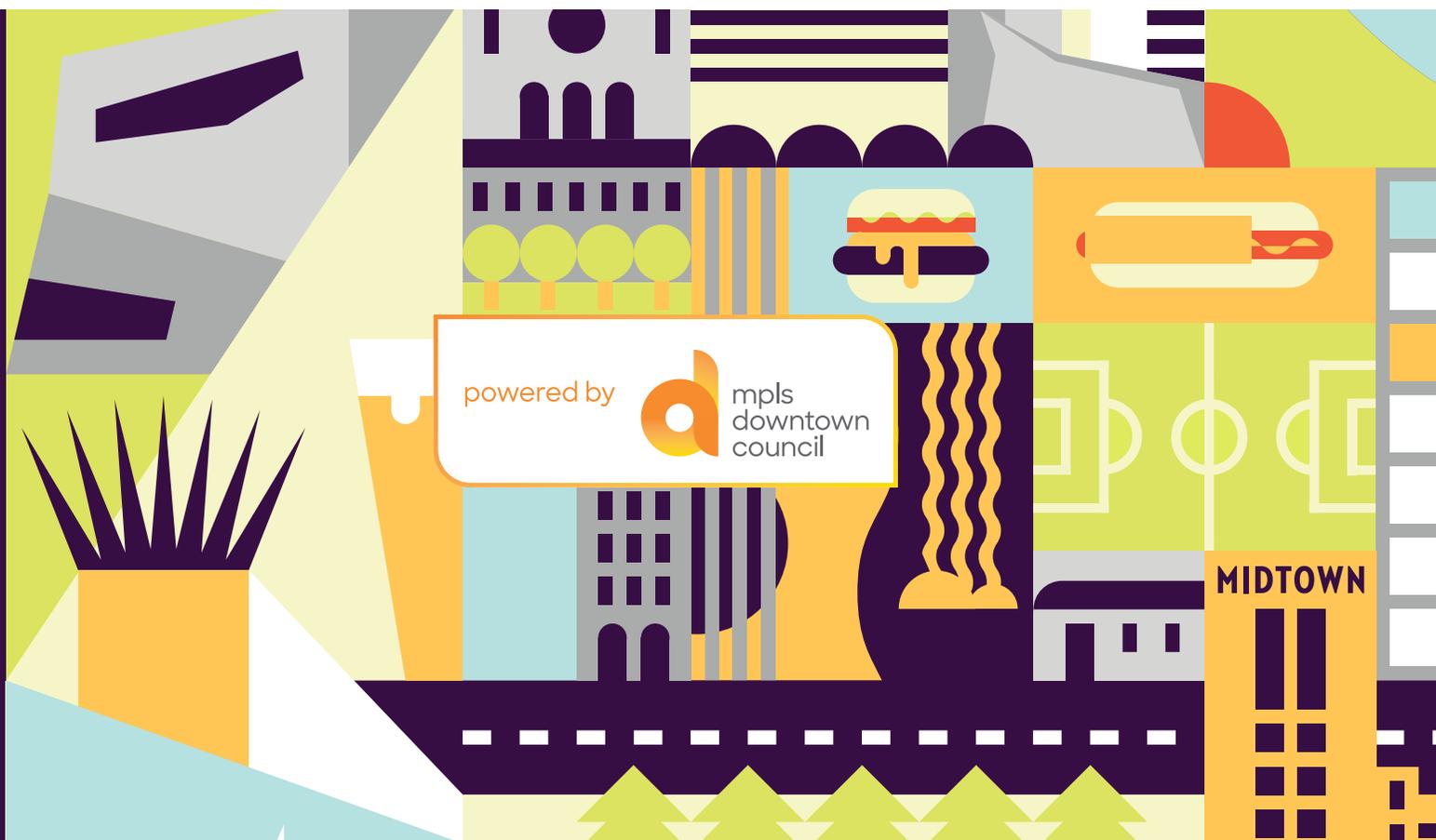




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2017 Events Guide



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MIDTOWN

A Word from the Mayor of Minneapolis

On behalf of the City of Minneapolis, welcome to the 2017 Minneapolis Aquatennial.

There's nothing like summer in Minneapolis. I might be biased, but I think we've got the best summer scene anywhere in the country, give or take a mosquito. And if you want the Minneapolis summer experience distilled into four exciting days, there's nothing like the Minneapolis Aquatennial. From July 19-22, the Aquatennial brings together so much of what we love about our sunniest season. Whether you're into music, biking, outdoor markets, or just want to catch a ballgame or two, the Aquatennial has you covered. There's a reason they're called the Best Days of Summer!

Annual fan favorites like the Center-Point Energy Torchlight Parade (take a free ride on Wednesday thanks to Metro Transit) and the Target Fireworks

(including food, live music, a kids zone and more at the pre-fireworks festivities) bookend a four-day stretch that features more than two dozen different activities and events in the heart of our city. The Aquatennial days are jam-packed, and the downtown and Riverfront locations make for a perfect bike ride or stroll in the warm summer air.



Mayor Betsy Hodges

There are some new attractions this year: The Candid Canines Film Fest is a celebration of dogs, featuring crowd-sourced videos from the public. The MN Made Market block party at JB Hudson Jewelers features art, food, and beer made right here in Minnesota. After a celebrated run in the '80s and '90s, AquaJam returns this year with incredible skateboarding feats that I love to watch, but am still not quite ready to try. We've got two Twin Cities River Rats performances, Twin Cities Carifest, Twins games, yoga at The Commons, the always-popular

Aquatennial Tennis Classic, canoe rides in Loring Park, and so much more. In fact, the list of activities is so long that I might miss the festivities if I took the time to list them all. Instead, check out this event guide to see everything that's on offer this year.

Winter's over. The spring thaw is behind us and summer is finally here, so whether you call Minneapolis home, or you're just passing through, the Aquatennial is a perfect chance to come out and explore our vibrant city. Yes, Minneapolis has so much for us to enjoy every day of the year, but in summer we can enjoy it all in short sleeves. These are truly the Best Days of Summer, and we can't wait to enjoy them with you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Betsy Hodges
City of Minneapolis

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 19**



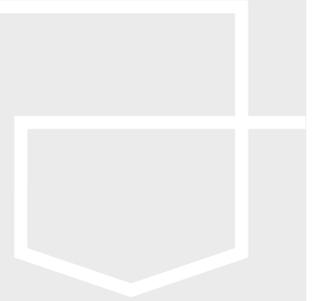
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**HENNEPIN AVE.
8:30 P.M.**

For more information, visit Aquatennial.com/Events



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AC Hotel Minneapolis, 401 Hennepin Avenue
Show your pin and receive 50% off a second drink at the AC Lounge



The Bird, 1612 Harmon Place
Buy one drink, get one free of equal or lesser value. Valid on wine, beer, and cocktails. Limit one offer per person, with pin.



Hyatt Regency/Prairie Kitchen and Bar, 1300 Nicollet Mall
20% off of the bill at Prairie Kitchen and Bar



Lakes & Legends Brewing Company, 1368 LaSalle Avenue
Buy one beverage, get one free.



Loews Minneapolis Hotel, 601 N 1st Avenue
Enjoy 10% off in Apothecary Bar & Lounge, Relevé Champagne Lounge, and Cosmos Restaurant at Loews Minneapolis Hotel



Lok(e)l in IDS Center, 80 S 8th Street
20% off of one full priced item (excluding food) for the month of July



The Lowry, 2112 Hennepin Avenue
\$5.00 off of a \$25.00 purchase.



Peoples Organic in IDS Center, 80 S 8th Street
\$5 off of a purchase \$25 or greater.



Radisson RED, 609 S 3rd Street
15% all food and drink purchases at the OUIBar + KTCHN



Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel/Milwaukee Road, 225 South 3rd Avenue
BOGO! Enjoy a complimentary draft beer or house wine with the purchase of one. Enjoy outdoor patio and accessible parking. Easy walk to the many Aquatennial Events. One redemption per pin / per day.



The Shout! House Rock N' Roll Dueling Pianos, 110 North 5th Street
Free cover charge with skipper pin



Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 Fillmore Street NE
\$2 off a pint in the Sociable Cider Werks Taproom

2017 Skipper Pin must be present to receive promotion.

All offers valid July 1-22 unless otherwise noted. Expectations/Restrictions may apply on some specials, check with establishments for details.

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SATURDAY
JULY 22

3-6 PM FREE SKATE
6-8 PM CONTEST

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BARREL JUMPING
MINI RAMP

BOOM ISLAND



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LASTWORD





JUL 19



CENTERPOINT ENERGY
Torchlight Parade
8:30 PM

Need tips for parade night? Visit aquatennial.com/torchlightparade

JUL 22



Target Fireworks
10:00 PM



WHILE YOU'RE THERE

Tune into Go96.3 FM and enjoy the soundtrack set to the Target Fireworks display.

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For a full schedule of events visit

AQUATENNIAL.COM

Events Schedule

ALL EVENTS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- Aquatennial Blood Drive***
WCCO-TV (90 S. 11th St), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Aquatennial Tennis Classic***
Canadian Pacific Plaza (120 S. 6th St), 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Go Outside with Hennepin County**
Hennepin County Government Center
South Plaza (300 S. 6th St), 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night**
Loring Park, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- USTA Northern Rally the Family Tennis Lessons**
Loring Park, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides**
Loring Park, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K**
Hennepin Avenue beginning at
Basilica of St. Mary, 7:30 PM
- CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade**
Hennepin Avenue from Basilica of St. Mary
to 5th St, 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- Downtown Farmers Market**
Hennepin County Government Center
South Plaza (300 S. 6th St), 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Aquatennial Blood Drive***
The Commons (425 Portland Ave),
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Aquatennial Tennis Classic***
Canadian Pacific Plaza (120 S. 6th St), 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- MN Made Market**
JB Hudson Jewelers (901 Nicollet Mall), 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Candid Canines Film Fest**
Target Field Station (335 N. 5th St), 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show***
Mississippi River, West River Road
(between Broadway & Plymouth Aves), 7:00 PM



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FRIDAY, JULY 21

- Aquatennial Blood Drive***
CBS Radio (625 S. 2nd Ave), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Aquatennial Tennis Classic***
Canadian Pacific Plaza (120 S. 6th St), 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Aquatennial Yoga with CorePower Yoga**
The Commons (425 Portland Avenue), 5:30 pm
- Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show***
Mississippi River, West River Road (between
Broadway & Plymouth Aves) 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- Twin Cities Carifest**
Mississippi River, West River Road (between Broadway
& Plymouth Aves), 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- AquaJam (Open Skateboarding, Skateboarding
Competition)**
Boom Island (724 NE Sibley St), 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Pre-Fireworks Festivities (Kids zone, Live music,
Food trucks & more)**
West River Parkway near Portland Ave,
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Target Fireworks**
West River Parkway near Portland Ave, 10:00 PM

Get to the CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade or Target Fireworks by bus or light rail with a FREE ride pass from Metro Transit. More info at Aquatennial.com.

* Events occur multiples dates or at various times during Aquatennial. Visit AQUATENNIAL.COM for more information

** Schedule subject to change



THURSDAY MOVIES

Starts at 7 pm

- July 13: Inside Out
- August 10: Finding Dory
- August 24: Free Willy



THE MOST EPIC FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 13

12-4 pm

Enjoy free family activities at a lake-like day in the city!



EVENTS MAP

For more information, visit Aquatennial.com.



AQUATENNIAL EVENTS KEY

2017 Flagship Events



CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade
 Wednesday, July 19 | 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
 Largest nighttime parade in Minnesota, with University of Minnesota football coach P.J. Fleck as Grand Marshal. Hennepin Avenue between The Basilica of St. Mary & 5th St.



Target Fireworks
 Saturday, July 22 | Festivities begin at 6 pm (Live Music, Kids Zone, Food Trucks & more!)
Fireworks at 10 pm
 West River Parkway between Portland Ave. & 3rd Ave Bridge

- Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show**
 Thursday, July 20 | 7 pm
 Friday, July 21 | 7 pm
 West Bank Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)
- Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 7:30 pm
 Basilica of St. Mary to Nicollet Island
- Aquatennial Tennis Classic**
 July 10-21 | 9 am - 5 pm
 Canadian Pacific Plaza
 120 S. 6th Street
- Aquatennial Yoga with Core Power Yoga**
 Friday, July 21 | 5:30 pm
 The Commons

- AquaJam**
 Saturday, July 22 | 3 pm-8 pm
 Boom Island
- Food Trucks**
 Saturday, July 22
 3 pm-8 pm | Boom Island
 6 pm-10 pm | West River Pkwy
- Live Music**
 Saturday, July 22 | 6 pm-10 pm
 W. River Pkwy
- Aquatennial Blood Drive**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 9 am-3 pm
 WCCO-TV
 91 S. 11th Street
- Aquatennial Blood Drive**
 Thursday, July 20 | 9 am-3 pm
 The Commons

- Aquatennial Blood Drive**
 Friday, July 21 | 9 am-3 pm
 CBS Radio (625 S. 2nd Avenue)
- Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park
- Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park
- Rally the Family at Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park
- Candid Canines Film Fest**
 Thursday, July 20 | 4 pm-9 pm
 Target Field Station

- Twin Cities Carifest**
 Saturday, July 22 | 11 am-10 pm
 West River Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)
- Pre-Fireworks Kids Zone**
 Saturday, July 22 | 6 pm-10 pm
 West River Parkway Near Stone Arch Bridge
- Go Outside With Hennepin County Food Trucks & Lawn Games**
 Wednesday, July 19 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Downtown Farmers Market
 Thursday, July 20 | 6 am-6 pm
 South Plaza | 300 S. 6th Street
- Minnesota Twins Games**
 Wednesday, July 19 | Friday, July 21 | Saturday, July 22
 Target Field
- MN Made Market**
 Thursday, July 20 | 4 pm-8 pm
 JB Hudson Jewelers



Wednesday Events



WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS KEY



CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade
 Wednesday, July 19 | 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
 Hennepin Avenue between
 The Basilica of St. Mary & 5th St.

Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K
 Wednesday, July 19 | 7:30 pm
 Basilica of St. Mary
 to Nicollet Island

Aquatennial Blood Drive
 Wednesday, July 19 | 9 am-3 pm
 WCCO-TV

Minnesota Twins vs. New York Yankees
 Wednesday, July 19 | 12:10 pm
 Target Field

Rally the Family at Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park

Aquatennial Tennis Classic
 Wednesday, July 19 | 9 am - 5 pm
 Canadian Pacific Plaza

Go Outside With Hennepin County
 Wednesday, July 19 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
 Hennepin County Gov't Center
 South Plaza

Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park

Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides
 Wednesday, July 19 | 5 pm-7:30 pm
 Loring Park

CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade



Join this year's Grand Marshal, new U of M football coach P.J. Fleck, for one of the largest nighttime parades in the state! A procession of great floats, displays and bands from our surrounding communities will light up the Minneapolis night.

Getting Here: Metro Transit is offering FREE RIDES from 4 pm - 11:59 pm. Download & print yours at Aquatennial.com.

While you're there: Stop by the Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night from 5 pm-7:30 pm, watch or run the Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K at 7:30 pm. Find your spot early, as spaces along the parade route go quickly.



More Info:
<http://www.aquatennial.com/torchlightparade>

Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K



Registration is available online, so sign up at Torchlight5k.com. You can also register the day of the race. When you register, you are able to take part in the post-race party along the Mississippi Riverfront that features food, beer, entertainment and more.

Tip: Grab lunch at Hennepin County Government Center South Plaza (300 S. 6th St.) and play lawn games from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Then head over to Canadian Pacific Plaza to watch the Aquatennial Tennis Classic throughout the afternoon before you head to the race!

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Thursday Events



THURSDAY'S EVENTS KEY



Aquatennial Tennis Classic
Thursday, July 20 | 9 am - 5 pm
Canadian Pacific Plaza



Aquatennial Blood Drive
Thursday, July 20 | 9 am-3 pm
The Commons (425 Portland Avenue)



MN Made Market
Thursday, July 20 | 4 pm-8 pm
JB Hudson Jewelers



Downtown Farmers Market
Thursday, July 20 | 6 am-6 pm
Hennepin County Gov't Center
South Plaza



Candid Canines Film Fest
Thursday, July 20 | 4 pm-9 pm
Target Field Station



Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show
Thursday, July 20 | 7 pm
West Bank Road (Between
Broadway & Plymouth)

Twin Cities River Rats



Join the Twin Cities River Rats water ski crew as they dazzle you with their skills on the Mississippi River! Watch high-flying stunts, fast-paced barefooting, graceful swivel skiing, and even human pyramids courtesy of the talented group. The show begins at 7 pm on Thursday and Friday at Aquatennial.

Tips: Bring a lawn chair or blanket and find a spot along the river bank to watch the show. Park at Boom Island and walk across Plymouth Avenue Bridge. Arrive early—the area fills up quick!

Candid Canines Film Fest



It's a Celebration of Dogs! Watch Minneapolis' latest pet sensation video, filled with clips submitted from people throughout our community. The 40-minute video will be shown multiple times between 4-9 pm at Target Field Station (outside Gate 6). Stop by and watch. Did we mention it's a dog-friendly event?

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Friday Events



FRIDAY'S EVENTS KEY



Aquatennial Tennis Classic
Friday, July 22 | 9 am - 2 pm
Canadian Pacific Plaza



Aquatennial Yoga with Core Power Yoga
Friday, July 21 | 5:30 pm
The Commons



Minnesota Twins vs. Detroit Tigers
Friday, July 21 | 7:10 pm
Target Field



Aquatennial Blood Drive
Friday, July 21 | 9 am - 3 pm
CBS Radio (625 S. 2nd Avenue)



Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show
Friday, July 21 | 7 pm
West Bank Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)

Calling All Yogis: Enjoy Outdoor Yoga At Aquatennial

Stop by The Commons in East Town for a fun outdoor yoga session led by CorePower Yoga! It's a free activity, with check-in starting at 4:30 pm and the class kicking off at 5:30 pm. No pre-registration is required, just come early and reserver your spot.



Tips: Bring your own mat or grab one of the complimentary mats on site.

Aquatennial Blood Drive

Join us for the Aquatennial Blood Drive and help give back to your community during The Best Days of Summer! You can sign up in advance and secure your time by visiting <http://www.aquatennial.com/events>! The Blood Drive is made possible by the Red Cross, WCCO-TV & CBS Radio.



Did You Know? Vacations and summer activities often cause donors to be less available, so giving blood during the summer is incredibly helpful for the American Red Cross.

Saturday Events

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SATURDAY'S EVENTS KEY



Twin Cities Carifest
Saturday, July 22 | 11 am-10 pm
West River Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)



Pre-Fireworks Festivities & Kids Zone
Saturday, July 22 | 6 pm-10 pm
West River Parkway near Stone Arch Bridge



Food Trucks
Saturday, July 22
3 pm-8 pm | Boom Island
6 pm-10 pm | West River Pkwy



Target Fireworks
Saturday, July 23 | 10 pm
West River Parkway between Portland Ave. & 3rd Ave Bridge



AquaJam
Saturday, July 22 | 3 pm-8 pm
Boom Island



Live Music
Saturday, July 22 | 6 pm-10 pm
W. River Pkwy



Minnesota Twins vs. Detroit Tigers
Saturday, July 22 | 6:10 pm
Target Field

AquaJam Returns



Join us for AquaJam, a legacy event that returned in 2016 and stole the show as an Aquatennial hit. Join us at Boom Island and enjoy watching or participating in open skateboarding (3-6 pm), a competition (6-8 pm), food, local craft beer and more!

Twin Cities Carifest

Saturday, July 22 (11 am-10 pm)

Don't miss out on this fun festival that highlights Caribbean culture, food and music. Located along West River Road between Plymouth & Broadway, you'll have the chance to taste the Caribbean right in your back yard.

Plus, it is just across the river from AquaJam, an easy walk or bike ride away!

Target Fireworks

Saturday, July 22 (Pre-Fireworks 6 pm, Fireworks 10 pm)

One of the country's largest annual fireworks displays! Watch the Target Fireworks light up the sky and listen to the paired music simulcast at Go 96.3 FM. Food trucks, festival treats, live music, a Kids Zone and more begins at 6 pm.

Viewing Tips: Come early and get your spot. Bring sunscreen for the afternoon and bug spray for the evening. The best spots are between Gold Medal Park and the 3rd Avenue Bridge. While you're there visit: Mill City Museum, Stone Arch Bridge, U.S. Bank Stadium and more!



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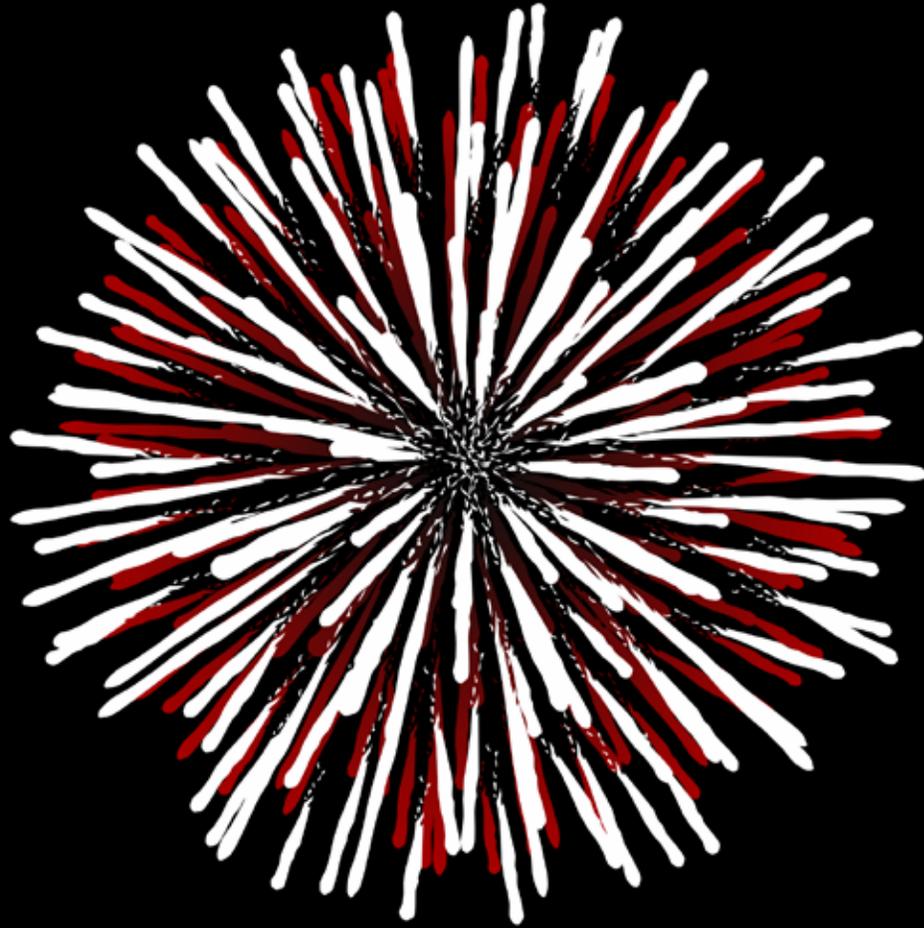
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Join us for
Pre-Fireworks Festivities!

Saturday, July 22 | 6-10 pm | West River Parkway

- Kids Zone, located near Stone Arch Bridge Featuring a Mini-Waterslide, a DJ with Music, Games, Prizes, Inflatables, and a whole lot more!
- Food trucks on West River Parkway between Gold Medal Park & Mill City Museum
- Live music:
 - 6 pm: Heart & Soul Drum Academy
 - 7 pm: Stone Arch Isles
 - 8 pm: Great Lakes New Horizon Band
 - 9 pm: The Grateful RED



TARGET FIREWORKS

WEST RIVER PARKWAY ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER FRONT
SATURDAY, JULY 22 | 10 PM | FREE ADMISSION

PRE-FIREWORKS FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6 PM | VISIT AQUATENNIAL.COM FOR MORE INFO | #TARGETFIREWORKS



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