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2019 Fridley '49er Days – June 13 - 14

Thursday, June 13:

Pre-parade activities at Commons Park will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be kids activities, food concessions, a petting zoo and more! Fridley Fun Run begins at 6:25 p.m.

Fridley Lions '49er Parade – The parade is held rain or shine! Line up time is 5 p.m. and starts at 6:30 p.m. The parade starts and ends near 61st Avenue and 7th Street.

- North down 7th Street
- East down Mississippi Street
- South down Able Street
- West on 61st Avenue

Participants: There are no parade fees. Applications are due on June 1, 2019. Go online to FridleyMN.gov/49erDays to download an application.

Friday, June 14:

MSMA Car Show – Free admission to spectators! The car show will be held at Commons Park from 5 to 9 p.m. If you'd like to enter a vehicle, contact Ryan at workdrafter@yahoo.com – all makes and models accepted. Entry fee is \$10 and benefits Fridley Tigers Wrestling and the Alexandra House.

FHS Reunion, Music and Fireworks – All-class reunion at Commons Park from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Live music from Jonah and the Whales, beer and wine, concessions, and fireworks at dusk! Open to everyone – even if you are not a Fridley graduate!

Fun for the whole family!

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Planting Pollinators

Planting a pollinator patch in your yard helps create a corridor for bees and butterflies to travel through. Is your yard pollinator-friendly? Here are some tips to get you there:

- 1) Choose native flowering plants (visit bluethumb.org for help with plant selection)
- 2) Plant at least three different types of flowers for each growing season (spring, summer, and fall)
- 3) Cluster the same types of plants together to make weeding easier

If the summer is too busy for you to install one now, there is still time! Fall is also a great time to plant native, perennial plants. For more information, visit FridleyMN.gov/pollinators.

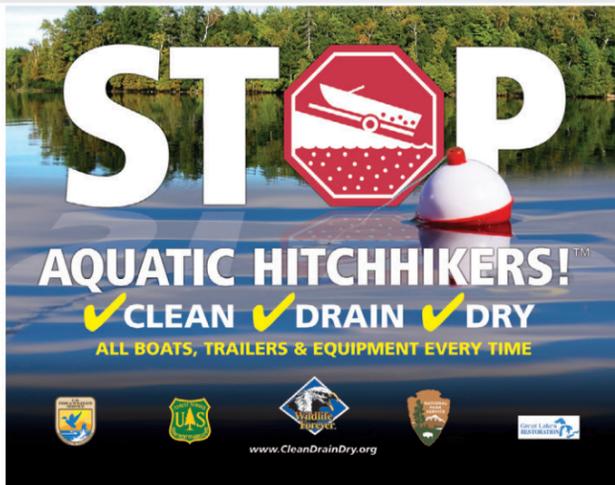
Raingardens

Add a water quality component to your pollinator patch by turning it into a raingarden. Raingardens are designed to collect stormwater runoff from hard surfaces such as roofs and roads and allow it to infiltrate into the groundwater.

Grants may be available to install a curb-cut raingarden in your front yard that accepts runoff from the street. Visit FridleyMN.gov/raingardens or call 763-572-3594 to learn if you qualify.

Join us for a
Blue Thumb Workshop
on Bee Lawns and Turf Alternatives
Fireside Room, Civic Campus
June 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

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Clean. Drain. Dispose. It's the Law!

Most anglers and boaters follow Minnesota's Clean, Drain, Dispose laws to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

- ✓ **Clean** all aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers and equipment before leaving any water access or shoreline.
- ✓ **Drain** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, live well and bait well by removing drain plugs before leaving any water access.
 - Keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait, minnows, leeches and worms in the trash.
 - It is illegal to release bait (including worms) into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another.
 - If you want to keep your live bait, you must drain all the lake or river water and refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

For additional information, visit mndnr.gov/ais.

Who's Knocking? If You Live in Northwest Fridley, It Might Be a City Appraiser.

City appraisers hit the streets this month. Homes are visited every five years, and this year the concentration is on the northwest corner of the city, north of 73rd Avenue and northwest of Highway 47 and Osborne Road.

What does an appraiser do and why?

Appraisers go house-to-house and collect information on your home. They are taking notes about the condition of your property and confirming housing records (such as number of bedrooms and bathrooms). This information is used to estimate market value for property tax purposes in 2020.

When will the appraisers be visiting?

Appraisers will visit those homes in the north end of the city beginning in May and continuing throughout the summer. Inspections take place Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will receive a postcard 7 to 10 days before they visit to let you know they will be in the area soon.

Do I need to be home during the visit?

No. Appraisers will knock on your door before conducting any inspection. If you are not home, they will leave a tag on your door to let you know they were there. This notice will indicate if any further action is needed.

What can I expect? How do I know it is actually a city appraiser?

All city appraisers drive marked city vehicles and carry city identification badges, which they show you as soon as you come to the door. Be safe and always ask to see the photo ID badge.

Will they need to come inside?

City appraisers will conduct an exterior inspection of your home on the date of this visit and gather data such as siding and window type, verify the style and sketch of the home, and make note of any depreciation or new improvements. Sometimes an interior inspection is required.

If you are not home when an appraiser arrives and an interior inspection is needed, a tag will be left on your door with a number to call to set up an appointment.

How are residential values doing in Fridley?

The real estate market in 2018 continued a trend already two years in the running of increasing values fueled by historically low interest rates and low levels of inventory. When there are not enough homes on the market to satisfy the current demand, prices tend to rise as multiple offers cause buyer's to bid the price up in an effort to get the home. A balanced market is typically described as a condition whereby all homes currently on the market would be purchased in six months or less if no new homes were added to the inventory and no new buyers entered the market. Fridley has had a market with approximately half the amount of homes (or less) than the balanced market norm of six months. As a result, there are multiple buyers bidding for most homes which often leads to a selling price higher than the price listed.

The supply of homes in the market currently is the most constricted it has been in decades. If you are looking to buy a house in Fridley, there are only a handful of homes available that do not already have offers on them. The homes available span the price range from a starter home to a new townhome near the Fridley Civic Campus—which means there are not a lot of choices. As spring approaches, more people will put their homes up for sale and this should aid in bringing the market into balance. A balanced market will help curb the rapid pace of inflation in housing and lead to a more stable market.

Questions?

If you have any questions in advance of an appraiser visit, please contact Pat Maghrak, City Assessor, at 763-572-3536 or Brian Northernstold, City Appraiser, at 763-572-3537. A map of the area the appraisers will be visiting is available online at FridleyMN.gov.

Summer Property Inspections

Each summer, we conduct visual inspections of Fridley properties to ensure they are in compliance with city code. We treat each residence equally and work with homeowners/renters to resolve the noted issues.

We look at this as an opportunity for education, not accusation. If you are not familiar with city codes, this is our chance to help you learn more. Inspections will take place throughout the entire city for all properties, including apartments.

Here are some common city codes that are often forgotten:

- Materials and equipment must be stored inside a building.
- When it is not pickup day, waste containers need to be stored behind the front-most part of your home or garage – whichever is closest to the curb. (Ex: store them on the side of your garage or inside your garage)
 - For businesses and apartment complexes, dumpsters have to be screened from view of the roadway.
- All vehicles on the property must be in operable condition, which includes current tabs, plates and no flat tires. They must also be parked completely on pavement.
- Brush piles must be prevented from accumulating. Anoka County has two compost sites available to residents. Residents can drop off leaves and grass at no charge – just provide proof of residency when you arrive.
- Grass must be kept under 10".
- Your property must be maintained (fix falling fencing and retaining walls, keep gardens weeded and neat)

If you receive a courtesy notice from one of our inspectors and do not understand why, we are here to help! Contact our Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, Dan, at 763-572-3598 or Daniel.Cahill@FridleyMN.gov.

Fridley Awarded Tree City USA for Second Year

Congrats to our community for continuing to support the growth of our urban forest!



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



City of Fridley Blood Drive

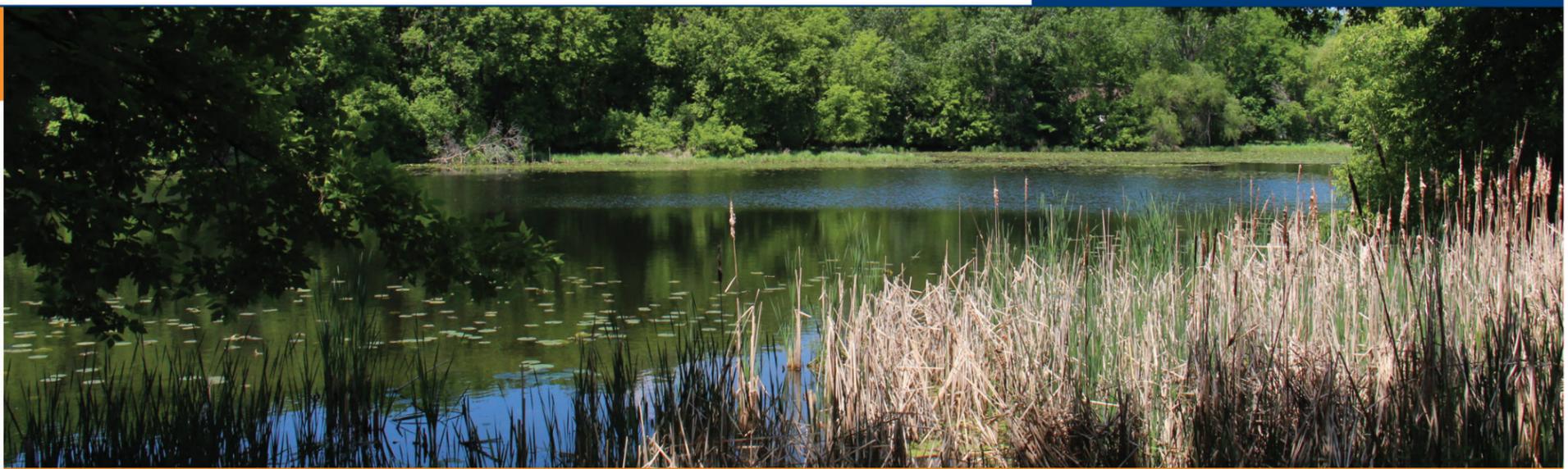
Fridley Civic Campus –
Fireside Room

Friday, May 17
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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



Finding Your Fun in Fridley

We want to know more about how and where you find your fun in Fridley parks, trails and other outdoor spaces. The city is taking a closer look at our parks and trails system to make sure they meet the needs of all residents. We want to hear what you like, don't like, and would like to see in our outdoor recreation areas. Your feedback will be used to help guide our programming, amenity information and future development.

Visit our interactive map at FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun-Updates to leave your feedback. We look forward to hearing what you think makes and will make Fridley fun!

Looking to get out in the parks this summer? Check out these bike, hiking and water trails recommendations.

Outdoor Fun in Fridley

Experience beauty and nature in your backyard with these local biking, water and hiking trails in Fridley!

Popular Bike Rides from Fridley

Enjoy one (or all!) of these bike ride suggestions that tour throughout Fridley!

Locke Park – Take the Rice Creek West Regional Trail to the picnic areas and trails along Rice Creek. Park at the Fridley Civic Campus (0.2 miles from the trail) or at the Locke County Park entrance (right by the trail). Varying trail lengths available, 3.2 miles to Long Lake Regional Park.

Springbrook Nature Center – Take the University Avenue trail and 85th Street trail to the Nature Center. Take a break before you head back and stroll through the woods! You may even be able to spot wildlife or blooming plants. Park at Springbrook Nature Center for an out and back ride. Varying trail lengths.

Coon Rapids Regional Dam – Take the Mississippi Regional Trail along the river to check out the dam, have a picnic or fish! Park at Riverview Heights Park to start the trail. The trail is four miles from the parking lot to the dam.



New Bike Racks, Fix-it Station Installed at City Parks

New bike racks, provided through the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership, were installed at Riverview Terrace and Moore Lake Park to accommodate bikers who stop for a rest break, to eat lunch or to enjoy the view! A Fix-It Station was installed at Community Park with equipment to inflate tires and make repairs to your bicycle! There is also a station at the Mississippi branch of the Anoka County Library.

With spring finally here, it is the perfect time to take to the trails! There are a variety of routes and difficulty levels of bike trails within the city.

Water Trails to Try

Did you know Fridley has some great options for non-motorized and motorized water crafts? Check out these options below.

Riverfront Regional Park – 5100 East River Road
Type of launch: Paved boat launch with parking lot; accessible to motorized and non-motorized watercraft (canoes, paddleboards).

Make a day of it: Start at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park and canoe down the Mississippi River to Riverfront Regional Park. Be aware of river conditions before starting. Length is 5.9 miles.

Moore Lake Park – 5890 Central Avenue
Type of launch: Natural launch from shore; accessible to non-motorized boats (canoes, kayaks, paddleboards).

Make a day of it: Canoe, kayak or paddleboard along the lake followed by a picnic at the Moore Lake Beach pavilion. Finish off the day with fishing from the pier, rated in the Top 50 “Mom Approved Places to Fish and Boat” by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Various trail lengths.

Hiking in Fridley

Meadowlands Park – 6641 Kennaston Street
A walking trail leads you around the park's playground equipment, through a wooded area and around two small ponds. Spot deer, birds and other creatures when meandering through! Various trail lengths.

Riverview Heights Park – 487 79th Avenue
A biking/walking trail takes you along the river and through wooded area, providing scenic views and places to fish along the Mississippi River. Various trail lengths.

Innsbruck Nature Center – 5815 Arthur Street
There is a walking/hiking trail throughout the park with slopes that lead you through an undeveloped, wooded area. Keep your eyes peeled for fox, birds, turtles and more around the pond. Various trail lengths.

How to Reserve a Park Shelter

Reserve a venue with a view for your next event! Shelters can be a great place for birthday parties, family get-togethers and more. To request the use of a park's shelter for your next event, visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/Recreation and click on Facility Rentals, stop by City Hall during regular work hours (M-F, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or call our Recreation Department at 763-572-3570.



FRIDLEY HISTORY CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House – May 11 & 25
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Fridley Historical Society invites all to come to their open house to see an amazing, new Fridley tornado artifact discovered in the basement of the old Fridley City Hall!

Open House – June 8 & 22
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

If you head over to the History Center, you will notice they are building another new exhibit in honor of our military servicemen and women.

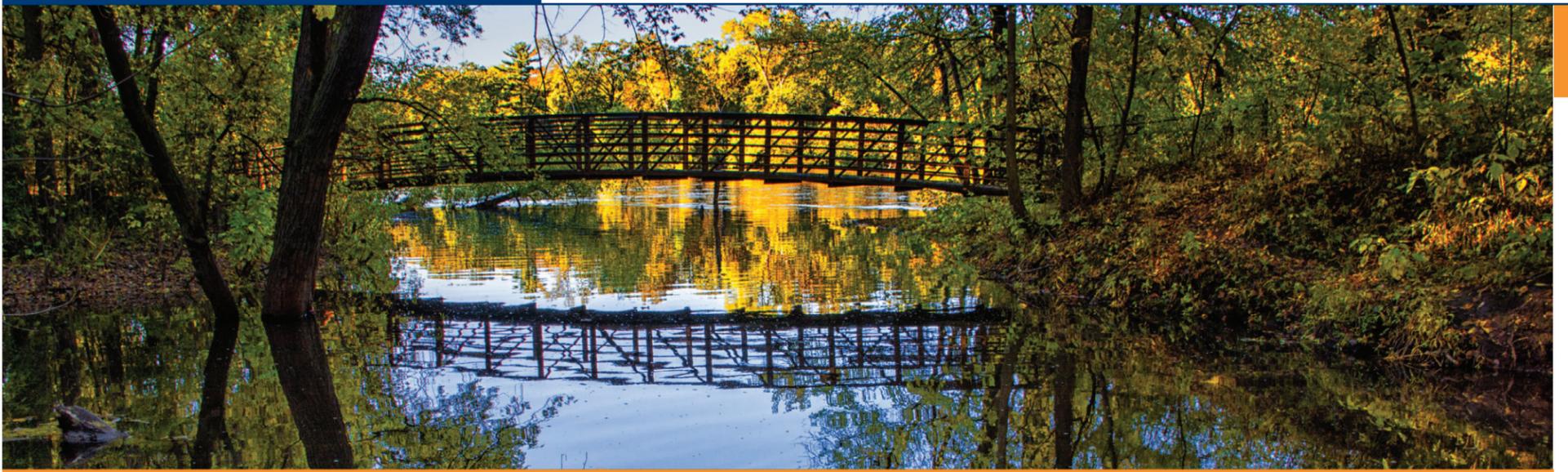
Save the Date – Fridley Historical Society's 2nd Annual Home & Garden Tour

Join the Fridley Historical Society on July 21 for their second annual Home & Garden Tour. Learn more about Fridley's beauty and history through local homes and gardens. Homeowners and/or guest speakers will be available at several homes. Call 763-571-0120 for more information.



A friendly reminder to place your recyclables loose in the cart or in paper bags. **Never put your recycling in plastic bags.** Plastic bags jam and damage the recycling equipment.





Locke Park Water Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project

A scheduled improvement and expansion project at the Locke Park Water Treatment Plant (located at University Avenue and 69th Avenues) is on track to begin this spring. The Locke Park Water Treatment Plant is one of three plants within the city and can produce 2.9 million gallons per day of drinking water.

This project will include needed updates to the plant's filtration system, safety upgrades and new driveway access. Additionally, the project includes construction of a reclamation system to reuse water in the treatment process. Without this reclamation system, the treatment plant discharges an annual average of 25 million gallons of groundwater to the storm sewer

system connected to Rice Creek. By installing the reclamation system, the City will significantly reduce the amount of water pumped from its deep water wells, conserve electricity needed to power the well pumps, reduce water treatment costs, and reduce artificially-induced flows to Rice Creek.

Construction at the Locke Park Water Treatment Plant will begin this spring with projected completion in 2020.

Safe drinking water is always a top priority for the City. We are proud to provide drinking water that continually meets all state and federal standards.

2018 Water Quality Report

Once again, we are proud to report that your drinking water meets all state and federal standards. Your drinking water continues to be safe, and we continue our commitment to keeping you informed. The 2018 Water Quality Report includes details on the results of water quality testing last year and news relating to Fridley's water system. View our annual water quality report online at FridleyMN.gov/water-quality.

We are driven to ensure your drinking water exceeds standards. For the latest water supply updates, please visit us online at FridleyMN.gov/water. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns – just call us at 763-572-3554.

Fridley Community Calendar

May

- 6 Charter Commission Meeting
- 6 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 14 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 27 City Offices closed for Memorial Day
- 28 City Council Meeting

June

- 3 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 5 Appeals Commission Meeting
- 6 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 11 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Council Meeting

July

- 1 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 4 & 5 City Offices closed for Independence Holiday
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 11 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 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 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.



Fridley Receives Federal Funding for Two Construction Projects

The City of Fridley applied for and received federal funding through a competitive selection program for two regional transportation projects. These projects will receive federal funding, and are planned for construction between 2021 and 2023.

Trail on 7th Street and 57th Avenue

The first project will receive 80 percent federal funding and includes adding a trail on 7th Street from 53rd Avenue to 61st Avenue and on 57th Avenue from 7th Street to University Avenue. In June 2017, a block party meeting was held to discuss the potential project and to receive feedback from the residents on what they would like to see in the area. Concepts for the project were developed based on feedback heard from residents and other stakeholders, and included the addition of the 57th Avenue leg of the project.

City staff plan on hosting an open house for this project later in 2019 to give an overview of what to expect and to answer any questions that residents might have about the project. This project is slated to start construction in 2021.

Restructure of roadway on 53rd Avenue near Target

The second project is a joint project with the City of Columbia Heights on 53rd Avenue west of Central Avenue (Hwy 65). This project will receive 90 percent federal funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program and proposes to add a median and turnabout on 53rd Avenue near Central Avenue and Target.

Staff have received complaints about traffic on 53rd Avenue near Central Avenue, especially during peak hours. Traffic engineers provided a preferred concept option for a turnabout (a modified roundabout) to help better the roadway.

Staff will be working with the businesses in the area and will be hosting open houses on the project later this year. This project is slated to start construction in 2022, with utility work beginning within the year.

New Things in Town: Development Updates

Fridley Station Village

Sherman Development has plans to begin its three building, 274-unit complex named Fridley Station Village. The development will reshape the eastern parking area of the Northstar station.



Each building in the development will provide modern amenities, including balconies on every unit, in-unit washers and dryers, community rooms, patio areas, fitness centers and will adhere to green design principles. Each building will also have its own recreational areas. The senior building will have an indoor pool for popular swimming classes, the market-rate building will have an outdoor pool for swimming and lounging, and the affordable building will have a splash pad area to appeal to the family demographic.

Construction will begin this summer, with all three buildings being constructed at once. Occupancy of the units will be available Fall 2020.

Northern Stacks - Building 8

With the success of Northern Stacks buildings 1-7, Hyde Development has chosen to purchase another existing industrial building at 5101 Industrial Blvd.



It is already available for lease and prospect interest has been strong. It has been updated to reflect the modern aesthetic of the Stacks 1-7, but will allow for lower-priced leases.

For more information, please contact Eric Batiza at 952-837-3007 or Jason Simek at 952-897-7898.

Boiler Room - Northern Stacks

Architects have indicated they are very close to submitting plans for a tenant for the Boiler Room at Northern Stacks. The developer has been working to bring a very exciting tenant to this unique



space and we anticipate plans will cross the Building Official's desk very soon. Watch for upcoming announcements to see what will be occupying the space.

Ebenezer Senior Housing

Over the last year, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has been working with Steve Dunbar of Ivy Properties on the potential redevelopment of the former city hall property. He has stated that when Fairview (who operates the building adjacent to the old building) heard city hall was being relocated, an idea was formed to create a project on the property that included Ebenezer, the senior housing division of Fairview Health Services. This idea would create a senior health campus that Ebenezer would operate and manage and would allow seniors to take advantage of the clinic, pharmacy, and medical services that Fairview offers next door.

The proposed project would allow for the construction of a 135-unit senior living community. The building will be four-stories tall with a pitched roof and a full underground parking garage. There will be a mix of independent living, assisted living, and memory care suites, along with a wide variety of common area amenity spaces such as a two-story lobby, an overlook library, a multi-purpose community room, and a fitness center.



Dunbar's group has designed the project considering the vacation of the University Avenue Service Drive, which will give the project an additional 38 feet of property. The new development will be accessed from Fourmtes Avenue NE, where there will be a parking lot with 43 surface stalls and a drop-off canopy at the front door. The underground parking garage will be accessed from the existing "alley" that connects to 5th Street. The former city hall building, adjacent parking ramp, and concrete foundation area will be demolished as part of this project. The existing garages and gun range will remain, as they will serve as storage and as a retaining wall for the parking lot and office building to the north.

Lennar Homes

Lennar Homes will be under construction Spring 2019, with 72 units of townhomes. Units will include both two- and three-story models, with two-car garages and modern technology to adjust lights, music, and room temperature by voice or from a remote location.

The units to be constructed by Lennar will be in the \$300,000-\$360,000 price range and will have two finish grades to choose from. In each case, Lennar representatives say that their "everything included" rules apply. You pick the finish level you desire, and everything is included, except your furniture and personal items.



With as quickly as the Pulte Patio Homes were sold, we are certain it says something about the builder and the place. Congratulations to the builder and welcome new residents that have chosen Locke Pointe as your new neighborhood! For contact information contact Josh Metzger at 612-360-9881.

Fridley Park of Commerce

John Allen's Fridley Park of Commerce has been a great success as the park's first building at 5601 East River Road was completed on schedule to meet the timeline of Taylor Communications, who needed to finish their interior buildout the first quarter of 2019. Taylor will soon have 300 employees onsite and will occupy that entire first building.

The second building constructed by Allen on this site is 156,000 square feet and will be considered a high finish exterior industrial office complex. Allen has had great reception from the industrial market and numerous compliments on the overall appearance and finishes in his Park of Commerce development.



Though there has been great interest and several potential prospects for his second building, Allen encourages those interested to contact him to discuss the potential the build provides. John Allen can be reached at 612-845-3200.

Community Investment Fund

The city recently created a Community Investment Fund and the City Council adopted a supporting policy for the fund. This fund will allow the city to finance the cost of long-term improvements internally as opposed to bonding or borrowing for them. Generally, the fund will support utility and other capital improvement projects. Those utility funds will repay the Community Investment Fund with interest, which the city would usually pay to third-party bond holders. Upon repayment to the fund, the interest income will be used to support Parks and Recreation improvement projects throughout the city. This new process will net the city more than \$1,000,000 over a 10-year period.

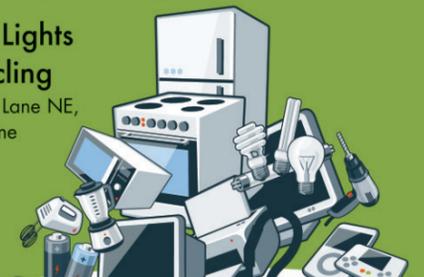


Summer Recycling Drop-off

Saturday, May 11 & July 13 • 9 a.m. to noon

Green Lights Recycling

1525 99th Lane NE,
Blaine



Residents can receive \$15 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, TVs, printers and more! FridleyMN.gov/dropoff.



Year of Energy: Residents using Rooftop Solar Panels

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 spoke with two Fridley neighbors, Brendan Bremener and Anna Pribula about their rooftop solar panels.

When Brendan Bremener moved to Fridley five years ago, he knew he wanted to do his part by making his home more environmentally sustainable. While attending a home show, he spoke with a solar contractor and became interested in roof top solar panels. "One surprising thing I learned during the process was that solar power was even a viable option right here in Minnesota. I, like many people, was skeptical...especially because of our snowy winters. However, I learned that we are on the same latitude as Germany which is one of the world's leaders in solar. If it is thriving there, there is no reason at all we can't do it here too", said Bremener.

His neighbor across the street, Anna Pribula, a Fridley resident since 1969, took notice and used the same contractor to install solar panels on her home two years later. "I am worried about the planet. Doing something to make a difference is important," explained Pribula regarding her decision to install solar panels on her own home.

Both Bremener and Pribula took advantage of the Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credit (valued at 30 percent of the system cost in 2019) at the time of installation and participate in an ongoing incentive program that pays them per kilowatt hour of energy produced. "It almost entirely covers the cost of the electric bill", said Pribula. While darker, snowy winter's impact the amount of solar generated, the other seasons have so far picked up the slack. "Our system has basically made our electric bill....a net zero," reported Bremener.

When asked if they would recommend installing solar panels, both Pribula and Bremener said "Absolutely". Bremener expounded "If participating in solar is something that is important to you, you can enter and support it at almost any level. You absolutely do not need to install a system that 100 percent covers your needs. Also, if you do not own a house or live in a less than ideal location to harness sunlight, Xcel Energy has a program that allows you the option to buy units of power that come from solar panels. Every bit helps!"

Roof-top attached solar is allowed on Fridley homes with the necessary building and electrical permits. Visits FridleyMN.gov/energy to view the checklist of the items you would need to get started. If you are interested in subscribing to a renewable energy program visit XcelEnergy.com/Renewables.



2019 Bike Helmet Clinic

May 7, 2019 – 4-7 p.m.
Fridley Police Department
7071 University Avenue NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Purchase a Bell bike helmet onsite for \$10!

A variety of helmet designs are available for children and adults. If you already own a helmet, we can still check to make sure it is fitted properly!

This is a free service.

Receive a car seat check-up – for free!

Safe Kids Anoka County offers free car seat check-ups to Anoka County residents. All clinic events are from 4 to 7 p.m. and appointments are first come, first serve. Appointments must be made in advance of the clinic by calling 763-502-1981.

September 18, 2019
Fridley Civic Campus
Public Safety Department
7071 University Avenue NE

Visit safekidsanoka.org to learn the dates and locations of other Car Seat Clinics going on throughout the summer.



Save the date:

NIGHT to UNITE!
Neighbors Joining Together

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Food Drive for Southern Anoka Communities Assistance (SACA)

Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) is a 501c3 non-profit food shelf located in Columbia Heights. SACA has been serving the communities of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley and Spring Lake Park for 42 years. They are now serving part of NE Minneapolis as well. They serve 500 – 625+ in-crisis families (1,450 to over 1,650 people) by giving out 39,500 – 45,000 plus pounds of food monthly.

Register for your neighborhood block party online:
FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite
*Registration is required to request a visit from police, fire or City officials.

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

Registration opens on July 1 at 8 a.m. and closes on July 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Wear the Badge: Patrick Faber

Wear the Badge is a program that is 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 opportunities to pursue a degree 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.



support patrol officers in the field.

In May 2015, Faber accepted a position with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office as a Licensed Water Patrol Deputy in Alexandria for the summer. However, he knew he wanted to come back to Fridley and serve as an officer in his hometown. He looked forward to the opportunity

Patrick Faber wanted to become a police officer since he was a kid – but no one could remember exactly where that stemmed from. His schooling allowed him to explore many career options, but he always gravitated back to law enforcement. Faber believes it was because of his goal to help others. His parents set that example and would try to help anyone in need, and he wanted to continue that legacy.

Faber was born and raised right here in Fridley. He participated in many community events as a kid – including Safety Camp, a program led by local police officers and firefighters. He looked up to the Fridley officers he met during his childhood – some of which would later become his colleagues. After high school, he attended Saint Cloud State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He completed his law enforcement skills program at Alexandria Community College and received his master's in Public Safety Executive Leadership. During his schooling, he worked at SCSU Public Safety as Campus Security, and was a Graduate Assistant for the Criminal Justice Department, all while participating in four years of college football. He also served as a Fridley Police Reserve volunteer for three years to

to give back to the community that gave so much to him. Faber received that chance in July 2015 when he was appointed to a Patrol Officer position with the City of Fridley.

Since joining Fridley's Public Safety department, Faber has become heavily involved with community outreach programs. He is a coordinator with the Police Activities League (PALs), a Police Reserve Advisor, Anoka County Safe Kids Car Seat Technician, Safety Camp counselor, HeartSafe instructor – just to name a few. One of his favorite parts of the job is connecting with community members, whether it be kids or adults.

Faber continues his career in law enforcement to make a difference and positive impact in the community. He has made it his goal to continue to better Fridley. He loves his job because he has the opportunity to change someone's life and their perspective of officers – even if their initial interaction with law enforcement was negative.

His advice to future officers is to treat people with dignity, respect, and provide the same type of service you would want someone you love to receive. He also says a smile can be contagious; to enjoy your time with family and friends; and to stay positive and optimistic.



Join us in May for a HeartSafe CPR and AED training

May 14, 6-7 p.m.
Fireside Room, Fridley Civic Campus
(7071 University Avenue NE)

What home projects have you been putting off?

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.

With Fridley home improvement loans, you can get those new windows you have been researching, revamp your outdated kitchen or finish your basement bathroom. We have partnered with the Center for Energy and Environmental 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!

Loan options

Check out our loan options to find one that best fits you and your home! Learn more and apply for a loan online at FridleyMN.gov/HomeLoans.

- Senior Deferred Loan Program
- Low Interest Loan
- Emergency Deferred Loan
- Multi-Family Exterior Loan
- Mobile Home Improvement Loan

Not sure where to begin? A free Remodeling Advisor Visit can help!

This free service for Fridley homeowners includes a visit to your home to assist with remodeling ideas, evaluate necessary repairs and improvements, and assist with reviewing bids. Call 612-335-5856 to schedule an appointment.

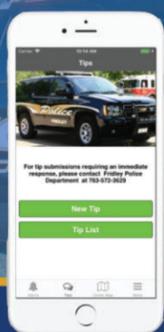


Let's Work Together

to continue to make Fridley a safe, friendly, vibrant and stable home for families and businesses.



Receive crime alerts and other community information



Submit an anonymous tip to Fridley Police



View our crime map, social media pages and website

Coffee with Cops

We invite you to chat with us! 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

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



Stop by Springbrook Nature Center for the Mississippi Multimedia Gallery™!



A Curated Exploration of America's Greatest River

Check out the *Mississippi Multimedia Gallery™* at the Springbrook Nature Center lobby during the month of May. The multi-media touch, on loan from Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education, is a large-format, multi-touch interactive display that brings the Mississippi River to life through interactive games, high-definition video, photo galleries, and immersive panorama photography.

Upcoming events at Fridley Liquor & Wine Suggestions

Alternatives to Sauvignon Blanc – Friday, May 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

In celebration of the warmer weather, join us at Fridley Liquor as we sample through some delicious alternatives to Sauvignon Blanc. We will discuss food pairings, regions and varietals at this informal event. Call Fridley Liquor at 763-571-1994 for more information and how to register.

Special Event – Wednesday, June 12

While we cannot highlight the specifics yet on this event, we can tell you that it will involve limited release whiskies and a sampling. To find out more about this event, stop by either Fridley Liquor location and register for a Rewards Card. Make sure to include your email when you sign up so you can be notified of upcoming events! You can also call the store at 763-571-1994 for more information.



I like this...	Try that!
Cabernet Sauvignon	2015 Domaine Herault Ville Vignes Chinon from France. 100% Cabernet Franc. Deep ruby color, moderate aroma intensity: notes of ash, smoke, and tart cherry. Dry, medium bodied, lively acidity. Medium-soft tannins, and medium flavor intensity. Excellent with beef or venison.
Pinot Noir	2016 Chateau de Corcelles Gamay le Premier Soir from France. 100% Gamay. Brilliant ruby color with aromas and flavors of bright red fruits. The softness of the tannins and the fruity palate promise an easy to drink wine. Enjoy slightly chilled and pair with light poultry dishes.
Sauvignon Blanc	2015 Chateau de Corcelles Gamay le Premier Soir from France. Melon de Bourgogne. This wine is ripe and full of attractive fruit. With a light touch of pepper as well as rich apples, it is shot through with acidity. Full in the mouth, it finishes with taut minerality. Ripe and lively, this Muscadet is showing delicious pear slices and green melon with a complimentary leesy note that rounds out the texture and gives it a refined finish.
Prosecco	Domaine Charles Sparr Cremant d'Alsace from Alsace. 100% Pinot Blanc. Medium bodied. Full acidity. Moderately fruity. Reminiscence of minerals, herb, tart citrus fruits. Rich with an intense concentration and focus. Good lift on the finish. Pairs well with your favorite black olive crostini, Chicken Marbella, eggs, sushi, fresh shucked oysters.
Moscato	2016 Van Loveren Neil's Pick Colombard from South Africa. 100% Colombard. Stunning off-dry style with fragrant guava roll and fruity flavors. Pairs well with chilled pork, duck, poultry, light stews or with snacks.

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

Fridley Liquor: Moore Lake
6289 Highway 65

City Launches New Volunteer Application System

The City of Fridley is launching a new online volunteer application through Volgistics, an online volunteer management software. Springbrook Nature Center has been using Volgistics for many years and now all City of Fridley volunteers will be able to experience the benefits and ease of the online software.

Volunteer opportunities

The City of Fridley is always looking for volunteers to help with special events, recreation programs, parks projects, and more! There is an opportunity for everyone – whether you want to utilize one of your skills or learn a new one.

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Fridley, you can fill out the application at FridleyMN.gov/Volunteer. You can also reach out to our Community Engagement Specialist, Alyssa, at 763-572-3579 or Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov.

Free and reduced services for your pets on May 18

Join us for our Mobile Pet Clinic on May 18 from 2-4 p.m. at Fridley Fire Station 1 (7071 University Avenue). No appointments needed. Stop by for free wellness exams and discounted, onsite services by local and licensed animal hospitals. Pet clinic vaccinations include:

For Canines: Rabies (3 year), DAPPv, DAPPv + Lepto, Lyme, Lepto, Bordetella.

For Felines: Rabies (3 year), FVRCP, Leukemia.

Lab tests: Canine 4DX, Feline FeLv/FIV/Heartworm, Fecal, Thyroid Panel, Geriatric Blood Screen.

*Microchip with Free Registration also available.



Dog licenses available for only \$15 (normally \$25)! Please bring proof of rabies vaccination. Reminder: Dogs must be on leashes and cats in kennels/carriers. Visit FridleyMN.gov to learn more.



Sign up for Organics Recycling!

Our Organics Recycling program keeps tons of material out of the waste stream each month. Sign up by June 15 and receive coupons for one free bag of compost! **New! Now open to townhome residents.**

Refer a friend: Mention a neighbor that participates in the program and they will receive one free month of pick-up!

Visit FridleyMN.gov/Organics to sign up and learn more.