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Building Communities through Neighborhoods

Heart Safe Fridley is this year's theme for Night to Unite! Trained police officers and firefighters will be stopping at registered block parties to teach bystander CPR and explaining the importance of immediate action during a sudden cardiac event. Registration is required to request a visit from police, fire or City officials.

Register for your neighborhood block party online: FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite. All parties must be registered by July 20.

Questions? Call Courtney Miller at 763-572-3626 or email FridleyPolice@FridleyMN.gov.

See you at...



NIGHT to UNITE!
Neighbors Joining Together

Tuesday, August 7, 2018



NRO Meetings

Neighborhood Resource Officers hosted 13 meetings in May and June for Fridley neighborhoods. Staff from Parks, Recreation, Public Works and Community Development were also in attendance. Residents were able to ask questions, learn about crime trends and crime prevention efforts, share concerns and ideas, and simply get to know their police officers and neighbors.

Topics and structure of the meetings were individualized to the needs and requests of the neighborhood residents. Common topics were speeding, business development, code enforcement, and new initiatives. Officers were able

to address the concerns and discuss ideas for short and long-term solutions.

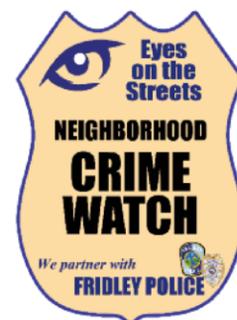
Due to the size of our neighborhoods and various work schedules of staff and residents, it can be difficult to find a meeting time that works well for everyone. If you were not able to make a meeting and would like to provide feedback or plan a meeting, please contact your Neighborhood Resource Officers. You can find your officers' contact information by viewing our neighborhood map at FridleyMN.gov/NROmeetings.

New Signs - New Program. How can you get one in your neighborhood?

It's as easy as 3, 2, 1!

- 3 = Your neighborhood must have three active Block Captains.
- 2 = Those Block Captains must attend at least two trainings per year. (We offer trainings monthly and the annual Block Captain Meeting in April does count as one.)
- 1 = The Block Captains must host at least one neighborhood meeting each year. This can be a Night to Unite block party.

If your neighborhood meets these three requirements, submit a sign request to Courtney Miller, Fridley Crime Prevention Specialist, at Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov. Let's get eyes on the streets, and together we will keep Fridley safe.



See Something, Say Something

No one knows your neighborhood better than you. Does something not feel quite right? Is there someone walking through yards that you do not recognize? A car that seems out of place? An odd interaction?

Do not wait until it is too late. If you see suspicious activity or even something that puts you on alert, call 9-1-1. In Anoka County, 9-1-1 is used for both emergency

and non-emergency police dispatch. If you see something that does not seem right, call 9-1-1 and an officer will come check it out. We would rather investigate a hunch that turns out to be nothing than to find out later that we could have prevented a crime or caught a criminal if only you had called 9-1-1 to report your concern.

See Something, Say Something. Call 9-1-1.

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Fridley Community Center – construction and changes

You may have noticed a little activity on 61st Avenue as the Fridley School District is using the summer months to complete their construction projects. All construction is expected to be completed before fall classes begin.

Parking Lots at the Fridley Community Center, Fridley High School, and Fridley Middle School are being resurfaced.

Fridley High School is undergoing work focused on secure entry upgrades.

Fridley Community Center

Work at the Community Center focuses on safety and security upgrades, deferred maintenance and technology upgrades. Along with the Community Center construction, there will also be a few programming changes.

The Fridley Senior Program is being held at the Fridley Area Learning Center (1317 Rice Creek Rd NE). When Connie Thompson, long-time Senior Program Coordinator, retired in March, programming underwent a natural transition to Fridley Community Education, which is already housed at the Community Center. Stephen Keeler took over that role and is excited to continue popular senior

activities this fall when construction is complete. Questions? Give Stephen a call at 763-502-5106.

The Zone is undergoing a bigger transition. The basement of the Community Center, where the Zone was housed prior to construction, will be repurposed. The City has moved out of this space so the school district can use it to meet their needs. This provides us with the opportunity to create new and innovative programs for teens and tweens.

The Zone has always been about the people. Our goal is to meet the needs and trends of today's active youth. One example is the popular Police Activities League which launched in 2017 as a way to combine positive mentorship through sports and other activities. Our popular field trips is another way we meet the needs of active kids by introducing new places and experiences. Both of these programs will continue.

Rec on the Go is a new program going on this summer designed to engage youth and teens. It is free and no registration is required – making it more accessible to kids in our community.

Our Recreation staff are filling up their truck with supplies for games, sports, crafts, art and more! They

are bringing these activities to neighborhood parks and complexes to better reach youth and take advantage of the great summer weather.

This on-the-go programming promotes City parks, engages residents and allows staff to learn about recreation needs in the community, as well as share information about current programming.

Fridley Terrace Park Playground (North of Park) 7400 Taylor St. NE Fridays through August 10 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Creek View Park Playground 6801 Anoka Street Fridays through August 10 1:45– 3:30 p.m.
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**No programs will be held on July 6.*

Questions? Contact Cleve at 763-572-3576 or Cleve.McCoy@FridleyMN.gov.

Building from activities such as youth sports and outings, we are working to make our programs even better. Thank you to all the young adults and kids who continue to offer suggestions and ideas. Our plan is to create programs for kids by kids. Keep an eye out for exciting new events this fall!

For all the latest updates, sign up for Fridley 4U email alerts at FridleyMN.gov/connect.



Construction Updates

The new City Hall and Public Safety building are still on-schedule for a mid-November move-in. The Public Works building is completed and staff moved into the new space in June. The old Public Works office was demolished to prepare for a new residential development.

In August, construction begins on a model home for the patio homes in that development. If you have questions about the new development, contact PJ.Cushing@PulteGroup.com or 952-229-0766.

Replace park planning continues to move forward. Questions? Contact Scott.Hickok@FridleyMN.gov or 763-752-3590.



Moore Lake Named Top Fishing Lakes by Moms

East Moore Lake has been named one of the top 50 “Mom-Approved Places to Fish and Boat” by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

Minnesota moms were asked to vote for their favorite accessible fishing and boating locations, and Moore Lake rose to the top of the list. Now, all Minnesotans are asked to help vote to determine the top 10 lakes. You can vote for East Moore Lake at takemefishing.org/momapproved.

East Moore Lake is a great spot with two popular fishing piers, bird watching, excellent wheelchair access, picnic areas and paved walking paths. The lake also offers an open shoreline for those fishing to cast and is known for its northern pike and bluegills. The park is open daily until 10:00 p.m., so come out to the park and see for yourself. The entrance to the park is on Old Central just north of Medtronic Parkway.

Update

While the lake remains a great fishing spot, its swimming beach will be changing as it undergoes construction. Our Parks staff is evaluating all City parks, including Moore Lake, and putting together a



long-term plan for improvements, maintenance and future upgrades.

Due to feedback from residents about the swimming beach and its declining use, the swimming beach will be closed for summer 2018. Residents are encouraged to find other swim areas as the beach undergoes construction and future plans for the park are determined.

We know Moore Lake Park continues to be a popular place for picnics, volleyball, tennis and fishing. All of these amenities, including the parking lot and portable satellite toilets, will continue to be offered, maintained and supported. To reserve a picnic shelter, call 763-572-3588.

2018 City Council Candidates:

The City has three councilmember offices on the November 2018 ballot. The filings closed June 5. The following individuals filed for office:

- Office of Councilmember Ward 1: Tom Tillberry
- Office of Councilmember Ward 2: Steve Eggert
Pam Reynolds
- Office of Councilmember Ward 3: Ann Bolkcom



The State Primary Election will be held on August 14. All polling locations will be open:

Ward 1, Precinct 1	Grace Evangelical Church located at 755 73rd Avenue NE
Ward 1, Precinct 2	Hayes Elementary School located at 615 Mississippi Street NE
Ward 1, Precinct 3	Fridley Municipal Center located at 6431 University Avenue NE
Ward 1, Precinct 4	Fridley Community Center located at 6085 7th Street NE
Ward 2, Precinct 1	Woodcrest Elementary School located at 880 Osborne Road
Ward 2, Precinct 2	Michael Servetus Unitarian Church located at 6565 Oakley Drive
Ward 2, Precinct 3	St. Phillips Lutheran church located at 6180 Highway 65 NE
Ward 2, Precinct 4	North Park Elementary School located at 5575 Fillmore Street NE
Ward 3, Precinct 1	Springbrook Nature Center located at 100 85th Avenue NE
Ward 3, Precinct 2	Redeemer Lutheran Church located at 61 Mississippi Way NE
Ward 3, Precinct 3	Stevenson Elementary School located at 6080 East River Road
Ward 3, Precinct 4	Fridley Covenant Church located at 6390 University Ave NE

Absentee Ballot Voting

If you cannot make it to the polls on August 14, you may vote by absentee ballot in person at the Fridley Municipal Center or by mail between June 29 and August 13. Preliminary results of the Primary Election will be posted on our website with the final report posted after the canvass board adopts the canvass report on August 17.

If you have any questions about the process, voter registration or elections in general, please visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/elections, call 763-572-3523 or email Elections@FridleyMN.gov.

Election Judges Needed

Are you interested in becoming an election judge? An election judge:

- Receives four hours of paid training prior to election day
- Works from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on election day
- Helps prepare the voting facility for election
- Greets and directs voters
- Registers voters
- Demonstrates and hands out ballots
- Assists voters and answers questions as needed
- Helps return the facility to its original state

Minnesota state law (M.S. 204B.195) allows individuals time off from work to serve as an election judge without penalty. That time off is similar to that of jury duty. Individuals must provide their employers a written notice 20 days prior to the election. The

employer may reduce the salary or wages of an employee by the amount paid to the election judge during the time the employee was absent from the place of employment. If you are newly retired, it is a great way to give back to your community.

To ensure party balance, you may declare a party affiliation with a major party or you may serve as an unaffiliated judge. Some of the tasks performed do require a party affiliation. There are two major parties in the State—the Republican Party and the Democratic Farmer Labor Party.

For more information on becoming an election judge, contact the City Clerk's office at 763-572-3523, or visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/elections to download an application.

Fridley Community Calendar

July

- 4 City offices closed for Independence Day
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 11 Wet & Wild at Commons Park
- 14 Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding
- 18 Planning Commission
- 22 Historic Home and Garden Tour
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 25 Cops and Cones
- 27 Fridays with Fridley Fire, Station 1
- 28 Saturday in the Park, Springbrook

August

- 1 Nickel Jamboree at Commons Park
- 1 Appeals Commission
- 2 HRA Meeting
- 6 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 7 Night to Unite
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 14 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 15 Planning Commission
- 27 City Council Meeting
- 29 Cops and Cones
- 31 Fridays with Fridley Fire, Station 1

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Municipal Center, 6431 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.

Still Time for Summer Fun



3 on 3 Basketball League: Co-Ed!

Commons Park (outdoors)
Tuesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
League plays July 10 - August 14.
\$80
Non-officiated. 8 players allowed on roster, all players must be 16+.



Co-Rec Sand Volleyball Returns

Co-Ed: Each team will have 3 males and 3 females on the court.
Commons Park (outdoors)
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
League plays July 11 - August 15.
\$50
Non-officiated. 6-10 players per team, all players must be 16+.

Questions? Email Recreation@FridleyMN.gov.



Friday, September 14
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Springbrook Nature Center:
100 85th Avenue, Fridley
All proceeds go towards a new outdoor pavilion.

Tickets on sale now:
FridleyLiquor.com/AutumnSampler

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door.

Enjoy Springbrook's beautiful setting and an adult night out.

This 21+ event will be the highlight of your fall. Price of admission includes wine and beer tastings from over a dozen vendors, food from some of Fridley's most popular eateries, entertainment, a live auction and raffle prizes!

Tickets on sale now!





Fridley '49er Days

Fridley celebrated '49er Days with a two-day festival this year. It kicked off on Thursday, June 14 with an evening parade filled with approximately 90 floats from community groups, local businesses, ambassadors, marching bands and various other organizations.

2018 Grand Marshal Dave Kondrick and his wife Mary led the parade route. The Lions Club chose Kondrick for the title because of his long-standing commitment to public service and a recommendation from last year's grand marshal, Sue Johnson. He has been a Fridley Parks and Recreation Commissioner for almost 40 years, 15 of which he served as

chairperson. Kondrick has also held a seat on the City's Planning Commission for the past 25 years, with 10 years as chairperson. Last year, he was inducted into the Fridley Historical Society's Hall of Fame for his dedication and contributions to the City of Fridley. Kondrick continues to remain active in city planning to help better our community. He was a natural fit for the title of this year's grand marshal.

The festival continued on Saturday, June 16 in Commons Park with a day filled with events. Attendees had fun with games, inflatables, laser tag, a petting zoo, live entertainment and the ever-popular police dunk tank. Jonah and the Whales took the

stage in the evening while Fridley High School alumni and other visitors sang along and danced. Fireworks were set off at dusk to wrap up another wonderful celebration of our City.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate '49er Days! We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of our vendors, organizers and volunteers who make the festival come together. This celebration is organized by the '49er Day Committee, a non-profit group of volunteers who need your help in continuing this community tradition. If you are interested in helping with next year's event, in any capacity, please email Recreation@FridleyMN.gov.

Free CPR Training

90 minutes that could save a life

What are the odds?

- 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home or work
- 5% chance of survival without CPR and/or AED intervention
- Chance of survival quadruples if CPR is given within the first 3 minutes
- 80-85% chance of survival if both CPR and AED are administered within the first 3 minutes

Free bystander CPR training for the Fridley community. Learn to recognize the signs of a cardiac arrest and how to take action.

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 21, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE, lower level. Enter through the Police entrance.

Fridley is working to become a Heart Safe Community. To learn more about this effort, or to schedule a training for your workplace, community group or neighborhood, contact our Heart Safe team at heartsafe@FridleyMN.gov or 763-502-1982.

Sister Act Gives Back

Fridley Community Theatre is excited to invite you to their summer production of Sister Act. This classic story follows a sassy, low-rent lounge singer forced to go into hiding at a local convent. Join her journey as she helps her fellow sisters find their voices while discovering her own. This feel-good comedy smash is based on the hit film with catchy songs that will have you tapping your feet, clapping your hands and dancing in the aisles.

The Fridley Community Theatre group is going beyond the stage by giving back to the community. Throughout the summer, the group will be participating in several service events including packaging meals for people around the world at Feed My Starving Children and bagging groceries at Cub Foods.

You can join their give-back efforts by donating to the local non-profit Wishes & More® during the run of Sister Act. Wishes & More® enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences including wishes, scholarships, memorials and more. Fridley Community Theatre's goal this summer is to help Haley.



Meet Haley

Haley is 3 years old, from New Brighton and is diagnosed with Leukemia. Days before Haley's first family vacation was supposed to take place, Haley's mom took her to the doctor for a rash on her arm. They later found out it was called petechiae, a classic symptom of Leukemia. The family trip was cancelled as Haley began treatment.

You can join Fridley Community Theatre and give Haley that family trip to swim in an outdoor pool and visit the ocean. This getaway would provide them some much needed time to relax and the chance to enjoy uninterrupted family time. Cancer stole Haley's vacation; together we can give it back.

Tickets available by phone at 763-502-5100, online at FridleyCommunityTheatre.org, or in person the night of the show.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer continues to be confirmed in areas around the City, most recently in Maple Grove, Eden Prairie, and Burnsville. Learn more about this forest pest that is attacking ash trees at FridleyMN.gov/emeraldash.



Have you seen an ash tree in a park or right-of-way that looks infected with emerald ash borer? Visit FridleyMN.gov/environment to report a concern.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FALL SPORTS



League play begins the week of August 14 at Community Park
5 weeks of doubleheaders. \$385 league entry fee including 10 games, umpires and softballs.



Choose Sundays or Mondays: September – November at Community Park
A touch football activity designed to keep the "rough" style play to a minimum. No running plays allowed in this all passing league.
\$80 entry fee
(Games are scheduled around Viking telecasts.)

Find more information and register at FridleyMN.gov/recreation.

Recycle Right, Recycle Often

Fridley residents recycled 2,415.82 tons in 2017 - a 10 percent increase from 2016. Recycling is an easy way to help the environment. It is important to clean containers prior to putting them in your curbside bin. If contaminated or unclean items mix in with our recyclables, companies may not be able to recycle any of the items. To find out what items can go in your recycling, visit FridleyMN.gov/recycleguide.



New rules help you recycle correctly and help save the planet!

- **EMPTY** means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the EMPTY process.
- **CLEAN** means that empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or leftover ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

- **DRY** means letting containers dry before placing in your recycling container so that the paper and cardboard does not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

Also remember, plastic bags cannot go in recycling. Items that are placed in a tied plastic bag are a safety risk at recycling centers. Instead place recyclables loose in the recycling container to speed up the sorting process.

Your Town. Your Voice.

We want your thoughts on Fridley! We plan to have regular online surveys available as an easy way for you to share your opinions on City services, amenities, programs and plans.

It only takes a few minutes to complete. Visit www.Polco.us/Fridley and take a quick survey on Fridley parks and on your home energy use. These surveys will help us as we develop a Parks Master Plan – a roadmap for future park improvements and new features; and an Energy Action Plan.

What is an Energy Action Plan?

In April, a team of community stakeholders began attending a series of workshops to develop an energy action plan for our City. The planning process involves setting goals, prioritizing energy initiatives, and outlining strategies. The process is made possible through Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy, designed to support communities as they address their unique energy needs.

You can help! Your insight is needed so we can learn more about how residents use and think about energy. Learn more about this program and Fridley's energy initiatives at FridleyMN.gov/energy.

Ask Fridley

Question: Summer is here. Pedestrians and bikers are competing with cars on the streets. What are the rules to keep people safe?

Our answer: First, pay attention. This goes for both pedestrians and drivers. If eyes are up, cell phones are put away and everyone is aware of their surroundings, we will all be safer.

Pedestrians have the right-of-way at crosswalks. Watch for pedestrians at intersections, too, especially when turning. Any intersection, whether marked or unmarked, is technically a crosswalk. If there is no traffic signal at an intersection, pedestrians have the right-of-way.



Drivers cannot pass another vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian crossing. Also, slow down. Do not try to beat the light. Tickets and accidents take way longer than waiting through the traffic light cycle.

Failure to obey traffic laws is a misdemeanor, and a second violation within one year is a gross misdemeanor. You can expect an increased police presence of both uniformed and ununiformed officers in key areas of the City, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours.

Have a question? Submit it online at www.FridleyMN.gov/AskUs

Next Recycling & Shredding Event

Saturday, July 14 • 9 a.m. to noon

Green Lights Recycling
1525 99th Lane NE,
Blaine



All Fridley residents are welcome to drop off their old electronics, appliances, fluorescent bulbs, mattresses, scrap metal and more. Plus, free paper shredding and cardboard is accepted at this event.

Many items accepted free. Small charge for large items and quantities. See website for list of accepted items and costs. Call 763-572-3594 or visit the website FridleyMN.gov/dropoff

\$15 OFF and two FREE Appliances on July 14 between 9 a.m. to noon

Simply show proof of Fridley residency and you will receive \$15 off your drop-off costs. One discount per household.

You can be a Recycling Champion

Do any of these describe you...

- Want to reduce the amount you pay for garbage collection?
- Wonder what happens to your trash and recycling?
- Wonder what could be done to reuse unwanted furniture or appliances?
- Want to find ways to get more involved with neighborhood recycling?

Join our Southern Anoka County Recycling Course! The City of Columbia Heights, in partnership with Fridley, Hilltop, and Spring Lake Park, is offering a class to teach you how to reduce, reuse and recycle your trash.

3 evenings = a lifetime of knowledge.
September 6, 13, and 20 from 6:30-8:30
Columbia Heights Public Schools Family Center:
1440 49th Ave NE
Cost \$5. Call 763-528-4517 to register.

Did you know...?

You can upgrade your recycling cart for FREE! Upsize your curbside bin the standard 65-gallon size to a 96-gallon size with one simple call: 763-572-3594.





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5 Fire Pit Reminders

1. Having a backyard fire? Use a fire pit or outdoor fireplace. It must be 25 feet away from your home, garage or any structure.
2. No fires allowed in Fridley after midnight or before 9:00 a.m.
3. Burn only clean, dry wood or charcoal. Do not burn trash, leaves or brush.
4. An adult must be in charge of the fire, and a garden hose or other fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available.
5. No fires on windy days. Please be courteous of your neighbors.



5 Grilling Reminders

1. BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and placed away from siding, railings, canopies or overhanging branches.
2. Clean your grill regularly. Grease is a major source of flare ups.
3. Using a gas grill? Check for leaks at connection points and never turn on the gas when the grill lid is closed.
4. Using charcoal? Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container. Never put coals in a plastic container.
5. Keep a fire extinguisher within a couple steps of your grill and know how to use it.

Visit FridleyMN.gov/firesafety for more life-saving tips and fire safety advice.

MN State Fire Code does not allow apartment buildings, or any multi-family dwellings of three or more units, to use grills on decks or within 15 feet of the building.

Fire Aware: What to Expect

*"9-1-1. What is your emergency?"
"I see flames in my neighbor's home."*

What happens next? How Fridley Firefighters work to keep you safe.

Fires are unpredictable and fast-growing. Fires go from igniting to flashover (floor to ceiling flames) in as little as two minutes. Teamwork is essential for safe and effective fire response.

If an average-sized Fridley home catches fire, here is an example of what you would see:

- Fire apparatus from multiple fire departments will arrive on scene. Depending on the time of day, multiple fire departments are called to ensure that a minimum number of firefighters arrive in a timely manner to execute fire and rescue operations. Without the help of other departments, the Fridley Fire Department would not be able to meet the minimum standards.
- The first arriving engine (pumper) and crew would begin attacking the fire, protecting exposed buildings or other types of property and, if needed, begin rescue operations. In most cases, this would be a team of only two Fridley firefighters that would rely on additional resources arriving.
- The second engine and crew arriving would provide a water supply from a hydrant to the first arriving engine and then assist the first crew.
- Additional arriving fire department vehicles will have varying sizes of crew members. Trucks may be additional engines, ladder trucks (aerial ladder), rescues or even specialized vehicles like an air supply truck. The crews arriving would be assigned to removing toxic gases from the building (ventilation) and searching the building for people who may not have escaped. Arriving ladder trucks would be used in the event firefighters need to reach upper levels of a building or elevated water streams are required to put out the fire. Additional firefighters will also be positioned to protect the firefighters working on the fire. An "On Deck" team will be positioned to assist any firefighting teams that may need assistance.



- A rehab vehicle or crew will be assigned to providing firefighters with water and food after completing their initial assignment and checking to make sure they are healthy and able to return to work on additional assignments.
- All of this is coordinated by an incident commander and division or group supervisors to ensure the operation is effective and efficient.

A minimum of 16 firefighters on the scene is required to carry out the most basic firefighting operation when a building is involved. Additional firefighters may be required if there is a significant amount of overhaul (finding hidden fire) or there are extreme temperatures that may take a toll on the personnel working the fire.

Often police officers are the first to arrive at a fire. These officers provide critical information such as "everyone is out of the home" or "someone is trapped," hydrant locations, and the size and location of the fire. Firefighters en route to the fire may use this information in planning their operation before arriving. An ambulance is sent to every fire. The ambulance crew is available to help citizens who may have been injured or remain on scene to help any firefighters who may get injured in the course of their duties.

This large group of responders ensures that people and property are provided the best possible protection in the event of a fire. Fires are unpredictable and the resources need to be on the scene as quickly as possible. We hope most of this is not needed, but better to be safe than sorry. Seconds save lives.



Fridays with Fridley Fire

Our bays are open! Stop by and explore Fire Station 1. Meet firefighters, check out the trucks, get a station tour, make a fire escape plan and learn what you can do to prevent fires at home.

Friday, July 27 and Friday, August 31
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Fire Station 1: 6431 University Ave





Fridley Police Officers Receive Life-Saving Donation

Fridley Police are honored to receive two new armor protection packages from Shield616 due to the generous fundraising efforts by Woodcrest Baptist Academy students and their families. The two kits were presented to the officers during a special program at the academy on Monday, May 14.

The students raised \$2,800 to donate to Shield616, a non-profit organization who partner with faith communities to provide support to local officers by purchasing advanced active shooter gear. Through Woodcrest's donation, Shield616 was able to purchase and gift two new armor protection kits to Fridley Police.



Each kit contains a carrier vest, two rifle plates, a ballistic helmet, glasses for eye protection and a vest back pocket with a trauma aid kit. They are designed to protect officers from high-powered assault rifles and provide the supplies necessary to treat wounds during such an event. The two kits will be donated to Officer Vatres and Officer Stevens. While we hope they are never in a situation requiring this gear, these donated resources could make the difference between life and death.

The officers addressed the students and faculty at the academy to thank them for their support and fundraising efforts. Officer Stevens said it best, "This equipment will better protect us, so that we can better protect you."

K-9 Jager Receives New Body Armor



K-9 Jager models his new body armor.

K-9 Jager joined Fridley Police last year. Jager and his handler, Officer Kyle Lusignan, completed training on June 30, 2017, and have been fighting crime on Fridley streets ever since. Thanks to a generous donation by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., Jager will now be better protected with his new bullet and stab protective vest.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a non-profit charity whose mission is to provide these protective vests and other assistance to law enforcement dogs. The vest is embroidered with the sentiment, "In memory of K-9 Ty, California City Police Department."

The assistance that K-9 Jager and K-9 Finn provide Fridley officers is unmeasurable. Police K-9s are trained in areas such as narcotics detections, tracking, trailing, article search and criminal apprehension.

Crime Prevention Tip: Lock it up!

Vehicles

- First step in preventing vehicle theft is to always lock it.
- Never leave valuables inside unattended. Hiding your purse under the seat is not enough. Take it with you even if you will only be a minute and lock your car.



License Plates – as gas prices rise, so does license plate theft.

- Park in a locked garage when possible.
- Alternatively, park in a well-lit area.
- Attach your license plate with anti-theft screws. (Available at your local hardware store, these screws require additional effort to remove – a big theft deterrent.)

Home

- Remember to close and lock windows when you leave your home or at night. Unlocked windows and doors are easy entrance points for burglars.

Garage

- Shut your garage door. It only takes seconds for a thief to take advantage of the fact that you are distracted in the backyard or garden.
- Shut and lock access doors and windows – same as your home. Do not make it easy on the thieves.

Most criminals are looking for the easy grab. Anything that requires extra effort may be enough to persuade the thief to move on to an easier target.

Cops & Cones

Cool down this summer and chat with us! Share your concerns, brainstorm crime prevention ideas, or just get to know us better!

Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Grandpa's Ice Cream: 1258 East Moore Lake Drive

Wednesday, August 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill: 225 Osborne Road NE



Summer concert series at Springbrook

Enjoy evenings filled with music, cultural performances and learning in Springbrook Nature Center's outdoor amphitheater! Our new summer concert series will have musical performances each month that are free and open to the public, though donations are appreciated.

Join us Tuesday Evenings. Feel free to bring a blanket, cushion or camp chair to cozy up for the evening! This series was made possible by the generous

sponsorship of the Nee family and Greg Frankenfield, owner of Magenic, in honor of William "Bill" Nee and Kay Bonner Nee. Bill was a long-standing mayor of Fridley and Kay was very active in the local arts community. Thank you to their family and friends for helping bring this awesome series to Springbrook. If you would like to donate to this series, please contact Mary at Mary.Morris@FridleyMN.gov or 763-572-3588.



Former mayor Bill Nee and his wife, Kay.

July 10
Bernie King and the Guilty Pleasures - Americana - Alternative Country
 7 - 8:30 P.M.

August 14
Tina Schlieske - Rock
 7 - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday in the Park

July 28 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Springbrook Nature Center

Join us for an evening of music by the Fridley City Band, free ice cream from Grandpa's Ice Cream and family-friendly fun!

The new nature play area will be open for kids. You can also enjoy an evening stroll along the woodland trails.



Saturday in the Park is presented by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.

Ramble back in time...

FRIDLEY HISTORIC HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, July 22 • 1 - 5 P.M.

\$12 IN ADVANCE \$15 DAY OF TOUR

Step into Fridley's most famous era, the 60s: an age of tornadoes, strength and rebuilding.

Hear the stories and experience a time-capsule look back. Guest speakers and homeowners will be available at several sites during this guided tour.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT AnokaCountyHistory.org

OR BY PHONE AT 763-421-0600

A fundraiser for the Fridley Historical Society and the Anoka County Historical Society, in partnership with the city of Fridley.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS



Wet & Wild Water Party

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 Wednesday, July 11
 Commons Park
 6249 7th Street NE
 Make a splash!
 Grades K – 5
 Event only: \$6/person
 Or make it a whole day of fun,
 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.: \$25
 Pre-registration required.
 Call (763) 572-3570 or register online at FridleyMN.gov/recreation

NICKEL JAMBOREE

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
 COMMONS PARK: 6249 7TH ST NE

Bring your spare change and try your luck! Carnival games, face painting, hayrides, puppets and more. Kids under 6, bring your parent. No need to pre-register. We'll see you there! Extended hours are available – spend the whole day with us for \$25. Call 763-572-3570 for details or full-day registration.

Feeling Stressed?

Try **Yoga Mindfulness**. Explore an ancient exercise that strengthens the body while calming and focusing the mind. Learn how to incorporate these basic exercises into your daily life.

What can Yoga Mindfulness do for you?

- Strengthen and tone your body
- Improve circulation
- Lower blood pressure
- Relieve stress

All classes include classic Hatha, stretching, breathing practices and guided meditation and relaxation. Classes held at Fridley High School in the media center.

Saturdays: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., July 21 – Aug 25, \$48

Tuesdays: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., July 24 – Aug 28, \$40

Visit us online to see all of our programs: FridleyMN.gov/recreation