



# RESIDENT

## Join Us for the 28th Annual Happy Days Festival on Saturday, September 12!

Ramsey's annual Happy Days Festival returns Saturday, September 12, with a full day of activities, entertainment, and community fun!

Start the day off at Elmcrest Park with the 5K and Youth Fun Run. Afterward, head to the main festival site along Sunwood Drive NW, across from City Hall, for the Happy Days Parade, Expo, food and drink vendors, kids' activities, live entertainment and more throughout the day.

Festival favorites include the Kids' Tent hosted and sponsored by Northgate Church; Dog Show, hosted and sponsored by Armstrong Kennels; the Car Show, hosted by Mike Orn State Farm and sponsored by Take 5; the Bean Bag Tournament, hosted by Anytime Fitness; and bingo, hosted by Anoka Women of Today. New this year, Jam Hops will also join the lineup with a live demo in the Event Tent.

Evening entertainment includes live music from Jonah

and the Whales from 6:30–8:00 p.m., followed by Stone Daisy from 8:30–10:00 p.m. Fireworks will close out the festival at approximately 10:00 p.m.

New this year, families will also have access to the KaiBi Mobile Family Care Center, brought to Happy Days through a sponsorship from Lightbridge Academy. The accessible trailer provides a private, comfortable space for diaper changing, breastfeeding and pumping, sensory breaks and other family care needs.

For the most up-to-date information and event registration, 5K and Fun Run registration and how to volunteer to make this the best Happy Days yet, please visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/HappyDays](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/HappyDays).

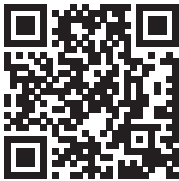


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# Ramsey Municipal Center

7550 Sunwood Drive NW | Ramsey, MN 55303  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday)  
General Information: 763-427-1410  
Website: [www.cityoframseymn.gov](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov).

## The City's Mission

To work together to responsibly grow our community and to provide quality, cost-effective and efficient government services.

## City Council

|                        |                                                                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ryan Heineman          | 763-576-4367                                                                   |
| Mayor                  | <a href="mailto:rheineman@cityoframseymn.gov">rheineman@cityoframseymn.gov</a> |
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| Councilmember Ward 4   | <a href="mailto:sstewart@cityoframseymn.gov">sstewart@cityoframseymn.gov</a>   |

## Important Phone Numbers

|                               |                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brian Hagen                   | 763-433-9845                                                             |
| City Administrator            | <a href="mailto:bhagen@cityoframseymn.gov">bhagen@cityoframseymn.gov</a> |
| Fire and Police Emergency     | 911                                                                      |
| Fire and Police Non-Emergency | 763-427-1212                                                             |
| City Hall                     | 763-427-1410                                                             |
| Parks/Streets/Utilities       | 763-427-8254                                                             |
| TDD                           | 763-427-8591                                                             |

## Your City Newsletter

The *Ramsey Resident* is a newsletter that is partially funded by advertising revenue. It aims to provide public information about community events and local government activities.

We welcome all inquiries, comments and marketing requests related to the *Ramsey Resident*. Please direct them to the Communications Coordinator at [pjohnson@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:pjohnson@cityoframseymn.gov) or 763-433-9831.

Articles intended for publication in the Ramsey Resident should be submitted via email to [pjohnson@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:pjohnson@cityoframseymn.gov) by the first day of the month prior to the edition's release. If the first falls on a weekend, submissions are due by the following Monday.

The City of Ramsey reserves the right to determine the content that appears in this newsletter. Please note that this newsletter is read and obtained with the understanding that the information presented comes from various sources, and no guarantee of accuracy or completeness is provided.

## QCTV Live Broadcasts, Replays and Video Streaming

Quad Cities Community Television (QCTV) broadcasts regular City Council, Planning Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Economic Development Authority and Environmental Policy Board meetings on Channel 16 with periodic replays. For more information visit [www.qctv.org](http://www.qctv.org).

# Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Ramsey Municipal Center unless otherwise noted.

- City Council (2nd & 4th Tuesday)**  
7:00 p.m., Council Chambers  
September 8, 22 & October 13, 27
- City Council Work Session (2nd & 4th Tuesday)**  
5:30 p.m., Lake Itasca Room  
September 8, 22 & October 13, 27
- Economic Development Authority (2nd Thursday)**  
7:30 a.m., Council Chambers  
September 10 & October 8
- Environmental Policy Board (3rd Monday)**  
6:30 p.m., Council Chambers  
September 21 & October 19
- Park & Rec. Commission (2nd Thursday)**  
6:30 p.m., Council Chambers  
September 10 & October 8
- Planning Commission (4th Thursday)**  
6:30 p.m., Council Chambers  
September 24 & October 29\*
- Public Works Committee (3rd Tuesday)**  
5:30 p.m., Lake Itasca Room  
September 15 & October 29\*

Additional City Council Work Sessions may be scheduled throughout the month. See the Meetings calendar to confirm dates, locations and times on the City's website at [www.cityoframseymn.gov](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov).

TBD - To be Determined  
\*Rescheduled Date  
\*\*Check Website Calendar for Meeting Location

### Curbside Recycling Dates

**West Side Pick-up**  
September 14, 28  
October 12, 26



**East Side Pick-up**  
September 8\*, 21  
October 5, 19

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## A Minute with the Mayor

Ryan Heineman  
Mayor



## Council Corner

Dan Specht  
Ward 3  
Councilmember



Dear Ramsey Neighbors,  
I hope you're all having a great summer!

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the grand opening of our new Splash Pad at The Waterfront Park! It's been awesome seeing so many kids and families cooling off and enjoying the new spot. The turnout has been fantastic, and I'm thrilled we finally have this up and running for our community.

Neighborhood street reconstruction season is in full gear under our street rehabilitation plan. Major reconstruction and overlay projects are active in several areas. Thank you for your patience as crews complete pavement improvements and utility upgrades.

Lastly, our Parks and Recreation team and public works crews have done an amazing job keeping our green spaces, playgrounds, and trails in top shape all season long. Whether you're catching live music under the stars, hitting up local markets, attending our kids' events, going to the Tuesday Farmers Market, or grabbing lunch outdoors on Food Truck Wednesdays, there is constantly something fun happening across our City.

A big thank you to our City staff, event organizers, and volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep our parks fun, active, and clean. There's still plenty of summer left, so grab a lawn chair, gather the family, and get out to enjoy our local parks while the warm weather lasts!

It's an exciting time for the City of Ramsey!

Driving through the COR, it's encouraging to see the many new restaurants and businesses that have opened over the past few years, while also continuing to support the businesses that have proudly called Ramsey home for many years.

The newly opened Kwik Trip has already become a popular addition to our community. Many residents have shared how much they appreciate the convenience and enjoy having another great local option.

The Waterfront Splash Pad has drawn attention from across the Twin Cities and was even featured on the local CBS evening news. Since opening in July, it has been a popular gathering place for families, with more than 80 spray features spread across over 12,000 square feet of space for families to enjoy.

Looking ahead, there is much to be excited about. Continued investments in our parks, the addition of a new senior living community, and more businesses choosing to invest in Ramsey all reflect the positive momentum our City continues to build.

Ramsey is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family, and it's exciting to see our community continue to grow while maintaining the qualities that make it such a special place to call home.



The Ramsey City Council members and Administration want to hear your thoughts about our community. Please come with your questions and feedback, and enjoy some coffee with us.

Join Mayor Heineman and Councilmembers Olson and Specht, as well as City staff on Tuesday, October 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Ramsey Municipal Center, located at 7550 Sunwood Drive NW.



## Charter Commission

The City of Ramsey is accepting applications for the Charter Commission to fill potential future vacancies. Visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/150](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/150) to learn more about the Charter Commission and to apply. For more information, please contact City Clerk Katie Schmidt at [kschmidt@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:kschmidt@cityoframseymn.gov) or 763-433-9842.

# BUSINESS *Spotlight*

## 2026 Ramsey Business of the Year: RM Golf Carts

The City of Ramsey is proud to recognize RM Golf Carts as the 2026 Ramsey Business of the Year.

Located at 7039 Highway 10 NW, RM Golf Carts has been a familiar and growing Ramsey business since 2007. Owner Mark Kaufman started the company out of his garage before relocating to Ramsey in search of a larger space and the visibility of a major highway location. What began as a small operation has continued to grow into a trusted destination for golf cart sales, service, rentals and customization.

RM Golf Carts offers new and used golf carts, parts, service, rentals and custom-built carts. The company is known for taking on unique projects, including custom



limousine-style golf carts, ambulance golf carts for federal prisons, and specialty carts used by medical service providers at concert venues and other large events.

With five employees and a 44-by-77-foot facility, RM Golf Carts continues to evolve alongside the growing demand for golf carts in recreation, business and specialty uses. Customers can rent a golf cart for a day, a season, a full year or another timeframe that fits their needs.

Mark credits the company's success to hard work, trade shows, social media, educating customers about its products and providing top-notch customer service. A memorable milestone for the business has been its continued growth and expansion over the years, including the opportunity to own the property where the business is located.

RM Golf Carts invites the community to stop in, explore its selection, and discover what the team can build—because “It’s A Great Day to Own a Golf Cart!”

Visit RM Golf Carts Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or online at [www.rmgolfcarts.com](http://www.rmgolfcarts.com).

The City of Ramsey extends heartfelt congratulations to RM Golf Carts, Inc. on being named the 2026 Business of the Year! Thank you for your longstanding commitment to excellence and for making Ramsey your home.

Each year, the Ramsey Economic Development Authority selects one outstanding local business to receive the Business of the Year Award, recognizing excellence in innovation, community involvement, and overall contribution to the City. The award is formally presented at the Annual Business Appreciation Event in August.

## Introducing the New City Engineer

We are pleased to welcome Hafedh Hlel as the new City Engineer. Hlel officially joined the City of Ramsey on June 1, 2026. Hlel brings many years of engineering experience, most recently working in the Engineering Department for the City of Coon Rapids. Prior to his municipal career, he worked as an engineer through his military background.

Hlel shared this about joining the City of Ramsey, “I am excited to join the City of Ramsey Engineering Department and serve this community. I look forward to getting to know the Ramsey community, working with City staff, and helping maintain and improve the City’s infrastructure while supporting Ramsey’s continued growth.”

The City Engineer oversees department operations, guides long-term planning, and continues building strong partnerships with residents, businesses, and regional agencies to ensure our infrastructure meets community expectations. We invite residents to join us in welcoming Hlel to the City of Ramsey. We look forward to the leadership, experience, and energy he will bring to our Engineering Department and to the community as a whole.



# General Election November 3, 2026

The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026. All polling places are open from 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. For more information, including the list of polling locations and where to vote, visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/165/Elections](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/165/Elections).

## In-Person Absentee Voting

Ramsey residents may vote in-person absentee at the Ramsey Municipal Center or the Anoka County Government Center, beginning Friday, September 18, 2026. Voting can be done from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Ramsey Municipal Center will be open for voting on

- Saturday, October 24 and 31, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27 until 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You may also vote absentee via U.S. Mail by contacting Anoka County Elections at 763-324-1300 or requesting a ballot online at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## Ramsey City Council Candidates November 3, 2026

The seats open for the 2026 General Election are as follows: Councilmember At-Large, Councilmember Ward 1 and Councilmember Ward 3.

The list of candidates that will be on the general ballot is as follows:

### Councilmember At-Large

Kelly Muchowski  
Debra Musgrove

### Councilmember Ward 1

Nate Truesdell

### Councilmember Ward 3

Victor Jumah  
Dan Specht

## Polling Locations

To find your polling place, visit [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us). If you are not sure where to vote, you may contact staff at the Ramsey Municipal Center at 763-427-1410.

For any questions about the general election, in-person absentee voting, or the candidates, please contact City Clerk Katie Schmidt at [kschmidt@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:kschmidt@cityoframseymn.gov) or 763-433-9842.

# Ramsey Polling Places

## Ward 1 – Precinct 1

Pathways Community Church  
6341 – 167th Avenue NW

## Ward 1 – Precinct 2

Cross of Hope Church  
5730 – 179th Lane NW

## Ward 2 – Precinct 1 (New Location)

St. Katharine Drexel Church  
7633 – 161st Avenue NW

## Ward 2 – Precinct 2

Ramsey Fire Station 1  
15050 Armstrong Boulevard NW

## Ward 3 – Precinct 1

Ramsey Municipal Center  
Alexander Ramsey Room  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

## Ward 3 – Precinct 2

Ramsey Public Works Facility  
14199 Jasper Street NW

## Ward 3 – Precinct 3

Ramsey Municipal Center  
Lake Itasca Room  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

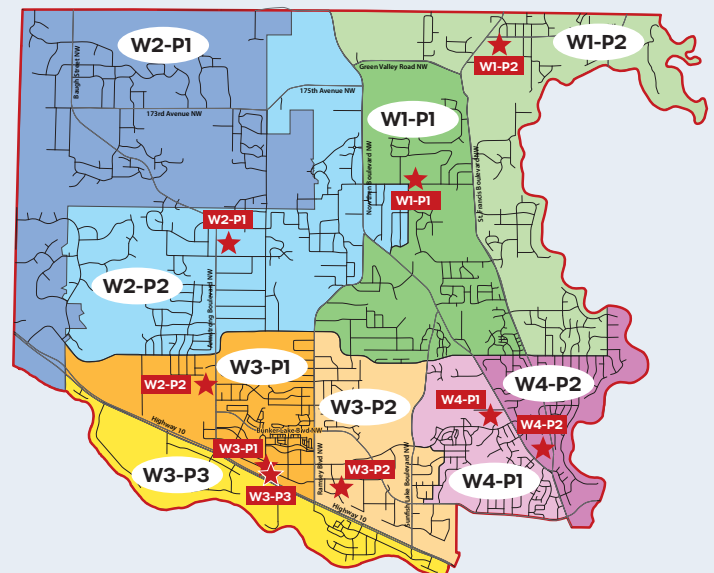
## Ward 4 – Precinct 1

Ramsey Elementary School  
15000 Nowthen Boulevard NW

## Ward 4 – Precinct 2

Lord of Life Church  
14501 Nowthen Boulevard NW

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QR Code to  
see a larger  
map.





# Fall Recycling Day Event

Saturday, September 26 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ramsey Public Works Campus  
14199 Jasper Street, Ramsey MN

For more information,  
call 763-433-9817

**NO GARBAGE  
will be accepted!**

**All fees payable to Evergreen Recycling.** Fees will be collected at event entrance. Payment by cash, check or credit card.

*Funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners and the state Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE).*

| Item                                                                                                            | Price        | Quantity | Subtotal     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>Appliances</b>                                                                                               |              |          |              |
| Household Appliance                                                                                             | \$10 ea      |          |              |
| Treadmill, Exercise Bike or Elliptical                                                                          | \$10 ea      |          |              |
| Water Softener or Appliance with Freon                                                                          | \$15 ea      |          |              |
| <b>Tires</b>                                                                                                    |              |          |              |
| Passenger/ATV/UTV/Light Truck (on or off rim)                                                                   | \$7 ea       |          |              |
| Semi (on or off rim)                                                                                            | \$17 ea      |          |              |
| Tractor (priced on-site)                                                                                        | \$35-\$60 ea |          |              |
| <b>Fluorescent Bulbs - Please have an accurate count of bulbs to expedite your time.</b>                        |              |          |              |
| Incandescent                                                                                                    | Free         |          |              |
| 4-ft & Smaller Tube, CFL, U-Tube, Circular, LED                                                                 | \$1 ea       |          |              |
| Over 4-ft. Tube, HID                                                                                            | \$2 ea       |          |              |
| <b>Mattress (\$25) or Box Spring (\$20) or Mattress Topper/Crib Mattress (\$10)</b>                             |              |          |              |
| <b>Electronics, Televisions &amp; Computer Monitors</b>                                                         |              |          |              |
| CRT Monitor or TV                                                                                               | \$20 ea      |          |              |
| Console or Rear Projection TV                                                                                   | \$40 ea      |          |              |
| Flat Screen TV or Monitor                                                                                       | \$15 ea      |          |              |
| Desktop Printer, Copier or Scanner                                                                              | \$5 ea       |          |              |
| Speaker, Radio, Boom Box, Receiver or DVD Player                                                                | \$5 ea       |          |              |
| Vacuum, Toaster Oven or Air Fryer                                                                               | \$5 ea       |          |              |
| <b>Batteries - Please sort by type</b>                                                                          |              |          |              |
| Alkaline, NiCad and Nickel Metal Hydride                                                                        | 25¢ per lbs  |          |              |
| Sealed Lead Acid                                                                                                | Free         |          |              |
| Lithium or Lithium Ion - <i>For safety purposes, please keep these batteries separate from the other types.</i> | \$5 per lbs  |          |              |
| Please fill out this sheet and turn it in with your payment.                                                    |              |          | <b>TOTAL</b> |

## THESE ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR **FREE**

### Scrap Metal

All non-metal parts and fluids  
**must be removed**

Used Oil, Oil Filters and  
Antifreeze - *dispose of empty  
containers at home*

### Standard Curbside Recyclable Materials

Food/Beverage Glass,  
Aluminum/Steel Cans,  
Newspaper/Magazines/  
Cardboard, Plastic Bottles,  
Tubs/Lids (≤ 1 gallon)

### Bikes

Laptops, CPUs (towers),  
Tablets, Cell Phones

## PLEASE NOTE

- Some roads may be temporarily closed for traffic control during the event. Refer to the map on page 7 for site directions.
- Please be patient if the lines are long.
- Please load your vehicle so materials can be unloaded in the following order:
  - 1 Used oil, filters, antifreeze
  - 2 Bikes
  - 3 Scrap metal and curbside recyclables
  - 4 Mattresses/box springs
  - 5 Tires
  - 6 Bulbs and batteries
  - 7 Appliances
  - 8 Electronics
  - 9 Paper shredding

## **FREE** - Document Destruction/Paper Shredding

All types of paper accepted, no need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands!  
No 3-ring binders. Limit of 3 boxes (equivalent to 15" x 12" x 10") *per household.*

# The Purple Lights Initiative

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and the City of Ramsey is participating in The Purple Lights Initiative to raise awareness. Purple symbolizes courage, survival, and hope.

Throughout October, Ramsey City Hall will be lit with purple lights to signify a stand against domestic violence, show support for victims and survivors, pay tribute to lives lost, and encourage conversations within families and the community.

Many organizations in Ramsey support victims of violence. The Ramsey Police Department investigates domestic violence reports thoroughly and pursues criminal charges in such cases. They collaborate closely with Alexandra House, a violence prevention organization, to provide victims with vital resources and support. Alexandra House aims to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence while fostering social change through education and advocacy.

If you or someone you know has experienced domestic violence, please call 911 to report it. For additional

resources, contact the Ramsey Police Department at 763-427-6812 or reach out to the Alexandra House 24-hour helpline at 763-780-2330.

Support the fight against domestic violence by illuminating purple lights or displaying a DVAM yard sign. Wear purple on #PurpleThursday, October 22, and share a photo on social media, tagging @AlexHouseMN.

For support resources, contact Alexandra House at [communications@alexandrahouse.org](mailto:communications@alexandrahouse.org), call 763-795-5417, or visit [alexandrahouse.org](http://alexandrahouse.org).



## MAP TO RECYCLING DAY EVENT



### MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- Garbage of any kind
- Yard and tree waste
- Window/door glass panes
- Plastic containers > 1 gal.
- Scrap wood
- Furniture (except mattresses/box springs)
- Construction debris, paint or other household hazardous waste materials identified by staff.

## NEED A NEW DISHWASHER?

Check out the water efficiency rebate program!



up to a  
**\$200**  
rebate

City of Ramsey water customers may receive money for upgrading to water-efficient appliances such as dishwashers, clothes washers, faucets, toilets, showerheads, and smart irrigation controllers.

Verify if the appliance you want to purchase qualifies, and complete the form at [www.cityoframseymn.gov/wrebate](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/wrebate).

### QUESTIONS?

Call  
**763-433-9834**





**SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026**

*Most events are held across from Ramsey City Hall on Sunwood Drive NW*

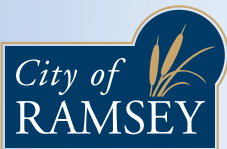
## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

|                                         |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5K and Youth Fun Run (Elmcrest Park)    | 8:00–9:30 a.m.        |
| Expo Vendors                            | 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  |
| Food Vendors and Lions Beer Tent        | 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. |
| Parade                                  | 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. |
| Kids Activities, Ninja Anywhere Contest | 12:00–7:00 p.m.       |
| Inflatables, Bungee Jump, and Rock Wall | 12:30–8:00 p.m.       |
| Dog Show                                | 1:00–2:00 p.m.        |
| Car Show                                | 2:00–4:30 p.m.        |
| Bean Bag Tournament                     | 2:00–5:00 p.m.        |
| Jam Hops Demo                           | 2:30–3:30 p.m.        |
| BINGO with Anoka Women of Today         | 5:00–9:00 p.m.        |
| Live Music - Jonah and the Whales       | 6:30–8:00 p.m.        |
| Live Music - Stone Daisey               | 8:30–10:00 p.m.       |
| Fireworks                               | 10:00 p.m.            |

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

|                                                    |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament (Rum River Hills GC) | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|



Schedule is subject to change, visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/343](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/343) for most up-to-date events or more information.

## Curbside Organics Recycling is Easy and Convenient

Did you know that you can now sign up for curbside recycling of organics? This is a great way to help reduce waste sent to a landfill. Organics include food scraps, food-soiled paper products such as paper towels and napkins, pizza delivery boxes, paper egg cartons, and coffee grounds and filters. You can recycle all food scraps curbside, whereas backyard composting excludes dairy and meat products. Please note that yard waste is not permitted in the curbside organics cart.

Unlike your regular curbside recycling, which is picked up every other week, curbside organics are picked up weekly by ACE Solid Waste. Simply roll the organics cart out to the street by 6:30 a.m. every Monday. Food scraps must be placed in either brown paper bags or Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)-certified compostable bags before being placed in the organics recycling cart. These bags are available at most grocery stores.



This will likely decrease the amount of waste in your garbage can, which may allow you to downsize it. Unlike recycling, which has a flat fee regardless of cart size, trash collection follows a “pay as you throw” model. This means that the larger the cart, the higher your monthly garbage bill will be.

In 2026, the monthly cost to participate in the curbside organics recycling program is \$3.75. ACE Solid Waste will bill the address directly. If you are interested in signing up for the curbside organics recycling program or would like more information about this new opportunity, call ACE Solid Waste at 763-427-3110. You can also find more information at [www.cityoframseymn.gov/578](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/578) or by contacting Senior Planner Chris Anderson at [canderson@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:canderson@cityoframseymn.gov) or 763-433-9817.

The City of Ramsey logo, featuring a stylized leaf and the text "City of RAMSEY".

# HIRING

**We'll be hiring winter temporary employees soon!**

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to more information about the hiring process.

Watch the City's Facebook and website for more information.

**SCAN ME**

## Visit the Ramsey Farmers Market Before It Ends!

The Ramsey Farmers Market runs every Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. at The Draw, 7401 E Ramsey Parkway NW, until October 6. Shop from local growers, producers, and small businesses while enjoying food trucks, community partners, activities, and more.

As the season changes, the market is a great place to find late-season produce, baked goods, locally made products, and other seasonal favorites—perfect for some early holiday shopping! We accept SNAP-EBT, and eligible purchases can receive up to a \$10 Market Bucks match each market day.

Make sure to stop by before the season ends on Tuesday, October 6!

For more information and to see the full list of vendors each week, visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/1167](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/1167).



ANOKA MINI CYCLONES PRESENTS

# LEARN TO SKATE FOR FREE!

An illustration of two young children, a boy and a girl, wearing ice hockey gear and holding sticks, appearing to be skating on ice.

Join us this winter at the Anoka Ice Arena, located at 4111 N 7th Avenue, Anoka, for the Learn to Skate for Free program!

This program is designed for first-time skaters ages 3 to 6 years old.

The 10 session program runs Saturday mornings November through January.

ANOKA ARENA HOCKEY.COM

**LEARN MORE!**

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to more information about the Learn to Skate program.

## 2026 Night to Unite Wrap Up

Thank you to all the Ramsey residents who organized a Night to Unite (N2U) event in their neighborhoods, as well as the local businesses that supported them! This city-wide celebration was attended by approximately 2,100 residents and included over 1,200 households. Forty registered N2U block parties welcomed visits from the Police Department, Fire Departments, and our City

Council. Night to Unite takes place every year on the first Tuesday in August. If you missed the opportunity to host an event in your neighborhood this year, make sure to mark your calendar for next year—planning begins early!

For more details about Night to Unite, please visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/195](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/195) or contact the Police Department at 763-427-6812.



# LOOKING FOR A RELIABLE TRASH HAULER?

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## Fall Water Main Flushing

The City of Ramsey's Utility Department will be conducting its semi-annual water main flushing from Monday, September 28 through Friday, October 30. This essential maintenance helps ensure the quality of our water supply. Please note that during this process, the water may temporarily appear discolored due to iron; however, it remains safe for consumption.

To avoid potential staining of light-colored clothing, we recommend checking the clarity of your washing machine's water by filling it with water before adding any garments. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this important maintenance period.

If you have any questions about the water main flushing, please feel free to reach out to Public Works at 763-427-8254. Thank you for your cooperation!



## Join the Ramsey Police Explorers

The Police Explorers program is tailored for individuals ages 14-21 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. Participants will undergo training in various police-related areas and have the opportunity to showcase their skills at a statewide competition. Additionally, they will assist the Police Department at special events and engage in role-playing scenarios during police officer trainings. No prior training or experience is needed.

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/1800](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/1800), email Explorer Advisor Laura Lohse at [llohse@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:llohse@cityoframseymn.gov), or 763-427-6812.



## Ramsey Seniors Club

The Ramsey Seniors Club meets regularly at Ramsey Fire Station #1, 15050 Armstrong Boulevard NW on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

The Ramsey Seniors Club would like to thank everyone who helps make their meetings a success and to remind all seniors that everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a resident of Ramsey. Please call 763-257-7356 for more information.

President, Lucie Eisenreich

## Get INVOLVED

Apply to be on one of Ramsey's Advisory Boards or Commissions!

Applications are being accepted for:  
Economic Development Authority (EDA),  
Environmental Policy Board (EPB),  
Park & Recreation Commission and Planning Commission.

*You can make a difference!*



Apply at [www.cityoframseymn.gov/149](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/149).

## Need Help With Medicare?

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## Drug Take Back Program

The Ramsey Police Department provides an ongoing Prescription Drug Take Back Program. Unwanted prescription drugs are accepted from non-commercial, residential users only. No syringes, needles, or other hazardous materials will be taken. Participation in the program is free and anonymous. All prescriptions are disposed of with no questions asked.

Prescription drugs can be brought to the Police Department at 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Drug Take Back bin is located in the Police Department lobby.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

## Paid-On-Call Firefighters

The City of Ramsey's Fire Department is primarily composed of paid-on-call firefighters who receive an hourly wage for their time spent responding to emergencies, participating in training, or engaging in community events. All paid-on-call firefighters are also members of the Department Relief Association, which provides additional benefits, including a retirement pension and supplemental accident insurance. These dedicated individuals have taken up firefighting as a second job and are committed to serving the community.

The City of Ramsey operates a combination Fire Department with only six full-time firefighters. Therefore, the City heavily depends on its paid-on-call members.

For more information about becoming a Ramsey firefighter, please visit [www.cityoframseymn.gov/firecruit](http://www.cityoframseymn.gov/firecruit).

If you see one of the City's firefighters, please thank them for their service to the community.





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# HAPPY Halloween

**Saturday, October 31 | 5:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**At Fire Station 2 | 5650 Alpine Drive NW**

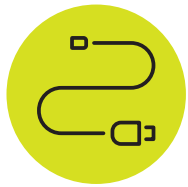




**Stop by for some Halloween fun at Ramsey Fire Station 2!**  
Meet the firefighters, show off your costume, see the decorations and collect some candy!



## USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS



### CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

**Why it matters:** Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.



### SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

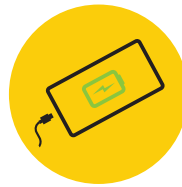
**Why it matters:** Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



### FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

**Why it matters:** A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



### FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

**Why it matters:** Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



### FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

**Why it matters:** These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.



### OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

**Why it matters:** If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —



### BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.\* Listed products meet important safety standards.



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## Irrigation Controllers: Save Money and Water

Water is essential for a healthy lawn, but wise watering helps protect aquifers and save money. Residential soil moisture sensors and smart controllers, costing a few hundred dollars, can prevent unnecessary watering and reduce water and electricity costs.

### Worst

Clock-based irrigation: Waters on a fixed schedule, ignoring weather or soil conditions.

### Better

Soil moisture sensor: Overrides watering when soil moisture is sufficient.

### Best

Weather-based smart controller: Adjusts watering based on weather data, with app control options.

In Minnesota, automated systems must have a moisture bypass sensor, while smart controllers are optional. This initiative is part of the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization's water management efforts.

Visit [www.LRRWMO.org](http://www.LRRWMO.org) for more information.



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## 55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will offer a 55+ Driver Discount Program at the Ramsey Municipal Building, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, on Tuesday, September 29, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, November 10, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ramsey residents can enroll for *free*, courtesy of the Ramsey Lions. All are welcome to attend. However, a fee applies to non-Ramsey residents. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated, even if you are attending for free. Enroll at [www.stcloudstate.edu/precisiondrivingcenter/55-plus](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/precisiondrivingcenter/55-plus) or call 1-320-308-1400.

The certified instructor, Kelli Friese, utilizes the most up-to-date research regarding driver safety, new laws, and vehicle technology. Completing the four-hour course every three years may qualify you for an insurance discount.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**Bunker Hills Activity Center**  
550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover  
Maple Room  
10 am - 1 pm  
Last items accepted at 12:30 pm

Want to get that much-loved item repaired free of charge? Join us at the city of Andover Fix-It Clinic on October 3 and our fixers and menders will try to fix your item.



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Fall into the habit of donating! Receive a \$15 e-gift card when you give blood September 21 through October 18.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Help save lives. **GIVE BLOOD!**

**Blood  
Drive**  
Wednesday,  
September 23  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of Ramsey Parks and Recreation Department provides a wide range of programs, classes, and events for the community.

For more information and a complete list of offerings, please visit our website at [cityoframseymn.gov/parks-recreation](http://cityoframseymn.gov/parks-recreation).

If you have any questions or suggestions for additional programs, feel free to contact us at [parks@cityoframseymn.gov](mailto:parks@cityoframseymn.gov) or by calling 763-433-9883.



## Starwatch Party

Explore the night sky with astronomer Mike Lynch while viewing the moon, planets, star clusters, galaxies and more through two large mobile telescopes.

Friday, October 30 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. | \$12.50

Elmcrest Park, 16303 Quicksilver Drive NW

Ages: 8+

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.



## NW Food Truck Fest

Enjoy a variety of food trucks, vendors and family-friendly activities during this new fall event.

Sunday, October 11 | 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Central Park, 7925 161st Avenue NW

FREE to attend

## 55+ Day Trip:

### Taylor's Falls Scenic Boat Cruise

Enjoy a narrated paddle-wheel cruise on the St. Croix River, lunch onboard and a stop at Pine Tree Apple Orchard. Participants do not need to be Ramsey residents.

Thursday, October 15 | 9:15 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

\$94/person

Bus leaves from the Ramsey Municipal Center

Pre-registration is required by Sunday, September 13, or until full.

## 55+ Day Trip: Holiday in St. Paul

Visit the Como Conservatory, enjoy lunch at the St. Paul Hotel and shop the Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar at Landmark Center. Participants do not need to be Ramsey residents.

Friday, December 4 | 9:15 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

\$97/person

Pre-registration is required by Sunday, November 1, or until full.

## Qigong Mediation

Qigong (chee gong) is a holistic system of exercise that aims to strengthen, stretch, balance, and coordinate the body. Movements are slow, coordinated and rhythmic, synchronizing breath, movement and focus.

Thursdays | 10:30–11:00 a.m. | FREE

Ramsey Municipal Center

7550 Sunwood Drive NW

## Yoga

Experience the benefits of mindful movement and breath connection in our hour-long Gentle Movement Yoga session. Open to all levels—no prior experience needed.

Wednesdays | 6:00–7:00 p.m. | \$5/session

Public Works | 14199 Jasper Street NW

Pre-registration is required by noon the day of.

## Save the Date

Watch for more information about a puzzle event on October 10, a pickleball tournament with Grit Adaptive, and Pumpkin Chuck on November 1. Plus, stay tuned for details about the annual Holiday Tree Lighting and opportunities to participate as a holiday gift vendor! Check the website for a full list of offerings and most up-to-date information.





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15050 Armstrong Boulevard NW  
**Tuesday, October 6**  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

### **Station 2**

5650 Alpine Drive NW  
**Thursday, October 8**  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

### **At both stations:**

- Interactive Fire Extinguisher Demo
- Tour the Fire Station and Trucks
- Tour an Allina Ambulance
- Meet Ramsey Firefighters
- Educational Activities for Kids
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog and a Dalmatian
- 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. - Vehicle Fire Demo/Safety House Demo
- State Fire Marshal will be in attendance with an informational table and games



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