

# Fosston, Minnesota

## JANUARY

- 7 12:30-3PM - Food Shelf open
- 12 7PM City Council Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
(City Office Closed)
- 21 12:30-3PM Loaves and Fishes  
Food Shelf Open
- 22 6PM - State of Healthcare meeting  
Hosted by Fosston Area Healthcare Taskforce  
at New Journey Church.

## FEBRUARY

- 9 7PM City Council Meeting
- 16 Presidents' Day  
(City Office Closed)

## January 2026 CITY NEWS

### State of Primary Healthcare Community Meeting

The Fosston Area Healthcare Taskforce invites community members to attend a State of Primary Healthcare Community Meeting on Thursday, **January 22 at 6:00 PM - at New Journey Church.**

This meeting is an opportunity to share a clear, up-to-date picture of the primary healthcare options currently available in Fosston, along with ongoing efforts to support access to care in our community. The Taskforce will provide an overview of services that residents can utilize locally and discuss how healthcare continues to evolve in the area.

There will also be a brief update on the ongoing legal process involving Essentia Health, followed by time for community questions. The goal of the meeting is to keep residents informed, address concerns, and maintain open communication as work continues to support primary healthcare access in Fosston.

Community members are encouraged to attend, listen, and participate in the discussion.



#### Fosston Ice Rink Hours

Monday–Saturday: 12 PM – 9:30 PM  
Sunday: 12 PM – 8:30 PM

*Please note: Start times may occasionally be delayed due to snow removal. If snow falls overnight, additional time may be needed to clear and prepare the ice.*



#### Civic Center – Open Gym

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8 AM – 9 PM  
Wednesday: 8 AM – 3:30 PM  
Saturday: 1 PM – 5 PM  
Sunday: Closed

*Note: The gym is sometimes reserved. Call 218-435-6434 for info.*



#### Civic Center – Pool

**Open Swim**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 7 PM – 9 PM  
Saturday: 1 PM – 5 PM

**Lap Swim**  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 6 AM – 7 AM

## Winter Reminders from the City

*Winter weather brings a few important reminders to help keep everyone safe*

- Remove vehicles from city streets during snowstorms until snow removal is complete
- Property owners are reminded to keep sidewalks cleared after snowfall
- Use caution on slippery roads and sidewalks
- Drivers please slow down and allow extra stopping distance, especially near schools



**PRAIRIE PINES**  
CHILDCARE CENTER

218.435.1130 [www.prairiepineschildcare.org](http://www.prairiepineschildcare.org)

Prairie Pines Childcare Center provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can learn and grow.

Openings are currently available.  
Serving infants through preschool.

Proud to support families in the  
Fosston area.



Rendering of the new playground planned at Berge-Stafford Park

## What is happening at the park?

Change is underway at Berge-Stafford Park — and it's something to be excited about!

Much of the existing playground equipment was removed just before snow hit as part of Phase One of a larger plan to reimagine the park. The equipment is not being thrown away; it will be relocated to Mittun Park on the south side of town, with installation planned for the spring.

This marks the start of a new chapter for Berge-Stafford Park. While the park has long been a cherished community space, there has not been significant investment in the playground since 2006, when a dedicated group of residents worked together to fundraise for and install the current playset. Now, two decades later, it's time to take a fresh look at how this space can serve our community.

The City is taking steps to create a thoughtful, long-term plan for this much-loved space — one that is welcoming and inclusive for families of all ages and abilities. The first step in that plan is a new playground (rendering pictured), with installation planned as soon as possible in 2026. As the project moves forward, the City will continue to explore partnerships, grants, and community support to help bring the full vision for the park to life.

This project is just the beginning. There are big ideas and exciting plans ahead for Berge-Stafford Park. We're excited to see this vision begin to take shape and can't wait to share what's next.

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THE CITY**

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City Hall Hours: 8:00-4:30 M-F

  
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