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2020 Winterfest Celebration held at Springbrook

Our annual Winterfest celebration was held at Springbrook Nature Center this year on Saturday, January 18. We received a fresh blanket of snow the evening before, which provided the event with a beautiful backdrop!

Approximately 350-400 people attended the event. There was a meet 'n greet with a dogsled team, s'mores around a bonfire, carnival games, a sledding hill and a medallion

hunt. Families explored the Nature Center grounds by snowshoe to hunt for the medallion, which was ultimately found by a team of three – Jason, Kylah and Kenley. Attendees also walked along the Anoka County Library storywalk and tried out a snowball launcher.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event and celebrated our great Minnesota winter!

Save the Date: 2020 Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m.
Fridley Civic Campus – City Hall



Join us for our annual town hall meeting at the Fridley Civic Campus!
You will hear from City leaders about updates on projects, developments and other initiatives.
This will also be a great opportunity to provide community input through a question and answer session.

More information will become available on our website at FridleyMN.gov.

2020 Elections Reminder

Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP)

In 2016 legislation was passed establishing the PNP. The PNP will include all four major political parties in Minnesota: Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party, Legal Marijuana Now Party and the Republican Party. It will be held on Tuesday, March 3.

On election day, voters will be required to declare their political party when checking in to vote. Each of Minnesota's two major political parties will have separate ballots. The ballot choice of each voter will become a part of their official voting record; however, the candidate the voter chooses does not. A voter's political preference will be considered nonpublic data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, except that the voter's party preference will be made available to the four major political party chairs.

Early Voting

If voters are unable to vote on any of the three election days, they may want to vote by Absentee Ballot. Fridley residents are welcome to vote early at the Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue) or vote at the Anoka County Courthouse (2100 - 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303).

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

Important Dates

- **Early Voting for the PNP** begins January 17 - March 2, 2020
- **March 3** - Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP)
- **Candidate Filing** for Fridley offices begins May 19, 2020 and ends June 2 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Early Voting for the Regular Primary** begins June 26 - August 10, 2020
- **Regular Primary** – August 11, 2020
- **Early Voting for the General Election** begins September 18 - November 2, 2020
- **General Election** – November 3, 2020

Annual Block Captains Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 from 6-7 p.m.
Fridley Civic Center, Council Chambers
(for current block captains)



What is a block captain?

Our block captains are the key people in our Neighborhood Watch groups. They keep the neighborhood actively involved in crime prevention efforts, as well as assisting with information exchange between neighbors.

Interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch program? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Courtney Miller at Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov.

Water Rebates Available to Residents

For a limited time, Fridley residents and businesses can qualify for rebates of up to 75 percent off the cost of water efficient appliances and irrigation system components. Rebates are available on a first-come, first served basis. Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant or by calling 763-572-3554.

Rebate Amounts

Fridley residents and businesses can receive rebates for the following water-saving devices:



Item	Specifications	Maximum Rebate Amount*	Est. Water Savings
Washing Machine	Energy Star Labeled	\$250	2,000 gallons per year
Toilet	WaterSense Labeled	\$150	13,000 gallons per year
Irrigation System Controller	WaterSense Labeled	\$250	7,600 gallons per year
Irrigation System Audit	Conducted by WaterSense-Certified Irrigation Professional	\$250	Dependent on findings
Spray Sprinkler Body	WaterSense Labeled	\$5 per head	N/A
Rainbarrel	N/A	\$50	N/A

*Rebate amounts capped at listed amount or 75 percent of purchase price, whichever is less.

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, many years to recharge, so it is important that we conserve our water. Pumping water 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 and washing machines can only be used for replacement items, not for new construction. The product must have been purchased after January 13, 2020.

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, which 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 US with an irrigation system used a smart irrigation controller, we could save 100 billions 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.

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/HomeImprovements.

McGough Construction Wins Award for Fridley Civic Campus

Andey Rasmussen and Bruce Baillargeon of McGough Construction accepted the *Project of the Year Award* as nominated by the Minnesota Subcontractor's Association. The award recipient is selected by subcontractors who nominate the construction managers they had worked with on a given project that year.

Our Civic Campus Project was the place where this great collaboration happened between the McGough Construction management team and their subcontractors. "As someone who attended the weekly jobsite meetings through the 18-month project, I can



tell you that this award comes as no surprise," Scott Hickok stated. "There was a great deal of respect and cooperation that was ever present. Also, things like heavy safety emphasis, 6-week look-out charts, and a process for defining short-term hurdles, to avoid any project slow-downs, made the McGough interaction process and project run smoothly."

Congratulations to our entire McGough Team for this prestigious victory!



Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17

Are you prepared for when severe weather strikes? Homeland Security and Emergency Management collaborates with the National Weather Service and other local agencies/organizations to sponsor a Severe Weather Awareness Week each year in Minnesota. The week is designed to remind and educate everyone about seasonal severe weather and how to prepare for them.

Each day of the week focuses on a different weather topic:

Monday – Alerts and Warnings: The National Weather Service uses “advisory,” “watch” and “warning” to alert you of severe weather. An **advisory** is for less serious conditions but is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. If caution is not exercised, it could lead to dangerous situations. A **watch** means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur and residents should “watch out” for what the weather could do. A **warning** means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the warning area and you should take shelter as soon as possible.

Tuesday – Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail: Severe thunderstorms should be treated like tornadoes, and you should seek shelter immediately. Hail is most often pea-sized, but can reach up to grapefruit size. Every thunderstorm has lightning, and if you hear thunder, the lightning is close enough to strike, and you should seek shelter.

Wednesday – Flooding: Spring and summer rainfalls can produce flash floods in a matter of hours. There are a few steps everyone can take to prepare: assemble an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, get a NOAA weather radio, elevate appliances, consider installing “check valves,” construct barriers and get flood insurance.

Thursday – Tornadoes: Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers instructions on what to do for a tornado depending on where you are located – an apartment, house, school, mobile home, etc. Some tips include having a NOAA weather radio, having a Communications Plan, signing up for weather notifications and more.

A statewide tornado drill will occur on Thursday, April 16 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. Schools and businesses will practice emergency plans during these times.

Friday – Extreme Heat: The National Weather Service issues Excessive Heat Outlooks, Watches and Warning/Advisories. A **heat outlook** is issued when potential exists for an excessive heat event in the next 3-7 days. **Heat watches** are issued when conditions are favorable for excessive heat in the next 24 to 72 hours. A **heat warning or advisory** is issued when excessive heat is expected in the next 36 hours.

Find a full description of information and tips online at dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem.

Build a Home Emergency Kit

Do you have enough supplies on hand that can last you a few days in case of an emergency? Here are some items you should include:

- Bottled water – a gallon per person is recommended
- Non-perishable food – soups, stews, canned pasta, and things that do not require refrigeration
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Whistle – in the event that you become trapped, a small whistle signal can help
- Basic set of household tools
- First aid kit
- Dust masks
- Plastic garbage bags – good number of uses including waterproof covers
- Battery-powered radio



WeCount Fridley, MN 2020 Census

Census Day—April 1, 2020

The Census begins soon! You will be receiving an invitation in the mail to respond to the Census online in the second or third week of March.

The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The count is taken every 10 years and is mandated by the Constitution. Data collected from the Census helps determine government representation and federal funding, including more than \$15 billion distributed to Minnesota.

Every household will have the option of responding to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Mailings will be sent in March and April. The majority of addresses will receive their first census invitation in the mail anytime between March 12-20, 2020. Individuals are encouraged to respond to the Census right away. Additional reminders will be sent in the mail to households that have not responded and, if needed, with an in-person.

Learn more by visiting FridleyMN.gov/2020Census or 2020Census.gov. Reach out to Alyssa Kruzal, Community Engagement Specialist, by emailing her at Alyssa.Kruzal@FridleyMN.gov or by phone at



763-572-3579 with any questions or concerns regarding the 2020 Census.

2020 Census Timeline

On or Between	You Will Receive
March 12 - 20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census
March 16 - 24	A reminder postcard
If you have not responded:	
March 26 - April 3	A reminder postcard
April 8 - 16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire
April 20 - 27	A final reminder postcard
After April 27	In-person follow-up by Census worker

Organics Recycling

In 2019, the average participant in the curbside organics recycling program kept 450 pounds of organics out of the trash each year. If all eligible Fridley households participated, we would reduce our landfill amount by 3,597,3000 pounds each year. Organics recycling allows you to recycle all of your food waste, paper towels, pizza boxes, and more. Learn more and sign up at FridleyMN.gov/Organics. Limited time offer: Receive 3 free months of organics recycling if you sign up in March.





Vibrant neighborhoods and places

Financial Stability and Commercial Prosperity

Organizational Excellence

Community Identity and Relationship Building

Public Safety and Environmental Stewardship

Focus on Fridley: Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places

We are continuing to cover each of the five focus areas identified in the Focus on Fridley initiative. In our January/February edition of the newsletter, we discussed the area of Public Safety and Environmental Stewardship, and what that looked like for our city. In this edition we will be exploring another focus area that everyone in our community values: Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places.

Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places focuses on the need to create or better utilize local places for gathering and activities. This includes looking at new ideas within existing spaces, and any possible enhancements to better accommodate programming. “While Fridley does not have a true ‘downtown’ that creates a natural gathering place for community celebrations and programming, we have a lot of great spaces in our new Civic Campus and beautiful parks. We are looking for locations around our city and at new or existing programming that better connects our community,” explained Mayor Scott Lund.

The new Fridley Civic Campus has numerous opportunities for public engagement activities inside the buildings, on the plaza and in the outdoor amphitheater. Activities could range from movies, live music, seasonal celebrations, wellness sessions and public art displays with the ability to also house food

and beverage options provided by local food trucks or distributors.

Fridley is also home to many beautiful parks and nature spaces. Locke Regional Park contains part of the regional trail system and the winding Rice Creek that distributes into Locke Lake. This park currently serves for more passive activities with its walking/biking trail and off-leash dog activities. Community Park is a 21-acre park that features athletic fields, playground equipment and a park building. It is located right across the street from the Fridley Civic Campus.

To connect these vibrant spaces and neighborhoods, we are reviewing our Active Transportation Plan to evaluate connectivity opportunities through walking/biking trails and lanes. The plan helps guide development so that all residents can travel throughout the community with ease. You can read the full plan online at FridleyMN.gov/ActiveTransportation. The City is currently researching funding opportunities to improve the east/west access in the city through the extension of the 57th Avenue trail. The trail addition would create more connections to surrounding communities and give access to commercial areas.

With opportunities in both our city and county parks, the City has been working on a parks master plan through our *Finding Your Fun in Fridley* initiative. In 2019, we gained resident feedback by:

- Hosting four community workshops that welcomed residents to come and share their thoughts on the future of our parks and trails system
- Creating an online interactive map where residents could drop comment pins on specific points of the city map

The feedback process was meant to get a clearer picture of the design or enhancements of future parks as well as the opportunity for programming within them. After reviewing public input and receiving preliminary quotes for suggested enhancements to the parks, the City is putting together a draft master plan that will be opened for public comments and consideration. You can find more information about the *Finding Your Fun in Fridley* initiative by visiting FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun.

Provide us your thoughts on vibrant neighborhoods and places in our city by visiting www.Polco.us/Fridley and taking a short survey.

Fridley Community Calendar

March

- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 5 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 9 Charter Commission & City Council Meetings
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting

April

- 2 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 6 Charter Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 14 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 Town Hall Meeting
- 27 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.

Mark your calendars: Connecting Fridley Events

Join us this summer at Fridley parks for “Connecting Fridley”, an event series all about community outreach! Enjoy lawn games, recreation activities, bounce house, arts and crafts from Banfill-Locke, story time with the Anoka County Library Mississippi Branch, and light refreshments. Connect with your neighbors and city staff! There will also be an opportunity to learn more about city services and programs.

- Wednesday, June 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Sylvan Park
- Wednesday, July 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Madsen Park
- Wednesday, August 12 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Meadowlands Park



FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Open House

Saturday, March 14 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Special Invitation to all Unity Auxiliary Volunteers to come to the Fridley History Center to enjoy getting back together; have a cup of tea (or coffee) and look back at the display of the 53 Years of memories.

Upcoming Open Houses

Saturday, March 28 - 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 11 - 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lasagna Dinner/Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25, doors open at 4:15 p.m.
- Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Fridley American Legion
Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread,
Cake and Beverages

For tickets or other information,
call 763-571-0120.

New things in Town: Development Updates

Lennar Townhomes

The shape and style of the two distinct townhome types are clear as residents pass the new Preserve at Locke Pointe Development on University Avenue, adjacent to Civic Center Campus. The developer is on track for having model units available by April 15, 2020. The Carriage Collection, row home-style units are closest to the new Locke Parkway and offer 3 floors of interior living space. The Colonial Patriot, two-story units generally back to the water feature across from the Civic Campus and the trail that will surround the pond.



For additional information on the development contact: www.lennar.homes and search for Preserve at Locke Pointe.



Former Midas at 8094 University

The former Midas site on University avenue was purchased by Mark Krogh, Java Development. Demolition on a portion of the building has been completed, which removed the westernmost 16 feet from the original building. The building has been redesigned and will be repurposed as a professional office building. Where overhead doors once existed, storefront glass will fill those voids.

Sharing the site will be a new concept in coffee vending, which will be a Caribou Coffee cabin. No interior seating will exist in the coffee cabins, but a drive-up and a walk-up window will be used to serve guests. An outdoor patio with tables will also be featured on the site to encourage patrons to stay and take in the new landscaped environment. A spring completion for both buildings is anticipated.

Free and Reduced Services for Your Pets on May 16

Join us for our Mobile Pet Clinic on Saturday, May 16, from 2-4 p.m. at Fire Station 1 (7071 University Avenue NE). No appointments needed. Stop by for free wellness exams and discounted, onsite services by local and licensed business MetroPet Animal Hospital.

Dog licenses will be offered at a reduced rate of \$15 during the event (normally \$25).

Note: Please bring dogs leashed and cats in carriers.

Pet clinic vaccinations include:

Canines: Rabies (3-year), DAPPv, DAPPv + Lepto, Lyme, Lepto and Bordetella.

Fridley Station Village

Two buildings are under construction at Fridley Station Village. The Metro Transit parking and bus loop for the Northstar Station was reconstructed and was back open for commuters in December. Thank you commuters for your patience as that work was completed.

Under construction currently is a market-rate building that will contain 96 units. It is the building closest to the intersection of 61st Avenue and Main Street. Also being constructed is a 100-unit senior building on the western edge of the site, running parallel with the rail line.



Boot Barn – Fridley Market

The Boot Barn in the Fridley Market site has received a Certificate of Occupancy from the Fridley Building Official and opened for business in February. The Boot Barn will enjoy its new location next to Duluth Trading and other great Fridley retailers and will bring a new retail shopping experience to the City.



TreeHouse Foods

TreeHouse Foods, Inc., a Fridley manufacturer of food and beverages (private label) has agreed to sell its in-store baking facilities to Rich Products Corporation. Rich's is a multi-national food corporation that started with its production of Rich's frozen non-dairy whipped topping and later expanded into an enormous variety of food products. Rich's is a 75 year-old company whose trajectory is rising and sees the TreeHouse bakery as a compliment to its existing product lines.



Felines: Rabies (3-year), FVRCP, Leukemia.

Lab tests: Canine 4DX, Feline Felv/FIV/Heartworm, Fecal, Thyroid, Geriatric Blood Screen.

**Microchip with free registration also available.*

For questions about these services, please contact MetroPet directly at 612-374-4414. For questions about the event, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Courtney Miller at 762-572-3626.



Mosquitos

This spring, be on the lookout for standing water that can serve as mosquito breeding sites. Common areas in your yard where water may pool include old tires, bird baths, tarps, containers, and clogged rain gutters. Mosquitos lay their eggs in or on the edge of standing water, and after hatching, need at least 7 days to transition from larvae to adults. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) is the regional agency tasked with controlling the mosquito population. In 2019, the MMCD inspected 494 sites in Fridley, treated 211.15 acres for larval mosquitos and 3.51 acres for adult mosquitos. To see when MMCD was last in your area or to find out about upcoming treatments, request service, or learn more, visit MMCD.Org.

Frequently asked questions:

- What conditions lead to more mosquitos?**
A lot of rain in a short period of time, plus warm weather usually lead to more mosquitos. Some mosquitos lay their eggs in the fall and they hatch during the spring thaw.
- How does the MMCD treat for mosquitos?**
Most of the MMCD's work is treating for mosquito larvae using Bti (a natural soil bacteria applied to corn granules that disrupts the digestion of mosquitos and biting gnats) and methoprene (an insect growth regulator that inhibits mosquito growth). Larvae control is often applied by helicopter. The MMCD also performs a limited amount of adult control using approved insecticides. Adult control is applied by a trained, professional applicator using a backpack.
- What can I do to reduce mosquitos?**
The best way to reduce mosquitos is to get rid of their breeding habitats; the MMCD has found mosquito larva in sources as small as a bottle cap. Avoid going out when mosquitos are most active, including dusk and early morning. Wear loose, light-colored clothing.
- How do I get rid of old tires?**
MMCD offers free disposal of off-rim tires as funding allows. Call MMCD at 651-645-9149 or visit them or to learn more. The City of Fridley also accepts tires at our recycling drop-offs.





City of Fridley's Fifth Annual Tree Sale

The City of Fridley is offering reduced-cost trees to help enhance our urban forest in anticipation of the loss of ash trees due to emerald ash borer. Help our urban forest become more resilient by planting a tree in your yard. Trees improve air and water quality, increase property values, lower energy bills and provide valuable wildlife habitat.

To purchase, submit your order by April 6 online at FridleyMN.Gov/TreeSale or by calling 763-572-3594. Trees will be available for pick-up on May 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Fridley Civic Campus. Limited quantities available. Limit two trees per household. For Fridley residents only.

	Purchase Height (approximate)	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Wildlife value	Cost
Hackberry	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Fruit for birds, nesting sites	\$25
Northern Red Oak	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Pollen favored by pollinators, fruit for birds, nesting sites	\$25
Kentucky Coffee Tree	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Nesting Sites	\$25
Prairiefire Crabapple	5'	15-25'	Full sun	Flowers for pollinators, Fruit for birds; Nesting sites	\$25
Ironwood	5'	20-50'	Full or partial sun	Fruit for birds and small mammals	\$25
Black Hills Spruce (Evergreen)	2.5'	30-60'	Full or partial sun	Seeds for song birds and small mammals, nesting sites	\$15
Arbor Rain Watering Bag	20 gallon bag that delivers a slow release of water directly to the root zone of tree				\$15



Spring Cleaning: Streets Style

Spring will (hopefully) be arriving soon! Our street sweepers are eager to get all the salt and sand off of the roads. Due to the unpredictable personality of Minnesota weather, we are not able to provide an exact date for street sweeping. Our Public Works team tries to clear the streets after the last snowfall, but before the "April showers." Typically, streets are cleaned in late March or early April.

Street sweeping is essential to remove winter debris buildup before the rainy season arrives to avoid washing salt and other materials into the City's storm sewer system. We do this to reduce stormwater pollution and maintain the water quality. Ways you can help include: picking up dog poop, sweeping near your storm drains, installing a raingarden on your property, or adopting a drain at Adopt-A-Drain.org.

Hydrant Flushing

After we finish street sweeping, we move onto hydrant flushing in April. Hydrant flushing occurs twice a year, in the spring and fall, when the City flushes its water mains through the fire hydrants. This helps clear the water of small amounts of sediment like iron or manganese that settle over time, and it verifies that the hydrants are in good working order.

During hydrant flushing, deposits from the water lines may create yellowish-brownish discoloration of water in homes near the flushing area. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. Run your water regularly to clear discoloration. If it lasts longer than two days, or for updated information, call us at 763-572-3566.

Do You have Ice Dams?

If you had or have ice dams this winter, take the time to get your insulation and air sealing looked at to prevent long-term roof damage. The Home Energy Squad is one option to evaluate your insulation and get connected to contractors: FridleyMN.gov/Energy.

A customized Home Energy Squad visit is the best way to get started saving energy and money at home. Fridley residents are eligible for an enhanced Home Energy Squad visit at a reduced price through the Fridley HRA. For only \$50, a team of energy consultants will come to your home, evaluate your energy savings opportunities, and offer services such as (\$600 value):

- Installation of free materials such as LED bulbs, a programmable thermostat, door and attic hatch, weather stripping, high-efficiency showerhead and faucet aerators
- Inspection of your attic and wall insulation
- Blower door and thermal image testing
- A combustion safety test and carbon monoxide check
- A customized report with additional recommendations
- Access to energy advisors to assist you following through with recommendations
- You only pay one flat price for the testing and for everything they install – everything is included.



March 14 and May 9 Recycling Drop-Off Dates

Join us for our 2020 Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding Events at Green Lights Recycling (1525 99th Ln NE in Blaine) for free and reduced cost disposal of electronics, appliances, mattresses, carpet and more. All events will be from 8 a.m. – noon.

View accepted items and pricing at FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff or call 763-572-3594. Receive \$15 off your total as well as recycle one appliance and one mattress for free with proof of Fridley residency (license, water bill, etc.).





Coffee with Cops - March 12

We invite you to chat with us! Share your concerns, brainstorm crime prevention ideas, or just get to know your Public Safety Department better. Bring your neighbors and let's partner for a safe and vibrant community.

When: Thursday, March 12 from 3-5 p.m.
Where: Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue NE) – Fireside Room

Safety Camp 2020 – June 24!

We invite 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (2019-2020 school year) to join us on a day-long adventure of learning, experimenting, laughter and fun! Wednesday, June 19 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Commons Park (rain or shine). \$25 includes hat, t-shirt, bike helmet, snacks, lunch, tote bag, supplies, leadership and safety lessons!

Join Fridley Fire, Police and Recreation for this popular program designed for kids to have fun while learning good safety practices. Kids will learn and

experience safety related to a variety of topics including fire, seat belts, animals, electrical, bicycle, first aid, swimming & water, weather and 9-1-1!

Registration includes leadership, supplies, bike helmet, T-shirt, tote bag, hat, snacks and lunch.

This camp is only \$25 and the experience is priceless!

Register online at FridleyMN.gov/Recreation or call 763-572-3570.



DISCOVERY DINNERS

The perfect night out.

Springbrook Discovery Dinners pair lively educational programs with a catered meal for the perfect night out. Leave the kids at home and enjoy the night with friends or someone special. Registration is required and space is limited. For more details or to sign up, visit our website or call Springbrook at 763-572-3588.

Canids of Minnesota \$25 per person
Saturday, March 21, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
with Peggy Callahan, Founder and Executive Director of the Wildlife Science Center

Biomimicry: Taking Inspiration from Nature \$25 per person
Saturday, April 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
with Sue Okerstrom, President of Lichen Labs



Recent promotions: Fire Division



Mike Spencer was promoted to Deputy Director – Fire Division/Fire Chief. He previously served as Fridley's Fire Marshal. Mike officially took over for outgoing Fire Chief John Berg on Friday, June 28. Congratulations Mike!



James Lange was named Fridley's new Fire Marshal, effective September 14. James previously held the position of Fire Inspector with Fridley. Congratulations James!



Brian Williams has been appointed as our new Fire Inspector in December! Brian has served as a Paid On-Call Firefighter since February 2013. Congratulations Brian!



2020 Bike Helmet Clinic

Tuesday, May 19 – 4 - 7 p.m.
Fridley Civic Campus – Fireside Room

May is National Bike Month! Get prepared to hit the road with the proper safety gear for the whole family. In partnership with Safe Kids Anoka County, Fridley Public Safety will have Bell bike helmets for sale – only \$10 per helmet.

A trained technician will help you choose a helmet that suits your style and fits properly. Already have a helmet? Bring it in and we can help you make sure it fits properly (for free!).



Looking for a Summer Job?

We will have several part-time and full-time opportunities with the City of Fridley! Positions include working with our Recreation and Public Works Departments. There are various opportunities for adults and kids ages 16+.

Are you interested in learning more? Visit FridleyMN.gov/Jobs to find open positions and sign up for job notifications.

Fridley '49er Days

We would like to invite you to our festival — Fridley '49er Days, to carry out our family-friendly community tradition of celebrating the year Fridley was incorporated as a city!

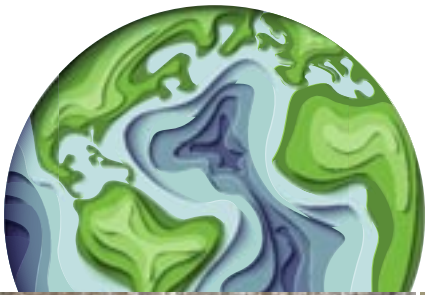
PARADE | JUNE 18

CAR SHOW, CLASS REUNION, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT & ENTERTAINMENT | JUNE 19

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (CONTINUED) | JUNE 20



ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR MAY 2



Kick off Arbor Month with the 4th Annual Environmental Fun Fair at Springbrook Nature Center on May 2nd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with Anoka County 4H, City of Fridley, and Springbrook Nature Center.

- Fun Nature Activities
- Environmental Arts and Crafts
- Live Animals
- Electric vehicles and the Recycling Truck

Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/FunFair.



Record-breaking Year at Fridley Liquor

For the second year in a row, Fridley Liquor had a record-breaking year in 2019 with over \$6,200,000 in sales. In 2018, they had \$6 million in sales for the first time in history. 2019 sales will account for over \$330,000 invested back into the community.

As a “thank you” for supporting our municipal liquor store, and ultimately our community, we’d like to offer you 100 free points at Fridley Liquor. See below for more details!



Get rewarded!
100 free points at Fridley Liquor

Redeem this coupon to receive 100 free rewards points, which earns you a \$5 credit for your liquor purchases. Current Rewards Card holders — bring your card to the cashier and they will add the points to your account. Don't have a rewards card? — stop into either location and a cashier will help you set one up. Valid driver's license and email address required.

The 100 free points can be used on future or same-day purchases. Original coupon must be provided – no copies may be redeemed. Limit one coupon per rewards account.

Offers not valid for prior purchases and is not redeemable for cash or gift cards.

Offer valid at either location. Expiration date: May 1, 2020.

FridleyLiquor.com

Fridley Market (University Avenue & I-694)
 264 57th Avenue, NE, Fridley, MN 55432
 Phone: 763-571-1994

Fridley Liquor: Moore Lake
 6289 Highway 65, Fridley, MN 55432
 Phone: 763-571-8365



Artist Feature: Bonnie Hinz

Like most people in Fridley, Bonnie Hinz watched the new government building being built with fascination and anticipation. She did not realize that one day her artwork would be hanging in the beautiful new building.

Bonnie has been a resident of Fridley for 25 years, enjoying her quiet, friendly neighborhood near Locke Lake and the Mississippi River. She has also been an artist for 15 years. She works with metal and glass, creating artwork for residences, healthcare settings, and corporate environments around the country.

She was contacted by an art consulting firm that she often works with to see if she was interested in creating artwork for the new Fridley Civic Campus, specifically for the Fireside Room. Bonnie readily agreed to sketch up a proposal and was excited for the opportunity to have her artwork displayed in her own city. Her proposal was accepted and she happily went to work on the project. The resulting artwork is available for all to see in the Fireside Room above the fireplace. Her flowing design is inspired by the nearby water of the Mississippi River and Rice Creek, and the colors of the Fridley logo.