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## Immigration Resources

The Fridley Police Department does not enforce immigration. Every member of our community will receive fair and impartial service, regardless of immigration status. **If you need help, call 9-1-1.**

The City has created a webpage to house resources including flyers, statements and messaging from City leaders, and a question and answer section. Learn more at [FridleyMN.gov/ImmigrationResources](http://FridleyMN.gov/ImmigrationResources).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Springbrook Nature Center



**Mark your calendars!** A variety of outdoor and environmental exhibitors will be present to help us appreciate our wonderful natural world.

Join us for the fun:

- Event passport and prizes
- Environmental and educational exhibitors
- Games, crafts and activities focused on environmental stewardship
- Bouncy castle
- Pop-up community toy store
- Food trucks
- Book swap
- And more!

**This free event will be jam-packed with activities for all ages!**



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## Save the Date: 2026 Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m.

Location: City Hall (7071 University Avenue NE)



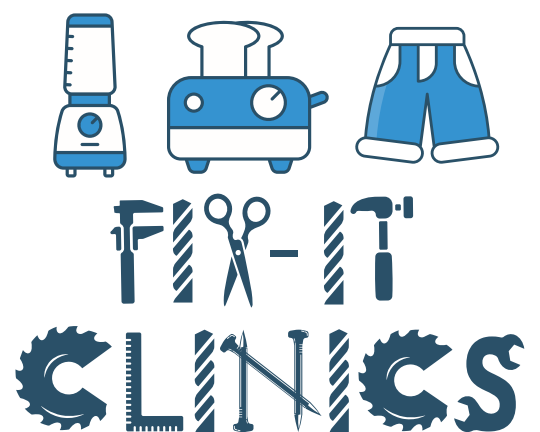
Join us for the City's annual Town Hall Meeting. This event provides an opportunity for residents to hear directly from City leaders, who will offer a brief presentation on a topic of importance to our community. Following the presentation, attendees are invited to participate in a question-and-answer session with City Councilmembers and Department Directors.

We look forward to seeing you there. Additional details will be posted as they become available on our website at [FridleyMN.gov](http://FridleyMN.gov) and on the City's social media channels.

## Anoka County Fix-It Clinics

Is your toaster on the fritz? The old radio not playing like it used to? Bring your broken items to Anoka County's upcoming Fix-It Clinic at Springbrook Nature Center on April 4 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteer fixers with experience in soldering, electronic repair, electrical repair, sewing and general tinkering will help fix your item.

Learn more and find the full year's schedule at [AnokaCountyMN.gov/FixIt](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/FixIt).



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## Spruce Up Your Home This Spring with City Grants & Rebates

As the construction season approaches, we're excited to highlight opportunities for homeowners to enhance their properties and save on utility bills. The City offers grants & rebates to help improve curb appeal and boost efficiency, making it easier for you to tackle those home projects you've been dreaming about.

### What's Covered?

- **Curb Appeal Improvements** – Upgrade your front yard with landscaping, a new driveway, garage, front door or qualifying projects with the Fridley Front Door Grant. The grant covers a portion of project costs, up to \$5,000. Front Door Grant applications are due Sunday, March 15.
- **Exterior Painting** – Give your home a fresh, vibrant look if you meet income qualifications. Up to \$500 reimbursement is available for owner-occupied, single-family homes, with more funds for multi-unit properties.
- **Water-Efficient Appliances** – Reduce water usage and lower utility bills with a Water Rebate for WaterSense or Energy-Star labeled appliances replaced in 2026. You'll

receive a \$100-\$150 rebate on your utility bill.

- **Insulation Upgrades** – Keep your home comfortable and energy-efficient year-round with a Home Energy Squad visit and subsequent Insulation Rebate, up to \$500.
- **Tree Planting** – Coming soon! The City was recently awarded a Community Planting Program grant from the DNR. More information will be available soon.

### How to Apply

Applications are simple! Visit [FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms](http://FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms) for details on eligibility, deadlines, and how to get started. Funds are limited, so don't wait. Apply early!

### Focus on the Front Door Grant – Applications due Sunday, March 15

Take your home project from 'drab' to 'dazzling' and qualify for a \$5,000 Front Door Grant from the Fridley Housing & Redevelopment Authority. Fridley homeowners who are planning basic home projects such as doing interior remodeling or replacing siding, roofing or windows are encouraged to add Beautification work to their front yard to qualify for funding. Investing at least \$4,000 in

two listed Beautification projects can pay off in big ways, enhancing curb appeal as well as pocketbooks.

### Qualifying Beautification projects include:

- Entry
  - Front door and/or storm door
  - Garage door
  - Front porch or front steps
- Windows
  - Enlargement of window openings or addition of windows (**New for 2026**)
  - Window boxes & shutters
- Exterior
  - Brick or stone facade accents
  - Decorative shakes or board and batten siding
  - Architectural accents
- Site Improvements
  - Permanent landscaping
  - Driveway & sidewalk repair or replacement
  - Decorative fence in the front yard

Please note: Basic projects (siding and window replacements) are ineligible for funding.

Add two or more beautification projects to be eligible for a \$5,000 grant.

## Keep House Numbers Visible

When homes are missing house numbers or the numbers are unable to be seen from the street, it can be challenging for emergency responders and City employees to locate homes in a timely manner.

### According to Fire Code IFC 505.1

(Address Identification):

- **Visibility and Placement:** Address numbers must be legible from the street or public way, positioned where they are easily seen.
- **Contrast:** Numbers must stand out clearly against their background.
- **Format:** Use Arabic numerals or alphabetical letters, not spelled-out words.
- **Size:** Minimum four inches (102 mm) high with a half-inch (12.7 mm) stroke width.
- **Maintenance:** Address identification must be kept legible and maintained.

## Creative Flow Art Center's Call for Art: Shared Currents

Water connects us all—our homes, fields, rivers and communities. We invite artists of all ages and backgrounds to explore the theme of water conservation and watershed collaboration through creative expression.

From the smallest drop to the vastest flow, your artwork can help spark awareness, reflection, and collective action for our shared waters.

Submit your artwork that celebrates, questions or reimagines our relationship with water and its beauty, fragility and power to unite.

### Important dates:

- April 4** – Applications open at [CreativeFlowArtCenter.org/Artist-Opportunities](http://CreativeFlowArtCenter.org/Artist-Opportunities)
- May 14** - Deadline to submit application

**Save the Date!** The opening reception will be on June 18 at Creative Flow Art Center (110 77th Way NE) with opportunities to view the artwork, drink from the Fridley "Water Bar," and more! More information is available at [CreativeFlowArtCenter.org](http://CreativeFlowArtCenter.org). You can also find other opportunities to celebrate our water resources occurring throughout the year as part of Sacred Water Shared Future, a campaign to honor 100 years of Mississippi River restoration, at [SacredWaterSharedFuture.org](http://SacredWaterSharedFuture.org).



# Protect Your Investment and Reduce Risk: Why Permits Matter

Planning a home renovation or a new backyard project is exciting! Home projects, from installing a new light fixture to remodeling a bathroom, are a significant investment and will be enjoyed for years to come. Permits ensure your investment is protected and your family stays safe. Whether you are doing the work yourself or hiring it done, the City reminds homeowners to stay on top of building and zoning permits before work begins.

## Why Do I Need a Permit?

Some might view permits as an unnecessary complication that slows down a project. However, they provide an essential safeguard for property owners.

- **Safety First:** Permits ensure that your project meets the Minnesota State Building Code and local safety standards. This covers everything from structural integrity to electrical wiring and fire safety.
- **Zoning Compliance:** Zoning permits ensure your project respects property lines, height limits and land-use regulations. This can prevent future legal disputes with neighbors or the City.

- **Quality Assurance:** City inspectors act as a second set of eyes. They verify that your contractor's work is up to code, ensuring you get the quality you paid for and your project is safe.
- **Insurance & Resale:** Many insurance companies will not cover damage resulting from unpermitted work. When it is time to sell your home, unpermitted improvements can complicate the closing process or decrease your home's value.

## Who Should Pull the Permit?

If you're doing the work yourself, you pull the permit(s). If you hire a contractor to complete the project, they are to pull the necessary permit(s). Keep in mind that, if for some reason you end up pulling any permits for the contractor, then you take on the responsibility and liability risk for their work. So, it's easy to see why it's best to have the contractor pull their own permits.

## The Permit Process

Getting a permit is a collaborative process designed to help your project succeed.

1. **Application:** Submit plans online at [Citizenserve.com/Fridley](https://Citizenserve.com/Fridley). If contractors are

doing the work, they will also apply for the required licenses and permits.

2. **Plan Review:** City staff review the designs for safety and zoning compliance. Allow one to two weeks for plan review during construction season.
3. **Issuance:** Once approved, your permit is available electronically and work can begin.
4. **Inspections:** At key stages (like framing or electrical), schedule an inspector visit to verify the work.
5. **Final Approval:** Once the project is complete, a final inspection ensures everything is safe and ready for use.

Doing it right the first time saves time and money. Avoid the headache of "stop-work" orders or having to tear out finished work that doesn't meet safety codes.

If you have questions about whether your upcoming project requires a permit, visit [FridleyMN.gov/Permits](https://FridleyMN.gov/Permits) or call 763-572-3604. We are here to help your vision come to life safely!

# Valuation Notices and Tax Statements Coming Spring 2026

**Valuation Notices:** Each year in March, Anoka County mails residents and businesses the valuation notice for Estimated Market Value of their property in the current year. The estimated market value will help determine what your property taxes could be in the following year. The Estimated Market Value for January 2, 2026 should arrive in the mail between the last week of March and the first week of April. When the document is received, please review it to ensure you are aware of the estimate and understand the specific remedies to appeal it if you believe the classification or valuation is incorrect.

**Appealing Your Valuation Notice:** If you choose to appeal your residential value, the first step is to call the Fridley Assessor's Office at 763-572-3537. The assessor will work with you to schedule a full inspection to review your to estimated market value. Questions regarding commercial, industrial or apartments should be directed to the City Assessor at 763-572-3536. We are also happy to review information that you provide such as an appraisal, a broker's price opinion or your

own research. If you can't come to an agreement with the assessor, you can appeal to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization held in April.

**Tax Statements:** Also included with the valuation notice is your Tax Statement for taxes payable in 2026. This is the document you will need when filing for a property tax refund and provides an itemized list of how your tax dollars will be distributed by taxing authorities, i.e. City of Fridley, Anoka County and School District. It also includes the same itemization from the previous year, which is useful for comparing year to year.

Take the time to check the classification which can be found under the estimated market value for each year and located in the upper righthand corner. There are tax benefits available for homestead properties so be sure you have the homestead classification if you own and occupy your residence. There is also a relative homestead, so be sure to check if you have a home where a qualified relative lives. If you are unsure or have any questions, call the Assessor's Office at 763-572-3537.

# 2026 is an Election Year

2026 is an election year in the City of Fridley, and it promises to be an exciting one. Three seats on the Fridley City Council are up for election in Wards 1, 2 and 3, and a new polling location will be opening in the new Commons Park Building.

## 2026 Elections:

- **Primary Election:** August 11 (early voting begins June 26)
- **General Election:** November 3 (early voting begins September 18)

## Key Information:

- **Candidate Filing:** Filing for the three City Council seats will begin on May 19 and end on June 2. Candidate filing packets are available from the City Clerk's Office or online at [FridleyMN.gov/Elections](https://FridleyMN.gov/Elections).
- **Election Judges:** The City is hiring election judges. Applications will be available online beginning April 1.
- **New Polling Location:** The polling location at Hayes Elementary School will be moving to the new Commons Park building. A mailing will be sent to impacted residents prior to Election Day.

For up-to-date information regarding elections, visit [FridleyMN.gov/Elections](https://FridleyMN.gov/Elections).



**Community Concert Series Returning This Summer!**

Our popular, free concert series will be returning for its sixth summer! Concerts take place on select Tuesdays at the Civic Campus Plaza or Springbrook Nature Center from 7 - 8 p.m. Concerts will feature a variety of music genres, food trucks and activities. A complete lineup of musicians/bands will be announced soon – keep an eye out for more information!

## 2025 Recycling Audit

Fridley residents are doing a great job recycling! In 2025, Fridley residents recycled more than four million pounds! A one-day audit of our curbside recycling composition by Republic Services, the City's contracted recycling hauler, found that Fridley's recycling was (by weight):

- 38% cardboard
- 26% mixed paper
- 11% plastics
- 6% glass
- 3% aluminum
- 1% tin
- 13% garbage

Garbage was primarily bagged material, plastic film such as bags and wrappers, Styrofoam and food. Help do your part by putting items in your recycling cart loose or in paper bags, but never in plastic bags. Brush up on your recycling skills at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](http://FridleyMN.gov/Recycling).

## Republic Services Announces "Track My Truck" Feature

Republic Services, the City's Recycling and Organics Recycling provider, now has a "Track My Truck" feature on their website. On your recycle/organics recycling day, "Track My Truck" allows you to see if the recycling/organics truck has serviced your property or is still on the way. To access the feature, create an account at [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com), link your account and check the box saying that you "pay a municipality or an HOA for my service." Residents can still report missed pick-ups by calling the City at 763-572-3594 and submit cart requests online at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](http://FridleyMN.gov/Recycling).

## March Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

March 14 | 8 a.m. - noon

In March, Fridley residents will have an opportunity for free and reduced recycling of bulky items such as mattresses, appliances, electronics and more! You can receive \$50 off your total with proof of Fridley residence (driver's license, mail or utility bill). See a full pricing list at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](http://FridleyMN.gov/Recycling).

All drop-off events will be held at Recycle Technologies Inc. Enter at 1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine.



# How can we make recycling better together?

Please recycle only the items below.



✓ **PLASTICS**  
Recycle plastics #1, #2, & #5. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows.



✓ **METAL CANS**  
Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.



✓ **CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES**  
You can also include newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books & brochures.



✓ **PAPER FOOD CONTAINERS**  
Recycle food boxes including: juice boxes, milk cartons, and cereal and pasta boxes.



✓ **PAPER**  
Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards & file folders.

DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Straws
- Plastic Food Wrappers
- Plastic without Numbers
- Greasy Food Containers
- Food or Liquid Waste
- Yard Waste
- Construction Debris
- Scrap Metal
- Hazardous Waste
- Electronics
- Cables or Batteries
- Diapers
- Tissue
- Bio-hazardous Waste
- Light Bulbs
- Ceramics
- Dishes or Mirrors
- Hoses
- Toys
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Tools
- Polystyrene foam
- To-Go Lids
- Holiday Decorations
- Hardback Books
- Egg Cartons
- Ice Cream Cartons (Wax Coated)

When in doubt, throw it out.



Empty. Clean. Dry.

For more information visit [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com)

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## Codes to Know:

### Code: 610.04 (10) - Outdoor Storage

Outdoor storage of materials, equipment or vehicles is prohibited unless it is approved through a Conditional Use Permit. Accessory outdoor storage must adhere to the standards in the Accessory Use-Specific Standards Chapter.

The following is exempt from the outdoor storage requirements and are only permitted as an acceptable use for one- or two- unit dwellings:

- Split and neatly stacked firewood in the side or rear yard.
- Private outdoor recreational equipment currently being used or intended for use upon the premises.
- Landscaping materials and machinery

currently being used or intended for use on a current project upon the premises.

- Boats, non-motorized camping trailers and empty utility trailers in the side or rear yard. Boats, non-motorized camping trailers and empty utility trailers stored in the front yard are required to be located on a hard surface driveway and must be set back at least 15-feet from the back of the street curb.

**Note:** Outdoor storage violations must be visible from the public right-of-way or public land to be cited. If the items are not visible from these areas, the Code Enforcement Inspector requires permission from the reporting property owner to view the violation from their private property.





## Water Efficiency Grant – Funding Announced!



The City of Fridley was awarded another water efficiency grant by the Metropolitan Council to provide residents and businesses rebates for switching to water-efficient appliances and irrigation systems. Rebates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Act now before funds run out! Apply today at [FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant](http://FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant).

Call 763-572-3554 with any questions.

### Why should I participate?

Funding for this rebate program is provided by the Metropolitan Council’s Water Efficiency Grant program to encourage water savings in Fridley. All of the City’s water comes from groundwater sources, which take many years to recharge, so it is important that we conserve our water. Pumping from the ground also uses considerable energy, which costs money and contributes to greenhouse gases. Many homes in Fridley have older appliances. Switching to newer, more efficient appliances will save you and the City money and help conserve resources.

### Rebate amounts:

Item	Specification	Rebate Amount	Estimated Water Savings
Dishwasher	Energy Star Labeled	\$150	4,000 gallons per year
Washing machine	Energy Star Labeled	\$150	2,000 gallons per year
Toilet	WaterSense Labeled	\$100	13,000 gallons per year
Irrigation System Controller	WaterSense Labeled	\$150	7,600 gallons per year
Irrigation System Audit	Conducted by WaterSense-Certified Irrigation Professional	\$150	Dependent on findings
Spray Sprinkler Body	WaterSense Labeled	\$5 per head	N/A
Rainbarrel	N/A	\$50	N/A

### Who qualifies for the rebate?

All property owners in the City of Fridley qualify. Renters are encouraged to work with the property owner to participate. Rebates for toilets, dishwashers and washing machines can only be used for replacement items, not for new construction. The product must have been purchased after July 1, 2022.

### How will I get my rebate?

Your rebate will be applied to your utility bill. Depending on when you submit your receipts, it may take a full billing cycle for your rebate to process. If your rebate is more than your water bill, the rest of the rebate will be applied to the second billing cycle.

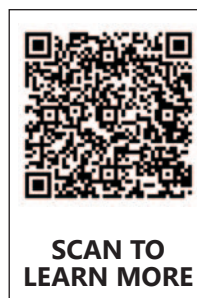
## Help Shape the Fridley Streets for All Plan

We’re committed to making streets in Fridley safer and more accessible for everyone: pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, transit users and drivers. The Fridley Streets for All Plan is being developed as a long-term strategy that expands upon recent studies of specific MnDOT and Anoka County-owned roadways to analyze crash trends, identify high-risk areas, and recommend countermeasures to reduce crashes and their impacts throughout Fridley’s entire transportation network. The plan will also support Fridley’s multimodal system improvements and inform an update to our next Active Transportation Plan. We can’t do it without your support! Resident feedback was vital during the development of the 2020 Active Transportation Plan which resulted in grant funding for new trails along 7th Street, 44th Avenue Bridge, and University Avenue.



### STREETS FOR ALL CITY OF FRIDLEY

Residents also guided MnDOT’s recent visioning for University Avenue and Central Avenue corridors. Let us know what transportation improvements and issues are important to you within your neighborhood, commute to work, recreational bike ride and more! Visit [FridleyMN.gov/StreetsForAll](http://FridleyMN.gov/StreetsForAll) to learn more about the effort, take the project survey, and share your feedback via our online map. This project is funded with a federal Safe Streets for All grant.



## Music in Our Parks

The Fridley City Band will perform free concerts on select Mondays in June and July at various City of Fridley Parks. All City Band concerts are from 7-8 p.m. Keep an eye out for an updated schedule of concerts coming later this spring.

## Help Stock the Pop-Up Community Toy Store

Swap out your gently-used, under-utilized toys this year. Help us promote reuse in our community by dropping of your lightly-loved children’s toys, puzzles, games and art supplies to be redistributed during the Pop-Up Community Toy Store at the Environmental Fun Fair. We will be collecting toys in the lobbies of Fridley City Hall and Springbrook Nature Center during business hours from April 1-30.

Please:

- Ensure all items are clean and in good condition
- No broken, ripped, damaged or recalled toys
- No items with missing or broken pieces
- No clothing or stuffed animals
- Include working batteries for all electronic items



## Spring Safety: Essential Tips for Your Home and Family

Spring is a season of renewal, longer days, warmer weather and more time spent outdoors. As you open windows, tackle home projects and enjoy the fresh air, it's also the perfect time to refresh your approach to safety. Fridley Public Safety encourages residents to take a few proactive steps this spring to help protect their homes and keep their families healthy and secure.

### Home Maintenance and Fire Safety:

- **Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors:** Test all alarms in your home to ensure they're functioning properly. Replace batteries when you change your clocks, and make sure alarms are less than 10 years old.
- **Clear away yard debris:** Leaves, branches and dry vegetation can become fire hazards. Regularly clean your yard to reduce fire risk.
- **Properly store flammable materials:** Keep gas, oil and other flammables in approved containers and store them in well-ventilated areas away from heat sources.
- **Outdoor grilling:** Inspect your grill for leaks or damage before use. Always grill in well-ventilated areas away from buildings and flammable materials.

- **Check emergency exits and stairwells** to ensure they are clearly marked, unlocked and free of storage or debris.
- **Inspect windows and balconies,** especially child safety locks and railings, to prevent falls as windows are opened more frequently.
- **Review your building's or home fire evacuation plan** and know at least two exits from each room.
- **Avoid overloading outlets** when switching from winter heating devices to fans or air conditioners.
- **Check extension cords and outlets:** Inspect cords for fraying or damage and never overload outlets to prevent electrical fires.
- **Inspect and test outdoor lighting:** Replace any burned-out bulbs and check for loose or damaged fixtures to maintain visibility and deter intruders.
- **Never prop open fire doors;** they are critical for slowing the spread of smoke and flames.
- **Campfire safety:** When having recreational fires, be sure to review the Fire Safety Chapter of the City Code. Fully extinguish

any fire before leaving by using water and stirring ashes to ensure the fire is completely out.

### Weather and Emergency Preparedness:

- **Prepare for spring storms:** Ensure your family has an emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, batteries, water and a weather radio. Keep trees and branches trimmed to prevent storm damage.
- **Keep battery-powered lights, chargers and radios readily available.**
- **Plan alternative routes** and transportation options in case of flooded streets or service interruptions.
- **Store important documents digitally** and in waterproof containers.
- **Identify a safe place indoors** away from windows during thunderstorms or high winds.
- **Inspect your roof and gutters:** Clear out debris from gutters and downspouts to avoid water buildup and inspect your roof for damage that could lead to leaks.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Shelby Wolf, Fire Marshal at 763-572-3621 or email at [Shelby.Wolf@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Shelby.Wolf@FridleyMN.gov).

## SAFETY CAMP

June 23-24 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Grades 2-4 | \$55

Join Fridley Police, Fire and Recreation to learn about good safety practices while having fun, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the Police and Fire Divisions! Kids will also learn from our partners from Northstar Search and Rescue, The Raptor Center, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Allina Health, Springbrook Nature Center and more. Safety topics include fire, seat belt, animals, weather, electrical, bicycle, first aid, water and 911.

All campers will participate in our end-of-camp graduation ceremony. Registration includes a bike helmet, t-shirt, tote bag and daily lunch/snacks. Learn more at [FridleyMN.gov/SafetyCamp](http://FridleyMN.gov/SafetyCamp).

*\*Grades listed apply to the 2025-26 school year.*



## Citywide Garage Sale: June 5 - 6

Save the Date for this year's Citywide Garage Sale! The sales will be held on June 5-6, and Trash to Treasure Day will be held on June 8.

Registration to host a sale is free and will be open May 1-30. Visit [FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale](http://FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale) for more information.

# Navigating Roundabouts in Fridley

Designed to improve traffic flow and enhance safety, roundabouts help reduce delays and lower the risk of serious crashes. While roundabouts can feel unfamiliar at first, they're easy to use once you know what to expect. Here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind when approaching and driving through a roundabout:

### Enter Carefully

Approach slowly and be ready to stop. Drivers approaching a roundabout must yield to vehicles already moving through the roundabout. Once there's a clear opening, enter and continue without stopping.

### Be Alert at Crossings

Always check for pedestrians and cyclists when entering or exiting a roundabout. Pedestrians have the right of way at marked crosswalks, and cyclists may travel through the roundabout with vehicle traffic.

### Let Others Know Where You're Going

Using your turn signal helps everyone navigate safely.

- If you're taking the first exit, signal to the right as you approach the roundabout.
- If you're taking the second exit, signal to the right just before exiting.
- If you're taking the third exit or making a full loop, signal to the left as you approach the roundabout, then signal to the right before you exit.

## Celebrate Earth Week

Celebrate Earth Week with us by choosing actions to make Fridley a more sustainable community! Check out these ideas and programs available to Fridley residents.

### Sunday, April 19

Do a recycling audit to make sure your cart is free of non-recyclable materials such as plastic bags or food. Find a full list of what can be recycled at [FridleyMN.gov/Recycling](http://FridleyMN.gov/Recycling).

### Monday, April 20

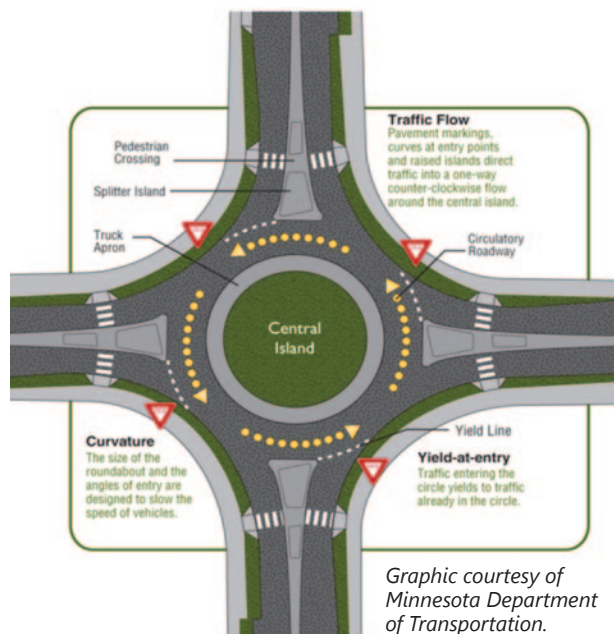
Find out how to reduce your home's energy with a personalized home energy audit. Sign up at [HomeEnergySquadMN.com](http://HomeEnergySquadMN.com).

### Tuesday, April 21

Plan a native plant garden to support our pollinators. Find planting plans and more at [BlueThumb.org/Plan-A-Project](http://BlueThumb.org/Plan-A-Project).

### Wednesday, April 22

Sign up for organics recycling to start diverting your food waste from the landfill. Use the promo code "EarthWeek" when you sign up at [FridleyMN.gov/Organics](http://FridleyMN.gov/Organics) to receive three free months.\*



### Stay in Your Lane

Roundabouts are one-way and move counterclockwise. Choose the correct lane before entering and remain in that lane until you exit.

### Allow Space for Larger Vehicles

Buses, trucks and emergency vehicles may require more room to maneuver. Please be patient and allow them the room they need.

Roundabouts reduce the number and severity of crashes. They also help keep traffic moving, reducing congestion during busy times.

To learn more about roundabouts and how they work, visit the Minnesota Department of Transportation's website at [DOT.State.MN.US/Roundabouts](http://DOT.State.MN.US/Roundabouts).

### Thursday, April 23

Power your home with solar energy through a Renewable Connect subscription from Xcel Energy. No onsite panels needed. Learn more at [MN.My.XcelEnergy.com/S/Renewable/Renewable-Connect](http://MN.My.XcelEnergy.com/S/Renewable/Renewable-Connect).

### Friday, April 24

Help keep our waterways clear by signing up to adopt a drain at [MN.Adopt-A-Drain.org](http://MN.Adopt-A-Drain.org). Adopters remove trash, leaves and other pollutants that accumulate around storm drains to keep them out of the storm sewer system.

### Saturday, April 25

Take a stroll on a Fridley trail. New trails installed this past year include the Sylvan Hills Park loop and the University Avenue Trail. Or, stick with a classic trail like the Rice Creek West Regional Trail.

\*Three free months are applied to your second billing cycle.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### March

- March 2 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- March 2 | Charter Commission Meeting
- March 4 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- March 5 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- March 9 | City Council Meeting
- March 10 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- March 18 | Planning Commission Meeting
- March 23 | City Council Meeting

### April

- April 1 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- April 2 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- April 6 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- April 6 | Charter Commission Meeting
- April 13 | City Council Meeting
- April 14 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- April 15 | Planning Commission Meeting
- April 27 | City Council Meeting

**A full City calendar is available at [FridleyMN.gov](http://FridleyMN.gov).**

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

Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in any City of Fridley services, programs or activities. Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons who require auxiliary aids should contact the City at 763-572-3450.

## Northstar Commuter Rail Replaced by More Frequent Buses

Northstar Commuter Rail Service ended on January 4. Metro Transit has increased the amount of local bus trips through the corridor to nearly 400 weekly bus trips, including stops along East River Road. Learn more at [MetroTransit.org/Northstar](http://MetroTransit.org/Northstar).

## Help Protect our Waterbodies

In Fridley, our storm sewer system drains to local waterbodies including Moore Lake, Rice Creek and the Mississippi River. To prevent pollution from entering these waterbodies, only stormwater should enter storm sewer drains. Anything else, including oil, chemicals, grass clippings or sediment is usually an illicit discharge. Dumping these items into the storm sewer system is a violation of the Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Chapter of the City Code. Help us protect our waterbodies by reporting illicit discharges to our Public Works Department at 763-572-3566.



**COMMONS PARK**  
FRIDLEY MINNESOTA

CONCEPT RENDERING  
BY ARTIST  
KEN MCCALL



## Park System Improvement Plan Update

Placemaking is a term used to describe an approach to design that intentionally connects people, maximizes shared value and promotes a unique community identity.

In many ways, there is more than meets the eye in the development of new parks. Friendships made on the little league field (and sideline) become more important than the game itself. Traditions of annual events in the park grow into lasting memories, and that unique playground becomes a local landmark. Our public spaces help define what it means to live in Fridley and there are many more unique features coming in the form of parks and public art.

An inspiring and beautiful piece of public art is coming to Commons Park. Artist Ken McCall

was selected by Fridley's Public Arts Commission, a group of seven residents, to create a unique sculpture for the park project. With the artist's design being driven by community input and funding coming from community donations, this project represents the unique culture, natural history and character of Fridley.

Residents can look for the artwork to be installed this summer, and there will be much more coming to celebrate this amazing addition to our park system and public art program.

### Park Buildings

Unique park buildings at Moore Lake Park and Commons Park have and will become local landmarks and backdrops for our celebrations, events, summer programs and daily lives.

### Art Around the City

Sculptures, murals, utility box art wraps and other public art installations will appear across Fridley over the coming years, adding vibrancy, unique character and a sense of place. Funding for the new piece at Commons Park and utility box art wraps comes from the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation.

### '49er Days

In addition to unique and vibrant public spaces, our Parks and Recreation team is working hard with a group of dedicated residents on the Fridley '49er Days Committee to reimagine Fridley's community festival and to celebrate the new Commons Park and public art project on July 16-18, 2026. Mark your calendars to be a part of this event that makes Fridley a special place to call home.



## ADOPT-A-PARK

Make a difference in Fridley! We are looking for community members, families, groups or organizations to adopt our City parks. A one-year commitment with at least four clean-ups each year is required and training is provided.

Adopt-A-Park volunteers will be recognized by signage in their adopted park and through community events.

Help Make Fridley Parks Shine!

To adopt:

763-572-3570

FridleyMN.gov/AdoptAPark

## FRIDLEY '49ER DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, JULY 16



- Pre-Parade Party with a DJ, Ninja Anywhere, Food Trucks and More!
- Annual Fun Run
- Fridley Lions Club Parade

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Car Show
- Movie in the Park
- Music
- And More!

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- Live Music
- Commons Park Grand Opening
- Kids Activities
- Tournaments
- Food Trucks
- And More!

More event information can be found online at [FridleyMN.gov/49ers](http://FridleyMN.gov/49ers).

## SUMMER ROCKS

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVE KIDS IN THE SUMMER

June 15 – August 14 | 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Commons Park

Our Popular all-day recreation program will be held at the new Commons Park Recreation Building! Kids currently in grades K-6 will experience a variety of activities each week including classes, special events, field trips, outdoor adventures and time at the new Commons playground and splash pad.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4!