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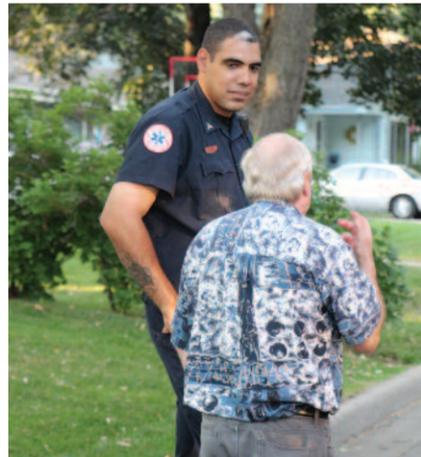
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## Night to Unite

Fridley's 2018 Night to Unite event was Tuesday, August 7. Block party visits began around 5:30 p.m. with Police, Fire, Council Members, and City staff visiting over 80 registered block parties. Night to Unite is Minnesota's statewide celebration that strengthens neighborhood and community partnerships, particularly between residents and their local law enforcement. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, AAA of Minnesota/Iowa and local law enforcement communities.

In Fridley, not only did this year's event allow neighbors to join together and build community relations, we also viewed it as an opportunity to spread information about Fridley's Heart Safe initiative. Block parties were encouraged to include heart-healthy snacks including fresh fruits and veggies, and participate in heart-healthy activities, such as jumping rope and volleyball, at their block parties. Police and Fire staff also taught residents bystander CPR. Adults and children had the opportunity to get hands-on training, practicing compressions and

learning their role in the first three links in the chain of survival: 1) calling 911, 2) immediately starting chest compressions, and 3) using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) if one is available.

We were able to train over 500 people on bystander CPR. Fridley has now surpassed its goal of earning 600 Heartbeats (points) and is now eligible to file its application to be designated a Heart Safe Community.

We would like to thank some of our sponsors that made this event a great success. Bob's Produce generously donated a case of peaches to each block party. The monetary donation from Minco allowed us to share treats with all the block parties. Mall of America provided Mystery Gift Cards. Finally, Allina provided CPR manikins to be used in training our community in CPR. Thank you to all of our block party hosts who created such an amazing night to share with our community.

## Fridley Receives Step 2 Award in GreenStep Program

The City of Fridley received an award at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference on June 21 for becoming a Step 2 city within the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Fridley was recognized for its work on the Main Street trail project, energy upgrades at City buildings and the new curbside organics recycling program, among other initiatives.

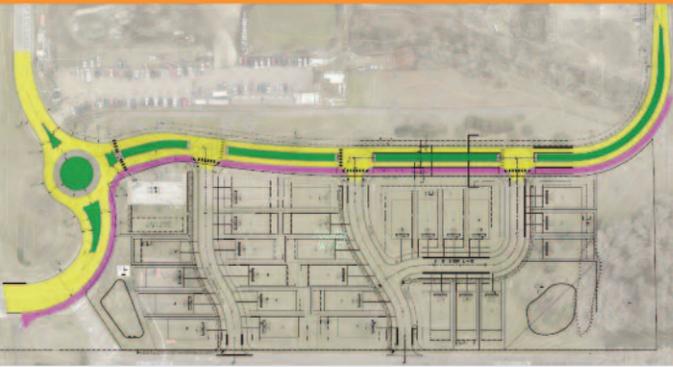
Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. The program is based on 29 best practices—all tailored to Minnesota cities, which focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.

Fridley is continuously looking for ways to improve our sustainability practices in order to make our city a better place to live, work and visit! You can learn more about Fridley's efforts at [FridleyMN.gov/environment](http://FridleyMN.gov/environment).



L-R is Diana McKeown from Great Plans Institute and Clean Energy Resource Team, Mayor Scott Lund and Environmental Planner Rachel Workin

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## New Development: Pulte Patio Homes

A long-awaited patio home development is underway in Fridley's latest development area, Locke Park Pointe. For many years, residents were asked, "What does Fridley need?" They often responded with, "One-level townhomes or patio homes." This type of development takes a sizeable piece of property—which, until now, had not been available. We are also happy to say that there are development opportunities that have advanced in the area adjacent to Locke Parkway, which will be under construction by mid-August. Additional housing will occupy the land between the new parkway and the water feature of the Civic Campus. Housing type and layout is still being negotiated, and a developer has yet to be selected.

Pulte Homes was chosen for the patio homes after responding to a request for proposals for the housing development north and south of the parkway. The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) hoped for a master developer who would oversee the development for both areas. The leading candidate for the master developer role was a development group from Indiana called Flaherty and Collins. They are a well-known and respected group around the country and included Pulte in their proposal for the patio home units that were so desired by residents.

The higher density portion of the development that Flaherty had planned for the north portion of the development ended up needing too much subsidy from the HRA to make their business plan work. They had proposed luxury apartments with a high amenity package that could rival a luxury all-inclusive hotel. The subsidy requirement eventually disqualified Flaherty and the HRA chose to continue talks with Landform and Pulte Homes.

The deal was penned and a 26-unit development was the result. The model home for that development is underway, and the developer plans to have it open for the fall Parade of Homes. Surrounding streets, including the new parkway, will also be completed for the event.

The park that was formerly located in the development area will be moved just east of its original location, still in comfortable walking distance from the existing neighborhood. It will include all new equipment. This new park is a city-run project that will be thoughtfully planned based on the input received from residents and park design experts.

Those interested in the development can contact Scott Hickok, Community Development Director at 763-572-3590. For Pulte sales information, contact P. J. Cushing at 952-229-0766 or [PJ.Cushing@pultegroup.com](mailto:PJ.Cushing@pultegroup.com)

## A Few Great Ways to Help Create Your Dream Home

The Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) provides a variety of housing rehabilitation programs to help Fridley residents maintain and improve their homes and apartments.

### Home Improvement Loans

What home project have you been putting off? Maybe it is those new windows you have been researching, or revamping an outdated kitchen into something beautiful. Fridley partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment to provide low-interest financing for your home improvement projects. They also offer flexible terms to help make monthly payments affordable. It is fast and easy to apply! Learn more about the loans at [mnlendingcenter.org](http://mnlendingcenter.org).

- Residential Home Improvement Loans (1-4 unit owner-occupied)
- Mobile Home Improvement Loans
- Emergency Deferred Loans
- Senior Deferred Loans \*New\*
- Rental Property Revolving Loans \*Revamped\*

### Upgrades to the program

In addition to the great options already offered through the program, a few more have been added to help seniors and rental properties upgrade features in houses or units.

**Senior Deferred Loans** – The intent of this program is to provide an opportunity for Fridley seniors to make home improvements that will allow them to remain in their homes longer and/or update the homes for a future sale. The loan is due upon the sale of the home, transfer of ownership, or if it is no longer the primary residence of the loan holder. One of the homeowners must be at least 62 to qualify for this program. Basic terms include:

- Interest Rate: 0%
- Loan limits: \$5,000 minimum and \$25,000 maximum
- Eligible properties: Residential (1-4 unit owner-occupied)
- Income limits: None
- Eligible improvements: Most interior and exterior projects

**Rental Property Revolving Loans** – Previously, multi-family exterior loans were available for multi-unit property owners to make improvements to their buildings. These loans have been updated to include buildings with 1-12 units to improve code

deficiencies and outward appearances of rental properties. Improvements covered include siding, painting, exterior windows and doors, tuck pointing and more. Basic terms include:

- Interest Rate: 4.5%
- Loan limits: \$5,000 minimum and \$50,000 maximum for up to 4 units; an additional \$3,000 may be borrowed for each additional unit.
- Loan terms: 1-year minimum and 10-year maximum
- Income limits: None
- Eligible improvements: Interior code violation corrections/most exterior projects

**Not sure where to start?** Sign up for a free consultation with a remodeling advisor. They can assist with remodeling ideas, evaluate necessary repairs and improvements, as well as review bids. **Call 612-335-5856 to schedule an appointment.**

**For more information** about each of the loans, visit [mnlendingcenter.org](http://mnlendingcenter.org).

### Home Energy Squad Enhanced Visits

Save money and energy in your home with a visit from the Home Energy Squad! A \$50 investment in your home could save you much more in the long run. This program is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy in partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a local non-profit organization, and is supported by the Fridley HRA.

### What to expect from a visit:

- Installation of energy saving materials, such as door weather-stripping, a programmable thermostat, LED light bulbs, a water heater blanket, and high efficiency water fixtures.
- A blower door test to measure your home for air leaks.
- Insulation inspection.
- Safety checks on your heating system and water heater.
- Cost-effective energy upgrade recommendations.
- A report that serves as a road map for next steps you can take to make your home more energy efficient.

Schedule an appointment online at [mncee.org/fridley](http://mncee.org/fridley) or call 612-328-6220.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### September

- 3 City offices closed for Labor Day
- 6 HRA Meeting
- 8 Recycling Drop-off Event and Free Paper Shredding
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 11 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Council Meeting

### October

- 1 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 3 Appeals Commission Meeting
- 4 HRA Meeting
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 City Council Meeting

**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.



## 2018 Street Project Updates

In one of our earlier newsletters, we reported on each of the street projects scheduled for this summer. If you are wondering which projects were completed and when others will start, here are the most current updates:

**69th Avenue and Anoka Street:** This project has been moved to 2019 with the possibility of repairing more streets during the construction. The City plans to replace asphalt, broken and settled curbs, and fire hydrants, as well as reduce the width of the roadway to help lower maintenance costs.

**West Moore Lake Drive:** This project has been moved to 2019 and will include pavement

rehabilitation and the addition of a 10-foot multi-use trail on the west side from Medtronic Parkway to 61st Avenue. Established bike lanes on the north and south sides of the roadway and utility improvements will also take place.

**Highway 65 and West Moore Lake Drive:** This project began at the end of April and was completed a month later. The City replaced 1,300 feet of water main pipe prior to MnDOT's storm sewer installation.

**Street Seal Coating:** Seal coating started in August on selected streets north of Locke Lake between

University Avenue NE and the Mississippi River. Construction impacts are limited to 1-2 hours on respective streets.

**Stoneybrook Drainage Improvements:** Completed in August after adding a storm sewer interceptor on Craigbrook Way from East River Road to Alden Way.

**Anoka County East River Road Resurfacing:** Completed in August. Roads were resurfaced on the roadway from Charles Street to Rice Creek Way and included limited drainage repair.

For current information on construction projects, visit us at [FridleyMN.gov/projects](http://FridleyMN.gov/projects) or call 763-572-3554.

## New Things in Town: Developments in Fridley

### River Road Park of Commerce

John Allen, CEO, Industrial Equities, began a 406,000 square foot industrial office complex earlier this spring. The 250,000 square-foot anchor tenant is Curtis 1000, a specialty marketing firm. Curtis 1000 currently has three locations in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and those offices will now be relocated to their new Fridley headquarters.

The remaining 156,000 square-feet of office space is currently under construction with the announcement of a tenant yet to be made.

### Northern Stacks

Paul Hyde of Hyde Development has nearly completed the 122-acre redevelopment of the former BAE Site (also known as FMC and Northern Pump). After removing nearly 1.5M square feet of the original BAE building, Hyde cleaned the soil by managing the contaminants through a Response Action Plan (RAP) agreed upon between Hyde Development and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Originally, Hyde Development projected a 7-10 year build-out. Instead, the project will finish in less than five years.

The boiler room will be the final piece added to the Northern Stacks campus this year, which will offer a beautiful opportunity for an office, brewery or other type of business.

### Ashley Furniture

Ashley Furniture's #1 retail store in this market and its Minnesota warehouse are experiencing growing pains and planned to break ground on a 50,000-square-foot expansion during the summer of 2018.

The company is hoping to improve the customer furniture pick-up experience by adding a canopy area at the northwest corner of the building. The canopy will have a level floor and large doors to make pick-up more convenient and accessible.

A large portion of the addition will be attached at the south end of the current building to allow large semi-truck trailer combinations to avoid the customer area.

### Public Storage

Adjacent to Ashley Furniture and Furniture Mart is an existing Public Storage facility that plans to add a new building with three stories of interior storage and update its facilities campus. This provides storage opportunities for residents and businesses nearby.

### Cielo Apartments

Trident Development is building its third and final building in the Cielo complex. The full complex includes 267 units of market-rate apartments in the Transit Oriented Development District at University Avenue and 61st Street. They are conveniently located just a short walk to the train or bus.

A variety of unit types are available, from studio units to three bedroom units with a fireplace. As other housing developments were built along University Avenue, there were concerns from the public about people wanting to live along the roadway. As it turns out those developments had no problem filling their units. Residents said they liked the convenience of the location.

If you have not toured the complex, take the opportunity if it arises. Modern construction techniques block the noise of University Avenue. The sight of University Avenue is less of an issue, because the apartments are above the garage and most traffic is below the deck floor.

### Fridley Market

Within walking distance of the train station, the redeveloped Fridley Market is now almost fully leased, and provides a mix of retail opportunities and an economical business hotel. There are a few prime lease spaces left that are sure to provide opportunity for the right retailer.



### Gaughn Development at 83rd Avenue and University

Gaughn Development has cleared trees and started to prepare the site at 83rd and University Avenue for a development that will include two buildings, each roughly 5,000 square feet. Each building will be designed to allow for a drive-through window at the north face of the building.

Dunkin' Donuts is the only tenant that has been announced for this complex. The northernmost building of the two buildings will be developed first and will include the Dunkin' Donuts facility.

### Fridley Civic Campus

The City of Fridley is completing its new Civic Campus at Locke Park Pointe. It is being developed to serve as a one-stop-shop for City Hall, Police, Fire and Public Works needs.

A central water feature will not only allow proper storm water management, but also provides a half-mile walking loop/fitness area for its citizens, visitors, employees and business people. An amphitheater will allow for entertainment opportunities.

Guests will enjoy the open layout of the new City Hall, Police, and Fire complex, as well as the new Public Works Facility. The campus was designed to be easy for citizens and businesses to visit and find their destination.



## Fall Yard Clean-up

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing colors, and soon, they will be dropping from the trees. Leaves that decompose in compost bins can turn into useful fertilizer, but leaves that enter our storm drains can cause flooding and pollution.

Please keep these tips in mind as you start your fall clean-up:

-  Fridley residents can coordinate yard waste collection with their garbage hauler, drop off yard waste at Bunker Hills Compost site or practice backyard composting.
-  Yard waste can only be stored in bags or bundles outside through your next pick-up day.
-  Bagged yard waste must be placed in compostable bags.
-  Leaves should be raked away from the street and sidewalk to keep them out of storm drains.
-  Plan ahead for tree care – late winter (just before spring) is the best time to prune trees for quick healing and to reduce disease.



**Bunker Hills Compost Site** | 13285 Hanson Boulevard 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  
 \*or sunset, if earlier than 7 p.m.

### Get the Buckthorn Out!

Buckthorn is an invasive species of tree that has spread through Innsbruck Park. If left alone, it will continue to spread and kill native plants and trees.

Volunteers (adults or ages 12-17 with adult supervision) are needed to help remove seedlings and small trees. Training will be provided on site by Fridley Park staff. Sign up today! Call Fridley Recreation at 763-572-3570.

**October 27 and November 3**  
**9-11:30 a.m.**

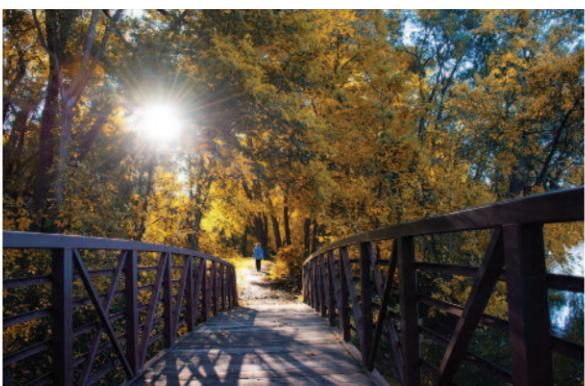
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## Finding Your Fridley: Riverview Heights Park

Riverview Heights Park is a beautiful 7.4-acre area along the Mississippi River. It features a bikeway and walking trail, picnic area and shelter, grills and great places to fish the Mississippi. It is located at 487-79th Way N.E.

Head over there and explore your local park! Each newsletter, we will be featuring a new park to help our residents get to know Fridley a little bit better and learn about great places to spend time outside. Enjoy!



## Ask the Inspector: Code Reminders

Sometimes, city codes can be confusing. Inspectors understand that residents do not know or remember every code. To help prevent you from receiving an infamous “courtesy notice,” here are answers to some of the most commonly asked questions:

### Where can I store my waste containers?

When it is not pickup day, waste containers need to be stored behind the front yard setback. This means placing them behind the front most part of your house or garage—whichever structure is closest to the curb. However, the containers do not need to be completely out of sight.

**Tip:** Storing them on the side of your garage or in your garage is a good way to make sure you are up to code.

### How many vehicles can I have at my property?

The City does not have a limit to the number of regular vehicles you can have. However, all vehicles need to be in operable condition, which includes

current tabs, plates and no flat tires. Vehicles also have to be parked completely on pavement. Additionally, the City only allows you to have one large commercial vehicle stored on your property, such as a bus or truck trailer. If all of your vehicles meet these requirements, you are in the clear!

**Tip:** If you cannot drive it down the street, you cannot store it in your driveway.

### Can I leave leaf bags in my yard?

If your leaf bags are part of your fall décor, such as in a pumpkin bag or a Vikings football bag – yes! Otherwise, regular leaf bags can only be stored on your property through your next waste pickup day.

If you have further questions on city codes, contact the Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, Amy Kempf at Amy.Kempf@FridleyMN.gov or at 763-572-3598. Thank you for helping keep Fridley a clean and beautiful place to live!

## Next Recycling & Shredding Event

Saturday, September 8 • 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 will be accepted at this event.

Many items accepted free or at a discounted rate. Visit [FridleyMN.gov/drop-off](http://FridleyMN.gov/drop-off) for a full list of accepted items and costs.

**\$15 OFF your recycling fees and two FREE Appliances with proof of Fridley residency.**

One discount per household.

## Have you signed up for curbside organics collection?

Join more than 200 of your neighbors and sign up for curbside organics collection! Since curbside collection became available this past April, Fridley residents have saved six tons of organic waste from going into the trash. Instead, it was composted down to be reused for gardening, agriculture and construction! Organics is a simple and easy way to make a difference in your community.

Interested in signing up or wanting to learn more? Visit [FridleyMN.gov/organics](http://FridleyMN.gov/organics) or call 763-572-3594. This service is just \$10 per month and includes everything you need to get started. Plus, you can pick up a free organics kitchen collection pail and compostable bags!



### Testimonials from Fridley Residents about new organics curbside pickup :

*"I love our new program! I have driven my organics to other sites for about 2 years. The convenience of curbside pickup is great. We changed our garbage container to the smallest size when we began organic recycling, saving room and money. Thank you Fridley for helping our residents to better care for our beautiful earth by recycling organics!"* – Jennifer

*"Organics Recycling is easy to do and after recycling and organics, our garbage collection is minimal. It's nice to see less product going to waste."* –Justin

*"It is amazing the amount of food scraps that we accumulate in a week! We are so thrilled to be able to recycle them easily right from our house to help reduce our environmental footprint."* - Todd & Apryl

## Anoka County Purchases New Voting Equipment

Voters can expect to see new equipment at their polling places this year. Anoka County recently authorized the purchase of KNOWiNK Poll Pads to take the place of paper voting rosters.

When voters arrive at the polls, they will be checked in with a Poll Pad, which is an iPad containing voter data with high-level encryption. This will help move people through the lines more quickly and cut down on errors. Same-day registration will also be much easier with the Poll Pad's ability to scan driver's licenses and automatically fill in voter information.

The City of Fridley has received the Poll Pads and Elections staff have gone through extensive training to

ensure staff and election judges are fully prepared to use the new equipment. Deb Skogen, City Clerk, spoke about her experience using the Poll Pads in a recent school district election for Hennepin County. "The KNOWiNK Poll Pads walk the election judges through each step of the process, which reduced errors and sped up lines at the polling place. They are a great new feature that our voters will see at Fridley polling places to make the registration/check-in process much more fluid."

Across the country, jurisdictions in at least 34 states currently use e-poll books. Anoka County's specific e-poll book product, the KNOWiNK Poll Pad, has been used in 23 states and over 8 million voters were processed using the system in 2016.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Find information about where your polling place is, voter registration, absentee ballots, becoming an election judge and more at [FridleyMN.gov/elections](http://FridleyMN.gov/elections). For questions regarding elections, please feel free to contact [elections@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:elections@FridleyMN.gov).



## Fridley Senior Program Starts Up Again this Fall

Are you a senior looking to make connections in the Fridley area or just simply looking for something fun to do? Check out Fridley Public School's Community Education Senior Program – activities start in September at the Community Center! The program is designed for just seniors with special activities and services such as social events, monthly outings, exercise classes and more.

The Community Center has been under construction for the whole summer and staff are excited to show off its improvements. Fall programs will reconvene as usual and the annual Fall Kick-Off will be held in the afternoon of September 20.

For more information, contact Stephen Keeler, Senior Programs Coordinator, at 763-502-5162.

## Friday Night by Firelight

Spend your Friday night at Springbrook Nature Center! Join us for a special series of naturalist programs in celebration of the outdoor amphitheater. Each evening program will feature a presentation followed by a campfire and s'mores. All ages are welcome at this free event series—no registration required.

**September 7 at 7 p.m. – Professor Owlbert Eyeshine:** Springbrook Nature Center Director, Mike Maher, presents the wacky and always entertaining Professor Owlbert Eyeshine. With amazing images, fun props and plenty of audience participation, you will learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals. It will be a real hoot!

**September 21 at 7 p.m. – Mad Science:** See a series of experiments that change, smoke and spurt! Watch liquid change into a rainbow of colors. The Mad Scientist mixes up a gooey, foaming paste and an eerie smoking genie appears in an ordinary water bottle.

**September 28 at 7 p.m. – The French Voyager and MN Fur Trade:** Join us for a trip back in time to the days of the French Voyageurs and the Minnesota Fur Trade with historical re-enactor, Arn Kind. There will be plenty of amazing artifacts, fascinating stories and audience participation. This presentation is made possible by the Nee Family and Magenic in honor of Kay Bonner Nee and William Nee.





## Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Firefighters will focus on educating about the three basic, but essential, steps to reduce the likelihood of fire and how to safely escape if you find yourself in one.

**LOOK** – Look for places where fires could start around your home, workspace, etc. Identify potential hazards and fix or report them.

**LISTEN** – Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm, and make sure everyone in your household knows what it sounds like. You could only have minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Have a fire evacuation plan and know where your outside meeting place will be.

If you need help preparing an evacuation plan, visit [FridleyMN.gov/escapeplan](http://FridleyMN.gov/escapeplan).

**LEARN** – Learn two ways out of every room, and make sure all the doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit the National Fire Prevention Association's website at [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).



### Open House

Traditionally, Fire Prevention Week also marks the time of the Fire Department's popular open house event. This year, the department will be moving into their new fire station during that time and will not be able to hold this event.

We look forward to inviting everyone to visit our new facility! We will be planning an even more spectacular open house for next year's Fire Prevention Week. Stay tuned!

## Change Your Clocks – then Change Your Batteries!

It is almost time to "fall back" and change your clocks as daylight savings time ends. Fridley Fire recommends when you go to change your clocks, change the batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well! The National Fire Protection Association reports that everyone should switch out their smoke alarm batteries twice a year. Make it an easy-to-remember task by pairing it with your clock change.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas. Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting and disorientation. Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or malfunction can be a source of CO in the home.

### What You Need to Know

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- Clear snow and debris from the furnace, dryer, fireplace or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup.
- If the battery is low, replace it.

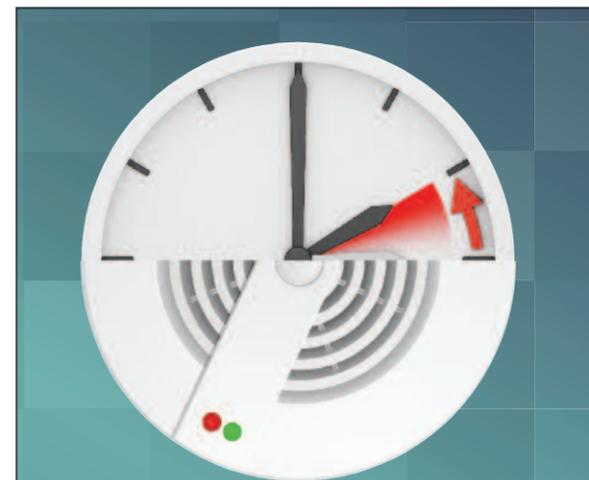
### If the Alarm Sounds

- Make sure you and your family know the sound the CO alarm makes.
- The CO alarm will sound if CO is detected. It makes a different type of sound to indicate a low battery.
- If a CO alarm sounds and you feel ill, make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

### 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 build-up.
- 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 right now, before the cold weather sets in. Get yearly inspections.

Contact Fridley Fire at 763-572-3613 or email us at [FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov) with questions about fire safety and preventing CO poisoning.



**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends**

**November 4**

Change Your Clocks,  
Change Your Batteries

# Fridley Police will begin using body-worn cameras in 2019

In 2016, the Fridley Police Department began researching a body-worn camera (BWC) program. Over the past two years, staff have examined policies, practices and product options. A draft BWC policy was written in 2017 with guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the MN Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, as well as other police departments.

The policy was presented to the Fridley Department's Citizen Advisory Group, Cops and Clergy group, Block Captains, police officers and sergeants collective bargaining units, the Fridley/Columbia Heights Kiwanis Club, Fridley Public Schools, the City council, and at individual neighborhood meetings. If you are interested in reading the draft policy, you can find it online at [FridleyMN.gov/police](http://FridleyMN.gov/police).

Throughout the implementation process, Fridley Police Department staff have researched several BWC vendors, spoke with sales representatives and attended product demonstrations. After comparing the costs and features of the products, Visual Labs, Inc. was identified as the option that best met the needs of our police department.

Visual Labs is a software company that utilizes Android-based smartphones as body-worn cameras. By utilizing a smart phone as the BWC, an officer can use one device to complete multiple tasks. In addition to all of the useful tools a smart phone can offer, Visual Labs' software allows an officer to take secure HD video, digital images and digital statements. The phone also provides GPS coordinates of the officer, which ensures their safety. All data that the Visual Labs



BWC captures is automatically uploaded to a secure cloud-based server, which can be retrieved by authorized personnel from anywhere at any time.

Members of the Fridley Police Department began field-testing body-worn cameras in May 2018. The officers who field-tested the Visual Labs system supported selecting them as the police department's provider.

Starting on January 1, 2019, you will see members of the Fridley Police Department utilizing BWCs on all calls for service. Most officers have already received their new BWCs and are becoming familiar with this valuable new tool. Leading up to our final implementation, officers will be evaluating BWC mounting options, receiving training on using their BWC and finalizing the BWC policy.

Any questions regarding the Fridley Police Department's body-worn camera program can be directed to Captain Ryan George at 763-572-3637 or [Ryan.George@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Ryan.George@FridleyMN.gov).



## K-9 Finn and Officer Roddy Graduate from Training Program

K-9 Finn and Officer Tom Roddy underwent an extensive 13-week training program through McDonough K9 and graduated in June with flying colors. Finn came in first place out of 11 other classmates in narcotics testing and placed second overall in the class. He is now a certified Narcotics Detector Dog and a Patrol Dog – also known as a dual purpose dog.

Training included obedience, physical endurance (for both handler and dog), human tracking, handler protection, agility and narcotics. All trainers within the program are current or retired K-9 police officers with a great deal of experience, making the training program extremely relevant and effective.

K-9 Finn was born in December 2014, and raised in the Czech Republic. He arrived in Minnesota during February 2018, and was immediately assigned to Officer Roddy, who has been with the police department since 2007.

"Finn is a very high energy partner who is excited to be a part of protecting the citizens of Fridley," Roddy said. Finn lives with his handler as a part of the family.

## Fridley Police Develop Pedestrian Safety and Awareness Initiative

Fridley Police are addressing a common concern by implementing a new pedestrian safety and awareness initiative. They are committed to decreasing the likelihood of vehicle-related pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The initiative serves two purposes:

The first is to limit the number of pedestrian fatalities by promoting pedestrian safety and educating the public through increased police presence, visibility and enforcement of pedestrian laws. According to the most recent Minnesota Department of Public Safety Pedestrian Crash Statistics from 2016, there were 58 pedestrians killed in Minnesota. Five pedestrians have been fatally injured in Fridley since 2015 – all of which occurred on University Avenue.

Plain clothes officers will be at intersections on University Avenue stopping any potential pedestrian violations, speaking with residents and handing

out MnDOT pedestrian/driver safety cards at intersections. To educate drivers, patrol squads will monitor vehicle speed and approach. Violators will be stopped and given a citation or verbal warning, along with printed educational materials. Officers will take into account the violator's speed, proximity of pedestrians to the vehicle and their driving history to determine if they will be given a citation or verbal warning.

Secondly, our officers will use the initiative to gather relevant data and conduct research to determine current trends and predict future ones within the city's pedestrian population in order to further aid the allocation of department resources. They are also working with Fridley's Public Works Department to identify other high traffic places in the city where this initiative would be useful.

### Safety tips

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS A TWO-WAY STREET.

### PEDESTRIANS

- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street
- Clearly show you intend to cross
- Remove headphones and stay off cell phones while crossing



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### MOTORISTS

- Remember that EVERY corner is a crosswalk – stop for crossing pedestrians
- Scan the road for pedestrians, especially before turning
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians



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## Pumpkin Night in the Park

Saturday, October 20  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Springbrook Nature Center,  
100 85th Avenue NW

See Recreation insert for details.

## Boy Scouts Install New Viewing Platform at Springbrook

If you have recently explored the trails of Springbrook Nature Center, you may have noticed a new place to peer out over the water and look for turtles, birds, fish and other creatures! Boy Scout Troop 714, based in Spring Lake Park, worked together to create this addition for the Nature Center. The new platform is located on the eastern edge of the Springbrook wetlands and is the fifth project completed by a scout from Troop 714 since 2013.

Boy Scout Peter Matern led the project to remove a deteriorated wildlife platform and replace it with a new structure. He worked with a family friend to design the new platform and then called on the help of his troop to construct it over the course of a few weekends. An added feature of the new platform includes a small elevated section that allows visitors to step up for an expansive view of the wetlands.

Over \$2,000 was raised by troop members and their families to pay for the lumber, fasteners and footings for the structure. Due to their great fundraising and hard work, there was no cost to the City of Fridley for this new platform.

Thank you, Troop 714 for your ongoing service and dedication!



*Boy Scout Peter Matern*

## A Resource for Neighbors, Students and Parents: Anoka County Mediation Services

Mediation Services for Anoka County works to enhance relationships among Anoka County residents by providing voluntary mediation services. They promote and educate the community in alternative dispute resolution techniques which encourage peace and harmony within the community, as well as supplement the legal system by providing an alternative process.

Mediation is a voluntary process to resolve issues and reach a mutually acceptable agreement. There is little to no cost for this service due to grants and partnerships with our county's cities. Agreements are not legally binding.



### Services include: Community Mediation

Community mediation deals with disputes involving neighbors, landlords and tenants, pre-eviction, businesses and consumers, schools, bullying, senior issues, and employers and employees.

### Conciliation Court Mediation

Mediation Services has assisted the courts since 1987 to provide free or low cost mediation as an alternative to litigation. The service allows the opportunity for parties to resolve their disputes on their own terms before a judge makes a ruling.

### Shared Parenting Mediation

Mediation Services can help with co-parenting situations regarding communications, extracurricular activities and expenses, grandparent time, parenting concerns and schedules, post-divorce property issues and transportation.

### Restorative Services

Restorative services are an alternative way of responding to conflict and repairing harm within a community to help prevent future crime. It allows

individuals who may have caused harm to take full responsibility for their behavior by addressing the individuals and community affected by it. The services help prevent re-offenses and future problems, and can help increase safety by strengthening relationships and building a positive sense of community.

These services are designed for individuals and their families, community, schools or community buildings such as a residential building, work place or other setting and as a juvenile diversion alternative for Anoka County.

### Dealing with Conflict Trainings

It is inevitable...conflict happens! What we do with conflict makes a difference. Workshops and presentations include Dealing with Conflict in Groups; Cultural Competency; When People Aren't Listening; Those We Serve; Leading with Conflict Competency; and more.

### Volunteering

Volunteers assist Mediation Services in providing the community with a structured, confidential setting designed to assist parties in working out their own problems and reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution. Mediation Services is seeking volunteers who have an interest in helping people create peaceful solutions.

### Help us Help our Community

**Donate:** Mediation Services for Anoka County is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. Contributions are very much appreciated and are tax deductible.

**Join us at our upcoming Fall Fundraiser:** Support Mediation Services' efforts to build more peaceful communities at the 2nd Annual Sip, Sample, & Support Fall Fundraiser on November 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Bunker Hills Event Center in Coon Rapids. The event will feature a sampling of local beer, food and wine, music, a silent auction, and games.

The office for Mediation Services for Anoka County will be moving to a new location in the Blaine Human Services Center (1201 89th Avenue). Their contact information will remain the same. Visit [mediationservice.org](http://mediationservice.org), call 763-422-8878 or email [info@mediationservice.org](mailto:info@mediationservice.org) for more information.

## Halloween Safety Tips

### 1. Look Both Ways

Use traffic signals and crosswalks and always cross streets at corners. Look both ways. Never dart out into the street, especially between parked cars.

### 2. Slow Down - Eyes Up

Eliminate distractions (cell phones and loud music) when driving. Take extra time and pay close attention, particularly at intersections, in residential areas, and at driveways and alleys.

### 3. Safety in Numbers

Children under 12 should not be out alone at night without adult supervision. Those older should stay in groups, and stick to familiar, well-lit areas. Never enter the home of someone you do not know.

### 4. Smart Costumes

Make sure costumes fit well to avoid trips and falls. Choose light colors and/or use reflective tape or stickers to decorate outfits. Use non-toxic face paint or makeup; masks can obstruct vision. Carry glow sticks or flashlights to be better seen by drivers. Remind children not to chew or break glow sticks, as the liquid inside is hazardous.

### 5. Candy Double Check

Even the obvious tips are important reminders - check all treats. Look for tampering and faded or torn wrappers. Also, only eat treats in original, unopened packaging. Throw away anything that is unwrapped.

### 6. Snuff-Out Your Candles

Never leave a burning candle unattended or placed near anything that might catch fire. Keep candles away from children and pets. Use a candle snuffer to extinguish a candle. It is the safest way to prevent hot wax from splattering.

### 7. Plan Ahead

Determine the route you plan to take, a meeting point if you get separated and pre-determined time you are expected to return home. Someone in your group should have a cell phone and dial 911 in case of an emergency.

### 8. Light-Up the Night

If you are handing out candy, make sure you have a well-lit walking path for trick-or-treaters. If you are going out in search of candy, bring a flashlight or glow stick. This will light-up your path and make you more visible to drivers.

**FREE glow sticks** will be available at the Fridley Police Department starting October 1 while supplies last!