



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

January 5, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Open Forum

The Open Forum allows the public to address the Council on subjects that are not on the Regular Agenda. The Council may take action, reply, or give direction to staff. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.

New Business

2. Election of Vice Chair
3. 2026 Springbrook Nature Center Program Preview
4. Commons Park Sculpture Project Update
5. 2026 Workplan

Old Business

FYSA Report

Staff Reports

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Approve the December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the December 1, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

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- _____ Vibrant Neighborhoods & Places
 - _____ Financial Stability & Commercial Prosperity
 - _____ Organizational Excellence
 - _____ Community Identity & Relationship Building
 - _____ Public Safety & Environmental Stewardship

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. PK 12-01-2025

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



Park Commission Meeting

December 1, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

EB Graham
Peter Borman
Melissa Luna
Tim Kirk
Jodi Rehlander
Don Whalen

Absent

Ken Schultz

Also Present

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for December 1, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Graham to approve the December 1, 2025, meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Whalen. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for November 3, 2025

Motion by Commissioner Kirk to approve the November 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Luna. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Commons Park Rental Fees and Guidelines First Draft Review

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher presented the first draft of a rental program and guidelines for the new Commons Park site. He reviewed the purpose, the areas/spaces that could be rented, and proposed rental rates and guidelines. Additional clarification was provided on the hours, programming, and bus permits.

Commissioner Rehlander asked the plan for spontaneous crowd control. Mr. Maher replied that this would be a staffed location and provided some scenarios that could be considered.

Mr. Maher highlighted information from the rental policy.

Commissioner Rehlander asked if there would be an internal document related to capacity and attendance to provide direction to staff. She also offered grammatical suggestions. Mr. Maher confirmed that guidance could be provided, but he would not want to include a hard number, as the park itself allows for flowing in and out of spaces.

Commissioner Whalen recognized that this is a best guess, as they will learn more information as they proceed. Mr. Maher agreed that this is a starting point, and they can make changes as they go.

Motion by Commissioner Whalen to recommend approval of the Commons Park rental fees and guidelines. Seconded by Commissioner Rehlander. The motion passed unanimously.

2. City Code Review – Chapter 508 – Parks and Parkways

Mr. Maher provided background information on the recodification process the City has been completing over the past several years. He stated that staff have begun the process of evaluating the sections of City Code related to public use and properties, including parks. He reviewed some of the considerations and questions that have been raised by staff thus far and confirmed that the review would remove redundant and outdated language.

Commissioner Rehlander expressed interest in the drone regulations/guidelines and supported the prohibition of balloons.

Chair Borman commented that he believed there should be a separation between parks and parkways, as parkways seem to be more appropriately located in another section of the City Code.

Mr. Maher noted that this is a first review and will come back before the Commission throughout the process.

Old Business

Mr. Maher noted that the January meeting will be held at Springbrook Nature Center due to a schedule conflict with the City Council.

Staff Reports

3. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Mr. Maher provided an overview of the written report, highlighting recent events, upcoming programming activities and events, and updates on park improvement projects.

Adjournment

Commissioner Luna made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher, Staff Liaison

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Election of Vice Chair

Background

Per Fridley code 105.02, each commission shall annually elect a vice chairperson. At any meeting of the commission if the chairperson is unable to attend, the vice chairperson shall act as the chairperson.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission accepts nominations for the chairperson role and vote on any nominated individuals to elect a vice chair for 2026.

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: 2026 Springbrook Nature Center Program Preview

Background

Springbrook Nature Center Coordinator Katy Dahl will present an overview of the programs, services and partnerships for 2026 as well as answer question from the Commission.

Recommendation

None

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Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Commons Park Sculpture Project Update

Background

Artist Ken McCall was selected by the Public Arts Commission to create a sculpture for Commons Park as part of Fridley’s public art program. The non-profit Fridley Creative Arts Foundation is funding the project at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

The project concept, attached, was developed by the artist based on input from the Public Arts Commission and a community survey. The concept has been recommended by the Public Arts Commission and approved by Council at their December 22, 2025, meeting, allowing the artist to move into design development and fabrication of the artwork.

Based on input from stakeholders and the Public Arts Commission, a community engagement process will be undertaken to celebrate the artwork themes of diversity, unity, nature, water and history.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Commons Park - Fridley^J MN - Artwork Proposal
 2. Commons Public Art Survey Results Complete
 3. Summary of Commons Sculpture Survey Themes

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A misty, teal-toned landscape with mountains and a lake. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with soft light filtering through the mist. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the surrounding environment. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of teal, green, and light blue.

Commons Park Artwork

Fridley, MN

Design Proposal
Ken McCall

Inspired by the idea of harmony in multiplicity, *Manoomin* is envisioned as a landmark for Commons Park—a vibrant symbol of the city’s welcoming spirit, rich history, and commitment to diversity. Named after the Ojibwe word for wild rice while also paying tribute to Fridley’s original name, Manoomin, the sculpture seeks to honor local heritage, foster connection, and serve as an invitation for all residents and visitors to gather, reflect, and celebrate community values. The sculpture’s presence in Commons Park will be a daily reminder of Fridley’s shared story: a city shaped by agricultural traditions, natural beauty, and the enduring bonds among its residents - cultivating hope and connection for the future.

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FRIDLEY MINNESOTA



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At the heart of the design are hands, representing Fridley's friendly and inclusive atmosphere. These hands reach out and cradle sprouting rice, a direct nod to the city's agricultural roots and the native wild rice that sustains both land and community.

Overlaying the corten steel arms and hands is an artistic mapping of Rice Creek, accurately rendered to pay tribute to an essential natural feature and its influence on local life.

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Every element of *Manoomin* carries layered meaning:

Welcoming Hands: The open hands are a universal gesture of friendship and hospitality, embodying Fridley's reputation for being a warm, inclusive community. They invite interaction, reflection, and a sense of belonging.

Wild Rice (Manoomin): The rice sprouting from the hands connects the piece to Fridley's agricultural heritage and the native wild rice that grows in Minnesota's wetlands. 'Manoomin' acknowledges the Ojibwe people, for whom wild rice is a sacred and sustaining food, celebrating their enduring cultural legacy.

Rice Creek Depiction: The sculpted map of Rice Creek pays homage to the local environment, serving as a reminder of the community's connection to its natural resources and the importance of stewardship.

Unity and Diversity: By intertwining references to native traditions, agricultural abundance, and a welcoming spirit, the sculpture conveys a message of unity in diversity, a vision for a community that cherishes its roots while embracing change and growth.

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Created from an expressive combination of corten steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and acrylic, the sculpture will embody both resilience and grace. Corten steel's earthy patina will evoke the natural landscape and longevity, while stainless steel and aluminum will add brightness and modernity. Acrylic elements will provide vivid accentuation, allowing natural light to interact dynamically with the sculpture throughout the day.

The acrylic panels of the *Manoomin* will cast beautiful mosaics onto the ground, creating timeless interactions with both nature and viewers. Each moment, the mosaic on the ground shifts—rippling with the wind, brightening with the sun, or fading into subtlety beneath drifting clouds. This ever-changing quality ensures that no two experiences are quite alike. In this convergence of light, color and form, the sculpture becomes not only an object to be seen but a catalyst for experience.

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12' 4"

*APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS



Manoomin will stand approximately 12' 4" tall and be about 6' 6" wide at the base.



Budget

Engineering	\$2,000
Insurance	\$500
Materials	\$22,000
Fabrication	\$14,000
Travel/Transportation	\$3,000
Concrete/Installation	\$6,000
Community Engagement	\$500
Artist Design Fee	\$2,000
Total	\$50,000

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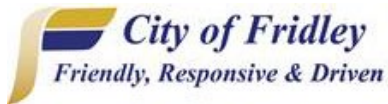


Thank you for the opportunity to create a design proposal for artwork at Commons Park.

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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

We have a hospital which represents wellness health restoration, a beautiful river and walkable parks and trails
Churches that reach out to community with food meals support

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

All races represented, children celebrated of all races colors and creeds

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

My personal favorite is the statue at the main entry of Unity. A woman reaching up.
Something representing community and families together
Include the river connecting, bringing life, restoration, recreation

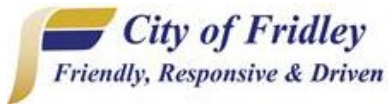
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If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Paying respects to those who survived and those who died on may 6th 1965.

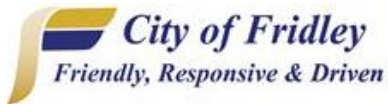
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? **Fridley Tigers! It's our mascot. It represents our resilience and strength as a community.**

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? **The tiger says it all, as Fridley is a melting pot of cultures and it is represented in the diversity of our schools.**

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? **Supporting our people, our community, our children (our schools).**

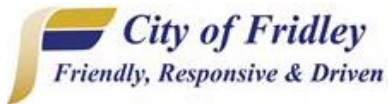
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? River, ox carts, wild rice.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? River, creek, wild rice.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? History.

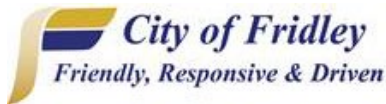
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Being in nature, with springbrook nature center, the rice creek area, Moore lake and being on the Mississippi we definitely have solid choices to be a part of nature. We are deemed "friendly Fridley" but I don't feel we live up to that moniker as much.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

Reclaimed wood, representation of the Mississippi river/rice creek

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

Would love to see a beautiful representation of nature. City meets green spaces showing a blend of both worlds. City life with the opportunity to slow down and smell the roses. But a touch of whimsy too.

Examples 2, 12, 17, or 38 in this link.

<https://streetartutopia.com/2025/07/27/when-street-art-meets-nature/>

Or look at project 412 in Detroit Lakes, their latest installation "Of the earth" is a great compliment to the Thomas dambo trolls in the area.

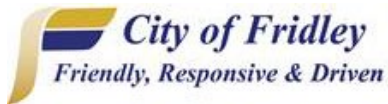
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Nature, Parks, Family, Diversity

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Rivers & creeks, Trees, Prairie plants, Color, Music, Parks

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Growing & ever changing, Community, Friendly, Movement

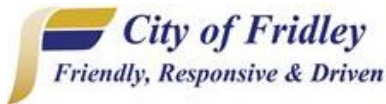
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Fridley is a great community for outdoor activities and appreciating nature. What about some of those things. How about parts of a bicycle, and a skateboard, how about representations of squirrels, rabbits, trees.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

What about a composition using metal and wood? What about an interactive sculpture? How about you can spin the bike wheel and you can use a lever to make the squirrel go up a tree trunk.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

Fridley is nature friendly.

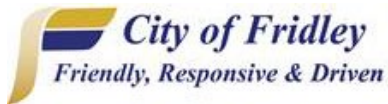
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- What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? The diversity of cultures represented in Fridley
- Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? The Mississippi River
- If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Unity; a community that is strong because of our differences

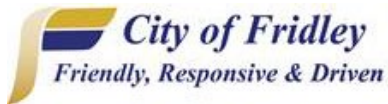
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Nature, the Mississippi river and Moore lake

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Lakeshore plants like cattails and tall grasses with birds

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Calm nature

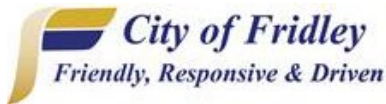
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? **Cultural diversity**

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? **Multiple cultures**

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? **Community**

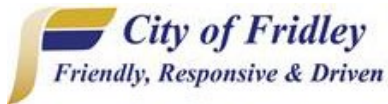
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Small town feel, Mississippi River.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? The Mississippi River, birds, and we have beautiful green spaces throughout.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Nature.

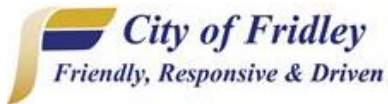
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What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Nature/water, cultural diversity

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? River/Creek, owls, turkeys

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? People coming together in nature!

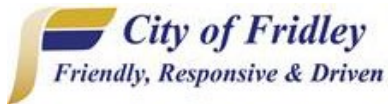
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Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Diversity. Interconnectedness. Work ethic.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Osprey, eagles, swans and herons.
The intersection of rivers, creeks, and highways.
The full breadth of seasons and temperatures.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Together on the river.

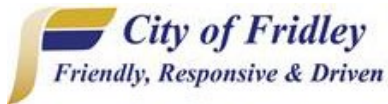
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Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Racial diversity, parks/outdoors/wildlife, garage sales! :D

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Mississippi River!

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Inter generational family

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 1:41:16 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Helping and supporting. Especially of people of color.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Water representation because of the Mississippi and Rice Creek

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Joy

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:19:24 AM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Water, trees, community

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Trees/water

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Calming

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025 7:36:19 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Spend the money somewhere else

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture? Spend elsewhere

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? Spend else where

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:29:23 AM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Inclusion, Acknowledging the indigenous land we are on, education,

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

The rice creek, Mississippi River,

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

A knowing our indigenous roots and moving toward a wisdom progressive future

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 8:57:14 AM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Friendly Fridley
Meandering Waters representing the changes of time that keep Fridley a vital city and a good place to live. Moore Lake for its grounding, calm and steady influence.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

Mississippi River, Rice Creek, Springbrook Creek, Glen Creek.
The water of Moore Lake.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

A friendly community embraced by beautiful waters.

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:32:14 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent
Fridley or Fridley's community spirit? Diversity. Tigers. Families.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the
sculpture, what would it be? Inclusion

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:48:09 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Public art is not a valuable use of my tax dollars. Public art should be a donation from a local artist.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

No. I would like you to not spend my tax dollars on art when we can't fully fund raises and equipment for for our police officers and firefighters.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

Imaginary. Non-existent and free. This is not a necessary expense and an irresponsible use of our tax dollars.

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:31:17 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be? The diversity of our community.

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To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 10:02:31 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Water because of Moore lake, the river and rice creek. Sand, the soil is very sandy here and much of the area near Moore lake was once sand dunes. Weather is also an iconic thing in Fridley, there was a couple large tornados (one near commons park) that could be a neat theme.

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

I'd love for the art to be done by a local artist.

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

Community

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From: [Jotform](#)
To: [Maher, Mike](#); [Quiram, Jesslyn](#)
Subject: Re: Commons Park Public Art Opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 7:23:26 PM



Commons Park Public Art Opportunity

What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?

Water fowl
Wetland animals
Prairie plants
Diversity

Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?

Anything that reflects our lakes, rivers and creeks I think would be very fitting!

If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

Togetherness, working together, community

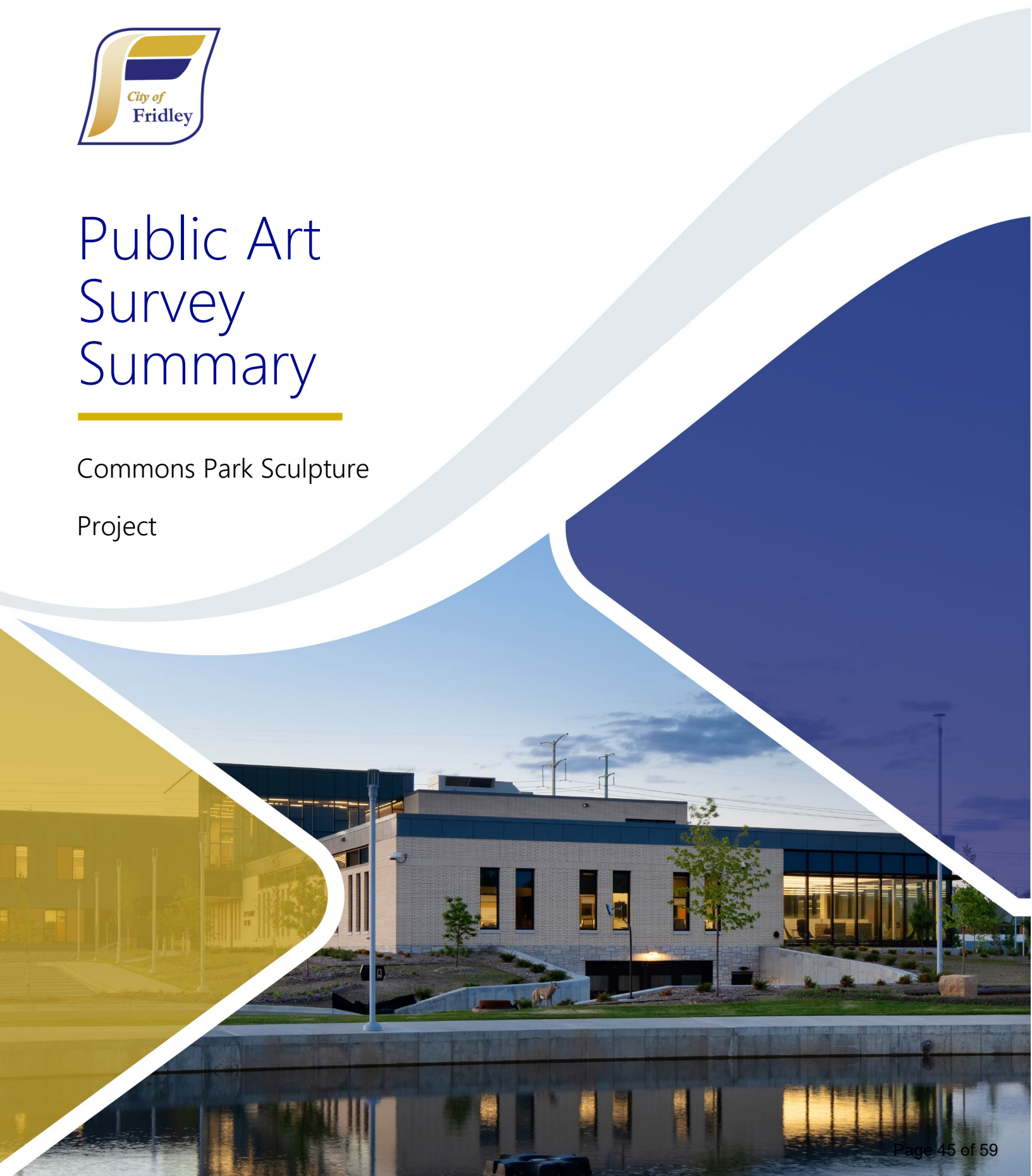
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Public Art Survey Summary

Commons Park Sculpture

Project





Public Art Survey Summary

Commons Park

Looking at these community responses about the Commons Park public art opportunity in Fridley, I can identify several strong recurring themes and ideas that emerged from residents:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. What themes or symbols do you feel represent Fridley or Fridley's community spirit?
2. Are there particular natural elements or local culture you would like to see reflected in the sculpture?
3. If you could see one feeling or idea brought to life in the sculpture, what would it be?

DOMINANT THEMES

NATURE & WATER (MOST PROMINENT) THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY MENTIONED WATER FEATURES, PARTICULARLY:

- Mississippi River (mentioned in ~12 responses)
- Rice Creek (mentioned in ~7 responses)
- Moore Lake (mentioned in ~4 responses)
- Natural elements like wetlands, prairie plants, birds (herons, owls, eagles, waterfowl)
- Trees, green spaces, and parks

DIVERSITY & UNITY (SECOND MOST COMMON) ABOUT 8-10 RESPONSES EMPHASIZED:

- Cultural and racial diversity
- Inclusion and representation of all races/cultures
- Community coming together
- Unity despite differences
- "Melting pot" character of Fridley

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

- Intergenerational families
- Togetherness and connection
- Supporting people and children
- The "Friendly Fridley" identity

HISTORICAL ELEMENTS

- Indigenous roots and acknowledgment of native land
- May 6, 1965 tornado memorial
- Ox carts and wild rice (historical references)
- Local history

SCHOOL IDENTITY

- Fridley Tigers mascot (mentioned 2-3 times)



Public Art Survey Summary

Commons Park

- Representing resilience and strength

NOTABLE SPECIFIC IDEAS

1. **Interactive elements** - One response suggested movable parts (spinning bike wheel, lever-operated squirrel)
2. **Materials** - Reclaimed wood, metal combinations
3. **Feeling/mood** - Calm, joy, movement, "growing & ever changing"
4. **Reference art** - One respondent mentioned the Unity Hospital statue of a woman reaching up

DISSENTING VOICES

Two responses expressed strong opposition to spending tax dollars on public art, preferring funds go to police/firefighters or suggesting donations from local artists instead.

SUMMARY FOR ARTISTS

The ideal sculpture would likely incorporate water/river themes with diverse community representation, possibly featuring native wildlife and plants, conveying a sense of togetherness, calm, and joy while acknowledging both natural beauty and cultural diversity that defines Fridley.

Summary created with Claude AI on 11/20/2025

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: 2026 Workplan

Background

A workplan document has been periodically reviewed and updated by the Commission to identify projects, priorities and tasks to be reviewed by the group. A proposed draft of the 2026 workplan is attached to allow the Commission opportunity for review and input.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission review the workplan document and provide input on additional priorities for the Commission’s work in 2026.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. 2026 Parks and Rec Commission Workplan Master

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



2026 Parks and Recreation Commission

Workplan Draft
January 5, 2026





Goals and Strategic Initiatives

1. Continue a meeting format and schedule that meets desired outcomes for staff and Commissioners:
 - a. Incorporate work session/park tour format as needed to better facilitate advisory role of Commission
 - b. Meeting cancellations when a meeting is not needed
2. Incorporate new ex-officio position representing Fridley Youth Sports Association into Commission meetings and workflow.
3. Provide strong orientation to new Commission members to include training opportunities, meetings with staff, and review of background materials and documents.
4. Hold a monthly planning meeting with the Chair and Staff Contact to plan future meeting agendas and share information.
5. Play advisory role to staff and City Council in policy recommendations for Park System:
 - a. Park, facility and operational policies for City of Fridley park system
 - b. Park redevelopment with special emphasis on Commons Park in 2026
6. Assist staff in process of planning and prioritizing program offerings – especially in newly developed park spaces and buildings.
7. Work in concert with the Public Arts Commission to review and provide input on park-related public art installations.
8. Provide recommendations when residents raise concerns with park use or development.
9. Meet with community interest groups that utilize parks and facilities such as youth sports organizations to determine needs and gather feedback.
10. Serve as ambassadors of Fridley Parks and Recreation through volunteering, participating in community engagement and being a resource for community members.



2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan

2026 Workplan

Item	Process	Status
2026 Goals and Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review at January 2026 meeting, make updates per direction of Commission Update throughout year 	In progress
Commissioner Orientation and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for new members to meet with Staff Review Commission onboarding manual and policies 	Complete, all members have signed policy on file
Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations and voting at January meeting. 	On agenda for January meeting
Commission Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monthly meeting with Chair and Staff Contact to set agenda for the following meeting Opportunity for Chair to attend a Council Conference Meeting to interact with Councilmembers desired 	In progress
Local Sports Assn. Check-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome FYSA representative Riley Auna! FYSA Soccer FYSA Baseball FYSA Football Kizen Soccer Club – Current status unknown Frdley-Heights Softball 	In progress – individual check in meetings may or may not be needed with ex-officio member
Programs and Special Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to volunteer at Parks and Recreation programs and events Identify opportunities to share program and event ideas as an agenda item during meetings Invite President of 49er Days Committee to attend meeting and gather feedback from Commission Include planning item for 2026 Commons Park programming 	In progress, ongoing



2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan

Provide input on athletic facility fees and policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review fees and policies for pickleball complex at Commons Park Review fees and policies for Commons Park ballfields 	Tentative for February 2026 agenda
Review and Provide Feedback on Commons Park Concept Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement and design phases complete Operational and facility use policy implementation in 2026 Rental fees and policies (first review complete) Splash pad use guidelines (bus groups, etc.) Building operations plan 	Ongoing
Flannery Park Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flannery Park is currently scheduled as a 2026 redevelopment project In-person and online survey opportunities with event scheduled at park on Thursday, July 10th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm 	Implementation Phase
Summit Square Park Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summit Square Park is currently scheduled as a 2026 redevelopment project In-person and online survey opportunities with event scheduled at park on Thursday, July 17th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm 	Implementation Phase
Madsen Park Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madsen Park redevelopment project schedule pending reconstruction of 73rd Ave. NE Typical process will be to conduct community engagement on park layout and several playground options during summer prior to construction In-person and online survey opportunities 	Tentative Summer 2026
Harris Lake Park Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park redevelopment scheduled for 2027 Hold park meeting summer 2026 in conjunction with online engagement 	Summer 2026
Review of Capital Investment Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per City Code, the Commission shall recommend a Capital Investment 	May 2026 Meeting



2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan

	Program for Parks prior to June 1 for the following year	
Continue Advisory Role in Exploration of Community Garden Program in Fridley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial review of program parameters, comparable city programs, location options completed in May/June 2025 Direction from City leadership provided to put program on hold pending completion of Commons park and development of vision for Locke Park 	On hold indefinitely
Moore Lake Park – 2023 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground approved 2022 Review and provide feedback on community building and site design Provide input on community building operational policy and rental rates, provide recommendation to Council Assist in planning the Grand Opening, attend and participate as possible Opportunity for construction tour 	Complete
Edgewater Gardens Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input in community engagement efforts Provide input in playground design Provide input on park site plan and common elements 	Complete
Logan Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction (New)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input in community engagement efforts Provide input in playground design Provide input on park site plan and common elements 	Complete
Plymouth Square Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input in community engagement efforts Provide input in playground design Provide input on park site plan and common elements 	Complete
Sylvan Hills Park – 2023 Planning and 2024 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input in community engagement efforts Provide input in playground design Provide input on park site plan and common elements 	Complete
Park Bench Sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback on second draft of park bench sponsorship fees and guidelines 	Complete



2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve bench sponsorship fees and guidelines 	
Fee Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review fee assistance program policies and provide feedback • Approve fee assistance program changes if warranted 	Complete
Parks Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June meeting may be a parks tour to visit current and upcoming parks being improved 	Complete
Review of Capital Investment Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per City Code, the Commission shall recommend a Capital Investment Program for Parks prior to June 1 for the following year 	Completed for 2025
Review and Provide Feedback on Park Building and Equipment Disposition Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will develop a flowchart to help guide responsible reuse and/or recycling of park buildings or equipment that are taken out of service 	Complete
Oak Hill Park – 2024 Planning and 2025 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements • July 30th Community Engagement event completed 	Complete
Jubilee Park – 2024 Planning and 2025 Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input in community engagement efforts • Provide input in playground design • Provide input on park site plan and common elements • August 14th 2024 Community Engagement event completed 	Complete
Special Use Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback on first draft of Parks Conditional Use Permit policy and application • Item reviewed by Council and will be included in code changes summer of 2025 	Complete

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: January 5, 2026
Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission
Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Title: Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

Background

Attached is the update from the Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff for January 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Combined Staff Report.Dec 2025

Vision Statement

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STAFF REPORT

Parks and Recreation Department: December 2025

Winter Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for those that took place in December.

Preschool: Ages 3-5

Track & Field (6 sessions): Nov-Dec	15
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Elementary – Middle School: Grades K-6

Track & Field (6 sessions): Nov-Dec	14
Tae Kwon Do (5 sessions): Nov-Dec	20
Ho Ho Holiday Fun (5 sessions): Nov-Dec	11

Adult Fitness and Athletics

Zumba (2 classes/6 sessions each): Oct-Dec	24
Pickleball Live Play Coaching: Nov-Dec F=6, SLP=2	8
Pickleball Ladder League All Ages: Oct - Dec F=22, SLP=23	45
Pickleball Ladder League Ages 20-40: Oct - Dec F=18, SLP=6	24
Volleyball Coed Rec: Sep-Nov*	14 teams
Volleyball Coed Comp: Sep-Nov*	15 teams
Volleyball Women's Comp: Sep-Nov*	14 teams
Bag Toss League Co-ed: Oct-Nov*	9 pairs
Men's Basketball Leagues (2 Rec Leagues): Dec - Mar	17 teams

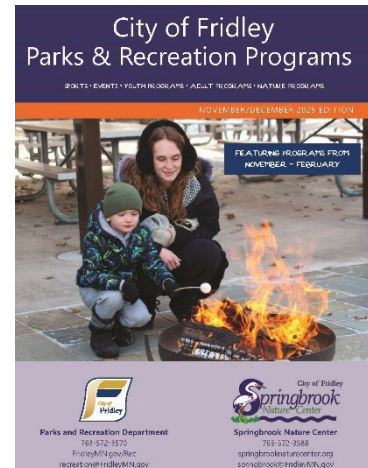
*North Metro Leagues are offered in cooperation with Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park.

Parks and Recreation Activity Guide

Content for the January/February edition of the Activity Guide is complete. The guide is currently being designed and will be mailed to residents beginning on January 11.

December Facility Rentals (as of December 12)

Facility	Reservations
Moore Lake Community Building	12
Hayes Pickleball Courts	3 hours



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The following shows an alternative to the after-school program for students who are unable to attend school. Each activity is provided below. There is a registration fee for all programs. All programs are subject to change without notice. All programs are subject to change without notice. All programs are subject to change without notice.

BASKETBALL
Basketball is a fun and exciting sport that can be played by all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer basketball programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

TAE KWON DO
Tae Kwon Do is a martial art that focuses on kicking. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Tae Kwon Do programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

HO HO HOLIDAY FUN
Ho Ho Holiday Fun is a fun and exciting program for all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Ho Ho Holiday Fun programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

FIELD TRIPS - GRADES K-5
Field trips are a great way for students to learn about the world around them. We offer field trips for all grades. Registration is required for all programs.

BOWLING & ARCADE DUTY
Bowling and Arcade Duty are fun and exciting activities for all ages. We offer bowling and arcade duty programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

COFFEE CHAT WITH A NATURALIST
Coffee chat with a naturalist is a fun and exciting program for all ages. It is a great way to learn about the world around them. We offer coffee chat with a naturalist programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

ZUMBA
Zumba is a fun and exciting fitness program that combines dance and exercise. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Zumba programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

AQUA ZUMBA
Aqua Zumba is a fun and exciting fitness program that combines dance and exercise in the water. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Aqua Zumba programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

PICKLEBALL
Pickleball is a fun and exciting sport that can be played by all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer pickleball programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

NORTH METRO SPORTS LEAGUES
North Metro Sports Leagues are a fun and exciting way for students to stay active and healthy. We offer North Metro Sports Leagues for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

COED BAG TOSS LEAGUE
Coed Bag Toss League is a fun and exciting program for all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Coed Bag Toss League programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
Indoor Volleyball League is a fun and exciting program for all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Indoor Volleyball League programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

LADDER LEAGUE
Ladder League is a fun and exciting program for all ages. It is a great way to stay active and healthy. We offer Ladder League programs for all ages and skill levels. Registration is required for all programs.

Emerge Leadership Development Program

Jessica Nelson-Roehl and Amanda Bixler successfully graduated from the second cohort of the Emerge leadership program on Thursday, December 11. Emerge was created to nurture and empower emerging leaders within the City of Fridley. The program featured nine months of core sessions with Long Run Leadership, one-on-one coaching sessions, expert led learning from leaders at the City of Fridley, and monthly meetings with mentor groups. The final day included a presentation of each person's leadership brand and a graduation ceremony with Department Directors and City Manager, Wally Wysopal.



Winter Break Field Trips

In partnership with Spring Lake Park Recreation, two winter break field trips were offered to kids in grades K-5. On Monday, December 22, 15 children went to test their skills and fly like a ninja at Conquer Ninja in Blaine. On Tuesday, December 30, we had 11 children enrolled in the Mermaid Bowling and Arcade Center field trip. (Enrollment numbers as of December 12).

Men's Basketball League

Fridley Men's Basketball Leagues started this December at the Fridley Middle School on Wednesday nights and at Hayes Elementary Thursday nights. This year both leagues are recreational and we do not have a competitive league. Leagues will continue through March.

Winter Lights Tour

The annual Fridley Winter Lights Contest judging took place on December 8 and the maps were available beginning on December 12. This year we had 15 entries with 8 houses highlighted as category winners or judge's choices. The map listing all contest entries, category winners, and a QR code that linked to a driving route was available online and at City Hall.

Immersive Soundbath

On December 15, instructor Christine Bauer led our second Soundbath class at the Moore Lake Community Building. This class was full with a number of people on the waiting list. We were excited to have 17 new participants.



Park Maintenance and Construction

- The Commons Park Recreation Building is now temporarily enclosed and heated, allowing for interior work to progress alongside exterior work. Roofing is nearly complete and windows are being installed. Staff are coordinating interior features such as furnishings, skating equipment, AV systems, mural and signage.
- Staff are exploring options to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for one or both of the 2026 park projects at Flanery Park and Summit Square Park.
- Staff are working to prepare ice rinks for winter use. Recent rain and temperature fluctuations have made this process challenging in mid-December as this report is being prepared.
- Staff are gathering quotes on various dock systems to install as a fishing pier at Moore Lake Park. The Fridley Lions have expressed interest in partnering to raise funds for this project.

Upcoming Events and Programs

- Saturdays through March: Pickleball Court Rentals, 12:30-3:30 p.m. (reservation required - \$15/hr)
- Saturdays through March: Family Open Gym, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (\$3-6)
- Beginning on January 5: Winter Gear Drive donations are accepted at City Hall and Springbrook Nature Center
- January 23: Skates and Snow Fun, 1-3 p.m. at Hayes Elementary Ice Rink, Free (Partnership with Minneapolis Titans Learn to Skate Program)
- February 7: Winterfest (Free)

Springbrook Nature Center News and Notes

- Centerpoint Energy is wrapping up a gas line project along the western border of the nature center. This project has led to some trail closures to accommodate the work.
- Trail resurfacing is underway at the nature center. A new trail base of finely crushed rock is being put down and trails are being widened and cleared to allow for improved accessibility and maintenance access.

Upcoming Events and Programs at Springbrook Nature Center

- **Project Feederwatch Training: Saturday, December 13 11:30 - 12:30**
Join Naturalist Cody and learn how you can participate to take data about the birds seen at the SNC bird feeders. Our data will merge with countless other data sets from around the country. Ornithologists will use it to model populations of species, movement and migration, bird disease, and more.
- **Christmas Bird Count: Saturday, December 20: 7 am - 4 pm**
Sign up to help count birds in plotted areas in Anoka county. Former Director, Siah St. Clair is in charge of the project. Interested in signing up - contact the nature center main line.

- **Lantern Light Hikes**
(6:30-8:30 pm, \$5 per person)
January 9
February 6
March 6
- **Upcoming Interpretive Center Closures:**
Christmas (December 25 & 26)
New Year's Day (January 1)



The graphic features a dark blue background with a glowing lantern on the right side. The lantern is lit, casting a warm orange glow. The text is white and arranged in a clean, modern font. The title 'Lantern Light Hikes' is at the top left. Below it, the dates are listed in two columns: December 5, January 9, February 6, and March 6. The time and price are listed at the bottom left of the graphic area.

Lantern Light Hikes

December 5 February 6
January 9 March 6

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
\$5/person

Bundle up and bring the whole family to enjoy an evening following the glow of lantern lit trails at Springbrook Nature Center. Listen to owls hooting, keep your eyes peeled for elusive nocturnal animals, warm up by the fireplace. Registration required.

If snowpack allows, snowshoes will be available to rent for \$5/pair, while supplies last.