

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Special Workshop
City Hall - Flex Meeting Area (**Not Televised**)
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
5:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:

- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON___ MAY___
 MIELKE___ MOGEN ___ WASSENBERG___

 STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN___

- C. POLICY ITEMS:
 - 1. Open House Meeting with Alley Plowing Organizers

- D. ADJOURNMENT:

DISCLAIMER: City Council Workshops are held monthly as an opportunity for Council Members to discuss policy topics in greater detail prior to a formal meeting where a public hearing may be held and/or action may be taken. Members of the public that would like to make a comment or ask questions about an item on the agenda for an upcoming workshop should send them to mail@falconheights.org prior to the meeting. Alternatively, time is regularly allotted for public comment during Regular City Council Meetings (typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays) during the Community Forum.

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	May 27, 2026
Agenda Item	C1
Attachment	Letters
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Special Workshop - Meeting with the Alleyway Plowing Organizers & Public Works Director Callahan
Description	<p>In advance of the workshop, the City Council is asked to meet with plowing organizers and public works to discuss the potential of the city taking over alleyway plowing. This will be an informal format to allow open discussion on what to consider when the item is discussed more formally in the regular workshop setting.</p> <p>The organizers of the 14 alleyways that would be considered were sent a letter. Some sent written comment, which are included as attachments in the packet.</p>
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	Letters
Action(s) Requested	Staff requests City Council participate in the discussion, and consider questions or topics to discuss with the alleyway plowing organizers and public works.



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2077 Larpenteur Avenue W
Falcon Heights, MN 55113

THE CITY THAT SOARS!

P: 651-792-7600
F: 651-792-7610

5/5/2026

Re: Falcon Heights Alleyway Plowing Open House

To Alleyway Plowing Organizers,

The City of Falcon Heights will hold an open house at City Hall, located at 2077 Larpenteur Ave. W., at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 27, to gather feedback on the City's proposed plan for providing alleyway plowing services.

This Open House is an opportunity to ask questions and share comments prior to the City Council's discussion on whether to move forward with providing this service to Falcon Heights residents who live on an alley.

If you are unable to attend and would like to submit a written comment or request additional information, please contact City staff by email at mail@falconheights.org or by phone at 651-792-7600. Written comments must be received prior to 4:00 PM on May 27th to be included in printed materials and shared with Council.

Sincerely,

Jack Linehan
City Administrator
City of Falcon Heights
Main: 651-792-7600

Alleyway Plowing

From Deena Wassenberg

Date Mon 5/11/2026 11:01 PM

To FH Mail <mail@falconheights.org>

Dear Jack,

I am the person who collects the plowing money for the California/Idaho alley between Pascal and Albert. I would greatly appreciate it if plowing were taken over by the city. I've been doing this job for 10 years. Every year the vast majority of the neighbors contribute, but every year I supplement the plowing charge because of a few who do not pay. If the city could provide timely plowing (similar to what happens now) this would be a real service for the city residents and would foster good will among neighbors.

I appreciate the effort city administrators are putting into this issue.

Thank you!

Deena Wassenberg

1446 California Avenue W

1382 Iowa Avenue West
Falcon Heights, MN. 55108
May 19, 2026

Dear Council Members:

This letter is in reply to a request for information concerning the proposal for the city to snow plow the alleys in our neighborhood. I am appreciative that you are considering this option, and I support it.

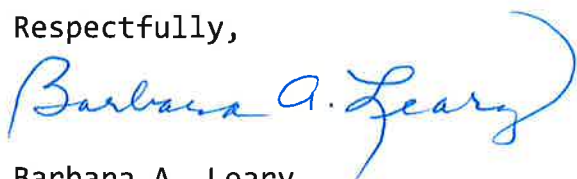
I am a 55 year resident of Falcon Heights and have paid a fee each winter to have the alley plowed. My neighbor, Dave Thomas (deceased), collected for the neighbors on the 1300 block of Hoyt and Iowa for most of these years. I took over the collection in 2019. We have an unusual alley structure as its T shape is the back end of the businesses on Hamline Avenue. The car repair business is the only one of the businesses that has financially supported the plowing along with the neighbors. The other businesses have never replied to the request.

The alley plow service and I set up the plowing contract each year. We have been serviced by the same company since 2019. Our individual costs per winter are now \$40 per household. While the collection process has gone well for the most part, late contributors have muddied the process over time. However, with prompting, everyone has paid their fair share.

I am much in favor of having the city take over this plowing process. The equipment used for plowing now is a pickup truck and attached plow, and I am assuming that the city has equipment that is probably more compatible with the plowing as it connects with city streets. I am sure the present system of plowing will not be appreciated by the independent snow-plowers and I am sorry about that as they have been dependable over the years.

A paper copy of this letter will be given to Jack Linehan, and an electronic letter will be sent to the website.

Respectfully,



Barbara A. Leary