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Bethel University Students attend class at Fridley Civic Center

One of the new features of the Fridley Civic Center is the Fireside Room, which is a designated meeting space available for community use. Students from Bethel University's anthropology class were among the first to use this new space.

Director of Public Safety Brian Weierke contacted Bethel University professor Shawn Moore regarding a possible partnership between the city and university. Professor Moore was teaching a January "J-Term" course for seniors that focused on conflict and reconciliation. Fridley police officers often deal with conflict in the community and execute strategies developed to alleviate issues. All throughout their shifts, officers are dispatched to situations where a conflict is occurring, whether it be a domestic dispute, car accident, shop lifting, etc.

Professor Moore wanted to remove his students from their typical classroom and teach them in a real world setting. By using the Fireside Room, the students were able to meet Fridley officers who deal with a variety of conflict on a daily basis. Director Weierke also provided an opportunity for each of the students to participate in a

police ride-along to fulfill a part of their course requirement.

Logistical aspects of the endeavor were assigned to Lieutenant Jim Mork of the Investigations Division, who is a graduate of Bethel University. Due to the large number of ride-alongs in a short amount of time, New Brighton Department of Public Safety offered to assist by allowing some of the students to ride with their officers. Professor Moore was very pleased with the comments he received from students regarding their experience. Nearly all of the students were amazed at the types of issues that officers are called to handle during their shifts. By participating in a ride-along, the students were able to not only learn about conflict resolution, but see it occur in real life situations.

Numerous Fridley officers and firefighters provided content and subject matter for the discussion portion of the class. Many ideas were discussed and questions were answered during the ride alongs. This class was unlike anything the students had experienced before, and staff were happy to share their knowledge and experiences.

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City of Fridley's Fourth Annual Tree Sale

The City of Fridley is offering reduced-cost trees to help enhance our urban forest in anticipation of the loss of ash trees due to emerald ash borer. Help our urban forest become more resilient by planting a tree in your yard. Trees improve air and water quality, increase property values, lower energy bills and provide valuable wildlife habitat.

Submit your order by April 12 online at FridleyMN.gov/TreeSale or by calling the city at 763-572-3594. Trees will be available for pick-up on May 11 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Fridley Public Works. Limited quantities available. Fridley residents only.

	Purchase Height (approximate)	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Wildlife value	Cost
Kentucky Coffeetree (large tree)	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Nesting sites	\$25
Northern Catalpa (large tree)	8'	40-60'	Full sun or partial shade	Flowers favored by pollinators; nesting sites	\$25
Swamp White Oak (large tree)	6'	50-60'	Full sun	Nesting sites	\$30
Serviceberry (medium tree)	5'	15-25'	Full sun or partial shade	Fruit for birds; Nesting sites	\$30
Black Hills Spruce (conifer)	2.5'	30-60'	Full sun or partial shade	Seeds for song birds and small mammals; nesting sites	\$15



Know Your Codes: Utility Marker Flags

Our Public Works Department often receives questions from residents regarding the small, colored flags that are placed in their yard. Each color represents a utility, and they are usually placed when digging will be done on the owner's property. Common reasons include: installation of "for sale" signs, water and/or sewer repair, fence placement, tree trimming and stump removal. If you have questions about why a flag was placed in your yard, please reference the chart below to see what utility company you should call:

- **White:** Area of proposed excavation (Contact your contractor)
- **Pink:** Temporary survey markings (Call the Anoka County surveyor at 763-324-3200)
- **Purple:** Reclaimed water, irrigation (Contact your contractor)
- **Red:** Electric (Call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999)
- **Orange:** Telecom (Call your phone, cable and internet provider)
- **Yellow:** Natural gas, oils and flammable material (Call CenterPoint Energy at 612-372-4727)
- **Green:** Sewers and drain lines (Call our Public Works Department at 763-572-3566)
- **Blue:** Water lines (Call our Public Works Department at 763-572-3566)

Call Before You Dig

Contact Gopher State One Call (GSOC) before starting any home project that requires you to dig. Whether it is a full excavation project or a simple installment of a new garden, it is best to get your work area marked. It will help keep you and your family safe while avoiding potential damages to utilities. Visit gopherstateonecall.org/homeowners or call 811 to file a locate request.

March Recycling Drop-off: Start your spring cleaning!

Saturday, March 9 • 9 a.m. to noon

Green Lights Recycling
1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine



Join us for our drop-off event on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. – noon at Green Lights Recycling in Blaine! Residents can receive \$15 off, as well as drop-off one free appliance and one free mattress. Residents just need to present proof of residency to receive the discounts and free drop-offs.

Recycle fluorescent lights, scrap metal, bicycles, electronics, appliances and more! Additional information is available at FridleyMN.gov/dropoff.

New City Council Members take Oath of Office

On January 7, 2019, two new council members took the Oath of Office for the Fridley City Council. Tom Tillberry was elected as the councilmember for Ward 1 and Steve Eggert was elected to the position of councilmember for Ward 2. If you have not been able to meet with either of these councilmembers, or would like to learn a little bit more about them, check out our question and answer session below:

How did the new councilmembers become connected with the City of Fridley?

Ward 1: Tom Tillberry spent a lot of his early years in the southeastern part of Minnesota in Winona. That is where he grew up, attended high school and went to college. He married his high school sweetheart, Kimberly, and became the Assistant Director of Winona State University Admissions.

He later decided to pursue his master's in counseling and traveled to the Twin Cities for potential job opportunities. His wife received a job offer from Unity Hospital and he accepted a job at Roseville Area High School. They decided Fridley was a good location to make their home. They raised their two children, Paul and Kendra, in Fridley and Tillberry has continued to work for the school for the past 23 years.

Ward 2: Steve Eggert moved to Fridley with his parents in 1964 – just before the tornadoes. He went to Fridley High School, graduated and then married his high school sweetheart. Eggert went on to the University of Minnesota with the intention of being a math major, but later graduated from the school of business. During that time, he also joined the Air Force to serve in the Vietnam War and was stationed in Thailand and Germany. When Eggert received his GI bill, he attended the University of St. Thomas to earn his MBA degree.

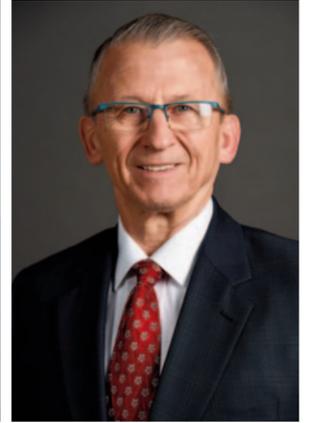
As he developed his career, he ended up in retail development and began managing a shopping center. He later worked as a store developer for Brauns Fashions, at Musicland and then went on to Target as a lead developer.

How did each councilmember become involved in city government?

Ward 1: Tom Tillberry became involved in city government after his six years in state government as a legislator for the area. During his three terms, he continued to work for Roseville Area High School. His co-workers often teased him saying he was a "counselor by day and a councilor by night". He was excited about the opportunity to get back into a decision-making role for his community as a councilmember while still being able to maintain his job with the school.



Tom Tillberry
Ward 1



Steve Eggert
Ward 2

Ward 2: Steve Eggert became involved with the Fridley Jaycees, a local community group, when he was raising his family here. As his career developed, he had less time at home and was unable to be as involved with the community as he hoped. In recent years, Eggert was a member of the Fridley Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and enjoyed the opportunity to be back involved in the city's projects. Councilmember Dolores Varichak's retirement provided Eggert with the opportunity to serve Fridley in a new, more involved role. He is excited to be able to devote the time to being a part of the city council now that he has moved on from his position at Target.

What's their favorite thing about our city?

Ward 1: Tom Tillberry loves Fridley's location. It is 15 minutes from Minneapolis, making it easy to get to just about anything. He also likes the small community feel and the good school system.

Ward 2: Steve Eggert appreciates the small town feel in a major metropolitan area and the deep roots in the community. Fridley is in a convenient area, has most everything, and is a community with a lot of positive things happening.

What are they most looking forward to in their term?

Ward 1: Tom Tillberry is excited to help carry on the forward thinking of our community and look at opportunities to continue Fridley's bright future. He wants to keep the momentum going to a better Fridley, put the City more on the map and stay competitive with the surrounding communities.

Ward 2: Steve Eggert is excited to engage with the residents of Ward 2. He enjoys meeting new people and using the opportunity to hear more about what residents want for their city. Eggert is looking forward to the community engagement piece and sharing the great things going on in Fridley.

Save the Date: 2019 Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m.

Fridley Civic Campus – City Hall



Join us for our annual town hall meeting at our new Fridley Civic Campus!
You will hear from City leaders with updates on projects, developments and other initiatives.
This will also be a great opportunity to take community input through a question and answer session.

More information will become available on our website at FridleyMN.gov.

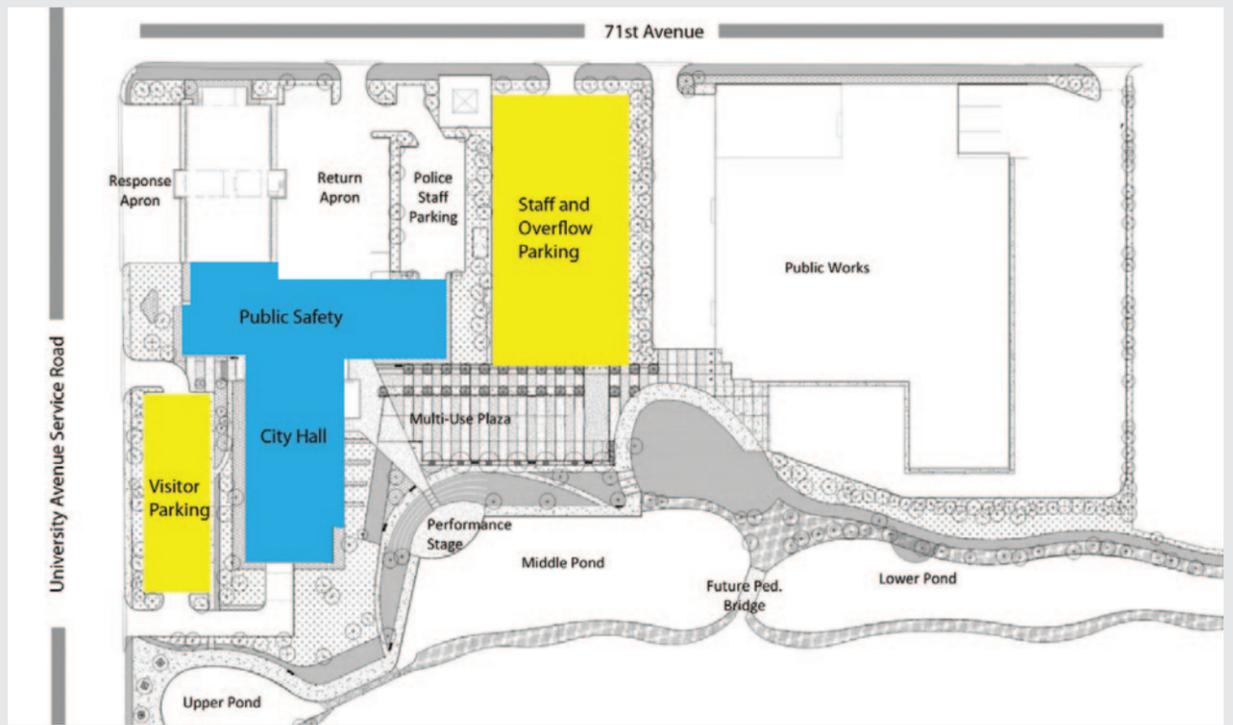


Where Do I Park at the New City Civic Campus?

The move to the new Civic Campus is now complete and the facility is performing beautifully. One observation staff has made is that additional signage will be helpful to show the public where to park. Visitors have commented that they were not sure they could park in the front parking lot along the University Avenue Service Drive, because the parking lot appears empty.

The reason there are so few cars in that parking lot is because those stalls are reserved for guests. In the summer, the parking lot will be somewhat busier, as seasonal employees will be instructed to park in the outside row, closest to the frontage road. This arrangement will still reserve the most convenient stalls for Civic Center guests.

Please visit the Civic Center Campus and feel free to park right in front (on the west side)!



How Would You Improve University Avenue and Highway 65?

The City of Fridley has hired Twin Cities LISC to assist in creating a public input process to help guide the redesign of University Avenue and Highway 65. The City would like to make improvements to the roadways within Fridley regarding safety, lighting, aesthetics and pedestrian/bicycle access. Residents will have the chance to guide future investments in the community through a series of public meetings, surveys and other engagement opportunities.

This will be the third time Twin Cities LISC has assisted Fridley in creating a public input plan for a development process. They were previously used in the Cielo Apartments and Civic Campus developments, and provided a “hands-on” experience to receive input and ideas from residents. A very similar approach will be used again for the redesign of University Avenue and Highway 65.

By utilizing a third-party contractor to help take in public opinions and shape the development plan, the City is facilitating a more citizen-centered plan that takes into full consideration what the residents want for their community. A series of four workshops were created for the public to attend, one of which took place in February. *We encourage you to attend any or all of the three remaining workshops.* They

will all take place at the Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue NE) in the lobby:

- **Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m.:** Participants will be invited to create their own solutions for the designated project area. Tables will be set up with maps of the area and moving pieces will be available to explore options and variations through a modified block exercise. At the end of the evening, each scenario will be collected. Sketches and estimated costs for each scenario will be shared at the next workshop. An architect and financial analyst will be available at each table to ask and answer questions regarding the development.
- **Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m.:** Options from the previous workshop will be showcased for review. A panel discussion with design experts and representatives from other cities who have tested similar options within their communities will take place.
- **Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m.:** A draft document, created from input gathered at previous sessions, will be reviewed and revised by participants. The final product will be the result of a consensus process to identify recommendations that will be presented to the city council and other advisory boards.

Fridley Community Calendar

March

- 4 Charter Commission
- 4 Parks and Recreation Commission
- 7 Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- 11 City Council
- 12 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 20 Planning Commission
- 25 City Council

April

- 1 Appeals Commission
- 1 Charter Commission
- 1 Parks and Recreation Commission
- 4 Housing & Redevelopment Authority
- 8 City Council
- 9 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
- 17 Planning Commission
- 22 City Council
- 27 Town Hall

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 at least one week in advance.

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. For more details or to sign up, visit our website or call Springbrook at 763-572-3588.

Reinventing Minnesota's Bell Museum with Denise Young, Ed.D.,
Executive Director of the Bell Museum, University of Minnesota

Saturday, March 23, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$25 per person. Registration ends Tuesday, March 19 at 5 pm.



2019 City Street Projects

As the snow melts and warmer weather comes, construction begins on our city streets. Here is a look at what projects will be worked on this spring and summer. **For questions related to construction projects, please contact Beth Kondrick at 763-572-3554.** Visit FridleyMN.gov/projects for the most up-to-date information.

West Moore Lake Drive:

This project will include pavement rehabilitation and the addition of a 10-foot multi-use trail on the west side of the roadway from Medtronic Parkway to 61st Avenue. Parking will be removed from the west side of the roadway.

From 61st Avenue to Highway 65 on West Moore Lake Drive, a road configuration will take place that includes established bike lanes on the north and south sides of the roadway. Parking will be eliminated on the south side. The existing sidewalks will not be removed and pedestrian ramps will be installed.

The project will begin in early to mid-June (weather permitting) and will last approximately two months.

2018 Street Rehabilitation Project (69th Avenue and Anoka Street):

This project was moved to 2019 with the opportunity to repair more streets during construction. The City plans to replace asphalt, modify curb alignment, as well as reduce the width of the roadway to help lower maintenance costs. The project includes rehabilitation of 69th Avenue from Central Avenue to the city limit (Stinson Boulevard) and includes Anoka Street from 69th Avenue to the south termini.

While reducing the width of the roadway, we will also be installing a new multi-use trail on the south side of the road from Central Avenue to Stinson Boulevard. It will connect to the Rice Creek Trail as well as the trail system in New Brighton. The existing trail will be removed on the north side of the street and a left turn lane will be installed going into Medtronic. All parking will be removed from 69th Avenue and stormwater features will be included as aspects of the project.

The project will begin this summer (weather permitting) and is estimated to last approximately 8 to 10 weeks.

2019 Street Rehabilitation Project (69th Avenue, University Avenue Service Road and 71st Avenue):

This will be a street rehabilitation project for the University Avenue Service Road from Highway 47 to 73rd Avenue, 69th Avenue from the service road to eastern termini, and 71st Avenue from the service road to Locke County Park. There will be pavement rehabilitation and water main replacements, minor spot repairs with the curb, and installation of a sidewalk along 71st Avenue.

This is projected to be a late summer/early fall project that will last approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

East River Road Trail:

The City is preparing to extend the trail along the east side of East River Road. The proposed trail will extend from the Fridley West Northstar Station to the new commercial building just north of Interstate 694.

The project will allow for residents and commuters to safely walk from the most southeasterly portion of the City to the rail station. The trail is a cooperative project between the City of Fridley, the Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Anoka County Highway Department, CenterPoint Energy, and adjacent property owners. The Anoka County Highway Department will include the construction in their 2019 Road Improvement Project. Construction is expected to start this summer and completed by fall.

Locke Parkway:

This project will continue the roadway along the new Pulte Homes site and will connect on the east side of the City's new Public Works building to reconnect to 71st Avenue.

2019 Pavement Maintenance Program (Street Sealing):

The City's pavement maintenance program includes sealcoating of streets on an approximate 8-year cycle. Sealcoating is a common preventive maintenance activity that involves spraying a tacky emulsion on the road surface followed by the application of a cover aggregate. Its purpose is to protect the street from the effects of sun and moisture. Additional information, including the neighborhoods and streets selected for this year's sealcoat program, will be provided in the May/June newsletter. If you have questions or concerns about the sealcoating process, please contact the City of Fridley Public Works Department at 763-572-3554.

Frequently Asked Questions with the City Assessor

Why is the assessor at my home?

The most common reason is that your home is in a neighborhood that is currently under review. State law requires the assessor to inspect homes at least once every five years to verify attributes of the home that affect its market value. The assessor will also visit homes where permits have been pulled for such things as adding a deck or finishing a basement. If the work is not complete, the assessor may visit again the following year to verify completion.

How will I know when the assessor is coming?

The assessor's office views an average of 1,800 homes each year to meet the required 5-year cycle. The neighborhood under review can be found on the city website. In the weeks preceding their visit, the assessor will send a postcard to let you know they will be in your area in the coming weeks. The assessor will drive a city vehicle and carry city identification, which they will show you as soon as you come to the door.

How will I know if the assessor has reviewed my home?

If you are not home when an assessor arrives, they will leave a door tag letting you know they were there and indicating if further action is required, such as an interior inspection. The exterior attributes of the home are then reviewed while walking around the home and site. City staff will not look in windows, nor inspect the interior of a home where an adult is not present.

What does the assessor do with the information gathered?

The information gathered helps the assessor rate the quality and condition of the home. Verification of size, bedrooms, baths and other amenities is important because these items determine a base value of the home for future estimation of market value. Each year, sales are studied in an effort to track changes in value within your neighborhood. A factor



is then applied to all homes in the neighborhood to reflect any increase or decrease in value. That estimated value is communicated to the homeowner via "Notice of Valuation and Classification" in late March of each year. Owners should review this information carefully and call the assessor if they believe the valuation is not correct.

For questions, please contact the City Assessor's Office at 763-572-3536.

Fire Inspections: Businesses and Rental Property Common Areas

The City Public Safety Department works diligently to visit each business and rental property (of four units or more) with a common area. The intent is to assist with identifying issues that could produce a fire or other emergency and to ensure that the code-required safety features of the building are in place and functioning as they are designed to do. We want to make your business and our city safe for everyone and to educate you on fire and life safety issues. There are approximately 200 buildings with common areas (laundry rooms, hallways, etc.) located throughout our city and 1,200 businesses. Our goal is to visit every common area annually and every business once every 3 years.

For the first time, Fridley has hired a dedicated fire inspector. Inspector Lange will inspect businesses on a regular basis and Battalion Chiefs Allard and Messer will be conducting inspections for the common areas of rental properties. Fire Marshal Spencer will assist all of the inspectors as needed and will concentrate on plan reviews for new construction and remodels of existing buildings. More resources are now dedicated to ensuring these inspections are done in a timely manner. If you have not met someone from our fire inspections staff, you will be seeing them soon!

We would like to thank you for your continued support in keeping Fridley a Safe and vibrant place to live and work.

Questions?

- **Businesses:** Contact James Lange, Fire Inspector at 763-572-3608 or James.Lange@FridleyMN.gov.
- **Residential Properties (Common Areas):** Contact Battalion Chiefs Matt Allard at 763-572-3609 or Matthew.Allard@FridleyMN.gov, or Walt Messer at 763-572-3619 or Walter.Messer@FridleyMN.gov.
- **Building Plan Reviews:** Mike Spencer, Fire Marshal, at 763-572-3621 or Michael.Spencer@FridleyMN.gov.

Fridley Energy Stories: Meet Justin Foell

2019 is the year of energy! Each newsletter issue will include ideas to help you save money on your energy bill and reduce energy consumption. For this issue, we interviewed Fridley resident, Justin Foell, on his experience with a Home Energy Squad Enhanced Visit.

A \$50 investment in your home could save you money with an assessment from the Home Energy Squad. A visit includes installation of energy-saving materials like weather stripping, a programmable thermostat, LED light bulbs, water heater blanket and high efficiency water fixtures. They also perform a blower test to measure air leaks, inspect your insulation, administer safety checks on heating systems, recommend cost-effective energy updates and leave you a report for next steps. Free visits are available for income-qualified residents.

Read through the question and answer session below to learn more about Justin's Home Energy Squad visit:

How long have you lived in Fridley?

"We've lived in Fridley since 2009 – ten years now. We live in the Moore Lake Hills neighborhood, up the hill from Moore Lake Beach near Totino Grace High School."

Why did you decide to do a Home Energy Squad Visit?

"We initially did it on recommendation from our home inspector after he remarked that we could use more insulation."

What was the scheduling process like?

"Scheduling was really easy. It was just a quick call to make the appointment. They need about an hour or so to complete the audit."

What was the audit process like?

"It was informative and totally worth it. For \$50 they replaced all of our light bulbs with newer high



efficiency ones - which would have cost at least \$50 for those alone. They also installed high efficiency shower heads, aerators on our faucets and weather stripping on doors, as well as gave recommendations on where we could improve further."

Have you made/have plans to make any updates since the audit?

"Based on the audit, we weighed the costs and benefits of getting new windows versus getting more insulation. Insulation and air sealing was the clear winner for us from a cost/efficiency standpoint. After the job was completed, the air sealing had improved over 50 percent which earned us a \$1,000 rebate from CenterPoint Energy.

We didn't realize that we should probably do another audit since best practices have changed since we first moved here. Now, LED bulbs are the norm instead of CFL for efficiency. It would be good to see what their next recommendation is."

Did you notice any differences after the audit?

"We could immediately tell a difference from the insulation. Our basement was always much cooler than our main level. It is still a few degrees cooler, but it's no longer as drastic."

Interested in scheduling an enhanced visit for your home? Make an appointment online at HomeEnergySquad.net or call 612-328-6220.

Spring Cleaning: Streets Style

Spring will (hopefully) be arriving soon! Our street sweepers are eager to get all the salt and sand off of the roads. Due to the unpredictable personality of Minnesota weather, we are not able to provide an exact date for street sweeping. Our Public Works team tries to clear the streets after the last snowfall, but before the "April showers." Typically, streets are cleaned in late March or early April.

Street sweeping is essential to remove winter debris buildup before the rainy season arrives to avoid washing salt and other materials into the City's storm sewer system. We do this to reduce stormwater pollution and maintain the water quality. Ways you can help include: picking up dog poop, sweeping near your storm drains or installing a raingarden on your property.

Hydrant Flushing

After we finish street sweeping, we move onto hydrant flushing in April. Hydrant flushing occurs twice a year, in the spring and fall, when the City flushes its water mains through the fire hydrants. This helps clear the water of small amounts of sediment like iron or manganese that settle over time, and it verifies that the hydrants are in good working order.

During the hydrant flushing, deposits from the water lines may create yellowish-brownish discoloration of water in homes near the flushing area. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. If discoloration lasts longer than two days, call us at 763-572-3566. You can also call the same number for current flushing locations and updated information.

FRIDLEY HISTORICAL CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Houses: March and April
Saturday, March 9, 23 and April 13
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

29th Annual Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 27, doors open at 4:15 p.m.
Fridley American Legion



Tickets are \$15 and sold in advance through a mailer sent your home.

There will be good food, a lot of prizes and a great time for everyone!

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8-12

Are you prepared for when severe weather strikes? Homeland Security and Emergency Management collaborates with the National Weather Service and other local agencies/organizations to sponsor a Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to remind and educate everyone about seasonal severe weather.

Each day focuses on a different weather topic:

Monday – Alerts and Warnings: The National Weather Service uses “advisory,” “watch” and “warning” to alert the public of severe weather. An **advisory** is for less serious conditions, but is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. If caution is not exercised, it could lead to dangerous situations. A **watch** means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur and residents should “watch out” for what the weather could do. A **warning** means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the warning area and you should take shelter as soon as possible.

Tuesday – Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail: Severe thunderstorms should be treated like tornadoes, and you should seek shelter immediately. Hail is most often pea-sized, but can reach grapefruit-size. Every thunderstorm has lightning, and if you hear thunder, the lightning is close enough to strike and you should seek shelter.

Wednesday – Flooding: Spring and summer rainfalls can produce flash floods in a matter of hours. There are a few steps everyone can take to prepare: assemble an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, get a NOAA Weather Radio, elevate appliances, consider installing check valves, construct barriers and get flood insurance.

Thursday – Tornadoes: Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers instructions on what to do for a tornado depending on where you are located—an apartment, house, school, mobile home and more. Some tips include having a NOAA Weather Radio, having a communications plan, signing up for weather notifications and more. Visit dps.mn.gov for information on your area.

A statewide tornado drill will occur on Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. Schools and businesses will practice emergency plans during these times.

Friday – Extreme Heat: The National Weather Service issues Excessive Heat Outlooks, Watches and Warning/Advisories. A heat outlook is issued when potential exists for an excessive heat event in the next 3-7 days. Heat watches are issued when conditions are favorable for excessive heat in the next 24 to 72 hours. A heat warning or advisory is issued when excessive heat is expected in the next 36 hours.

For more complete information and helpful tips, visit dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem online.

Build a Home Emergency Kit

Are you prepared for an emergency? It is important to have enough supplies on hand that can last you a few days in case of an emergency. To build your own emergency kit, here are some items to include:

- Bottled water – a gallon per person is recommended
- Non-perishable food – soups, stews, canned pasta, and things that do not require refrigeration
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Whistle – in an event that you become trapped, a small whistle signal can help
- Basic set of household tools
- First aid kit
- Dust masks
- Plastic garbage bags – a number of uses including waterproof covers
- Battery-powered radio



Fridley Liquor had a Banner Year in 2018!

In 2018, Fridley Liquor sales were slightly over \$6 million with a net profit of \$500,000 going back into the community! Liquor profits can be used to purchase new Public Works vehicles, playground equipment, squad cars, and more.

The sales increase continues to be driven by the redevelopment of the Fridley Market, which has become a regional destination for not only shoppers in the area, but for those traveling along the I-694 corridor. Our dedicated employees emphasize good customer service by being attentive and informatives.

An increasing interest in the rewards program also led to returning customers. Customers earn one point for every dollar they spend on most purchases – and can receive special bonus points! Every 100 points earns you a \$5 credit, with a limit of 500 points that can be redeemed at one time. If you have not signed up for our rewards card, stop by either Fridley Liquor location to get started.

Fridley Liquor Market
264 57th Avenue N.E.
(University Avenue and I-694)

Fridley Liquor: Moore Lake
6289 Highway 65



Wear the Badge: Bridget McBride

“Wear the Badge” is a program produced by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), a nonprofit organization representing chief law enforcement officers across the state. MCPA works to bring the highest quality police services and leadership to the people of Minnesota. As part of their efforts to promote careers in law enforcement, we will be highlighting some of Fridley’s police officers to learn why they chose and continue to be an officer in our community.

The night before Bridget McBride started college, she was involved in a car accident and did not have proof of insurance for her vehicle with her. McBride recalls a female officer responding to the incident and handling the situation calmly, making her feel at ease during the stressful situation. McBride met with the same officer the next day to provide her insurance information and ended up spending two hours in the officer’s squad car discussing what its like to be a woman in law enforcement. It was a life-changing experience for McBride. This officer was able to take a negative and stressful situation an turn it into a positive experience. After that, McBride knew she wanted to become a police officer and provide the same type of service to others.



Four years later, McBride graduated from St. Cloud State University with a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement. During her time in college, she served the City of St. Cloud as a Community Service Officer (CSO), was a Police Reserve Officer for the City of Sartell, and for six years was enlisted in the Navy Reserves as 2nd Class Petty Officer Operational Specialist. She attended Alexandria Technical & Community College for her law enforcement skills training, completed her requirements, and moved to the Twin Cities to be an officer in a metropolitan area.

While working as a security officer in the metro, she saw an opening for a police officer position for the City of Fridley in 2005. McBride was interested in the opportunity because it was a first-ring suburban community with a police department that offered good training, a diverse amount of calls, and was using advanced technology in their law enforcement strategies. She applied, but just missed the cut to be hired in that round of officers. With Fridley still in mind, she applied to the city again two years later and was hired on April 12, 2007. She currently serves Fridley as a detective who also oversees pawn shop regulation within the city.

This job brings new challenges each day, and McBride enjoys being a part of a team that works together to help better the community and resolve issues. She appreciates the positive impact her position can make on community members and the resources she has access to in order to help the community. McBride has been a part of several community outreach events, including Coats from Cops, Night to Unite, and the Police Athletic League (PALs). These programs, and more, are designed to develop positive relationships between law enforcement and community members.

Today, her mission is still to help change lives by taking potentially negative circumstances and trying to better them by handling situations with understanding, just as an officer once did for her.

McBride’s advice to those thinking of a career in law enforcement is that you need to be strong-willed and resilient. You need to be able to remind yourself of the positive differences you are making in the community, even when you experience hard situations.

Free HEARTSafe CPR and AED Trainings

Fridley achieved “HEARTSafe Community” status last year, but our work does not stop there. We are continuing our commitment to educate the community by offering free CPR trainings again in 2019. These are open to the public and no registration is required.

Trainings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the Fridley Civic Center:

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

Do you have a business, house of worship, community group or neighborhood that would like free training? We would be happy to come out to your location. Contact our HEARTSafe team at heartsafe@FridleyMN.gov or 763-502-1982.



Public Works Equipment Spotlight: “Vac” Truck

A vacuum truck has a pump and tank designed to suck up liquids, sewer waste and other wet material to transport to a designated facility. This is one of the biggest pieces of equipment that our Public Works team uses.

This truck is especially helpful with water main breaks through hydro-excavation. When a water main breaks, our Public Works staff needs to dig below the road to find the break and repair it. They have to remove the dirt/mud below to reach the utility line, and can use the “vac” truck to wet the dirt and suction it up into the tank, providing an open path for the utility workers to reach the water supply system.

Check the next issue of the newsletter as we feature another Public Works truck! As you see this equipment in your neighborhood, you will be able to identify the vehicle and know what it is for!



Coffee with Cops is back in 2019!

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 Courtney Miller, Crime Prevention Specialist at courtney.miller@FridleyMN.gov or 763-572-3626.



Saturday, February 23 from 9-10 a.m.
McDonalds (286 57th Ave NE)

Wednesday, March 27 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Caribou Coffee (272 57th Ave NE)

Wednesday, April 24 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Dunn Brothers (7610 University Ave NE)

Wednesday, May 29 from 6-7 p.m.
McDonalds (8100 University Ave NE)

Winterfest 2019: Chilly but Cheerful!

Even with the cold weather, approximately 350 people attended our annual Winterfest celebration! Attendees enjoyed a variety of games and crafts, learned about Bantu drumming, took a ride on the horse drawn hayride, watched a Mites hockey game and more!



Environmental Fun Fair

Saturday, May 4

Springbrook Nature Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FREE



Spring into Action: The Environment Awaits

Attend our third annual Environmental Fun Fair, co-sponsored with Anoka 4-H, at Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 4. This is a free event that is family-friendly!

- Arts and crafts
- Interactive exhibitors
- Trailside displays
- Hands-on learning
- Electric vehicles

Returning this year: Fix-it Clinic!

Join the hottest trend in recycling at the Fix-it Clinic! Bring in your busted stereo, broken lamp, ripped jeans, mobile device and more. Our skilled volunteers will teach you how to disassemble, troubleshoot and attempt repairs for free. "Fixers" will be available from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FridleyMN.gov/funfair



Fridley Summer Camps!

Available at Springbrook Nature Center and our Recreation Department!

Check out a variety of activities to fill your summer with fun!

Programs and registration are available at FridleyMN.gov/Recreation. See the included Recreation insert or go online to view upcoming program information.

