



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Minnesota Lynx to Grand Marshal Aquatennial Torchlight Parade** *Grand Marshals to celebrate Lynx's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

- WHAT:** Minnesota Lynx to Grand Marshal the 2023 Aquatennial Torchlight Parade
- WHEN:** Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Nicollet Mall from 12<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets
- INFO:** The [Aquatennial Torchlight Parade](#) kicks off the 2023 Minneapolis Aquatennial on Wednesday, July 19 and will feature members of the Minnesota Lynx organization as we celebrate the 4-time WNBA champions' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.

This year's Grand Marshals will include:

**President of Basketball Operations and Head Coach Cheryl Reeve:** Coach Reeve has led the Lynx to four WNBA championships in her 14 years with the team. Her 41 career playoff victories are the most in WNBA history. She also serves as the team's President of Basketball Operations and was the 2019 WNBA Basketball Executive of the Year.

**General Manager Clare Duwelius:** Duwelius is in her 10<sup>th</sup> season with the Lynx and first as General Manager. She began her career in Minnesota as the team's Basketball Operations Coordinator in 2014 and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in 2016. She was part of Minnesota's 2015 and 2017 championships.

**President of Business Operations Carley Knox:** Knox is in her 14<sup>th</sup> season with the Lynx and 19<sup>th</sup> in the WNBA. She is the organization's President of Business Operations and oversees the day-to-day business operations of the team. She has been part of all four Lynx WNBA championship seasons.

Link to photos: [MN Lynx Photos](#)

The Aquatennial Torchlight Parade is the largest nighttime parade in Minnesota and features units, bands, performers, and organizations from throughout the state.

This year's Aquatennial Torchlight Parade will again be emceed by K102's Chris Carr & Co. You can check out their play-by-play near Peavey Plaza at 11<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet.

You can take Metro Transit to the Aquatennial Torchlight Parade for free. Get there by bus or light rail using a free ride pass located on the [Torchlight Parade webpage](#).

Parking information, a parade map, and more details can be found at [Aquatennial.com/torchlightparade](http://Aquatennial.com/torchlightparade).

#### **About the Minneapolis Aquatennial**

The Minneapolis Aquatennial, the Official Civic Celebration of the City of Minneapolis, offers outstanding entertainment and activities in the City of Lakes for all ages. It is managed and produced by the mpl's downtown council. This year's Aquatennial is sponsored by Target, CenterPoint Energy, Hennepin Healthcare, Minneapolis Recycles, City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, Metro Transit and Millennium Minneapolis. For more information, please visit [aquatennial.com](http://aquatennial.com) or call 612-376-7669.

#### **About the mpl's downtown council**

Founded in 1955, and one of the most historic business associations in the nation, the mpl's downtown council (mdc) is a membership-based entity that works to create an extraordinary downtown. The mdc's collaborative development of the Intersections: Downtown 2025 Plan is designed to help downtown businesses; community leaders and citizens build on downtown assets and implement future goals. For more information, please visit [mplsdowntown.com](http://mplsdowntown.com).

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