed field.
- An above ground treatment system comprised of two vegetated infiltration basins connected by a dry creek (creek may hold water during rain events).
- Additional pollinator habitat within the vegetated infiltration basins as well as slopes along the western edge of the park.

The goals of these improvements are to:

- Improve the quality of stormwater runoff prior to discharge into the Mississippi River
- Reduce localized flooding
- Add recreational and aesthetic benefit to the park
- Add ecological diversity and pollinator habitat

It is expected that these improvements will provide 16.1 pounds of phosphorus removal and 5,000 pounds of sediment removal annually from stormwater discharging to the Mississippi River. Modeling also indicates reduced flooding within the park and surrounding neighborhood during 10- and 100-year storm events. These improvements will be constructed alongside scheduled park work including upgraded sport facilities, playgrounds, and walking loop. More information can be found at FridleyMN.gov/SylvanHillsPark. For questions please call 763-572-3594 or email Rachel.Workin@FridleyMN.gov.



Help Your Neighbors

Summer is here! Are you ready to get out and be more active? Turn your passion into action!

ACCAP Senior Chores and More is looking for volunteers and paid independent contractors to assist seniors in our community who need help maintaining their yards and homes.

Contact Chores and More at 763-583-4767 to find out how you can help!

Improving Water Quality of East Moore Lake

Along with exciting updates to Moore Lake Park, the City completed construction of the East Moore Lake Biochar and Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter (BIESF) this spring. Prior to the construction of the BIESF, a storm sewer pipe in the southern portion of the park discharged untreated stormwater runoff from an 80-acre drainage area directly into East Moore Lake. Contaminants in this runoff such as fertilizers, plant and leaf material, and sediment contributed excess phosphorus to East Moore Lake which resulted in algal blooms and made the lake less attractive for recreation. Excess phosphorus and algal blooms can also degrade the aquatic environment for fish and other wildlife. While the amount of excess phosphorus in East Moore lake was considered moderate, it still exceeded Minnesota State Standards, resulting in the lake being designated as impaired by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Aquatic Recreation. Since the 1980s, the amount of phosphorus in East Moore Lake has been decreasing, although it still sometimes exceeds state standards (see chart of monitoring data collected by Rice Creek Watershed District). The new filter is expected to improve East Moore Lake's water quality by treating runoff from the

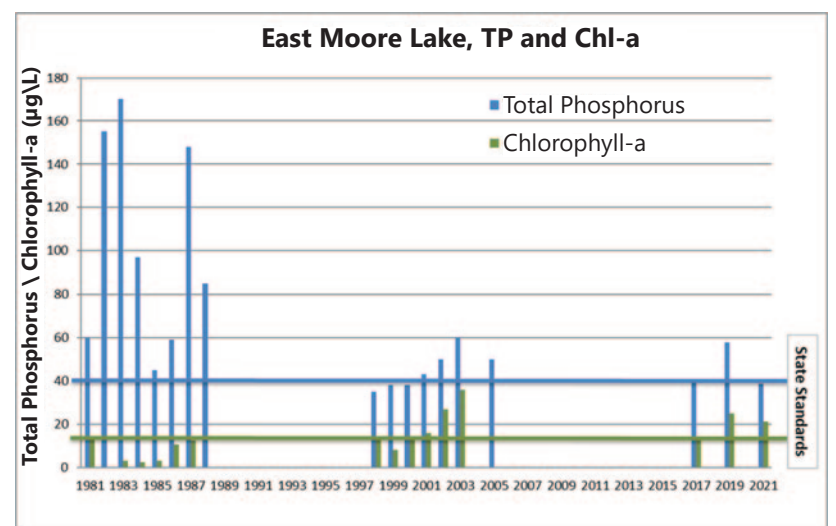
surrounding neighborhood, Gardena Avenue, and the Moore Lake Park parking lot prior to it entering the lake.

How it Works

Stormwater runoff will now first enter a settling pond to remove sediment and then be pumped into the filter where iron and biochar mixed into the sand will remove phosphorus and bacteria. An estimated 25.9 pounds of phosphorus and 6,427.6 pounds of sediment will be removed each year. While Moore Lake Park no longer has a managed swimming beach, these improvements will enhance recreational opportunities for paddle sports, fishing and other park users. This project was supported with funding from a Clean Water Fund grant from the Board of Soil and Water Resources, a Rice Creek Watershed District grant, Anoka County, as well as the City's Stormwater Utility Fund.

West Moore Lake

West Moore Lake, which receives relatively less stormwater runoff than East Moore Lake has good water quality for a shallow lake in the metro area. It consistently meets the standards



set by Minnesota for phosphorus and algae levels. The water is clear, and there's a variety of healthy native plants growing in the lake. While some residents might find the plants a nuisance, they help improve water quality and are a sign that the lake is ecologically healthy.

How to Help

You can do your part to help Fridley's waterbodies healthy by keeping pollutants out of stormwater runoff. This includes decreasing fertilizer use, keeping leaves and lawn clippings out of the street, planting native plants, and picking up pet waste. Residents that live along waterbodies are encouraged to plant a buffer of native plants along their shoreline to help filter runoff from their yards. You can also sign up for the Adopt-A-Drain program to monitor and clean a storm drain near you at MN.Adopt-a-Drain.org.



Thank you for Attending the Environmental Fun Fair!

The Environmental Fun Fair was on Saturday, May 18 at the Springbrook Nature Center. It was a beautiful day to enjoy nature and the event hosted a crowd of about 500 people! This event is coordinated by the Fridley Parks and Recreation Division and Springbrook Nature Center with partnership from Fridley Environmental Planning and Anoka County 4H. The event had a variety of exhibitors from the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota area meet to share information through activities for all ages. Participants were given a map and event passport when they arrived. The event passport encouraged them to visit different exhibitors to get “stamps” on their passport that entered them in to win prizes at the welcome table. Flamingo’s Ice Cream and Rustic Chef Food Truck were at the event to provide food, beverages and ice cream! In

addition, there were two presentations from the Wildlife Science Center and a live musical performance by Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade providing even more entertainment for visitors!

Exhibitor list:

- All Energy Solar
- Anoka County 4-H
- Anoka County Commute Solutions
- Anoka County Recycling
- Birch Tree Care
- Cedar Creek Ecosystem Reserve
- Center for Energy and Environment
- Coon Creek Watershed District
- Fridley Recycling Truck & Street Sweeper
- Fridley Parks and Recreation Garden Towers

- Friends of the BWCA
- Geological Society of MN
- Growing Green Hearts
- International Wolf Center
- Manna Market
- Metro Mosquito Control
- Minneapolis Toy Library
- Minnesota Mycological Society
- MN 350
- MN Herpetological Society
- MN Ornithologists’ Union
- North Suburban Center for the Arts
- Springbrook Nature Center Birding Hikes & Presentations
- UMN Master Gardeners
- UMN Turfgrass Science
- We All Need Food and Water



Edible Gardens are in Bloom

Stop by the City’s Edible Gardens to sample and harvest serviceberries, apples, cherries, peas, basil and more. The gardens, which include an orchard and vegetable towers at the Civic Campus West Plaza and vegetable towers at Springbrook Nature Center, feature a variety of fruit, vegetables and herbs available to the public throughout the growing season. Please take some to enjoy and leave the rest of others. A full list of planted species and expected fruiting times can be found online at FridleyMN.gov/EdibleGardens.

Join us for a free tour of the Civic Campus Edible Garden on July 30 at 6 p.m. prior to the Sawyer’s Dream Concert at 7 p.m. as part of the Summer Concert Series. Meet at the Civic Campus Plaza to start or head over to the garden if the tour has already departed.

Help Plan your Parks this Summer

Fridley staff will be in several neighborhood parks this summer to get feedback on 2025 park improvements. You can help plan your playground and give comments on trails, park amenities and other park improvements. Online surveys will be available for those who are unable to attend in person.



Oak Hill Park (5391 7th Street NE)

Tuesday, July 30 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Jubilee Park (5334 5th Street NE)

Wednesday, August 14 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Commons Park (6249 7th Street NE)

Tuesday, August 20 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Park concept plans and the latest updates on park improvements across the Fridley Park System can be found online at FridleyMN.gov/ParkPlan. Contact Parks and Recreation Director, Mikey Maher at Mike.Maher@FridleyMN.gov with questions or to get involved.

Sponsor a Park Bench

Fridley Parks and Recreation is pleased to introduce a new Park Bench Sponsorship program! Honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion by sponsoring an existing bench within our park system. Each sponsorship includes a personalized recognition plaque. Help create lasting memories in our City Parks for years to come.

Learn more about sponsorship costs, bench availability, recognition plaques and more



online at FridleyMN.gov/BenchSponsorship. If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact our Parks and Recreation department at 763-572-3670 or Recreation@FridleyMN.gov.

FridleyMN.gov/Jobs

Paid, on-call Firefighters Needed



Must live within six minutes of a Fridley fire station | Open shifts available and flexible scheduling | Training available for experienced and entry level staff

Serve the Community as a Fridley Police Reserve Officer

Fridley Police Reserve Officers have acted as a non-sworn support unit to Fridley Police Officers for several decades. Currently, the reserve unit is accepting applications from individuals who have an interest in law enforcement or serving their community in a volunteer position.

Reserve Officers assist licensed police officers with prisoner transports, motorist assistance

calls, animal calls and administrative duties. They also play a vital role in the safe and successful execution of community events including Fridley '49er Days, Night to Unite and Pumpkin Night in the Park.

Please contact Sergeant Roddy at Thomas.Roddy@FridleyMN.gov if you are interested in applying.

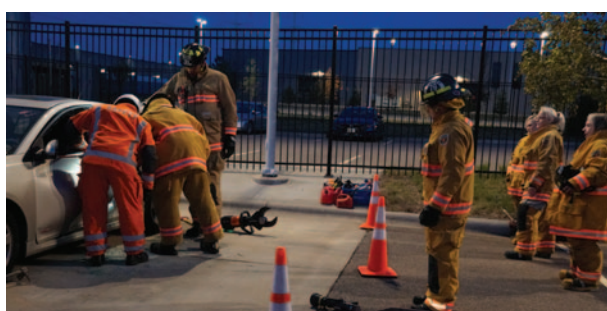
Fridley Citizen's Academy

The Citizen's Academy is a program designed to educate community members of the inner workings of the Fridley Public Safety Department. The program offers insights into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community. Citizen's Academy meets on Thursdays, September 5 - November 14 from 6-9 p.m.

Curriculum

Curriculum includes:

- Tour of the Public Safety Department
- Constitutional Law/Search Warrants
- Patrol Procedures
- Public Safety History
- Use of Force
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Unit
- Narcotics Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Community Policing
- Media/Public Relations
- 9-1-1 Communications
- Domestic Violence
- K-9 Demonstration



- Fire Safety
- School Resource Officers
- Heart Safe
- And more!

How to Apply?

Any interested citizen who resides or works in the City of Fridley is encouraged to apply. Participants must be 18 years of age or older with no prior felony convictions.

Learn more and apply online at FridleyMN.gov/CitizensAcademy.



Join the Fridley Police Explorers

Fridley youth between the ages of 14-21 are invited to join the Fridley Police Explorers! Explorers train side-by-side with active Fridley Police Officers and compete in a number of scenarios at a state competition. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable skills, learn about law enforcement careers in a hands-on environment, and build experience that will benefit you in future job interviews and college applications.

Interested in Joining?

Please contact Officer Kostuch at David.Kostuch@FridleyMN.gov with any questions or if you are interested in joining. More information can be found online at FridleyMN.gov/PoliceExplorers.

Our Leaders are Readers

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

Mayor Lund and Kid's Mock Election

August 1 | 10:30 a.m.

Police

August 15 | 10:30 a.m.

Fire

August 29 | 10:30 a.m.





Apply for a Bike Locker

Construction is wrapping up at the 61st Avenue Multi-Modal Transit hub at University Avenue and 61st Avenue. The City received an Anoka County Community Development Block Grant to transform the site, which was previously an abandoned gas station, by adding landscaping, seating and other amenities to promote walking, biking and

transit. These changes will complement updates to the adjacent bus stop planned for 2028 with the construction of the METRO F Bus Rapid Transit Line.

The site now includes three rentable Dero bike lockers that can be used by transit riders to store their bikes while taking the bus. The 2024 rental period will be available on a first-come,

first-served basis through November 30. Applications for the 2025 Season (January 1- November 30, 2025) will be accepted through September 30.

To apply for a bike locker, please visit FridleyMN.gov/GettingAround. All bike locker reservations require a \$50 deposit.

Celebrate Your Birthday at Springbrook Nature Center!

Create lasting memories by celebrating a birthday party at Springbrook!

Birthday parties are for children turning ages 4-11. The program includes a private indoor rental space for two hours, during which a naturalist will perform a 45-minute program. Check out our program topics online at Springbrook's Birthday Parties Page.

Fee: \$125

Maximum of 15 children and 5 adults.

Call Springbrook at 763-572-3588 to book your party!



FREE

community concerts

- Bring a lawn chair
- Enjoy live music with your neighbors
- Free and friendly for all ages.

We hope to see you there!

Springbrook Nature Center – Tuesdays
Springbrook concerts are supported by a generous donation from the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.
JULY 9: SOUTHSIDE ACES, JAZZ | 7 - 8 p.m.
AUGUST 13: LOS REBELDES, TEX-MEX | 7 - 8 p.m.

Civic Campus – Tuesdays
JULY 16: DIA TOTI, RnB | 7 - 8 p.m.
 • Food Truck: Rustic Chef & Flamingo's Ice Cream
 • Pre-concert Activity: Edible Garden and Orchard Tour 6 p.m.
JULY 30: SAWYER'S DREAM, ROCK/AMERICANA | 7 - 8 p.m.
 • Food Truck: Flamingo's Ice Cream
AUGUST 20: SOCAHOLIX, CARIBBEAN/CALYPSO | 7 - 8 p.m.
 • Food Truck: Rustic Chef & Flamingo's Ice Cream
 • Pre-concert Activity: Touch-A-Truck | 5 - 7 p.m.
 In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the large shelter at nearby Locke Park.

Mondays at Moore
 Join us on Mondays this summer to enjoy concerts at our beautiful, newly renovated park, Moore Lake! Flamingo's Ice Cream Food Truck will be present at all Moore Lake events.
JULY 22: MATT HANNAH, ACOUSTIC | 7 p.m.
 • Pre-concert Activity: Bike Rodeo | 5 - 7 p.m.
AUGUST 5: JEFF LOVEN, ROCK N ROLL | 7 p.m.

Kids' Performance
JULY 24: COMMONS PARK: SHREK THE MUSICAL, JR. | 10:30 a.m.
 Let's go to the theater—but this time at Commons Park! We will watch ETC Production's Shrek the Musical Jr. See page 4 of Park and Recreation brochure for details.
Pre-concert Activity: Kid's Book Swap at 10 a.m. — Bring a book, take a book! Come early to find a new treasure at the kid's book swap before the performance.

Music in Our Parks – Mondays
FRIDLEY CITY BAND | 7 p.m.
 JULY 1: MADSEN PARK
 JULY 15: SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER
 JULY 29: BRIARDALE PARK

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 free activities on-site including games, sports, arts, crafts, music, and more! Team members will set up activities and equipment for Fridley youth. No need to register, simply show up!

Jun 18 - Aug 15 (excluding Jul 2 - 4)	Tuesday	Thursday
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Moore Lake 5890 Central Ave NE	Flanery Park 1487 Onondaga St NE
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Creekview 6801 Anoka St NE	Commons Park 6249 7th St NE



FREE snacks will be provided by Fridley Public Schools Nutrition Services for participants under the age of 18.