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Park System Improvement Plan Update and Moore Lake Park Playground Open House Recap

As Fridley has grown and developed over the years, our park system has grown along with it. Springbrook Nature Center may be the best example of how impactful this growth and change can be on a community. With the addition of the new interpretive center, exhibits, community rooms, pavilion, amphitheater and nature-based play area, Springbrook is well-positioned to serve Fridley for generations to come.

With the start of the Park System Improvement Plan, Fridley will see a transformative change and improvement across our entire park system as community buildings, playgrounds, a splash pad, new courts, trails and picnic shelters are added across the City.

Four parks will be improved in the year 2023, including Ed Wilmes Park, Skyline Park, Creek View Park and Moore Lake Park. Plans for these parks have been based on years of feedback from residents. That process continues as we finish the planning phase and enter into the construction phase of the projects.

On August 16, three teams of City staff gathered at Ed Wilmes, Skyline and Creek View parks. Staff collected input from the residents and neighbors, and shared new playground concepts plans for the parks. Residents were able to share their ideas and preferences for their neighborhood park, which will be incorporated into the final playground designs.



playground and basketball court to share their ideas.

A wonderful community celebration was held at Moore Lake Park on Saturday, September 10. An estimated 250 residents mingled with staff and City officials to share feedback on designs for a new playground as well as to learn more about the new community building, water quality improvement projects and the Anoka County roundabout project at the park entrance.

Residents could also explore trucks and construction equipment, try out fishing or go for a bike ride through the park with Fridley's new bike fleet. The feedback and enthusiasm from Fridley residents were truly appreciated.

A new community building with beautiful views of the lake, rentable event and meeting space, restrooms and other visitor amenities will be the centerpiece of the new Moore Lake Park. Shoreline restoration and water access for fishing and paddle sports will provide opportunities for fun, learning and new experiences. Fridley Parks and Recreation has many ideas for new events and programs at Moore Lake Park in the new building.

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Pumpkin Recycling

November 1 - 13
Springbrook Nature Center Parking Lot

The pumpkin dumpster will be back at Springbrook Nature Center from November 1 – November 13. Toss your pumpkins in the dumpster, and they will be recycled into compost. Our goal this year is two tons of pumpkins!

Only pumpkins in the Pumpkin Dumpster, please.



Holiday Lights!

December 1 - January 31
Fridley Civic Campus

We will be collecting broken and non-working holiday lights for recycling from December 1 - January 31. A labeled drop box will be in the lobby at City Hall. Remember to never put string lights, cords, hoses or other tangles in the recycling cart—it jams up the machines. Questions? Call 763-572-3594 or email recycling@FridleyMN.gov.



Computer Malware

Computer malware has been in the news a lot recently. Individuals, businesses (large and small) and government organizations across the country have been compromised by one form of malware or another.

“Malware” (short for “malicious software”) is a catchall term for several kinds of invasive software programs, including “ransomware”, which encrypts files on your computer and demands payment to unlock them. If you are not sufficiently protected, you could lose irreplaceable personal files and information to such an attack.

A popular method used by bad guys to infect systems with malware is through phishing email or text messages. Phishing takes many forms but will often appear as an urgent request to immediately take certain steps to prevent something bad from happening. In reality, by performing the requested action (such as clicking a link, viewing an attachment, or downloading a file), you would be infecting your system with malware or giving away your personal login information that can be used to steal your personal data or access your bank and other accounts.

To protect the data of its residents and businesses, the City of Fridley uses a mix of

technological methods to reduce its risk to these types of attacks. However, humans are usually the weakest link in any security chain, so the City also educates and tests its staff on the indicators and dangers of phishing and other types of attacks, such as ransomware.

Some steps you can take to protect yourself from phishing and malware include:

- Educate yourself and your family about the indicators of malware and phishing attacks. Cybersecurity company SecurityMetrics publishes an easy-to-use guide to identifying phishing messages at securitymetrics.com/blog/7-ways-recognize-phishing-email.
- Use long, difficult to guess passwords and never use the same password on multiple sites. Use a password manager such as 1Password or Bitwarden to generate strong passwords and store them securely.
- Implement multi-factor authentication whenever possible – especially on critical sites such as banking and email. This will require a second method of logging in along with your password, so even if a bad guy gets your password, they won't be able to easily log into your account.
- Never open attachments or click on links in unexpected messages. If you want to verify whether a message is legitimate or not, contact the sender directly but never use the links or contact information in the suspect message to do so. Instead, use known good contact numbers or sites, or search the web for the correct contact info.
- Use a malware detection program, such as Microsoft Security/Defender, and ensure that your computer and software is kept up to date with all security patches.
- Maintain current backups of important files. Malware will infect everything it can see on your computer, so whatever media you use for backups should be disconnected from your computer unless you are in the process of backing up or restoring your data.

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is the federal agency that leads the national effort to understand, manage and reduce risk to our cyber and physical infrastructure. Among other resources, they provide information about emerging malware threats, how to identify them and how to protect yourself. Visit www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/tips for more information and tips.

Facility rentals

Springbrook Nature Center offers a variety of year-round space rental opportunities to bring you closer to nature. Enjoy three miles of hiking trails through the forests of trees, past prairies and through the wetlands with floating boardwalks. Inside the Interpretive Center, you can get a close-up look at live snakes, frogs, fish and more! Classroom rental rooms offer a catering kitchen, varied projector options, and linoleum or carpeted floor options. Let Springbrook Nature Center be your choice for a family adventure to learn about and enjoy the beauty and diversity of nature.



Apply to Be a Member of the Charter Commission

We have an opening on our Charter Commission! The Charter Commission is responsible for reviewing the City Charter and making recommendations for amendments. This Commission consists of fifteen members who serve a four-year term. The City Charter is the document that enabled Fridley to become a self-governing city under the Minnesota Constitution and State law. The Charter Commission reviews the City Charter and makes recommendations for amendments. Meets approximately eight times per year (Monday evenings) at 7 p.m. at Fridley City Hall. Applications are due December 9.

Joining a Commission

The City Council seeks residents interested in serving on City commissions as vacancies arise. There are two requirements in order to become a member of a commission: (1) You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older; and (2) You must be a resident of the City of Fridley.

For further information about current openings, the duties and responsibilities, meeting dates and times of the commissions, fill out a Commission Application online at FridleyMN.gov or call the City Manager's Office at 763-572-3500.

Highway 47 & 65 — Planning Study

The Highway 47/65 corridor project area spans from; Highway 47/University Avenue between the Highway 47 and Highway 65 intersection in NE Minneapolis and Coon Rapids Boulevard/Anoka County Road 10 in Blaine; and Highway 65/Central Avenue between the Highway 65 and Highway 47 intersection in NE Minneapolis and Mounds View Boulevard/Anoka County Road 10 in Spring Lake Park.

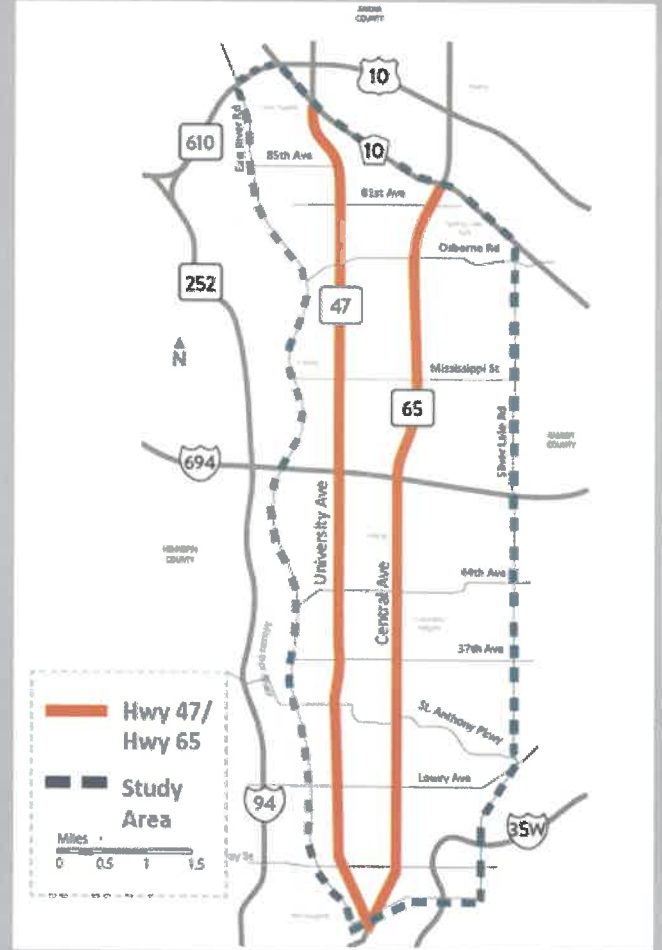
MnDOT wants to thank the more than 5,000 people who have shared their comments on transportation conditions in this vibrant area of the Metro. Through this engagement and analysis, they've learned that the primary transportation needs along these roads are to improve the safety of people walking, biking, and in motor vehicles. Also, the condition of roadway pavement needs improvement.

Now, MnDOT is developing concepts that can meet these needs. This past summer, more than

500 people commented on ideas like different types of roadways, new intersection designs, and access changes at driveways and cross streets. These include parkway treatments, intersection curb bump-outs, better pedestrian crossings, roundabouts, dedicated bike lanes, and many more ideas.

Next, MnDOT will package these concepts into groups of improvements that work well together to meet users' needs. Look for another round of public meetings, other engagement opportunities, and an online survey starting in January 2023. If you're not already on the study's mailing list, be sure to sign up for news on how you can participate!

Learn more about the project and sign up for updates at talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-47-hwy-65-study.



Programs to Assist Seniors in Their Homes

Seniors, reminder that there are several programs available to assist you in living safely and independently in your own home.

The **Anoka County Chores and More** program provides assistance with various chores and small household projects within your home. For more information call 763-783-4767 or visit their website at [ACCAP.org/SeniorServices](https://accap.org/SeniorServices).



Hearts and Hammers may be able to assist you with exterior home maintenance. Visit HeartsandHammers.org to check eligibility and to apply.

Fridley Community Calendar

November

- 3 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 7 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 8 Election Day
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 11 City Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- 14 Board of Canvass Meeting
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 & 25 City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 City Council Meeting

December

- 1 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 & 26 City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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.

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.



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or in-store

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FridleyLiquor.com/Shop

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

SAVE THE DATE

winterfest



Saturday, January 21 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue NE

Brrrrrrrrrring on winter!
Enjoy an exciting winter day in nature with the entire family!

Visit FridleyMN.gov/Rec or check the
Recreation brochure for more details!

Winter Parking Restrictions

Fridley City Code Chapter 506 (Vehicle Parking) prohibits any overnight (2-6 a.m.) parking on City streets from November 1 until April 1.

This chapter of the Code was enacted to ensure the accessibility and safe use of the City's streets in the winter. Vehicles parked on the street in the winter make plowing the streets difficult. When vehicles are left on the street, plow drivers must go around vehicles, which slows down the pace of plowing and causes snow to be left in the road leading to narrower roads. Vehicles left on the road during a plowing event can sometimes be damaged by snow as the plow pushes snow off the pavement.

Parking your car in your driveway or garage not only helps the City clear streets in a safe and efficient manner, but it can also keep your vehicle safe. Vehicles in a garage are much less likely to be vandalized or broken into, making garages one of the safest places to store them, plus you will not have to brush snow off your car windows!

Fridley Public Works staff pride themselves on their ability to get the City's streets cleared quickly, which would not be possible without the help of the residents. For more information about winter parking regulations visit FridleyMN.gov.



Did you know? Safe Exchange Area at Fridley Civic Campus

Have you used our Safe Exchange Area at the Fridley Civic Campus? This is a monitored area located in the front parking lot of the campus (along University Avenue, right outside of the Public Safety department). There is 24-hour surveillance and emergency intercom that contacts 9-1-1 dispatch.

Use the area for buying/selling items, custody exchanges and more.



Holiday Safety Reminder

DWIs increase during holiday weekends. Always plan a sober ride. Always plan a sober ride home by having a friend drive you, utilizing a ride-share service such as Uber or Lyft, or choosing to be the sober driver. All of these options are less dangerous than driving drunk and less expensive than a DWI.



More Harm Than Good: Please Don't Feed Deer This Winter

As temperatures cool this fall and winter, wildlife in Fridley adapt to the change in our climate. Animals like White-tailed Deer will weather the snow and cold of the winter season.

There is a natural tendency to feel empathy for these animals that may not enjoy the human comforts of winter such as heated homes, insulated clothing or a steaming mug of hot chocolate. Many of us, with good intention, turn to feeding wildlife during the winter months. In some cases, however, feeding wildlife can cause more harm than good.

Deer provide the most dramatic example of unintentional harm from feeding. Ingesting too much feed, such as corn, can cause a fatal disease commonly called grain overload. Bacteria naturally found in the deer's digestive system react to high volumes of grain and produce toxins that can be fatal to the deer within 24 hours.

Grain overload is not the only negative impact that can be seen from feeding deer in an urban setting. When deer congregate at a feeding station, there is an increased risk of disease transmission. Chronic Wasting Disease and several other bacterial infections can be spread when deer gather together and share feed.

In addition to risk of disease, feeding deer also changes their behavior in ways that can be harmful to the deer and our residents. Deer are more likely to cross roadways to find a known source of food like a feeding station, leading to an increase in auto accidents.

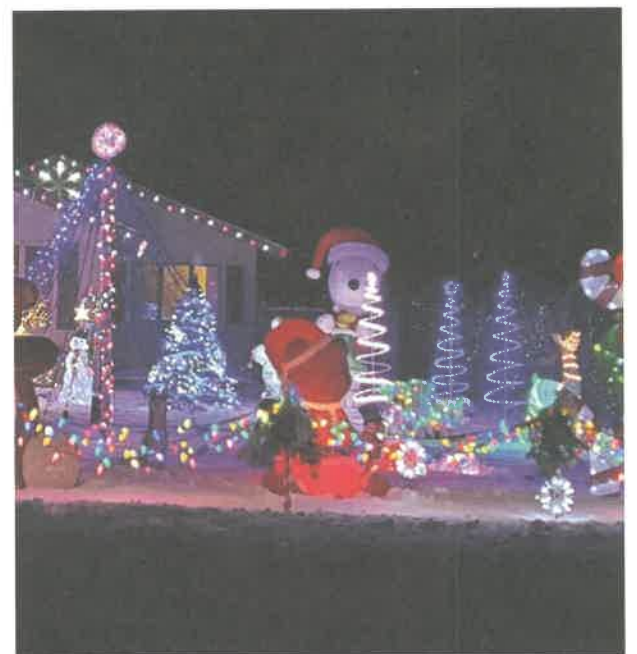
Fridley's Springbrook Nature Center provides a great resource to discover winter birds and other animals. A bird feeding station is located outside of the Nature Center's exhibit space, and our friendly staff loves to share tips and tricks for bird feeding and identification.

Winter Lights

Help spread holiday cheer by decorating the exterior of your home! Entries will be judged on overall impact, visual appeal, uniqueness, variety and tidiness. Category winners and "Bright Spots" will be indicated on the map.

All entries will be placed on a map so that residents and visitors can create their own custom lights tour around town. Judging will take place December 12 - 13. Winners will be announced, and maps will be available on December 16. Tour maps will be available in person at City Hall and at FridleyMN.gov/Rec.

Register between Nov 1 - Dec 12





Old Central Avenue NE (CSAH 35) and Gardena Avenue NE

Anoka County, in partnership with the City of Fridley, is developing plans for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Old Central Avenue NE (CSAH 35) at Gardena Ave NE, in order to improve safety and mobility for all road users by reducing speeds and conflict points at the intersection. This project will include ADA-compliant, pedestrian ramp accommodations at the intersection; also, a bituminous path will be added to the south side of Gardena Avenue within the project limits. The project is in the final design phase, with anticipated construction in 2023.

Project Goals

Provided below are the project goals being considered during the design and construction phase of this project:

- Safely accommodate all users, including motor vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Provide efficient mobility and access for all modes of travel
- Develop a financially responsible design that minimizes right-of-way and environmental resource impacts

Project Timeline

- Final Design - Summer/Fall 2022
- Construction - Spring 2023

If you have any questions about the proposed project or would like to comment on any aspect of the project, please contact either of the representatives below:

- Jorge R Bernal, Design Engineer III
763-324-3185, or
Jorge.Bernaldelgado@co.anoka.mn.us
- Nicholas Dobda, Manager, Engineering
763-324-3118, or
Nicholas.Dobda@co.anoka.mn.us

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant. Give blood.

City of Fridley Blood Drive Wednesday, November 9 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Springbrook Nature Center

Contact information:
Fridley Recreation Department
763-572-3570 • Recreation@FridleyMN.gov
The event is open to the public.

To Schedule an Appointment:
redcrossblood.org (search for CityofFridley)
or call 1 (800) RED-CROSS



Giving blood is a simple way to make a difference in someone's life.

Smart Salting this Winter

Did you know one teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water? Salt and deicers contain chlorides, which can enter our waterways as snow and ice melt. Springbrook Creek is already listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as vulnerable to chloride contamination, and other Fridley waterbodies are close behind. Chloride contamination can kill fish and plants and cause drinking water to have a salty taste. If you use salt during the winter, please follow these smart salting tips from our partners at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO):

- 1) More salt does not equal faster melting—just more pollution and wasted money. Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules. For \$10–\$20, a hand spreader can make the job easier and more accurate. To be more exact, try to apply no more than one pound per 250 square feet of pavement. (Tip: A regular-size coffee mug typically holds about 1 pound of salt.)
- 2) If you must apply salt or de-icer, clear off any loose and/or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement. Temperatures often drop after a snowstorm, so double-check the label on your salt or de-icer product to make sure it will work before you apply it (rock salt doesn't work below 15°F). You can use this table from the MWMO to check the lowest pavement temperature for different types of de-icers.
- 3) Sweep away any extra salt once the ice is gone to keep it from washing into the storm sewers.

Fridley businesses and institutions: Planning to store a large amount of salt this winter? All bulk salt storage must be located on an impervious surface and covered by a roof or securely fastened impermeable cover. Remember to sweep up any remaining salt or sand after the ice melts to help protect our water bodies.



Melting Agent	Lowest Melting Temp.	Things to Know
Urea	20°F	Promotes algae growth in waterways; over-application can harm plants; slow-acting; relatively pet safe
Sodium Chloride (NaCl)	15°F	Harmful to plants; harmful to concrete; very corrosive to metal, cheap and abundant
Magnesium Chloride (MgCl2)	-10°F	Harmful to plants, corrosive to metal, relatively high cost
Potassium Acetate (KAc)	-15°F	Can cause surface slickness; lowers oxygen levels in waterways; biodegradable, relatively high cost
Calcium Chloride (CaCl2)	-20°F	Corrosive to metal; leaves slimy residue; less harmful to concrete
Sand	No melting	Provides traction only; potential pollutant; can be swept up and re-used



Fire Open House

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Fire Open House in October! Attendees were able to explore our fire trucks, learn how to use a fire hose and extinguisher, get a tour of Fire Station 1 and more! We look forward to seeing you next year!



Adopt a Hydrant this Winter!

Fridley firefighters would like to remind residents about the importance of keeping neighborhood fire hydrants shoveled out and accessible to firefighters.

When fire hydrants become covered with snow, it can delay firefighters in securing a water source at a fire scene, when every second counts.

Keep an eye on hydrants.

Winter weather can create fire safety hazards, such as ice or heavy snowfall, that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

Fire trucks carry a limited amount of water, so one of the first tasks upon arriving at a fire is to locate a water supply from the nearest hydrant. Hydrants covered in snow can be difficult to locate, and uncovering them can waste valuable time needed during the firefighting operations.

Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters — fighting the fire.

How to keep fire hydrants clear.

In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant itself, clearing a 3-foot area around the hydrant for easier access is recommended.

Maintaining a shoveled path from the street, sidewalk or driveway to the fire hydrant is important so that it is visible from the road and firefighters can easily access it.

Who should clear hydrants?

Although there are few hard and fast rules concerning who should clear hydrants, it is generally considered the responsibility of the residents occupying the property near a hydrant.

Consider helping elderly friends, neighbors or those with medical conditions keep their fire hydrants clear. If you would like to adopt a fire hydrant in the City of Fridley, please visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/978/Adopt-A-Hydrant.

KEEP THEM CLEAR

3 FEET 3 FEET



Keep snow and ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.

Every second counts. In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to hydrants quickly.

New Pet Owners – Don't Forget to Register Your Pup

Congratulations on bringing home your new family member! As a reminder, The City of Fridley requires all dogs over the age of six months be licensed and vaccinated against rabies (City Code Section 101.07). We do not require cats to be licensed.

By applying for a license, the owner acknowledges that it is their responsibility to keep the dog's rabies vaccination current once the license is issued. Fridley dog licenses are issued for the lifetime of the dog, or until its ownership is transferred within Fridley. The license fee is \$25.

Fill out an application online at FridleyMN.gov. If you have any questions, please contact us at 763-571-3450 or info@FridleyMN.gov.

Additional information

The City allows for up to three dogs or cats (or a combination) at any residence. For properties with 4 or more pets, a Multiple Pet License is available. To apply for a Multiple Pet License, you must first have a Lifetime Dog License.

Prohibited animals include any non-domesticated animal or animal that is wild in



nature or disposition including large cats (lions, tigers, cougars, etc.), members of the Canidae family (wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes and jackals), skunks, raccoons, bears, badgers, poisonous snakes, pit vipers or constrictors.

You must apply for and be granted a license to have any kind of livestock. Each case will be determined on an individual basis determined by factors such as property type and size, fences, sanitation control and housing of the animal(s).

Complete details on the city code (law) regarding Animal Control is available in Chapter 101 of Fridley's City Code. For additional information, call City Hall at 763-571-3450.

Lost Pets

Stray animals are picked up by our Community Service Officers (CSO) and are taken to Coon Rapids Animal Humane Society located at 1411 Main Street NE in Coon Rapids. If you lost a pet without tags, please contact the kennel at 952-435-7738 to see if it is in their care.

Owners are responsible for any fees or costs incurred while at Coon Rapids Animal Humane Society. The City of Fridley is not responsible for the costs of housing, feeding or care while being housed at Animal Humane Society.

Look Up a License

Find a lost dog? Our Citizen Serve portal allows people to look up dog owner information by the metal dog tag number located on the collar. Go to CitizenServe.com/Fridley and select Reports.



Recycling Drop-Off: Additional Discounts!

Last Event of 2022!

November 12 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drop-off even more for free with bonus rebates in September and November. New: Free recycling of all small appliances + \$50 in discounts to get rid of mattresses, TVs, large electronics, appliances, tires and more. What can you recycle for free with \$50 in discounts?

- A queen mattress + box spring
- A treadmill
- Three large appliances
- 4 SUV tires
- A 31" inch TV

Plus, you can always recycle of light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding, scrap metal and small engine, bicycles, electronic media, and handheld electronics for no cost.

- All events 8 a.m. - noon. Cash and Check Only. Drop-off entrance located at 1525 99th Ln NE.
- All Fridley residents receive \$50 off their total plus free recycling of many items including light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding and more.
- Visit FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff for a full list of items in pricing.
- Looking to get rid of a working refrigerator or freezer that you no longer need? Xcel Energy will pick up it up from your home and pay YOU \$50. Learn more and schedule an in-home or contactless pick up at XcelEnergy.com/Fridge or call 1-800-599-5795.

Bunker Hills Compost and Yard Waste Drop-off Site

13285 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
(763) 767-7964

April - November, weather permitting

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

December - March, weather permitting

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. only

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

It is almost time to "fall back" and change your clocks as daylight savings time ends. Fridley Public Safety also recommends that when you change your clocks, it is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well.

What Your Need to Know

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.
- Test alarm monthly.
- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- If the battery is low, replace it.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Opening the garage door is not enough.

- Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked by snow or anything else.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.
- A gas-powered generator should only be used outdoors and in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO – only use them outside.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional now, before the cold weather hits. Get yearly inspections.

For questions about fire safety and preventing CO poisoning, contact Fridley Fire division by email at FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov or by calling 763-572-3613.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6

Change Your Clocks,
Change Your Batteries

Winter Fun in Fridley – Skating, Sledding and Skiing

Did you know the City of Fridley creates and maintains nine general skating rinks and five hockey rinks throughout the city? It is a great way to spend time outside with family and friends! Use the rinks as an opportunity to brush up on your ice skating skills, learn to skate, play a pick-up game or to just have fun!

We need about 10 consecutive days of freezing temps in order to create safe and usable ice – a 3-4 inch even layer. Warm weather, freezing rain and even snow can slow the process, but we are on it and want to get those rinks ready as soon as possible.

Cold Weather Guidelines

As a general guideline, we suggest cancelling outdoor activities if temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.

Sledding Hill – If you're looking for a great place to bring the sleds – try out Commons Park! The sledding hill is located just beyond the playground and picnic shelter.

Explore Springbrook Nature Center – Snowshoe Style!

Springbrook Nature Center has snowshoes for rent (\$5 per pair) this winter. Get ready for a family adventure close to home that helps you explore nature, burn some extra calories and get some fresh crisp air into your lungs. Reserve your pair online or in person.

- There are a limited number of snowshoes available each day.
- Three inches of base snow is required for snowshoe rental.
- Snowshoe rental times are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. All snowshoes must be returned to the building by 4 p.m.
- Snowshoes may ONLY be used ONSITE.

Location	General	Hockey
Briardale Park: 6171 Rice Creek Dr.	✘	
Commons Park: 555 - 61st Avenue NE		✘ (2)
Flanery Park: 1487 Onondaga Street		✘
Hackmann Park: 1071 Hackmann Circle	✘	
Hayes Elementary: 615 Mississippi Street		✘
Logan Park: 155 Logan Parkway	✘	
Madsen Park: 7358 - 73rd Avenue		✘
Ruth Circle Park: 9160 Ashton Avenue		✘
Sylvan Hills: 6205 Jupiter Dr	✘	
Plymouth Square Park: 4801 Main Street	✘	



TURKEY LEG 5K



Our third annual virtual 5K is a great way to get the family up and moving before the Thanksgiving feast begins! The premise is simple, get a group together (or go at it alone), and complete 5K (3.1 miles). All finishers will receive a custom-designed shirt (design pictured above) after Thanksgiving. 5650 Register by November 28. \$15

Commons Park Warming House



The Commons Park Warming House will be open this year! We have a variety of types and sizes of ice/hockey skates that will be available for the public to use FOR FREE! The warming house will be closed if unsafe ice conditions or extreme cold temperatures are present. Please check FridleyMN.gov/736/Winter-Park-Use for current hours based on staff availability.

Lantern Light Hike

December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring yourself, a friend or your whole family on an evening stroll through the trails of Springbrook. We'll guide your way with the cozy glow of lanterns on the trails and let you warm your hands over a fire. If snow conditions allow, bring your own snowshoes!

\$5 per person, pre-registration required.

Additional \$5 snowshoe rental available from the nature center while supplies last.

Summer Concert Series

Our second Summer Community Concert Series was a success! We held six concerts at the Civic Campus, offering a wide variety of music genres from Blues to Rock 'N Soul to Brazilian! The concerts were well attended with an average attendance of 150 people. Audiences enjoyed the performances and catching up with their neighbors. This was the first year concert-goers at the Civic Campus were able to enjoy food from food trucks and games from the Rec 'N Roll Mobile during the show!

There were four concerts at Springbrook Nature Center, and Fox 9 News came to one to do a live broadcast and giveaway 300 ice cream cones from MN Nice Cream! There was one children's



concert at Common's Park, where children from ROCKS, Tiger Club and the community were able to dance the morning away and get free books from Anoka County Library kid's book giveaway!

We have been collecting feedback on our Concert Series through a survey and invite you to participate so we can make next year's concerts even better! The survey is hosted on Survey Monkey and can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QDHK7H.