

# AQUATENNIAL



## DO THE AQUATENNIAL SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

It's the final day of the Official Civic Celebration of the City of Minneapolis. We have a full roster of events culminating with the festival's grand finale of the spectacular Target Fireworks show over the Mississippi.

### Today's Schedule of Events

**USTA Cardio Tennis** | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Loring Park Tennis Courts  
Free workout with USTA Tennis in their Tennis Triples Event.

**Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam Open House** | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., 1 Portland Ave.  
The National Park Service and Mississippi Park Connection invite you to experience Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam. Enjoy a leisurely stroll or picnic on lock wall surrounded by panoramic views of the falls, explore the visitor center, interact with National Park Service rangers and the Army Corps of Engineers, and discover the history and impact of the falls on Minneapolis and the nation.

**Twin Cities CariFest** | 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., West River Road between Plymouth & Broadway Ave.  
For more than two decades, Twin Cities Carifest has been the premier Caribbean Festival featuring Caribbean food, music, arts, crafts, and a traditional carnival parade with colorful costumes and dance.

**Wilderness Inquiry Canoe Rides and Fire Building** | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Boom Island Park  
Free canoeing and paddling instruction open to people of all abilities, including people with disabilities. Free instruction on fire building as well. Inquiry guides will provide all equipment needed, ensuring a safe and fun experience for all.

**Minnesota Lynx vs. Las Vegas Aces** | 2:00 p.m., Target Center

**AquaJam** | 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., West River Parkway near Stone Arch Bridge  
Watch incredible skateboarding, grab a bite to eat, shop, and enjoy live music.

**Mpls Craft Market** | 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., Chicago Mall, of West River Parkway between the Guthrie Theater and Mill City Museum  
A huge marketplace of about 35 small local businesses. Shop jewelry, clothing, woodwork, home goods, printmaking, and more.

**City of Lakes Market (in partnership with The Black Market)** | 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., Chicago Mall of West River Parkway between the Guthrie Theater and Mill City Museum  
Browse and shop for products from fantastic local vendors and makers as you prepare to watch the Target Fireworks.

**Minnesota Twins vs. Chicago White Sox** | 6:15 p.m., Target Field

## Target Fireworks and Pre-Fireworks Festivities | West River Road near Stone Arch Bridge

### Pre-Festivities, 6 - 10 p.m.

Let's get festive down at the river where the City of Minneapolis was born! Enjoy a jam-packed evening of music and performances leading up to the Target Fireworks

6 p.m.	Ozone Creations
7 p.m.	Trevor & Mary Duo
8 p.m.	Natania & Ticket to Brasil
9 p.m.	Black Velvet Punks

### Kids Zone, 6 – 9 p.m.

Stop by the Kids Zone at the Pre-Fireworks Festivities and enjoy great activities for all ages. The Kids Zone includes games and activities provided by different organizations throughout our local community. It's a great way to enjoy the summer evening as you await the Target Fireworks at 10 p.m.! The event kicks off at 6 p.m. and is located at Water Works Park.

### Target Fireworks – 10 p.m.

The Target Fireworks are considered one of the Top 5 annual fireworks displays in the country. The world-famous Zambelli Fireworks team spends approximately two to four hours per minute of the 25-minute display to ensure that the display and music are perfectly synced. Tune into 101.3 KDWB FM once the fireworks start to enjoy the spectacle. Be sure to claim your seat for Target Fireworks early because viewing areas fill up very quickly!

You can get to the Target Fireworks FREE by bus or light rail. Get your Metro Transit Free Ride Pass, find parking locations and plan your trip with the fireworks map at [www.aquatennial.com/fireworks](http://www.aquatennial.com/fireworks).

### Coverage Tips:

- This evening, head to the Mississippi Riverfront to take in the breathtaking Target Fireworks at 10 pm for your newscasts. Parking locations along 1<sup>st</sup> Street near Owamni.
- Great video and photo opportunities can be found at AquaJam on West River Parkway near the Stone Arch Bridge. Capture local skateboarders shred it up from 3-5 pm along the Mississippi Riverfront. Live music and Kids Zone will begin at 6pm and offer great visuals as well.

### Did You Know?

The Target Fireworks are a fully-choreographed pyro-musical, with this year's full playlist featuring all female artists. The fireworks display and the music are fully synced down to 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second.

### MEDIA CONTACT:

We look forward to making your coverage of the Aquatennial smooth sailing. Please contact us at any time with questions or interview needs.

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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 mpls downtown council. This year's Aquatennial is sponsored by Target, CenterPoint Energy, Hennepin Healthcare, Minneapolis Recycles, City of Minneapolis, iHeart Media, Metro Transit, Millennium Minneapolis, and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board. For more information, please visit [aquatennial.com](#) or call 612-376-7669.

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