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Elections Update

Now that summer is here, the City of Fridley is busy preparing for the primary election on August 11. Here is all the information that residents should know ahead of Election Day:

Early Voting

Early voting is available at City Hall beginning June 26 on business days between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It's fast and easy! Residents can also request a mail-in ballot by visiting MNVotes.org.

Find Your Polling Location

Residents who are unsure where they vote on Election Day can find their polling location at MNVotes.org or by viewing the Polling Location Map. Please note that residents who previously voted at Hayes Elementary School will now be voting at the new Commons Park building. For any questions related to polling places or early voting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 763-572-3573.

Become an Election Judge

The City is still recruiting Election Judges. Election Judges work a full day on Election Day helping check voters in and assisting them in casting their

2026 Elections:
Primary Election: August 11
 Early voting begins: June 26
General Election: November 3
 Early voting begins September 18

ballots. All training is provided - it's a great way to give back to the community. Apply online at FridleyMN.gov/Employment.

Candidate Information

Candidate Filing for three open seats on the Fridley City Council took place from May 18 to June 3. The following candidates will appear on the ballot at the General Election in November.

- Ward 1: Emily Villanueva, Luke Cardona, Abdilahi Jama
- Ward 2: John Brillhart, Ryan Evanson, Natividad Seefeld
- Ward 3: Liz Novotny, Ann Bolkcom

For the latest information, visit FridleyMN.gov/elections or email election staff at Elections@FridleyMN.gov.



Join us for the Commons Park Grand Opening on July 18!

The wait is nearly over for the new Commons Park! Our community will celebrate the grand opening of Commons Park on Saturday, July 18 as part of Fridley '49er Days.



The celebration will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting and public art dedication at 2 p.m. There will also be musical performances, food trucks and activities as part of the community festival throughout the day.

Check out page 5 for the full schedule of events!

NIGHT to UNITE!

Tuesday, August 4

Night to Unite will be held on August 4 from 6-9 p.m. at various block party locations throughout the City. Public Safety and City staff will make an effort to stop by every registered party to connect with the community.

This is a great opportunity for neighbors to connect with each other and build relationships with the Public Safety Department. With typically more than 80 block parties registered, this annual event is an evening full of community, fun and celebration!

Thank you for your partnership in making Night to Unite a valuable community event.



Register to Host a Block Party

Please complete the block party application online at FridleyMN.gov/NightToUnite by Sunday, July 21.

Completion of this registration will place your party on a list to be visited by members of our Public Safety staff. You will also receive a small bag with goodies for your party. Pick-up of these items is scheduled for Thursday, July 30.



Affordable Financing for Fridley Home Upgrades

Don't let rising costs put your home improvement plans on hold. Help is available to make projects more affordable. Fridley offers several low- and no-interest financing options to help homeowners complete important repairs and upgrades.

Loan funds can be used for most permanent home improvements, including repairs that improve safety, energy efficiency or accessibility. Past projects include:

- **Home exteriors:** Roofing, siding and window replacement or repairs

- **HVAC:** heating or air conditioning projects, including upgrading to a high efficiency system
- **Electrical & plumbing repairs:** Panel upgrades or correcting outdated wiring
- **Accessibility improvements:** Ramps, grab bars or modifying entryways

Deferred loans of up to \$20,000 are available for households earning 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less. These loans require **no monthly payments**, making it easier to

take on essential home projects when budgets are tight.

For seniors, an additional option is available: Senior Deferred Loans for households earning up to 60% of AMI. These loans also require no monthly payments and can support a wide range of permanent home improvements. At least one property owner must be 62 years old or better.

If your household does not qualify for a deferred loan, **low interest loans at just 2%** are also available. Households can hold multiple loans at the same time.

Getting started is simple — the first step is to contact Fridley's lending partner, Center for Energy and Environment at mncee.org/Fridley or 612-335-5884. CEE staff can help determine which program you qualify for and guide you through the application process.

2026 Income Limits by Household Size

Household size	1	2	3	4
80% AMI	\$76,350	\$84,200	\$94,700	\$105,200
60% AMI	\$55,250	\$62,100	\$71,050	\$78,900

Art and Water Workshops

Connection Event: Pocket Watersheds

Grab a friend for this free community-focused gathering to explore local waterways through the ancient craft of wet felting. This fun and casual event features Artist and Botanist Sarah Nassif, who will guide you through the process of creating your very own woolen Pocket Watershed. All supplies are provided; no prior experience needed.

All Ages Su Jul 19 2 p.m. Free
Registration Required Springbrook Nature Center

To register, visit EventBrite.com and search "Creek Connections: Creative Events with CCWD".

Make a Frog, Toad, or Polliwog for Citizen Art Project

Last year, the City partnered with the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation, Rice Creek Watershed District and Mary T/Crooners Supper Club to install a sculpture of a northern leopard frog in Moore Lake Park. This year, you can attend a workshop with the frog's artist, Jessica Turtle, to create your own frog, toad or polliwog which will be displayed in a traveling community art installation. Templates and resources available for all ages and skill levels! Following the exhibit, your amphibian can be returned to you.

All Ages Sa Aug 1 10 a.m. - Noon Free
All Ages Th Sep 17 6 - 8 p.m. Free
Registration Required Moore Lake Park Comm. Bldg

Register at least two weeks prior to the workshop at FridleyMN.gov/RecRegister.

A New Era for Fridley Parks

Fridley will come together to celebrate our community and the grand opening celebration of the new Commons Park during Fridley '49er Days on July 16 - 18. Commons Park was reimagined with resident input, to serve as the hub for recreation, community and wellness in Fridley for decades to come.

Residents will enjoy summer at the park through the inclusive playground, splash pad, athletic amenities and special events. Winter will be a magical time at the park as well with sledding, ice skating, lit plazas and pathways, and year-round indoor rental space for events, parties, meetings and more!

The Commons Park Recreation Building will serve the park through access to rental spaces, restrooms, water, vending, information and seating. This facility will be staffed and open daily May through September and open to the public on weekends year-round from October to April. Classes and rental opportunities will be available daily throughout the year.

With construction wrapping up at Commons Park, two of our neighborhood parks will be renovated in the summer and fall of this year. Flanery Park will receive new tennis and pickleball courts, a new playground, walking paths, parking area and basketball court. This park has a rentable park shelter that will receive



MADSEN PARK CONCEPT – OPTION 1



MADSEN PARK CONCEPT – OPTION 2

updates as well. Summit Square Park will also receive a new playground and updated amenities.

2027 will also be a major year for park reconstruction projects. Five parks including Ruth Circle, Hackmann, Madsen, Harris Lake and Briardale Parks are scheduled for construction. Thank you to the many residents that attended informational and engagement meetings to help plan these parks throughout May and June. Feedback from residents has helped to make our parks unique to Fridley and most impactful to the neighborhoods they serve.

2026 Town Hall Recap

The 2026 Town Hall took place on Saturday, April 25, bringing residents together to learn about the early stages of the City's Comprehensive Plan 2050. The event served as one of the first major public engagement opportunities in the multi-year planning process, which will guide the community's long term vision for land use, housing, transportation, parks, sustainability and economic development.

During the Town Hall, attendees heard a detailed presentation from the Community Development Department outlining the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, the timeline for its development and the key themes emerging from preliminary research. Staff highlighted the importance of resident input in shaping policies that reflect local priorities and anticipate future needs.

Following the presentation, community members participated in a question and

answer session, offering comments and raising topics ranging from neighborhood growth and infrastructure to environmental initiatives. The open dialogue allowed residents to better understand how the planning process works and how their feedback will be incorporated.

After the main program, attendees had the opportunity to speak one on one with representatives from various City departments. These informal conversations gave residents a chance to share specific ideas, learn more about ongoing projects and connect directly with staff involved in long-range planning efforts.

If you missed the event, you can watch the recording of the meeting and review the presentation at <https://bit.ly/4cDBfFB>, or visit FridleyMN.gov/2050 to read more about the Comprehensive Plan.

Comp Plan Kickoff Recap

Following a successful kickoff in April, Fridley's 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update is underway! The project was introduced at Fridley's April 25 Town Hall and a following joint meeting of the City Council, Planning Commission and Housing & Redevelopment Authority. Residents, commissioners and community partners expressed enthusiasm about contributing to this once a decade planning effort and helping shape Fridley's long term vision.

Building on Early Community Momentum

Throughout these initial conversations, people shared interest in weighing in on new regional planning requirements—including new elements of Climate and Natural Systems planning. Planning efforts also recognize the importance of preparing for MnDOT's planned changes to University and Central Avenues, as well as the opportunities and changes that Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will bring to the city.

The City will continue to explore how these evolving transportation patterns, redevelopment needs and environmental considerations can be balanced to support a resilient and vibrant future Fridley to 2050 and beyond—after all, it's never too early to plan for the City's 100-year birthday, which will be in 2049!

Looking Ahead: How You Can Help Guide the Plan

Engagement opportunities throughout the process will invite residents to help shape priorities related to housing, redevelopment, natural systems, transportation and neighborhood character. Some early ways to get involved include:

- Connecting with the planning team at summer events, including the '49ers Days festival in July and Night to Unite neighborhood parties in August.
- Taking the community wide survey when it launches in July.
- Participating in fall workshops focusing on Climate and Natural Systems and Housing and Redevelopment.

Stay Informed and Engaged

Project updates, event details, and planning materials will be shared on the City's website as the process moves forward. Signing up for email updates is an easy way to follow progress and see how community voices are guiding Fridley's path to 2050. Find us online at FridleyMN.gov/2050.

Your Tax Dollars at Work: 2025 Performance Measures Report Highlights

The City of Fridley recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association, with special recognition for our annual Performance Measures Report. This report isn't just about numbers. It's about demonstrating how your tax dollars are working for you every day.

Our Project Management Team, trained staff from various city departments specializing in process improvement and performance measurement, tracks key metrics across all city operations. This cross-departmental approach helps us identify trends, measure effectiveness, and make informed decisions about resource allocation.

Highlights from 2025

Public Safety Excellence

Police and Fire continue to deliver exceptional service. Police maintained response times at 5:50 minutes, and total crime remained stable at 1,737 incidents. The Fire Division maintains its Class 3 ISO rating, which helps keep your homeowner insurance rates lower, with an average response time of 6:09 minutes.

Infrastructure Investments Paying Off

The City maintains 87 miles of streets, and our systematic approach to road maintenance kept pavement quality stable. In 2025, snow plow crews cleared all city streets in an average of six hours, ensuring you can get to work, school stays open and businesses keep running safely during winter storms.

Water and Sewer Systems Running Smoothly

Our sanitary sewer maintenance program keeps blockages extremely low at just 0.06 per 100 connections, demonstrating effective preventive maintenance that protects your home from costly sewage backups.

Fiscal Responsibility in Action

Fridley maintains a strong Aa2 bond rating from Moody's, the third-highest possible rating. This means when we need to borrow money for major infrastructure projects, we get better interest rates.

Property Values and Community Quality

Code enforcement cases per 1,000 residents remained stable at 25.4, reflecting our commitment to maintaining neighborhood quality and preserving property values through consistent enforcement and resident education.

Your property tax dollars directly fund the services you rely on daily - police and fire protection, street maintenance and infrastructure that protects your home's value. Through performance tracking, we work to stretch every dollar further and deliver clear information on how your money is being spent.

The complete 2025 Performance Measures Report is available at FridleyMN.gov/PerformanceMeasures. We welcome your questions and feedback as we continue working to serve you effectively and efficiently.

OUR LEADERS ARE READERS

July 30: Fire Aug 13: Mayor/Council Aug 27: Police 10:30 a.m. | Civic Campus



Join us at the Fridley City Hall as our civic leaders read stories about their jobs and roles in the city. After each story readers will guide a behind the scenes tour of their work spaces. This program is brought to you in partnership with the Anoka County Library Mississippi Branch.



2026 Tree and Native Plant Programs

We need your help to grow Fridley's community forest! Our city has lost many trees to storms and diseases such as emerald ash borer over the past few years. You can help preserve all the benefits that trees provide such as improved air and water quality, reduced energy bills, and shade by planting a tree in your yard. The City has received grant support from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to help you get a tree in the ground this year in addition to our annual Tree and Native Plant Sale. Signups for all programs is limited and accepted on a rolling basis. Participation in multiple programs is allowed. Learn more, find out if you are in the priority planting area, see available species and sign up at FridleyMN.gov/Forestry or by calling 763-572-3594.

Community Tree Planting Grant

The City has received grant funding from the DNR to support residents in planting up to two trees on their own property for no cost. This program is only available to residents in the DNR's Priority Tree Planting Area. Participants can choose to have the free trees delivered to their house to plant themselves or have the City's contractor plant the tree if assistance is needed.

Voluntary Boulevard Planting Program

The Voluntary Boulevard Tree Planting Program allows residents to request up to two trees to be planted in the City-owned boulevard area in front of their home for no cost. All homes have a boulevard, even if there is no sidewalk. This program is open to all Fridley property owners along City-owned roadways. The City's Public Works Department will plant the trees at no cost to you in mid-September.



2026 Annual Tree and Native Plant Sale

The City of Fridley's tree is now open through the end of July. There is a limit two trees per species per household.

Species	Description	Ecological Value	Container Size	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Cost*
Alder 'Prairie Horizon'	This fast-growing tree is well-suited for difficult sites.	Seeds provide food source; butterfly host species; nesting habitat	#10	25-50 feet	Full sun; Part shade; Shade	\$34
Arnold Buckeye 'Autumn Splendor'	This medium-sized tree has beautiful flowers and a showy autumn color.	Flowers attract pollinators; nuts provide food source; nesting habitat	#10	35 feet	Full sun; Part shade	\$55
Cherry (Edible Species)	This small tree produces an edible fruit for fresh eating and cooking (please check website for varietal).	Flowers attract pollinators; fruit for birds	#7	15 feet	Full sun	\$36
Cockspur Thornless Hawthorn	This small tree is an excellent accent tree with stunning flowers and a unique growth pattern.	Flowers attract pollinators; butterfly host species; fruit for birds	#10	25 feet	Full sun	\$44
Eastern Redbud 'Minnesota Strain'	This small tree has beautiful early spring flowers.	Flowers attract pollinators; nesting habitat	#10	25 feet	Full sun; Part shade	\$52

We are also excited to once again partner with Minnesota Native Landscapes to offer discounted pricing on native seed and plant kits to help your yard become pollinator friendly.

Seed Mixes: Bagged seed mixes are a low-cost way to establish a pollinator patch when precise plant layout is not important. Seed mixes include cover crops to stabilize the soil while the plants establish, which can take up to three years. You may choose to mix seed with plugs for greater visual impact. Learn more about how to prepare an area for seeding at FridleyMN.gov/Pollinators.

Name	Planting Area	Description	Cost*
Pollinator Mix	100 square feet	A diverse mix for pollinators. Grasses, sedges, and over 25 wildflower species, for dry to mesic conditions.	\$20
Bee Lawn	1,000 square feet	A short stature, pollinator-friendly, and low maintenance alternative to traditional turf. Contains non-native species that provide pollinator forage and requires less mowing, watering, and fertilizer.	\$80

Plant kits: Each kit will consist of 36 plugs comprised of six plants of six different species. Species may be substituted based on nursery availability. All kits cost \$57.60. Find example kit contents at FridleyMN.gov/Forestry.

Name	Description
Backyard Prairie Kit	An attractive mix of native prairie species for your backyard. Grows well in dry to mesic soils and full sunlight. Heights ranging 36 inches and up.
Short and Tidy Kit	A mix of short-statured, well-behaved prairie species. Perfect for existing flowerbeds with mesic soil and full sun to partial shade. Up to 36 inches in height.
Part-Shade Kit	Designed for areas with 50% or more shade and filtered sunlight under mature trees.
Rain Garden Kit	Mesic to moist soil species. Perfect for areas of concentrated runoff and occasional inundation.
Shoreline Stabilization Kit	Deep-rooted, wet-soil species to help prevent erosion along large bodies of water.
Prairie Grass Kit	A mix of native prairie grasses. Plant on its own or use alongside other kits to provide ground cover, a more natural prairie look, and support for wildflowers.
Monarch Special Kit	A mix of milkweed varieties to host Monarch caterpillars and autumn-blooming nectar favorites for Monarch butterflies.
Songbird Special	A mix of sturdy-stemmed, seed-producing wildflowers and grasses to provide food and habitat for your favorite Minnesota songbirds.

Trees and native plants purchased through the Tree and Native Plant Sale will be delivered to you in mid-September. Questions encouraged by calling 763-572-3594 or emailing Rachel.Workin@FridleyMN.gov.

Tree Care Workshop

**Tuesday, September 1 • 6 - 7 p.m.
Moore Lake Park • FREE**

Join the City's Parks Department staff for a free Tree Planting and Care workshop. Participants will learn proper planting technique to ensure tree survival as well as tree maintenance skills such as staking and pruning. Participants will watch a planting demo and get hands-on experience with minor pruning.

Please register to stay updated on parking information and any weather cancellations at: FridleyMN.gov/RecRegister.

EDIBLE GARDEN AND ORCHARD

Visit Fridley's Edible Garden and Orchard, located at Civic Campus! Three garden towers grow a variety of herbs and vegetables. In addition, there are a variety of fruits from raspberries to apples. All produce is available to the community free of charge! Please be considerate of your neighbors and only take what you need.





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FRIDLEY '49ER DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Celebrating arts and parks!



**CITYWIDE
MEDALLION HUNT**
July 12 - 16
PRIZE: \$490

Clues will be listed at 7 a.m. daily on Fridley49erDays.org beginning on July 12.

**FRIDLEY '49ER
ADVENTURE
QUEST**
July 12 - 18

Sign up a team (up to 8 people) to participate in this exciting app based scavenger hunt! For each 10 challenges completed, teams will have a ticket entered into the raffle prize drawing. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- 55+ Cribbage Tournaments**
10 a.m. | Moore Lake Community Building
- 55+ Bridge Tournaments**
1 p.m. | Moore Lake Community Building

- Free Summer Picnic**
5:15-7:30 p.m. | St. Philip's Lutheran Church
- Everyone is welcome to attend this fun-filled evening of food and music from the 50's and 60's performed by The Ballroom Surfers!

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- 55+ BINGO*** | 10 a.m. | Fridley Community Center
- Pre-parade Party** | 4-7 p.m. | Commons Park
 - Community organizations and business will provide a wide variety of activities for kids and families.
 - Ninja Anywhere
 - DJ music and dancing
 - Food trucks

- Fridley Fun Run**
6:25 p.m. | Meet at St. Philip's Lutheran Church
- Run on the parade route in front of the Fridley Lions '49er Days Parade. Register online or on-site.

Fridley Lions '49er Days Parade | 6:30 p.m.

- Held rain or shine! The route starts at the corner of 61st Avenue and 7th Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Classic Car Show**
5-8 p.m. | Friendly Chevrolet
- Classic cars on display
- Music by Tunes to Go!
- Food trucks and Fridley Lions grilling hamburgers and hot dogs

- Music and Movie in the Park**
5:30-10:30 p.m. | Commons Park
- City Band | 5:30 p.m.
- Trivia Mafia (Inside the Park Building, Two 1-hour games, beginning at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.) | 7-9 p.m.
- School of Rock | 6:30 p.m.
- Movie in the Park - Hoppers PG | 9 p.m.
- Food Trucks



SATURDAY, JULY 18 - COMMONS PARK GRAND OPENING!

12 - 7 p.m. | Commons Park

- Pickleball and Volleyball Tournaments***
- Family Fun Zone** | 12-4 p.m.
- Home Depot Kids Workshop** | 12-4 p.m.
- The Magic Lounge** | 12-4 p.m.
- Photo Contest Display** sponsored by Creative Flow Art Center | 12-7 p.m.
- Food Trucks** | 12-7 p.m.
- Music Performances**
 - Los Rebeldes, Tex-Mex | 12 p.m.
 - Bluedog, Blues/Rock | 2:15 p.m.
 - DJ Splash Dance! Party on the Splashpad | 3:45 p.m.
 - Co-Mingl, Soul | 5:15 p.m.

Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting | 12:30 p.m.

Public Art Dedication | 2 p.m.

Minnesota Twins Baseball Clinic | 1-3 p.m.

Family BINGO | 1-3 p.m.

This event is made possible by the Fridley '49er Days Festival Committee volunteers, the City of Fridley and many sponsors. For more event info and the full list of sponsors visit Fridley49erDays.org.

*There is a fee for this activity.



Firework Safety: Celebrating Responsibly in Our Community

Fireworks are a cherished tradition that bring families, friends, and neighbors together to celebrate holidays and special occasions. While fireworks can create unforgettable memories, they also pose serious risks when not handled properly. Every year, thousands of people across the country suffer injuries and property damage related to fireworks accidents. By following a few important safety tips, our community can enjoy a fun and safe celebration for everyone.

The Risks of Fireworks

Even small fireworks such as sparklers can be dangerous. Sparklers burn at temperatures of nearly 2,000 degrees, hot enough to melt some metals and cause severe burns. Improper use of fireworks can lead to fires, injuries to the eyes and hands, and damage to homes, vehicles and natural areas.

Children are especially vulnerable, which is why adult supervision is critical whenever fireworks are involved.

Firework Safety Tips

- **Know Your Local Laws:** Always check local ordinances regarding the use of fireworks. Some fireworks may be restricted or prohibited in certain areas to protect public safety and reduce fire risks, for example City Parks.
- **Attend Professional Displays:** The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by attending a

professional public display conducted by trained experts.

- **Keep Water Nearby:** Always have a bucket of water, garden hose or fire extinguisher readily available in case of fire or malfunction.
- **Never Allow Young Children to Handle Fireworks:** Children should never ignite fireworks. Even sparklers should only be used under close adult supervision.
- **Use Fireworks Outdoors Only:** Light fireworks in an open area away from homes, dry grass, vehicles and trees. Never use fireworks indoors.
- **Light One Firework at a Time:** Only light one device at a time and move away quickly after ignition.
- **Never Relight a "Dud":** If a firework fails to ignite, do not attempt to relight it. Wait several minutes, then soak it thoroughly with water before disposing of it.
- **Never Aim Fireworks at People or Animals:** Fireworks should never be pointed toward another person, pet, vehicle, or structure.
- **Avoid Alcohol and Fireworks:** Anyone handling fireworks should remain alert and responsible. Alcohol and fireworks are dangerous combinations.

- **Clean Up Safely:** After fireworks are finished, soak all used materials in water overnight before placing them in a trash container.

Protecting Pets and Neighbors

Fireworks can be stressful for pets, veterans, older adults and individuals with sensory sensitivities. Consider notifying neighbors before using fireworks and keeping celebrations respectful of others in the community.

Pet owners should keep animals indoors during fireworks displays and ensure pets have updated identification tags in case they become frightened and escape.

Preventing Fires

Dry summer conditions can increase the risk of grass, brush, and structure fires. Never use fireworks during high winds or drought conditions. Dispose of all materials carefully and double-check the area for embers before leaving.

A Safe Celebration Starts with You

Fireworks can be exciting and enjoyable when used responsibly. By following safety guidelines and looking out for one another, we can keep our community safe while celebrating together.

Have a happy, safe, and responsible celebration!

Fridley 4th Grader Earns State Recognition in Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Each year, fire departments across Minnesota encourage students to participate in the Minnesota State Fire Chief's Association Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The contest gives students an opportunity to combine creativity with an important public safety message, helping promote fire prevention awareness in homes and communities throughout the state.

The annual contest theme changes each year, always focusing on fire safety education. In 2025, students were challenged to design posters around the theme: "Sprinkler Your Home for a Fire Safe Zone."

Fridley Fire Division proudly participated in the contest by inviting local 4th grade students to

submit hand-drawn posters for an initial round of judging at the local level. Fire Division staff carefully reviewed the entries, selecting posters that best reflected the year's theme while also showcasing strong artistic talent and creativity. The top Fridley entries were then forwarded to the state competition for additional judging alongside submissions from communities across Minnesota.

Fridley Fire is excited to announce that one of Fridley's talented 4th grade students received an Honorable Mention award at the state level competition. As part of the recognition, the student artist received a cash prize, and their artwork will be featured in the Fire Chief's



Magazine, which is distributed to fire service professionals throughout Minnesota.

The Fridley Fire Division congratulates this outstanding student on this impressive achievement and thanks to all of the students who participated in this year's contest. Their creativity and commitment to promoting fire safety help make our community safer for everyone.

Refrigerator and Window AC Unit Replacement for Income-Qualified Residents

Is your window AC unit or refrigerator not cooling the way it used to? Older appliances aren't as efficient and can cost you more to run - sometimes a lot more! Income-qualified customers may qualify for free replacements through Xcel Energy's Home Energy Savings Program, implemented by the Sustainable Resources Center. To learn more call the Sustainable Resource Center at 612-870-4255 or visit rc-mn.org/what-we-do/hesp.html.

Participants are strongly encouraged to also obtain a free Home Energy Squad visit to receive a free energy audit by visiting homeenergysquadm.com or calling 833-202-3655.

# of persons in family	monthly income	annual income
1	\$6,079.17	\$72,950.00
2	\$6,950.00	\$83,400.00
3	\$7,816.67	\$93,800.00
4	\$8,683.33	\$104,200.00
5	\$9,379.17	\$112,550.00
6	\$10,075.00	\$120,900.00
7+	Please call the Sustainable Resource Center for income qualifications	

Clothing Swap and Textile Recycling Events

Join the City for our first annual clothing swap on July 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. before the Steelband concert! Help keep clothes out of the landfill by bringing items that no longer give you joy to the swap and taking home some "new to you" finds!

Swap Details and Accepted Items

Items accepted: Adult and children outerwear, tops and bottoms as well as reusable bags. Items made with leather/pleather or accessories such as purses, hats, belts and shoes and are only accepted if they are in donatable condition.

Items not accepted: We will be accepting all fabric and textiles that are not in a donatable condition for recycling except for 1) Items made with leather/pleather or accessories such as purses, hats, belts and shoes, hats, belts and shoes which must be in good condition, 2) items stained with chemicals substances, glue, wax or paint, 3) textiles coated with plastic, and 4) items with stuffing like pillows or comforters. Please bag and label items for recycling as "For Recycling".

- You do not need to bring items to take items home from the swap
- Please ensure all items are washed and dry
- Items leftover after the swap will be either donated to community partners or recycled through Retold
- Limit 4 bags of swap items per person. No limit on bags labeled "for recycling".



Item Drop-Off Details

- Items can be dropped off for the swap or recycling at the dropboxes in the City Hall lobby on either July 27 or July 28 at Fridley City Hall (7071 University Ave NE) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or brought to the swap.
- Please place all items to be recycled in bags labeled "For Recycling".

Clothing and Textile Recycling Details

Clothing and other textiles can be recycled but aren't accepted in the curbside recycling cart, resulting in many items being landfilled. Clear out your old towels, linens, clothes and other textiles that are not in donatable condition and bring them to Fridley City Hall during the drop-off period to be recycled for no cost through Retold Recycling. All textiles of all sizes are accepted (even scraps!) except for the items listed as "not accepted" for the clothing swap. Help us reach our goal of keeping 1,000 pounds of textiles out of the landfill. Can't make it to the swap? Reuse is always your best option for good-quality textiles; however, if your item is not in good condition, the Coon Rapids Recycling Center accepts textiles for recycling year-round.

Questions? Call 763-572-3594 or email Recycling@FridleyMN.gov.

Solicitors

Solicitors going door to door selling goods or services in the City of Fridley must be licensed.

A list of currently licensed solicitors can be found on the City website at FridleyMN.gov/Licenses.

Licensed solicitors may conduct business between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily.

Solicitors are required to carry and show a City-issued photo ID.

If a resident encounters an unlicensed solicitor at their door, they are encouraged to call 911. For other questions regarding solicitors, email CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov.



Fridley Community Calendar

July

- July 1 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- July 2 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- July 3 | City Offices Closed
- July 13 | City Council Meeting
- July 14 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- July 15 | Planning Commission Meeting
- July 27 | City Council Meeting

August

- August 3 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- August 5 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- August 6 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- August 10 | City Council Meeting
- August 12 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- August 19 | Planning Commission Meeting
- August 24 | City Council Meeting

A full City calendar is available at 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, accommodations will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities or those needing interpretation services to participate in City of Fridley services, programs or activities. If you are in need of an interpreter or require auxiliary aids, contact the City at 763-572-3450 at least five days in advance to ensure arrangements can be made.

July Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

July 11 | 8 a.m. - noon

In July, 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.

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

Anoka County Plastic Free July

Join Anoka County Recycles in reducing your waste by signing up for Plastic Free July! Plastic Free July is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Take a quiz to get started and learn more at AnokaCountyMN.gov/4620/Plastic-Free-July.





SUMMER CONCERT KIDS' BOOK SWAP AND REUSABLE BAG EVENT

**AUGUST 5 @ 10 - 10:30 A.M.
COMMONS PARK**

Join us for a kids-themed book/puzzle/game swap on August 5 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. before the Frozen Jr. musical at Commons Park.

Have items to swap? Bring them to the event or drop off your good condition kids' books/games/puzzles at the Fridley Civic Campus from July 8 – August 6.

We will also be collecting reusable bags for kids to fill books with.

You do not need to bring an item to take an item. Any items left after the swap will be donated or distributed in the community.



Touch-A-Truck

4 - 7 p.m. | August 18 | Civic Campus | FREE
In partnership with Fridley Public Works and Public Safety

Kids of all ages can explore a variety of big trucks, lawn equipment, electric vehicles, police cars, a fire truck and more! Bouncy castles and food trucks will be onsite.

Sensory Friendly Hour | 4 - 5 p.m.: No loud noises, lights, sirens, etc. We will also have an indoor quiet room available throughout the event.

Learn How to Salsa | 6:15 p.m.: Join Salsa del Soul and learn how to salsa dance prior to their concert at 7 p.m.

Concert – Salsa del Soul | 7 - 8 p.m.: Enjoy our last summer concert of the season! Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

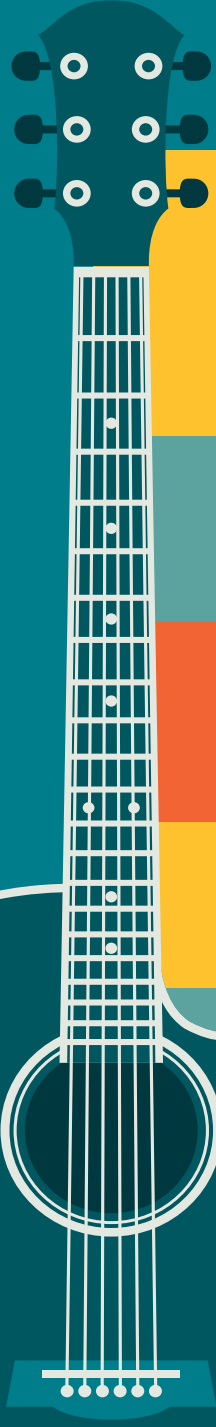
Badges, Boots and Bobbers

Join Police and Fire to learn all about fishing! Kids ages 8-12 will learn basic fishing skills while also introducing them to their community, promoting water safety, and creating meaningful, positive interaction with Public Safety personnel. Snacks and meals will be provided, and we will take the Fridley bike fleet out on a ride! No fishing experience is necessary and all materials are included. Register at FridleyMN.gov/RecRegister.

Ages 8-12 Mon July 27 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free
Moore Lake Park

FREE

community concerts



Our popular, free concert series returns for its 6th summer! Civic Center Concerts feature food trucks and activities.

Civic Campus

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

JULY 28 PANATICS - Steelband
6-7:30 p.m. - Clothing Swap and Textile Recycling

AUGUST 18 SALSA DEL SOUL - Latin Dance
4-7 p.m. - Touch-A-Truck
6:15 p.m. - Latin Dance instruction

Springbrook Nature Center

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

JULY 7 ABSOLUTELY ELVIS - Elvis Tribute

AUGUST 11 RYAN PICONE QUARTET - Jazz

Commons Park Children's Performance

Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

AUGUST 5 FROZEN JR. WITH ETC PRODUCTIONS
9:30 a.m. - Kids' book & puzzle swap, Fridley Fire Truck

Moore Lake Chamber Music with the Northeast Orchestra

Mondays at 7 p.m.

JULY 13 AUGUST 3 AUGUST 17

Music in Our Parks with the Fridley City Band

Mondays at 7 p.m.

JULY 6 BRIARDALE PARK

JULY 20 LOCKE PARK

JULY 27 SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER

- Bring a lawn chair
- Enjoy live music with your neighbors
- All ages are welcome

We hope to see you there!

Public Art Program Grows

A highlight of Fridley '49er Days and the grand opening celebration of the new Commons Park will be the unveiling of a significant new public art piece in the park. Manoomin, a sculpture by artist Ken McCall celebrates Fridley's community spirit, natural splendor and history. This piece is sure to become a local landmark and will add an incredible point of interest to Fridley's signature park.

In addition to this large sculpture, smaller works of art will begin to pop up in Fridley. Most notably is the utility box art wrap pilot program that will highlight locally produced and inspired artwork along University Avenue. Thank you to all of the artists that submitted a design! There were more than 50 submissions for the Public Arts Commission to consider. Staff hopes to have all the pieces in place to install the vinyl art wraps to utility boxes by fall of this year.

Celebrating the arts in Fridley means more than art installations. Parks and Recreation, along with community partners, are planning concerts, performances, art experiences and workshops. Creative Flow Art Center continues to enrich the Fridley community with art



**"FRIDLEY IN MOTION" BY YUSUF MARAGHA
YOUTH CATEGORY SUBMISSION TO THE UTILITY
BOX WRAP PILOT PROGRAM RECOMMENDED
BY THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

shows, camps, classes and much more. Plan a visit to their gallery and education spaces located in the old Fridley Fire Station #3 building at 110 77th Way NE and East River Road right here in Fridley.

Additional projects, initiatives and collaborations are being planned. If you are interested in becoming a patron of the arts in Fridley, the non-profit Fridley Creative Arts Foundation is raising funds for future art installations and you can learn more at fridleyartsfoundation.org.