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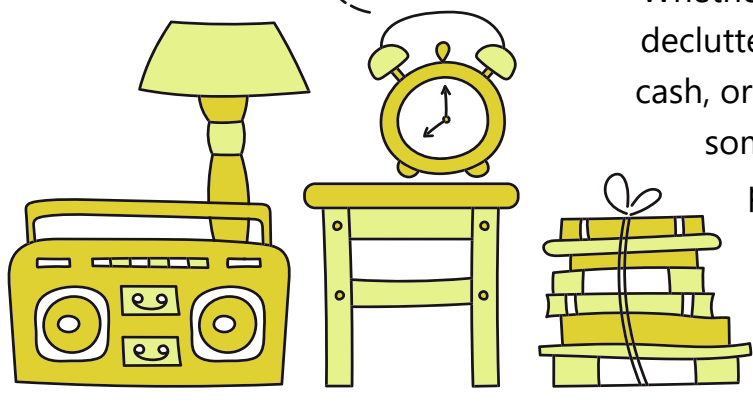
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## CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

JUNE 23-24  
9 A.M. - 6 P.M.



Our annual Citywide Garage Sale is happening June 23-24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Whether you are looking to host a sale to declutter your home and earn some extra cash, or looking to shop the sales, there is something for everyone! A map of all participating sales will be available online and at City Hall beginning June 21.

Visit [FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale](http://FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale) by June 12 to register your sale. Registration is free and includes a spot on our Citywide Garage Sale map.

### Trash to Treasure Day - Sunday, June 25 • 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fridley residents can participate in Fridley's Trash to Treasure Day by placing items they no longer want on the curb or at the end of their driveways from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. Please mark these items as "Free." Community members can pick up these marked items. No registration is required.

Please remove any remaining items from the end of your driveway by 6 p.m. on June 25. 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](mailto:Olivia.Raun@FridleyMN.gov) or 763-572-3579.

## NIGHT to UNITE!

Save the date for Night to Unite 2023! Join Fridley Public Safety on Tuesday, August 1, for an evening of fun and community connection.

Fridley's annual Night to Unite takes place the first Tuesday in August. This is a great chance to build community partnerships with Public Safety and get to know your neighbors.

Learn more about Night to Unite or hosting a block party online at [FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite](http://FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite).





## 2022 Real Estate Market Wrap

The 2022 real estate market in the Twin Cities metropolitan area started very strong, continuing a trend of low interest rates and inventory that made for another sellers' market. By year end, mortgage interest rates had doubled, inventory was still at historic lows, buyers were still plentiful; but pricing and terms had changed substantially.

The Fridley market followed this same pattern in 2022, and like the rest of the metro, sale prices began to retreat from where they were at the beginning of the year. That trend has continued into the first quarter of 2023. The median sale price in early January was \$307,500 but dropped slightly just two months later, with a median sale price of \$305,500. Such changes are often cited as a seasonal slowdown, but had not happened in the last three years.

The average 30-year fixed rate mortgage was at 3.22 percent at the start of 2022 and rose to 7.08 percent at its high point before finishing the year at around 6.5 percent. The consequence of such a change in rates can be seen in the following example:

Sale Price:	\$275,000
Down Payment:	\$13,750
Mortgage:	\$261,250
Tax & Insurance Escrow:	\$400 per month
Mortgage Payment at 3.25%	= \$1,512 per month
Mortgage Payment at 6.5%	= \$2,051 per month

The example illustrates that the cost of a home purchased for \$275,000 in December 2022 was about 35.7 percent more per month than the same house purchased in January 2022. Such

an increase is likely to have a profound affect on sale prices going into the 2023 market.

The City's appraisers have looked at dozens of sales since the turn of the new year and are seeing sellers agreeing to pay a portion of the buyers' closing costs - which was a common practice before the recent surge of buyers. The number of days on market have also increased, as have the return of markdowns on homes that were priced aggressively. Thankfully, buyers have also returned to the practice of asking for inspections before the sale is considered binding.

The 2022 real estate market likely started the shift back to a more balanced market where there are an evenly matched number of buyers and sellers, with four to six months of inventory available to meet demand. The 2023 market should welcome back more traditional and rational behavior from its participants.

## Stay Up-to-Date on 2023 Street Projects

Stay up-to-date on street projects this summer! This includes street, trail, park, landscaping, stormwater and utilities projects, as well as other agency and future project information. Project updates will be posted to individual project pages. A full list of street projects can be found at [FridleyMN.gov/Projects](https://FridleyMN.gov/Projects).

### Subscribe to Email or Text Notifications

To subscribe to email or text notifications, visit our Fridley For You notifications page and enter your email. Select whether you would like to receive your notifications by text, email or both.

**Note:** Please remember to set your spam blocker to allow mail from ListServ@CivicPlus.com.



## Housing Replacement Program

As Fridley prepares to celebrate 75 years as a city in 2024, some of the community's oldest properties may also see new life. Following a City ordinance change in 2022, parcels of land that were previously not large enough to support development can now be the site of new homes. Under a change to the Pre-1955 Lots Zoning Overlay, parcels as narrow as 40 feet may now be developed with housing. (If platted after 1955, residential lots must be 75 feet wide to be developed.) In 2022, an analysis of the City found that there are 37 of these 40-foot-wide lots in Fridley. Eight of the 37 lots are vacant, while others have existing homes.

Three of the previously undevelopable vacant lots are owned by the Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority and are being offered for sale as part of the Housing Replacement Program (HRP). Vacant properties purchased through the HRP must promptly be developed with new housing. Over 40 new homes have been built through the program in the past. You can learn more about the HRP and the process for building a new home on an available lot at [FridleyMN.gov/Available-Properties](https://FridleyMN.gov/Available-Properties).

These changes are part of an overall effort to expand housing choices in Fridley.

# 2023 Real Estate Reassessment

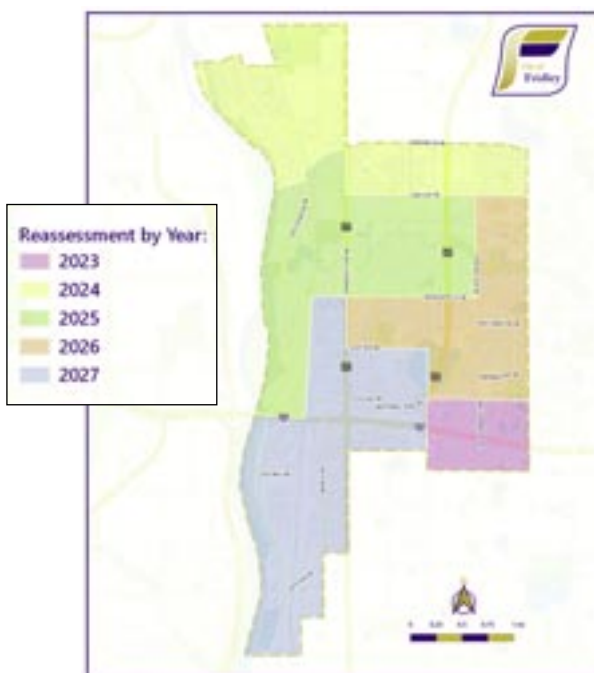
The 2023 reassessment began in April and will continue through September. Generally, the area is bounded by Highway 65 on the west, Silver Lake Road on the east, 52nd Avenue to the south and Hathaway Lane to the north.

## Inspection – Things to Know:

- The assessors will send a blue post card to your home in advance of their inspection of your neighborhood.
- When staff arrive, they will be driving black SUVs marked with the number #117, #118 or #119, and the cars will have the Fridley logo on the front doors.
- The appraisers are required to inspect your home and may/may not ask to review the interior of your home.
- They will knock first and wait for a response. If the door is not answered, a tag will be left on the door with instructions for further action if needed. The appraiser will then complete the exterior portion of their review and move on to the next home.

## If a Tag is Left on Your Door:

The tag left on your door will either be marked “Our records appear complete. No interior inspection is required,” or “Our records indicate an interior inspection is needed.” The name of the appraiser who visited, contact



information and the property identification number of your property will also be included on the tag. You can always call the Assessor's Office at 763-572-3536 or 763-572-3537 with any questions about the visit and/or to make an appointment for further review.

You are not required to allow the appraiser into your home. You are encouraged to call and discuss what information the appraiser is interested in and if there may be alternative means to accomplish an update to the record without going inside your home. Your cooperation is appreciated, as it helps to ensure a fair and equitable assessment for all.

# Fridley Rental Inspections Reminders

The month of May is typically when bug season ramps up in the Twin Cities. The rental inspections team would like to remind renter residents to check all screens and windows in their homes. Screens in good condition that fit properly are required in all windows in all habitable rooms, including bathrooms. As you are checking the screens, take a look at the windows to see that they are in good operating condition as defined in Chapter 220, Residential Rental Property Maintenance and Licensing, of the Fridley City Code.

## Windows, Doors, and Screens:

**220.10.7(c) Minimum Structural Standards Windows, Doors and Screens.** Every window, exterior door and hatchway shall be substantially tight and shall be kept in sound condition and repair. Every window other than

a fixed window or storm window, shall be capable of being easily opened. Every window or other device with openings to outdoor space which is used or intended to be used for ventilation shall be supplied with 16 mesh screens. All windows on basement and first floor levels shall have proper locking devices to prevent opening from the outside. All doors and door and window frames shall be free of blistered paint and shall be maintained in good condition. All door and window hardware and locks shall be functional and be maintained in good condition.

You can find Chapter 220 of the Fridley City Code, and other information on rental property on the City's website at [FridleyMN.gov/435/Rental-Properties](http://FridleyMN.gov/435/Rental-Properties).

# Civic Campus Orchard and Fruit Trees 101

Last fall, a variety of fruit trees, including plum, apple, peach and serviceberry were installed on the Civic Campus Plaza with an Anoka County SHIP grant. Fruit from the orchard is available to all—stop by while taking a walk on the trails, playing at the Civic Campus playground, or attending a summer concert.

**Learn How to Grow Fruit Trees at Home.** Would you like to grow your own fruit at home? Raising fruit trees is a fun hobby, and many fruit trees also benefit our pollinators. Join experts from the University of Minnesota's Department of Forest Resources for a Fruit Trees 101 course on June 15 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Fridley Civic Campus. The course will cover fruit tree



selection, pruning, and pest management, and include an indoor learning portion as well as hands-on demonstrations in the Civic Campus orchard. Cost is \$25/per person. Registration will become available online at [FridleyMN.gov](http://FridleyMN.gov).

# Property Pin

Property pins are buried metal pins placed at each corner of your property, determining the exact dimensions of your property. Locating your property pins allows you to avoid potential legal disputes with neighbors and verify that fences, sheds and other projects lie entirely within your property.

1. Before digging, call Gopher State One at 651-454-0002 to locate utility lines for free. Typically, a 48-hour notice is needed.
2. Access your property records at [FridleyMN.gov/171/Property-Info-Maps](http://FridleyMN.gov/171/Property-Info-Maps) under Property Files to see if you have a certificate of survey on file, or find an aerial printout of your property that displays lot dimensions. Aerial printouts and property dimensions are available at [GIS.AnokaCountyMN.gov/PropertySearch/](http://GIS.AnokaCountyMN.gov/PropertySearch/).
3. Ensure you have the following materials:
  - a. Survey or Aerial Printout
  - b. Tape Measure
  - c. Shovel
  - d. Metal detectors are not required but can make locating pins faster and easier. If you do not own a metal detector, many construction rental companies offer rental metal detectors.
4. Property markers are often located 10-15 feet from the curb. Go to the front curb and measure 10-15 feet where the survey suggests the marker should be. Use the metal detector to locate the marker more easily. The marker should be about 6-10 inches below the surface.
5. Mark the property pin, and continue the process until you have found all pins.

If you have trouble finding your pins, consider contacting a licensed land surveyor.

For some larger home improvement projects, a permit accompanied with a professional land survey may be required.

## Questions?

Contact the Code Enforcement Specialist at 763-572-3598.



# Food Truck Licensing: Recipe for Success

In late 2023, the City of Fridley will begin licensing Mobile Food Preparation Units, commonly referred to as Food Trucks. Current food truck operators in Fridley are required to follow all county and state regulations and must also submit to a fire safety inspection conducted by the Fridley Fire Division. This move will ensure these businesses have equal opportunity to operate even more effectively and safely in Fridley. To schedule a food truck fire safety inspection, call 763-572-3621.



## 2022 Water Quality Report

Once again, we are proud to report that your drinking water meets all state and federal standards. Your drinking water continues to be safe, and we continue our commitment to keeping you informed. The 2022 Water Quality Report includes details on the results of water quality testing last year and news relating to Fridley's water system. The report will be available for online viewing in June at [FridleyMN.gov/WaterQuality](https://FridleyMN.gov/WaterQuality).

We are driven to ensure your drinking water exceeds standards. For the latest water supply updates, please visit us online at [FridleyMN.gov/Water](https://FridleyMN.gov/Water). We are happy to answer any questions or concerns - just call us at 763-572-3554.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### May

- 1 Charter Commission Meeting
- 1 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 4 Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meeting
- 4 City Council Meeting
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 City Council Meeting
- 29 City Offices Closed for Memorial Day

### June

- 1 Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meeting
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 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.

## Recodification Update

In 2021, the City Council authorized the City Manager to begin a full review and update to the entire City Code, a process known as recodification. Staff from every department at City Hall are working together to review the Code to see what areas can be updated to make the Code easier to navigate.

The Council approved the first two titles of the Code (General Provisions and Administration) in 2022. In April, the Council approved the third title of the Code (Health, Safety, and Welfare). This grouping of chapters deals with ways the City government works to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, visitors and business owners in the City.

For example, the Boats and Watercraft chapter has an expanded list of regulations for watercraft on City waterways, especially in regard to floatation devices and what types of watercraft are prohibited, such as the Aqua Lily Pad floating docks.



In the Solid Waste Management chapter, language was updated to align with current industry definitions for waste containers and materials. Other changes added to this chapter describe the requirements for container screening, placement for multi-family and commercial properties, education, hauler licensing and reporting.

Staff have started work on the next grouping of chapters that will make up the Public Nuisance title. This part of the Code will include chapters dealing with noise, abandoned motor vehicles, abatement of exterior public nuisances and other areas.

The City has created a webpage for the project where all supporting documents may be viewed. Any questions on the project may be directed to [CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov).



## Outdoor Water Efficiency Rebates

The City is continuing to offer rebates for water saving fixtures through 2023. Learn more about rebate requirements and complete an application at [FridleyMN.gov/WaterRebate](https://FridleyMN.gov/WaterRebate).

### Smart Irrigation Controllers

Earn a rebate of up to \$150 on your utility bill for installing a WaterSense certified smart irrigation controller. Smart irrigation controllers optimize your in-ground irrigation system based on weather conditions, so that you can better zone your yard and avoid over-watering. These controllers allow you to operate your sprinkler from your phone instead of an onsite screen, so that you can adjust the system remotely. Many controllers are compatible with other smart devices including Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant. The Environmental Protection

Agency estimates that a smart irrigation controller can save the average homeowner 7,600 gallons per year. If you have an in-ground sprinkler system operated by a mechanical or electronic operator, make the update this year while rebates are still available.

### Rain Barrels

Earn a rebate of up to \$50 on your utility bill by installing a new rain barrel at your home. Rain barrels capture roof runoff to use for irrigation instead of being sent down the storm sewer system.

## MUSIC IN OUR PARKS

Presented by the Fridley City Band, FREE!

All concerts start at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music!

- June 12 Edgewater Gardens
- June 19 Logan Park
- June 26 Briardale Park
- July 24 Springbrook Nature Center





## Behind the Scenes: Installing Rooftop Solar

The City has been receiving a lot of calls about solar energy systems, especially since the Federal solar tax credit recently increased to 30 percent. However, many residents are not sure if solar is the right investment for their home or where to begin. In 2022, 10 Fridley households completed rooftop solar projects. We spoke with Heidi and Kjell Ferris, who are one of those ten, on what the process was like for them. Read through their question and answer session below.

### How did you decide that you wanted solar on your property?

Installing solar panels on our home aligned with our values of caring for the community and doing our part in a time of changing climate, but people can find the benefits of solar from many different angles. We participated in Xcel Energy's Windsorce program for many years, but we like that the solar panels serve as a physical reminder to be more aware of our energy use and help decentralize the energy grid.

### What were the steps you took to install solar on your property?

We have done a lot of small projects over the past five years to increase our home's energy efficiency, particularly improving our home's insulation. This helped reduce the number of panels we would need to cover our energy use. We reached out to our solar contractor directly based on positive recommendations. They provided a free site assessment to determine if adding solar would be cost-effective, and ran through payback scenarios using different panel configurations. We had a 20-year-old roof and planned to replace it at the same time as the panels were installed. Our solar contractor did all of the coordination with Xcel Energy and obtained the solar permit from the City.

### What was the timeline for the solar project?

We reached out to All Energy Solar in January 2022 to begin the site assessment, which included a virtual meeting, electric bill review, aerial review, and drone imaging of our roof. We then had some back and forth with our insurance company regarding the new roof which we were able to get installed in June. The panels went on the next week. Xcel Energy connected the panels to our electric meter a

month later, at which point we started seeing the bill credits.

### Did you use any financing programs?

Yes, we received a low-interest loan from the City of Fridley's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, which covered the upfront cost of the panels. The loan is administered by the Center for Energy and Environment who helped us structure the monthly payments to be comparable to the cost savings on our electric bill, so the panels are essentially no additional cost to us. The loan is for 10 years, at which point the panels will be paid off for the remainder of their life expectancy. We also participate in Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards program through which we get paid for excess energy production and will receive the federal tax credit.

### What has surprised you about owning solar panels?

Our solar panels came with an easy-to-use smartphone app that visualizes our solar production as well as our energy use in 15-minute increments. This has helped us learn a lot about our daily energy use. We were also surprised by how painless the process was. Our contractor coordinated all the different parts, and the panels themselves were installed in less than a day. We were also pleasantly surprised by the great conversations the solar panels have inspired with our neighbors and family.

### What misconceptions have you heard about owning solar panels?

The largest misconception is around funding. People are putting it off because they think it will be a large upfront cost, or that they will have to pay to have the site analyzed. However, the site consultation is free and financing can make the solar array affordable.

### What would you recommend to someone considering solar for their home?

Call and get an evaluation to see if solar is a good fit, then take it step by step.

Thanks Heidi and Kjell! Learn more about solar and find solar resources including how to find a contractor at [FridleyMN.gov/Solar](https://FridleyMN.gov/Solar). Learn more about the low interest loan at [FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms](https://FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms).

## Fridley Residents Save Money on Energy Upgrades

Fridley residents received the most energy rebates per capita in 2022 of all 26 cities partnering with the Center for Energy and Environment to promote the Home Energy Squad program. In 2022, 56 Home Energy Squad visits and 13 Low Income Home Energy Squad visits were completed, and 25 households followed up to obtain rebates for air sealing, insulation, or mechanical (heating and cooling). Capture energy savings for your home today by getting started with a Home Energy Squad visit at [FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms](https://FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms).



## SolSmart Bronze Award

The Fridley City Council was presented with a Bronze Award by SolSmart, a national solar recognition program funded by the US Department of Energy. Fridley received the award for facilitating solar energy through its City Code and streamlined permitting. Solar is allowed on all rooftops in Fridley with a solar permit and ground-mounted with a special use permit. Learn more at [FridleyMN.gov/Solar](https://FridleyMN.gov/Solar).



## Public Safety: What is that Flashing White Light on Traffic Lights?

If you have ever been at a traffic light and seen the little white light come on, you may have wondered what exactly that means and how it works.

The white light on top of a stoplight is an indicator for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption System. The device helps control traffic when emergency vehicles are responding to a call. The system can prompt a change in the traffic lights within an intersection before the emergency vehicle approaches, allowing them to move through intersections more safely, while alerting other motorists that an emergency response team is approaching.

**Solid White Light:** Emergency vehicle is traveling the same direction as your vehicle. If the light facing you is solid white, that means an emergency vehicle is traveling in the same direction as you, either in front of or behind your vehicle. Be prepared to slow down, pay close attention to traffic in all directions and move your vehicle to the side of the road if an emergency vehicle is approaching behind you.

**Flashing White Light:** Emergency vehicle is traveling in a different direction than your vehicle. If the light facing you is flashing white, that means an emergency vehicle is approaching the intersection from a different direction than

you are traveling, either from a cross street approaching from your left or right or traveling towards you. Expect traffic lights to transition to red. Pay close attention and be prepared to stop.

**How does the light system work?** Inside each emergency vehicle is an emitter that can send an infrared signal to preemption devices that are directly in front of them. The signal prompts the traffic lights ahead to change so that the emergency vehicle can pass through safely. At the same time, the device stops all cross traffic from entering the intersection, and in most cases, stops traffic from the opposite direction.

## Summer with Public Safety

Join the Fridley Public Safety Department for several fun events and activities this summer:

- June**
- **'49er Days (June 15):** Keep an eye out for a squad car and fire truck during the '49er Day Parade!
- **Safety Camp (June 28):** Children will get a behind-the-scenes look at the Public Safety Department while learning and experiencing safety.

- July**
- **Popsicles and Public Safety (July 11):** Come cool off with a popsicle treat and great conversation with the Public Safety Department and stick around for the Summer Concert series concert happening that night!

- August**
  - **Night to Unite (August 1):** Night to Unite block parties take place the first Tuesday in August. This is a chance to build community partnerships with Public Safety and get to know your neighbors.
  - **Our Leaders are Readers (August 3):** Fire
  - **Our Leaders are Readers (August 31):** Police
- We're looking forward to a great and safe summer with you!

## Public Safety Awards & Recognition

**Firefighter 2023 Badge Presentation and Fire Corp Recognition**  
On February 13, 2023, family and friends joined the Fridley Public Safety Department at the 2023 Fridley Fire Badge Presentation. Ten paid, on-call firefighters and eight Fire Corp volunteers were recognized.

The following firefighters received their badges:

Kyle Meinke	Kevin Pass
Josh Osborn	Tyler Koll
Bailey Jones	David Babb
Tyler Moore	Alicia Craig
Brian Pevito	Joe Evanoff

The following Fire Corp volunteers were recognized:

John Bernier	Cally Jacobson
Daniel Bradford	Jessica Kautzer
Ambrose DeGidio	John Lindstrom
Chess Elliott	Stacy Walts

**Officer Lusignan and K9 Jager Awarded 2022 Fourth Quarter Case Award**  
Officer Lusignan and his K9 partner Jager were awarded the 2022 Fourth Quarter Case Award by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region 12. They were awarded for finding and apprehending four suspects who bailed from a stolen vehicle in Columbia Heights in September 2022. The vehicle was from a carjacking incident in Ramsey County.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Lusignan and K9 Jager! Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!



## safety camp

Wed., June 28 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Join Fridley Fire, Police and Recreation for this exciting program designed for kids to have fun while learning good safety practices. Children will get a behind-the-scenes look at the Police and Fire Departments while learning and experiencing safety! Topics may include: fire, seat belts, animals, electrical, bicycle, first aid, water, weather and 911! Following the camp, there will be a graduation ceremony at the Civic Campus. The registration fee includes leadership, supplies, bike helmet, t-shirt, tote bag, snacks and lunch.

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5916	gr 4-5	W	June 28	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	\$35

Fridley Civic Campus (rain or shine)

## Recycling Audit Results

Fridley residents are doing a great job recycling! In 2022, Fridley residents recycled more than four million pounds. A one-day audit of our curbside recycling composition by Republic Services, the City's contracted recycling hauler, found that Fridley's recycling was (by weight):

- 35% cardboard
- 23% mixed paper
- 16% plastics
- 9% glass
- 4% aluminum
- 3% tin
- 10% garbage



Garbage was primarily bagged material, non-recyclable metals, non-recyclable rigid plastic and films and food. Help do your part by putting items in your recycling cart loose or in paper bags, but never in plastic bags. Keep doing a great job recycling. Brush up on recycling skills at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](https://FridleyMN.gov/Recycling).

## Heartsaver Classes Offered by Fridley Fire

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. Cost is \$60 per registrant.

### Heartsaver CPR

This four-hour course is designed to meet the needs of lay rescuers wanting to learn American Heart Association (AHA) CPR to protect family members, friends and co-workers. The curriculum includes infant, child and adult CPR, relief of foreign body airway obstruction and use of the AED (defibrillator).

This course meets daycare certification requirements. Upon successful completion of practical skills testing, participants will receive a course credential card via email. Classes are

taught by certified instructors from the Fridley Fire Division. All classes will take place at Fridley City Hall (7071 University Avenue NE) in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

### Heartsaver First Aid

Heartsaver First Aid is a four-hour course ideal for anyone interested in or required to implement First Aid training in an environment serving adult populations.

Upon successful completion of practical skills testing, participants will receive a course credential card via email. Cost includes AHA First Aid manual. Classes are taught by certified instructors from the Fridley Fire Division. All classes will take place at Fridley City Hall (7071 University Avenue NE) in the EOC. Register online at [FridleyMN.gov/HeartSafe](https://FridleyMN.gov/HeartSafe).

### Class schedule:

May 18, 2023 (Thursday)	6-10 p.m.	First Aid
June 17, 2023 (Saturday)	8 a.m.-noon	Heartsaver CPR
July 20, 2023 (Thursday)	6-10 p.m.	Heartsaver CPR
August 17, 2023 (Thursday)	6-10 p.m.	First Aid
September 16, 2023 (Saturday)	8 a.m.-noon	Heartsaver CPR
October 19, 2023 (Thursday)	6-10 p.m.	Heartsaver CPR
November 16, 2023 (Thursday)	6-10 p.m.	Heartsaver CPR
December 16, 2023 (Saturday)	8 a.m.-noon	First Aid

## Recycle Smart:

### Keep Batteries and Other Hazardous Materials Out of Your Curbside Carts!

Batteries and Battery Enclosed Electronics (household and rechargeable) are recyclable at drop-offs but should not be included in your curbside trash or recycling carts. Cell phones are the most common item incorrectly recycled.

**Why:** Batteries and electronics with non-removable batteries can explode and start fires if crushed or punctured. As batteries become more common, this is occurring more and more. Every month garbage trucks and recycling facilities experience fires when batteries are improperly thrown away.

### Batteries and Battery Enclosed Electronics can be Recycled at Drop-off Events Locations

Batteries and small battery enclosed electronics can be recycled for free at Fridley recycling dropoff events. They can also be taken year-round to the Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Go to [AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW](https://AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW) for location, hours and a list of accepted items.

## Recycling Dropoff: May 13 from 8 a.m. - noon

On May 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?

- Four large appliances
- Two mattresses
- Two small TVs
- Seven tires
- A large, 60" TV for \$5
- And more!

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

Paper shredding, scrap metal, batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs, bicycles small electronics and electronic media (VHS tapes, CDs, cassettes, etc.). See a full pricing list at [FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff](https://FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff).



## community concert series

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music with your neighbors! All performances are free and friendly for all ages. Concerts feature a variety of genres, and at the Civic Campus include food trucks and games on the plaza! We hope to see you there!

### Springbrook Nature Center @ 7 p.m.

**June 20:** Talking Strings Quintet, Acoustic World Jazz

**July 18:** Anthony Miltich, Acoustic Guitar

**August 15:** Bluegroove Bluegrass, Bluegrass

### Kids' Concerts @ 11 a.m.

**July 26:** Commons Park: Jolly Pops (Chalk the Walk, Kid's Book Swap)

**August 11:** Springbrook Nature Center: Madagascar Jr, Musical

### Civic Campus @ 7 p.m.

**June 6:** Mr Winky Band, Rock & Roll (Adopt-A-Park Appreciation Concert)

**June 27:** Craig Clark Band, Blues

**July 11:** The Inland Seas, Irish (Popsicles and Public Safety)

**August 8:** Everett Smithson Band, Zydeco/Blues (Music of the Mississippi)

**August 22:** Carlyne Naomi, AfroPop



**Thursday, June 15**

**Pre-Parade | Commons Park | 4-7 p.m.**

Join the Fridley Parks and Recreation staff and a variety of Fridley organizations and business for some active fun before the '49er Days Parade! Play carnival games, try out all of the inflatable obstacles, slides, and bouncers, and dance your heart out with our DJ!



**Fridley Fun Run | 6:25 p.m.**

Run on the parade route in front of the Fridley '49er Days Parade, then watch the parade when you finish. The run begins at 6:25 p.m. No pre-registration, register on-site. Meet at St. Phillip's Church (6180 MN-65, Fridley, MN 55432).



**Fridley Lions '49er Parade | 6:30 p.m.**

Held rain or shine! Start time is 6:30 p.m. The route starts at the corner of 61st Avenue and 7th Street.



**Friday, June 16**

**Youth Baseball Tournaments**

Fridley Youth Baseball is hosting a 12U and 13U tournament at Community Park and Fridley High School is hosting a 14AAA tournament at Commons Park and FHS Baseball Fields. The tournaments will conclude on Saturday.

**Car Show | Friendly Chevrolet | 5-8 p.m.**



*Event details, volunteer opportunities and more at [FridleyMN.gov/49erDays](http://FridleyMN.gov/49erDays)*

**Saturday, June 17**

**Commons Park | 2-10 p.m.**

- Kids Activities
- Bingo
- Youth Sports Clinics
- Art Market
- Food Trucks
- Beer & Wine Tents
- All School Class Reunion
- Fridley City Band
- Salsa Del Soul Salsa Band & Dance Instruction
- Power of 10 Band
- Fireworks

This event is made possible by the '49er Days Committee volunteers and our sponsors. View the full list of sponsors online at [FridleyMN.gov/49erDays](http://FridleyMN.gov/49erDays).



**Picnic Shelter Reservations**

The City of Fridley has two shelters available for rental between May 6 and October 29. Shelters are located at Commons and Flanery Park. Moore Lake Park shelters are unavailable for the 2023 season due to construction. For details, visit [FridleyMN.gov/Rec](http://FridleyMN.gov/Rec) or call 763-572-3570.



**NEW Bike Tours**

No bike, no problem! Fridley Parks & Recreation recently received an Anoka County SHIP grant for a fleet of bicycles and are excited to offer residents the opportunity to go biking! There will be a variety of bike programs offered by Fridley Parks & Recreation. Bicycles and helmets are provided, but feel free to bring your own bike or helmet if you prefer. Check out details in the Parks and Recreation Brochure or online at [FridleyMN.gov/Rec](http://FridleyMN.gov/Rec).

**Park System Master Plan Update**

The City of Fridley's park system provides countless opportunities to gather together with friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Our parks help give us a sense of place in the Fridley community, and allow us to celebrate, exercise, relax and enjoy natural spaces. This year marks a new era for Fridley's parks, as we start the construction phase of the Park System Improvement Plan.

Our community can look forward to a beautiful new park building at Moore Lake Park, many new gathering spaces, playgrounds, trails, athletic courts and fields, and a new splash pad coming to Commons Park in a few years. The City's project team is hard at work planning and scheduling so that our construction projects are completed efficiently, but there will be some closures to parks to ensure the safety and security of all.

Most notably, Moore Lake Park will be closed for most of 2023, beginning as early as April and extending into the fall season. This closure will allow for the safe and successful

construction of a stunning new community park building, parking lot, playground, trails, athletic courts and site amenities.

Neighbors of three additional parks in Fridley should plan ahead for temporary closures of Ed Wilmes, Creekview and Skyline Parks in 2023. Once construction schedules are finalized for these parks, additional updates will be shared on the City's website and through signage at each park site. Construction fencing will be used to designate work areas and keep residents and workers safe while work is active on each park site. New playgrounds, park shelters, courts and site amenities will enhance each of these parks to serve our community well into the future.

The Park System Improvement Plan project page, [FridleyMN.gov/ParkPlan](http://FridleyMN.gov/ParkPlan), will be kept current with construction schedules and updates. The staff project team is available to respond to questions or comments at [ParkPlan@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:ParkPlan@FridleyMN.gov).

