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We believe in a Fridley that is a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

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**Fridley Civic Campus  
Dedication & Open House**  
Saturday, November 17  
10 a.m. - noon

Stop by for refreshments and tours.

More information at  
[FridleyMN.gov/CampusOpening](http://FridleyMN.gov/CampusOpening)

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## Resident's Guide to the New City Hall

We are so excited to begin operating out of the new City Hall at the Civic Campus in November! This campus was built for Fridley residents to be a multi-use campus and place for all City services in one area. We encourage you to come check it out! Here are a few good things to know:

- The new City Hall address will be 7071 University Avenue NE.
- Tuesday, November 13, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., will be our first day of operation at the new campus. We will operate out of the current city hall at 6431 University Avenue NE until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 9. Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.
- Customer/resident parking will be off the frontage road in the parking lot facing University Avenue.
- Please feel free to stop in and explore the new building and grounds. An open house will be held on Saturday, November 17 with public tours as another opportunity for people to come visit the campus.
- A Utility Billing dropbox is located at the front of the building. Enter the parking lot and drive north on a one-way road. The box will be on the driver's side. You will then loop south to exit the parking lot.
- A designated Craigslist exchange stall was created in the front parking lot for residents to use as a safe, public place to exchange items. The area is equipped with cameras and is monitored. Additionally, there is a "blue phone" available at the stall to call for help if needed.

- All of the phone numbers for our departments/services will remain the same. If you do not know who to call, please call 763-571-3450.
- The first City Council meeting will take place on opening day (November 13) at 7 p.m. The new council chambers is located on the second floor.
- All of the employees are located on the first floor of the new building to be easily accessible to answer questions and provide assistance to residents.
- The "Gathering Room" is a new feature at the Civic Campus available for residents to reserve for civic meetings or for general use (chairs and tables will be available for those looking for a workspace). Please call our front desk at 763-571-3450 to learn more or reserve the room.
- Bird-safe glass was used on both the City Hall and Public Works buildings. It was used in any areas that had large pieces of glass where birds may mistake the reflection for sky. Areas include the large "curtain" glass, the Council Chambers and the top level of Public Works building.
- An amphitheater will be located down by the stormwater feature and will be used as a small venue for programming, musical performances, etc.

The space was designed with residents in mind and to serve as a community gathering space. We thank you for all the support you provided during this process.

## Springbrook Nature Center included in Explore MN 10 Fall Hikes

Fridley's very own Springbrook Nature Center was named one of Explore Minnesota Tourism's 10 Fall Hikes! The Nature Center was selected for its natural beauty, wide range of scenery and fantastic fall color.

The Nature Center features 127 acres of stunning forest, wetland and prairie landscapes. Three miles of trails, including a 900-foot-long floating boardwalk, provide access to wildlife including deer, fox, turtles, beavers and an impressive diversity of birds. The state-of-the-art interpretive center features classrooms, beautiful natural vistas, and an interactive exhibit gallery with live animals and endless exploration. The park's oak and aspen provide a colorful backdrop for crisp fall hikes. An open-air picnic pavilion and adjacent nature-based play area allow families to make a full day of exploring and enjoying Springbrook Nature Center.

If you haven't visited the Nature Center in the fall, we encourage you to check it out! Visit [springbrooknaturecenter.org](http://springbrooknaturecenter.org) to plan your trip.

Cost: Free (onsite parking available)



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## Audubon Christmas Bird Count at Springbrook Nature Center

The National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for the North Minneapolis Circle will be held on Saturday, December 15, at Springbrook Nature Center. Participants will meet at Springbrook at 7:30 a.m. and will be placed into small groups of 2-4 people. Each group will be given a map with a portion of the 15-mile radius to count birds.

The Audubon bird count includes the number of individual bird species, as well as the total number of birds within each species. People with less experience will be placed with more experienced birders. All will depart by 8 a.m. in cars to travel to their areas after instructions have been given. Birds will be observed from cars and by getting out and walking through parks and open land in their assigned areas.

Everyone will return to the Nature Center at noon for a hot potluck lunch and to report what species have been seen. If possible, please bring something to contribute to the potluck.

Following lunch, participants will head back to their assigned areas for the rest of the afternoon. Everyone will return between 3:30-4:00 p.m. to fill out reports for their section.

All are welcome, regardless of experience. This is a fun group with many regular and new people every year. This activity will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please be sure to dress appropriately.

*Note: Binoculars and warm cloths to fit the weather when walking trails and off trail are important.*

## Fridley Community Calendar

### November

- 1 HRA Meeting
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 12 City Offices Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 21 Planning Commission
- 22-23 City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- 26 City Council Meeting

### December

- 3 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 5 Appeals Commission Meeting
- 6 HRA Meeting
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Offices Closed for Christmas
- 25 City Offices Closed for Christmas

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

## Partnership between Police and Fire Grows into New Department

### Public Safety Department

In Fridley, the safety of our residents, businesses and visitors is of utmost importance. All City employees work to keep the public safe, but none do so more prominently than our police officers and firefighters. Our Police and Fire Departments date back to the founding of Fridley over 50 years ago. During that time, both departments have evolved greatly in ways to best serve the community.

The latest change, beginning November 1, is designed to take the best of both departments and consolidate them into a more efficient and robust Public Safety Department. "Merging leadership and talents will help eliminate duplicate services and save on cost," says Brian Weierke, Director of Public Safety, "but equally as important, we will uphold the vital emergency services and response times we provide." Our focus is to be an even more effective Public Safety team. This collaboration allows City staff and personnel to foster a safe, welcoming environment and better serve the public.



Some familiar things will not change. Fire trucks will remain red and police vehicles will stay black. Most importantly, the safety of the community will not be compromised. The community's well-being remains at the forefront of the City's responsibilities, and has been at the center of the decision-making process.

The new Public Safety Department consists of two divisions and is led by Brian Weierke. John Berg will now be the Deputy Director of the Fire Division and Captain Ryan George will be the Deputy Director of the Police Division. The divisions will work together on emergency management, community outreach, crime and fire prevention, and more.

The Fridley Public Safety Department is committed to providing progressive, proactive and professional police, fire and emergency management services to the community.



## Coming Soon: Everbright Display Installed at Springbrook Nature Center

Springbrook Nature Center received grant funds from the Xcel Energy Foundation and the International Paper Foundation to purchase an Everbright exhibit. The exhibit is an interactive light wall for all ages and is built upon request. Inspired by the Lite-Brite Magic Screen toy, the light wall is a grid of hundreds of adjustable color dials that rotate through the color spectrum to create endless possibilities of color hues.

When you are done creating, the board resets to a blank canvas with the push of a button. It can also rotate through preset creations while the board is not in use.

This interactive exhibit helps you to explore your creativity as an individual and as a community. Everbright was designed by Dr. Alan Rorie, a neuroscientist, artist and Exploratorium alum. He wanted to reward the nervous system with tactile, open-ended play and creativity.

Springbrook Nature Center's display will be installed by early November – head over and get those creative juices flowing!



### Election results available online

Election results will be available online after Election Day on November 6, 2018. You can find them at [FridleyMN.gov/elections](http://FridleyMN.gov/elections).

You can also find past election results on the Minnesota Secretary of State website at [sos.state.mn.us](http://sos.state.mn.us).



## Where to Skate in Fridley

Did you know the City of Fridley creates and maintains eight 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 skills, learn to skate, play a pick-up game, or to just have fun!

Rinks are open weekdays 4 - 9 p.m.; weekends, and school-out days 12 - 9 p.m.; and Holidays (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day) from 12 - 4 p.m.

We need about 10 consecutive days of freezing temperatures in order to create safe and usable ice – a 3 to 4 inch even layer. Warm weather, freezing rain and even snow can slow the process, but we will make every effort to get the rinks ready as soon as possible.

### Cold Weather Guidelines

As a general guideline, we suggest cancelling outdoor activities if temperatures fall below 10° F or there is a wind chill of -25 degrees.

**Sledding Hill** – If you are 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.

Location	General	Hockey
Briardale Park: 6171 Rice Creek Dr.	✘	
Commons Park: 555 - 61st Avenue NE		✘
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	✘	
Springbrook Park: 8155 Broad Ave NE	✘	
Sylvan Hills: 6205 Jupiter Dr	✘	

## Fridley Historical Society Seasonal Events

The Fridley Historical Society was founded in 1985 and is a nonprofit organization that maintains and operates the Fridley History Museum. The society has 250 members that include individuals, families, nonprofits and businesses.

They also sponsor and produce over ten events for the community every year. Here are some upcoming events:

### Annual Fridley Hall of Fame

The Fridley Historical Society recently announced the nominees for the 15th Annual Fridley Hall of Fame. Pete & Mary Bonesteel, Jack Kirk, and Leon Madsen will be honored this year. The Hall of Fame lunch will be held on November 3 in the Fireside Room at the Fridley Community Center. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 763-571-0120.

### Kindergarten Art Fair

On Saturday, December 8, the Fridley Historical Society will be sponsoring its annual Kindergarten Art Fair at the Fridley History Center (611 Mississippi St.) from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Besides enjoying the artwork, there will be a visit from a special guest for the kids and treats for all!



### Grand Opening of the Police & Firefighters Exhibit

The Fridley Historical Society invites everyone to the Fridley History Center (611 Mississippi St.) on Saturday, December 1 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. for the grand opening of the Police and Firefighters Exhibit, as well as a Coffee with Cops (and Firefighters!) event.

Come for the historic exhibit, and stay for the treats and the opportunity to get to know our local heroes.



### Explore Springbrook Nature Center – Snowshoe Style!

Come explore Springbrook Nature Center by snowshoe! They are available for rent at Springbrook Nature Center in a variety of youth and adult sizes. Rental is \$5 per pair and they can be used for up to two hours.

*Note: We do require a 3" base of snow cover before renting snowshoes.*

### Want to work for the City of Fridley? Sign up for Job Notifications!

Here are a few great things about working for our City:

- Make a difference in the community
- Great benefits and competitive industry pay
- Careers that match all interests and experience
- Opportunities for professional development

Visit [FridleyMN.gov/jobs](http://FridleyMN.gov/jobs) to see our current openings and to sign up for notifications.



## What will Happen to the Old City Hall?

As the City was preparing to build a new Civic Campus, staff began planning for the eventual sale of the existing property. Discussions with Fairview, operator of the buildings south of City Hall, led to interest from Ebenezer Homes. Ebenezer is part of Fairview Health Services and is the state's largest senior housing operator with over 100 years of experience serving seniors.

Typically, Ebenezer prefers to work with development groups rather than build and own their own

buildings. Ivy Properties was selected as the developer and will own the new building Ebenezer will operate out of.

There are a number of tasks that the developer, City and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will need to complete over the next few months. Tasks include site design work, financial analysis, engineering, obtaining a marketable title and changes to parking lease agreements. Upon completion of a number of these tasks, the developer

and the HRA will be in a position to draft a full redevelopment agreement. In the interim, a contract for exclusive negotiations has been drafted to protect both parties.

The current concept would be to construct a 134-unit senior "with services" building. It would include assisted living as well as memory care units. The agreement will remain in effect until a Contract for Private Redevelopment is in place, or until March 1, 2019.

## Explore Our Parks with an Outdoor Exploration Backpack!

Get outside to explore Fridley's parks – and stop by an Anoka County Library to check out one of their Exploration backpacks! Anoka County Library now has circulating backpack kits patrons can check out for use in their outdoor exploration and adventures. Each backpack contains a set of binoculars, a magnifying viewer, leaf rubbing plates, and a field guide to help explorers identify plants and wildlife.

The kits will have a standard three-week checkout, like all materials in the library, and will allow users to easily explore the outdoors in their community.

Looking for a new park to explore in Fridley? Check out our parks information at [FridleyMN.gov/parks](http://FridleyMN.gov/parks).



Meadow Lands Park is a 9.9 acre neighborhood park (located at 6641 Kennaston Street) with a playground, picnic shelter, open play area and walking trail that leads you around two ponds. You can spot turtles, cranes, blue herons, various species of ducks, deer and more when you visit.

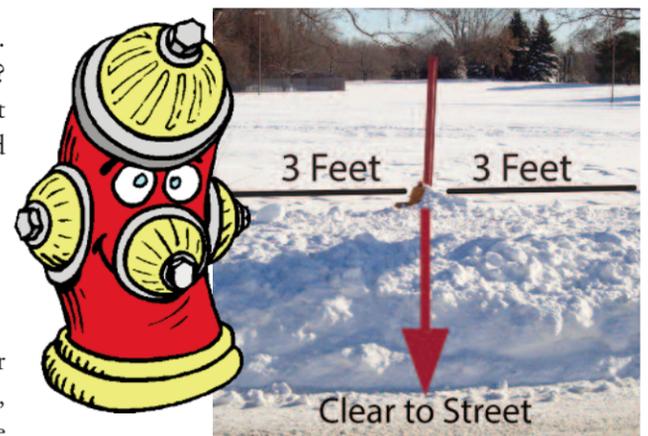
## Looking to give back during the holiday season? Adopt a hydrant!

When it comes to fighting fires, seconds save lives. Did you know a fire can double in size every minute? You can make a difference by adopting a fire hydrant in your community. It is easy to register for and maintain. Fire hydrants must be:

- Cleared of snow 3 feet to the left and right of the hydrant
- Cleared of snow to the street

This allows firefighters to quickly reach the water source and fight the fire. If a hydrant is not cleared, firefighters spend valuable time shoveling snow to be able to hook up their hose. If you want to make a big difference with minimal effort, here's two easy steps:

1. **Register to adopt a hydrant in your area.** Fill out a registration form online at [FridleyMN.gov/hydrant](http://FridleyMN.gov/hydrant) or during business hours, call 763-572-3613.
2. **Keep your hydrant clear each time it snows.** If you are already clearing your sidewalk or driveway, make a quick trip over to your hydrant and clear that, too!



## RECYCLING DROP-OFF: HOLIDAY EDITION



### Pumpkins

**November 1 - 13**

Springbrook Nature Center

Are pumpkins on your doorstep past their prime? Recycle them at Springbrook Nature Center! Last year, the City of Fridley recycled 7,320 pounds of pumpkin! Help us turn even more pumpkins into compost by dropping them off at the Nature Center. A collection bin will be in the parking lot from November 1-13.



### Holiday Lights

Whether you have an old string of lights that have a few burnt out bulbs you cannot seem to fix or the whole string of lights is out – we will take them! Holiday lights cannot be recycled curbside, but you can drop off your tangled and broken holiday lights for recycling at **Fridley City Hall (7071 University Avenue NE)**.

More information on the drop-off will be available on the city website and social media pages.

Questions? Call Rachel at 763-573-3594.

# Ask the Inspector: Winter Code Enforcement

Code inspections do not occur only in the summer. When your yard is covered by a blanket of fresh snow, make sure you are contributing to the winter wonderland by following these code regulations:

- Even with snow on the ground, all vehicles still need to be parked on pavement. Parking on the snow-covered grass creates erosion and tire marks in the ground which can be difficult to repair in the spring.
- Waste containers should be placed at the end of your driveway or curb. Please do not place them in the street, as this makes the roads more congested

and more likely for snow plows and refuse haulers to hit the containers.

- Detachable snow plows for trucks need to be put away after use and cannot be stored on your driveway. To be in compliance with the outdoor storage code, store the plow in a shed or garage when it is not on your vehicle.
- When shoveling your driveway or sidewalk, do not place the snow into the street, public sidewalk or path, or another property.
- While dumpster bags are great for getting rid of items, be sure to have them picked up before a

snowstorm to avoid them freezing to your yard. The City asks that bags are kept for no more than 30 days at a time. For more information on City code requirements, contact the Community Development department at 763-572-3592.

**Reminder:** Most refuse haulers do not pickup yard waste during the winter. Bunker Hills Compost site is open for winter hours from December - March (weather permitting) on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Fridley a great place to live, work and visit!



## Target Employees Give Back

A huge thank you to our community partners at the Target Store in Fridley for helping our Parks employees plant 30 trees in September at Edgewater Gardens Park and on Mississippi Street. These trees will be a great addition to the city!

If you would like to coordinate a volunteer event with the city, visit [FridleyMN.gov/volunteer](http://FridleyMN.gov/volunteer). You can sign up as a group or by yourself for park clean-up, special events, tree plants, Springbrook Nature Center activities and more!



## Fridley Seniors: Check out these great programs!

- **Health Insurance Counseling** – first Thursday of every month (afternoons) and third Thursday of every month (mornings)  
Cost: Free
- **Aging Services Advocate** – Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. by appointment Cost: Free
- **Great Decisions Discussion Program: Russia** – Tuesday, November 20, 9:30-11 a.m. Cost: \$5
- **Legal Aid for Seniors** – first Tuesday of every month, 30-minute appointments from 9-10:30 a.m. Cost: Free
- **Senior Surf Day** – Fridays, November 9 and December 7, 10 a.m. – noon  
Cost: Free
- **Defensive Driving** – Monday, November 26 and Wednesday, November 28 from 6-10 p.m. Cost: \$28 for two-session class
- **Defensive Driving Refresher** – Thursday, November 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 6-10 p.m., Monday, December 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Cost: \$24 per session (this is a one-session class offered during three different dates)

**To register:** Stop by the Fridley Community Center or call 763-502-5150.

Earlier this year, the Fridley Senior Program underwent a natural transition to the Fridley Community Education program after the retirement of coordinator Connie Thompson. Programs are still held at the Fridley Community Center. Please contact Maggie Chandler, Senior Programs Coordinator, at 763-502-5162 with questions.

## SCHOOL-OUT DAY TRIPS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27: PUMP IT UP & SNOWSHOEING**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28: MINNESOTA WILD WOODS WATER PARK**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21: SNOW TUBING AT GREEN ACRES**

9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. ALL TRIPS COST \$32 EACH.  
EXTENDED HOURS, 7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M., AVAILABLE FOR \$9 ADDITIONAL.

*School's Out So Let's Have Some FUN!*



## Senior Veterans Day Program

### Remembering and Honoring the Fallen of the Great War

The Fridley Senior Center will be hosting its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fridley Community Center. The cost for the event is \$2 per person and is free to veterans.

The presenter for the Veterans Day event, Mr. Yohannes Allert, will discuss the remembrance and honoring of Minnesotans who served and sacrificed in the Great War. The presentation focuses on the manner in which Minnesotans remembered their servicemen and women through the decades following WWI. Lunch will be served following the event.

Call 763-502-5150 to register.





## Fridley Police: Holiday Theft Protection Tips

The holidays can be a great time of year—lights, decorations, time spent with friends and family. Don't let theft spoil your holiday cheer. Here are a few tips to keep in mind this holiday season:

### Package Delivery:

- Require a signature for deliveries.
- Have packages delivered to an area out of sight from the street.
- Set up a delivery alert so you know when your package arrives.
- Have packages held at the post office or stores for pick-up.
- Have a trusted neighbor collect your deliveries if you are away.

### While out Shopping:

- Do not post on social media that you are out shopping. Thieves use social media to find out when people will not be home.

- Don't carry a purse. They are easily snatched when you are distracted while shopping or out at lunch.
- Take necessary money/credit cards and a driver's license and place them in your front pants pocket.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk.
- If you bring a load of purchases to your car, move your vehicle to a new parking spot.

### Once the Presents are Home:

- Do not leave presents or packages visible from the front door or windows.
- Break-down all boxes before putting them out with your trash. Large boxes at the curb advertise what new items are inside your house.
- Write down serial numbers of electronics and inventory expensive items in case they are ever stolen.

## Holiday Safety Tips

- Do not post on social media that you will not be home.
- If you will be away from home, target-harden your house: lock windows and doors, use automatic timers on lights and motion sensors, have a friend shovel any snow that falls so it looks like someone is still home, put a stop on your mail or have someone collect it daily.
- Rotate your spirits and spiked eggnog with non-alcoholic beverages.
- Plan a sober ride!
- It is going to be cold! Stay bundled-up and put an emergency kit and blanket in your vehicle if you are traveling.
- Family togetherness can be stressful. If tensions rise, remove yourself from the situation and take a few deep breaths.

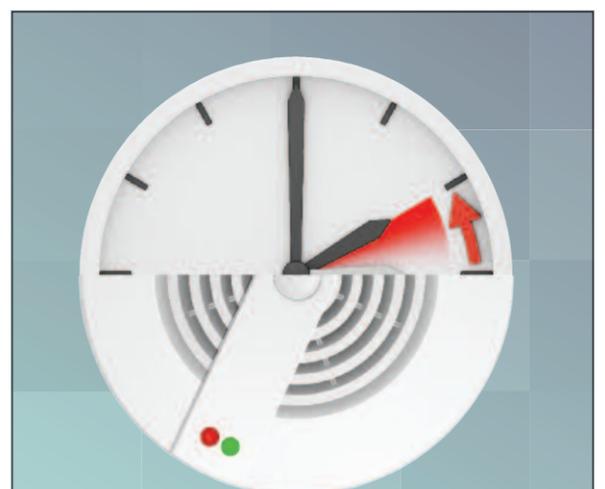
The Fridley Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday!



## 5 Winter Driving Tips for a Safer Commute

1. Before you head out, check the news for weather conditions to determine if travel is safe.
2. Check road/traffic conditions before you head out with MnDOT 511 and take the safest route.
3. Brush all the snow off of your vehicle and make sure all of these apply:
  - a. You have full visibility out of your windows.
  - b. Headlights and tail lights are cleared to allow other motorists to see you.
  - c. Top of your car, hood and trunk are cleared so there is no snow blowing off your car to distract you and other drivers.
4. Increase following distances between your car and the car in front of you.
5. Slow down. The speed limit is the maximum speed of travel. Adjust your speed accordingly on icy or snow-covered roads.

For more information about driving safety tips, go to [mnsafetycouncil.org](http://mnsafetycouncil.org). To find out road conditions, go to [dot.state.mn.us](http://dot.state.mn.us) or [511mn.org](http://511mn.org).



## Daylight Savings Reminder November 4

Remember to change your clocks as daylight savings time ends! When you change your clocks, change the batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that everyone should switch out their smoke alarm batteries twice a year – make it easy to remember by pairing it with your clock change!

## Couldn't Make it to Our Last Car Seat Clinic?

Fridley Police partners with Safe Kids Anoka County to offer free car seat clinics. If you missed our last one, you can still access the service. Residents can receive a free assessment on an appointment-only basis with Fridley PD. To schedule an appointment, please email [SafeKids@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:SafeKids@FridleyMN.gov).

In addition, the Anoka County SAFE Kids Coalition offers free car seat inspections at monthly clinics (10 per year) throughout Anoka County. Clinics are also by appointment only. Please call the number listed for the clinic to make an appointment. Upcoming clinics include:

**November 3, 4-7 p.m.**

Blaine Fire Station #3, 763-785-6186

**December 11, 4-7 p.m.**

Coon Rapids Police Department,  
763-767-4680 x680



It is the law to have your child in a child safety seat until the age of four. In addition, a child who is both under age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches must be fastened in a child safety booster seat that meets federal safety standards. We recommend keeping a child in a booster seat based on their height rather than their age.

## Winter Parking in Effect November 1 through April 1

**Friendly reminder:** Fridley does not declare snow emergencies. From November 1 through April 1, it is a violation to park any vehicle on City streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

It is a violation to stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the plowing or removal of snow, ice or waste from public streets or highways regardless of date or time.

Violators will be tagged and towed, and subject to storage charges.

*City Ordinance 506*

## Citizens' Academy Scheduled for April 2019 at New Civic Campus

Next year's Citizens' Academy will take place in April 2019 at the new Civic Campus on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. for 8 weeks (April 3 to May 22).

The Citizens' Academy is a program designed to educate community members of the inner workings of the Fridley Police Department. The program offers insights into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community.

The purpose of the Citizens' Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and the police through education. The academy creates a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices and services.

Graduates of the academy are encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences with the community as the opportunity arises. Everyone benefits from enhancing citizen understanding of the role and function of their police department.



Any interested citizen who resides or works in the City of Fridley is encouraged to attend. Citizens involved with the community in some way, such as youth involvement, neighborhood watch, and neighborhood groups are very important to the academy.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older with no prior felony convictions.

Course Curriculum Includes:

- Constitutional Law
- Police History
- Use of Force
- Patrol Procedures
- Criminal Investigations
- Narcotics Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement (DWI)
- Community Policing
- Media/Public Relations
- 9-1-1 Communications
- Domestic Violence
- K-9 Demonstration
- Personal Safety
- Fire Safety

A vital part of the academy is participation in a variety of "hands-on" learning experiences. Students will also have the option, on a voluntary basis, to ride along with a patrol officer during their shift.

Visit [FridleyMN.gov/academy](http://FridleyMN.gov/academy) to submit an interest form or learn more.

## Book Release Event at Springbrook Nature Center

The official book release event for *A Field Guide to the Nature World of the Twin Cities* by John J. Moriarty will be held on Springbrook Nature Center on October 30 from 7-9 p.m. The book includes photography by Siah St. Clair and was published by the University of Minnesota Press.

The book is an illustrated guide to the natural habitats and the rich diversity of plant and wildlife in the greater Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area. There are detailed maps and descriptions of many public parks and places where animals can be seen. More than 100 of the photos included in the book were taken at Springbrook Nature Center. St. Clair can identify where each picture was taken in the park.

This event is great for individuals, families, friends and couples who have an interest in the outdoors or discovering the world around them.

## Last Recycling Drop-off for the Year

Saturday, November 10 • 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. Free paper shredding and cardboard will be accepted at this event. Many items accepted free or at a discounted rate. Visit [FridleyMN.gov/dropoff](http://FridleyMN.gov/dropoff) 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.

## Coffee with Cops

We invite you to chat with us! Share your concerns, brainstorm crime prevention ideas, or just get to know us better. Bring your neighbors and let's partner for a safe and vibrant community. If you would like to attend this event but require an interpreter, contact Jeff Guest at 763-572-3638 or [jeff.guest@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:jeff.guest@FridleyMN.gov).

Wednesday, November 28 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Caribou Coffee – 272 57th Ave NE



# Fall Fun: Springbrook Nature Center's Pumpkin Night in the Park

Visiting witches, goblins and other creatures were led through Springbrook Nature Center's enchanted forest by 1,300 glowing pumpkins on Saturday, October 20. Each pumpkin took on different spooky and fun faces.

Fire dancers lit up the event as they performed at the new outdoor amphitheater, the Ghost of Elvis appeared and performed some of his greatest hits, families boogied down with the DJ and a variety of other activities filled the night!

Approximately 3,100 visitors joined us for this annual event. Thank you for another great night. We can't wait for next year!

### Thank you to our volunteers

We could not have made this magical event come to life without the help of our amazing volunteers. Thank you to the individuals, families, troop members and everyone else who donated their time to carving the pumpkins, setting up and taking down the event, coordinating parking, managing bingo and more – all while ensuring everyone had a fantastic time.

Interested in volunteering next year? Please call the Nature Center at 763-572-3588.



# DISCOVERY DINNERS

The perfect night out.

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

**Saturday 12 15**

**Bison and Savanna Research in East Bethel** **\$25 per person**  
**Saturday, December 15, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Registration ends Tuesday, December 11 at 5 pm.  
 with Dr. Caitlin Barale Potter Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve

In summer 2018, a herd of 32 bison were introduced to a 220-acre section of Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve. The land they grazed on all summer has been part of a long-term investigation into the conservation, restoration and maintenance of oak savannas, and the bison are the latest piece of the management puzzle. Come learn about Cedar Creek, bison, savanna research and more from one of the project scientists and the coordinator of Cedar Creek's public programs!



**Saturday 01 12**

**Minnesota StarWatch Party** **\$25 per person**  
**Saturday, January 12, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Registration ends Tuesday, January 8 at 5 pm.  
 with Mike Lynch, Meteorologist/Broadcaster at WCCO Radio

Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show in the skies over Springbrook Nature Center. We start off with an indoor orientation followed by quality time outside under the heavens. Get to know the constellations like The Big Bear, Orion the Hunter, Leo the Lion, and some of the great stories behind them. We will also use large reflecting telescopes for close up views of the moon, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and other wonders in our winter-early spring skies. In addition to dinner, each guest will receive a package with user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, apps, websites, a telescope-buying guide, and more!



**Saturday 02 09**

**Electric Vehicles in Minnesota** **\$25 per person**  
**Saturday, February 9, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Registration ends Tuesday, February 5 at 5 pm.  
 with Jukka Kukkonen, PlugIn Connect - an Electric Vehicle market and business solutions developer

Electric vehicles provide a new opportunity for cleaner and more efficient transportation, but how do they work here in Minnesota? We will talk about the technologies behind this shift, models available in Minnesota, and how fellow Minnesotans are using and charging their vehicles. Bring your own questions for conversation following the presentation.



**Saturday 03 23**

**Reinventing Minnesota's Bell Museum** **\$25 per person**  
**Saturday, March 23, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Registration ends Tuesday, March 19 at 5 pm.  
 with Denise Young, Ed.D., Executive Director of the Bell Museum, University of Minnesota

Denise Young will take attendees on a virtual tour of the new Bell Museum, Minnesota's official natural history museum and planetarium. The museum, founded in 1872, has long been considered a treasure for learning about art, science, and the environment. The Bell Museum recently opened its new facility on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus, featuring a state-of-the-art digital planetarium, renowned wildlife dioramas, high tech exhibits, outdoor experiences, and more. Learn what makes the museum an ideal destination for the whole family as well as Denise's perspective on the challenges and opportunities of running a 21st century natural history museum.

