



AQUATENNIAL

2018 Events Guide



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A Word from the Mayor of Minneapolis

We have an amazing city here in Minneapolis, and we're proud to show it off. There's no better time to do it than during the Minneapolis Aquatennial.

Each year, the Official Civic Celebration of the City of Minneapolis welcomes people near and far to take part in some of the most beloved annual events in our state. This year, we'll pack two-dozen events into four days from July 18-21 and once again get together for an action-packed week of fun.

The best part about Aquatennial is there is something for everyone. We'll again enjoy our flagship events, the CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade on Wednesday at 8:30 pm and the Target Fireworks on Saturday at 10 pm—both of which you can get to for FREE by bus or light rail courtesy of a Metro Transit free ride pass. One is the largest nighttime parade in the state, and the other is a top-five annual fireworks display in the country. How incredible is that?

But we have so much more, including some fun new events to take in. If you're

into unique fitness opportunities, Alchemy 365 at Aquatennial is the thing for you. Take a free class at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden on Friday at 5:30 pm—you'll enjoy the beauty of the public arts displays in a whole new way. Later that night, Fulton Beer will be putting on a bike race through the North Loop followed by a celebratory get-together. And on Saturday, we're connecting the Mississippi Riverfront—where our city was born—in a whole new way. Before enjoying the Target Fireworks and pre-fireworks festivities, head over to Boom Island beginning at 11 am for a part at the Aquatennial Skyline Fest featuring 5K and 10K paddleboard races and free canoe rides, food, beverages, music and more. Then head over to the Guthrie Theater for AquaJam skateboarding fun before taking in the Target Fireworks that night.

In between, enjoy two free waterski shows by the Twin Cities River Rats, run in the Life Time Fitness Torchlight 5K, help save a life by giving blood at the Aquatennial Blood Drive at IDS Center (learn more about the company challenge and the great prize for the winner), and much more. Plus enjoy great promo-


tional deals from downtown businesses by showing your Skipper Pin. Full event and Skipper Pin information can be found at Aquatennial.com.

Don't miss out on any of the fun. Visit the events page on the Aquatennial website and plan out your trip.

We have an extraordinary city—the world saw it when we hosted the Big Game last February, but we've long known it to be true. Let's celebrate our city and our community together. Come out to the Aquatennial July 18-21 and enjoy the summer weather together.

We can't wait to see you here!

Sincerely,



Mayor Jacob Frey
City of Minneapolis

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 18**



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

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For more information, visit Aquatennial.com/Events






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Hyatt Regency/Prairie Kitchen and Bar, 1300 Nicollet Mall
20% off of the bill at Prairie Kitchen and Bar (excluding alcoholic drinks).



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

WALKER

Walker Art Center, 725 Vineland Place
Two for one admission.



D'Amico & Sons Gaviidae, 555 Nicollet Mall
BOGO 50% off for sandwiches and salads, not available with other offers. Available Monday through Saturday, 11am-3pm.



Fogo De Chao, 645 Hennepin Avenue
July 15-20: \$35 Dinner Special! Enjoy our gourmet salad bar of 70+ items and 12 of our meats served tableside by our Gaucho Chef's, and a complimentary dessert! *beverages, tax, and gratuity are additional*



Cardigan Donuts, City Center, 40 S 7th Street #207
Buy one donut, get one free.



Fulton Brewing Taproom, 414 6th Avenue N
Buy one beverage, get one free.



Rosenthal Interiors, 22 North 5th Street
Free design consult and comped parking in parking lot for anyone who gets a consult and shows their Skipper Pin.



Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Mall
Enjoy one free beverage on the Dakota patio. *Some restrictions apply



The Local, 931 Nicollet Mall
BOGO on The Local's signature cocktail: Big and Skinny gingers.



Gluek's, 16 North 6th Street
\$10 off a \$30 purchase for lunches 11am-3pm.



Alchemy 365, 120 SE 3rd Avenue
Receive two drop-in classes for the price of one.



Roe Wolfe/True Hue, 3175 Galleria in Edina
Receive one free True Hue signature candle with \$100 or more purchase from Roe Wolfe.



CorePower Yoga, 501 S Washington Avenue
1 free week of unlimited yoga at any participating CorePower Yoga studio, for new students only.



Finnegans Brew Co., 817 5th Avenue S
BOGO brews at the taproom.



Haskell's, 901 Nicollet Mall
BOGO beverage - coffee, wine, or beer.



People's Organic (in IDS Center), 80 S 8th Street
\$5 off any purchase of \$25 or more.



Lok and Love (in IDS Center), 80 S 8th Street
Save 20% on any purchase of \$10 or more. Code: Aqua18



Mission American Kitchen and Bar (in IDS Center), 80 S 8th Street
\$10 off \$40 purchase. Not valid with any other offers or discounts.
Valid July 1 - July 20.

2018 Skipper Pin must be present to receive promotion.

All offers valid July 1-21 unless otherwise noted. Expectations/Restrictions may apply on some specials, check with establishments for details.

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SATURDAY
JULY 21ST
6-8PM AT THE GUTHRIE



BEST TRICK
CONTEST

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JUL 18



**CENTERPOINT ENERGY
Torchlight Parade**
8:30 PM

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

JUL 21



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 full schedule visit

AQUATENNIAL.COM

Events Schedule

ALL EVENTS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Schedule subject to change

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Aquatennial Blood Drive*
IDS Center (80 S. 8th St), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Go Outside with Hennepin County Activities
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, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

USTA Northern Rally the Family Tennis Lessons
Loring Park, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides
Loring Park, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Life Time Torchlight 5K
Hennepin Avenue beginning at
Basilica of Saint Mary, 7:30 PM

CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade
Hennepin Avenue from Basilica of Saint Mary
to 5th St, 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Nicollet Farmers Market
Nicollet from 6th to 9th Streets, 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Aquatennial Blood Drive*
IDS Center (80 S. 8th St), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Go Outside with Hennepin County Piano Performance
Hennepin County Government Center
South Plaza (300 S. 6th St), 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

JB Hudson Family Fun Fest
JB Hudson Jewelers (901 Nicollet Mall), 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CorePower Yoga & Meditation Hike
Father Hennepin Bluff Park (420 SE Main St), 6:00PM

Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show*
Mississippi River, West River Road
(between Broadway & Plymouth Aves), 7:00 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.



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FRIDAY, JULY 20

Aquatennial Blood Drive*
IDS Center (80 S. 8th St), 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Alchemy 365 at Aquatennial
Mpls Sculpture Garden (726 Vineland Pl), 5:30 pm

Aquatennial's Fulton Downtown Thunderdome
Fulton Brewery (414 N. 6th St), 4:30 PM-9:15 PM

Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show*
Mississippi River, West River Road (between
Broadway & Plymouth Aves) 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 21

National Parks Service Picnic & Lock Tours
St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

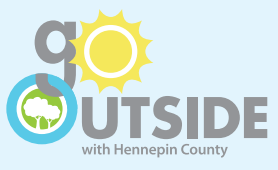
Aquatennial Skyline Fest: Stand-Up Paddleboard Races and Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides
Boom Island (724 NE Sibley St), Begins 11:00 AM

AquaJam Best Trick: Skateboarding
Guthrie Theater (818 S. 2nd St), 6:00 PM

Pre-Fireworks Festivities (Family Fun Zone presented by Tom's of Maine, Live music, Food trucks, and more)
West River Parkway near Portland Ave, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Target Fireworks
West River Parkway near Portland Ave, 10:00 PM

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



OUTDOOR MOVIES

Starts at 7 pm

- July 2: The Lion King
- July 16: The Princess Bride
- July 23: Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark

- August 8: Coco
- August 22: Mary Poppins

THE MOST EPIC FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 12

12-4 pm

Enjoy free family activities here in downtown Minneapolis!



AQUATENNIAL EVENTS KEY


2018 Flagship Events





CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade
 Wednesday, July 18 | 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
 Largest nighttime parade in Minnesota.
 Hennepin Avenue between The Basilica of Saint Mary & 5th St.





Target Fireworks
 Saturday, July 21 | 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


 **Aquatennial Blood Drive**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 9 am-3 pm
 Thursday, July 19 | 9am - 2pm
 Friday, July 20 | 9am - 3pm
 IDS Center | 80 S 8th Street

 **Go Outside With Hennepin County Food Trucks & Lawn Games**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Piano performance
 Thursday, July 19 | 12 pm-1 pm
 South Plaza | 300 S 6th Street

 **Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park


 **USTA Northern Rally the Family Tennis Lessons**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park


 **Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park


 **CorePower Yoga & Meditation Hike**
 Thursday, July 19 | 6 pm
 Father Hennepin Bluff Park


 **Life Time Fitness Torchlight 5K**
 Wednesday, July 18 | 7:30 pm
 JB Hudson Family Fun Fest
 to Nicollet Island


 **Nicollet Farmers Market**
 Thursday, July 19 | 6 am-6 pm
 Nicollet between 6th and 9th Street


 **JB Hudson Family Fun Fest**
 Thursday, July 19 | 4 pm-7 pm
 JB Hudson Jewelers | 901 Nicollet Mall


 **Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show**
 Thursday, July 19 | 7 pm
 Friday, July 20 | 7 pm
 West River Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)


 **Alchemy 365 at Aquatennial**
 Friday, July 20 | 5:30 pm
 Minneapolis Sculpture Garden


 **Aquatennial's Fulton Downtown Thunderdome**
 Friday, July 20 | 4:30 pm-9:15 pm
 Fulton Tap Room | 414 N 6th Ave


 **Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides**
 Saturday, July 21 | 11 am-5 pm
 Boom Island | 724 Sibley Street NE

 **Aquatennial Skyline Fest**
 Saturday, July 21 | 11 am-5 pm
 Boom Island | 724 Sibley Street NE

 **National Parks Service Picnic and Tours on the Lock**
 Saturday, July 21 | 11 am-5 pm
 St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam
 2 SE 3rd Avenue

 **AquaJam**
 Saturday, July 21 | 6 pm-8 pm
 Guthrie Theater | 818 S 2nd Street

 **AAO Queen of the Lakes Coronation**
 Saturday, July 21 | 4 pm - 6 pm
 Ted Mann Concert Hall, U of M
 2128 S 4th Street

 **Pre-Fireworks Festivities**
 Kids Zone, live music, food trucks, and more!
 Saturday, July 21 | 6 pm-10 pm
 West River Parkway Near Portland Avenue

Get to the CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade or Target Fireworks by bus or light rail with a free-ride pass at Aquatennial.com



Wednesday Events

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WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS KEY



CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade
 Wednesday, July 18 | 8:30 pm-10:30 pm
 Hennepin Avenue between
 The Basilica of Saint Mary & 5th St.



Aquatennial Blood Drive
 Wednesday, July 18 | 9 am-3 pm
 IDS Center | 80 S 8th Street



Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park



Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park



Go Outside With Hennepin County Food Trucks & Yard Games
 Wednesday, July 18 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm
 Hennepin County Government Center
 South Plaza | 300 S 6th Street



USTA Northern Rally the Family Tennis Lessons
 Wednesday, July 18 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
 Loring Park



Life Time Torchlight 5K
 Wednesday, July 18 | 7:30 pm
 Basilica of Saint Mary to Nicollet Island

CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade



Bring the whole family out for the largest nighttime parade 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 - midnight. Download & print yours at Aquatennial.com.

While you're there: Stop by the Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night from 6 pm-8:30 pm and watch or run the Life Time Torchlight 5K at 7:30 pm.



Find your spot early, as spaces along the parade route go quickly. Join the conversation by using #Aquatennial online.

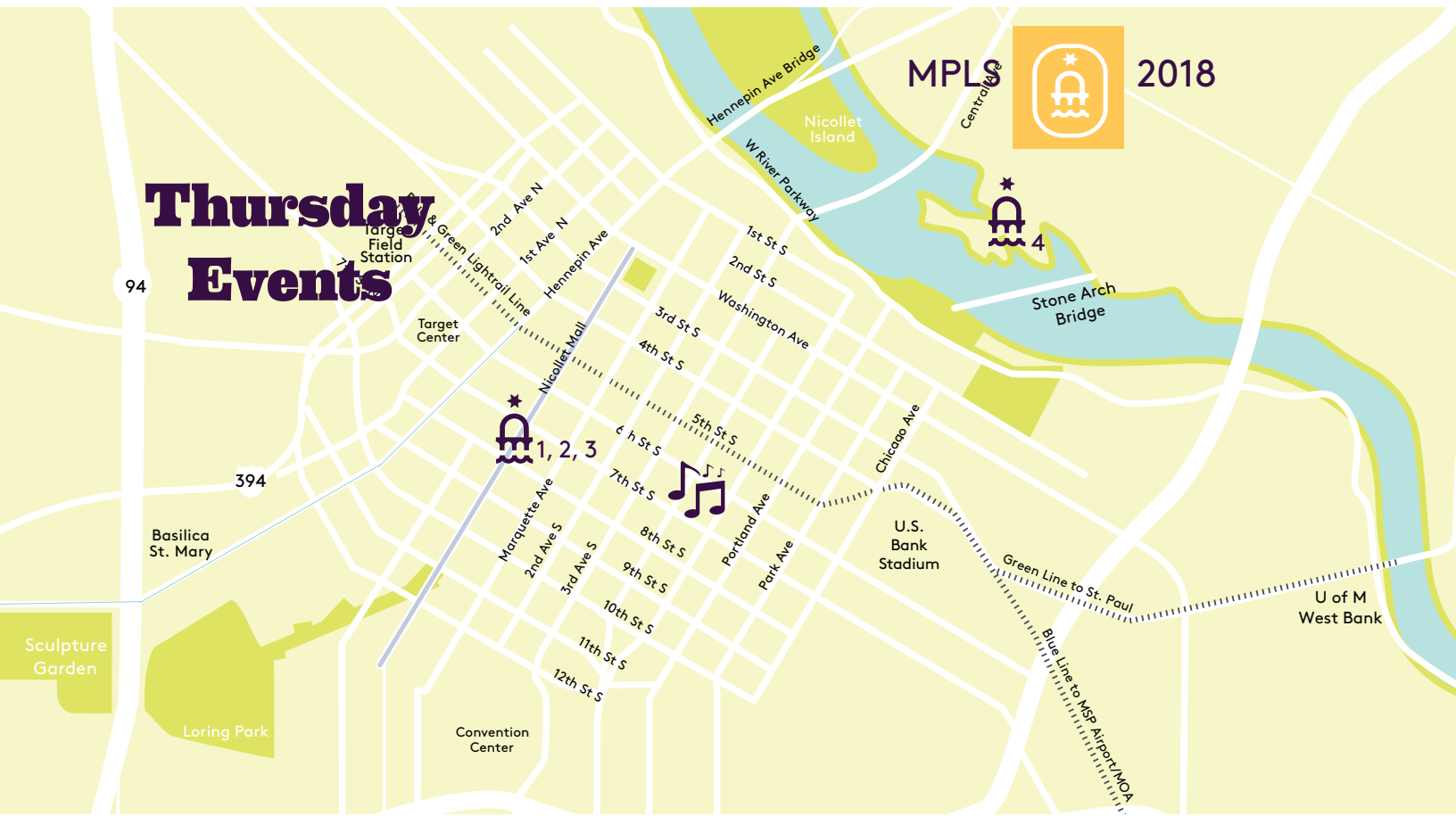
More Info:
<http://www.aquatennial.com/torchlightparade>

Life Time 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 Loring Park for the Pre-Parade Family Fun Night before you head to the race!





Thursday Events

THURSDAY'S EVENTS KEY


 1
Aquatennial Blood Drive
 Thursday, July 19 | 9am - 2pm
 IDS Center | 80 S 8th Street

 2
Nicollet Farmers Market
 Thursday, July 19 | 6am - 6pm
 Nicollet between 6th and 9th Street

 3
JB Hudson Family Fun Fest
 Thursday, July 19 | 4pm - 7pm
 JB Hudson Jewelers | 901 Nicollet Mall


Go Outside with Hennepin County Pianos on Parade Performer
 Thursday, July 19 | 12pm - 1pm
 Hennepin County Government Center
 South Plaza | 300 S 6th Street


Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show
 Thursday, July 19 | 7pm
 West River Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)

 4
CorePower Yoga & Meditation Hike
 Thursday, July 19 | 6pm
 Father Hennepin Bluff Park



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. This year's theme is The Little Ratscals!

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!

Aquatennial Blood Drive



Join us for the Aquatennial Blood Drive and help give back to your community during the official civic celebration of Minneapolis! 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, BUZ'N 102.9, Jack FM, & 830 WCCO Radio.

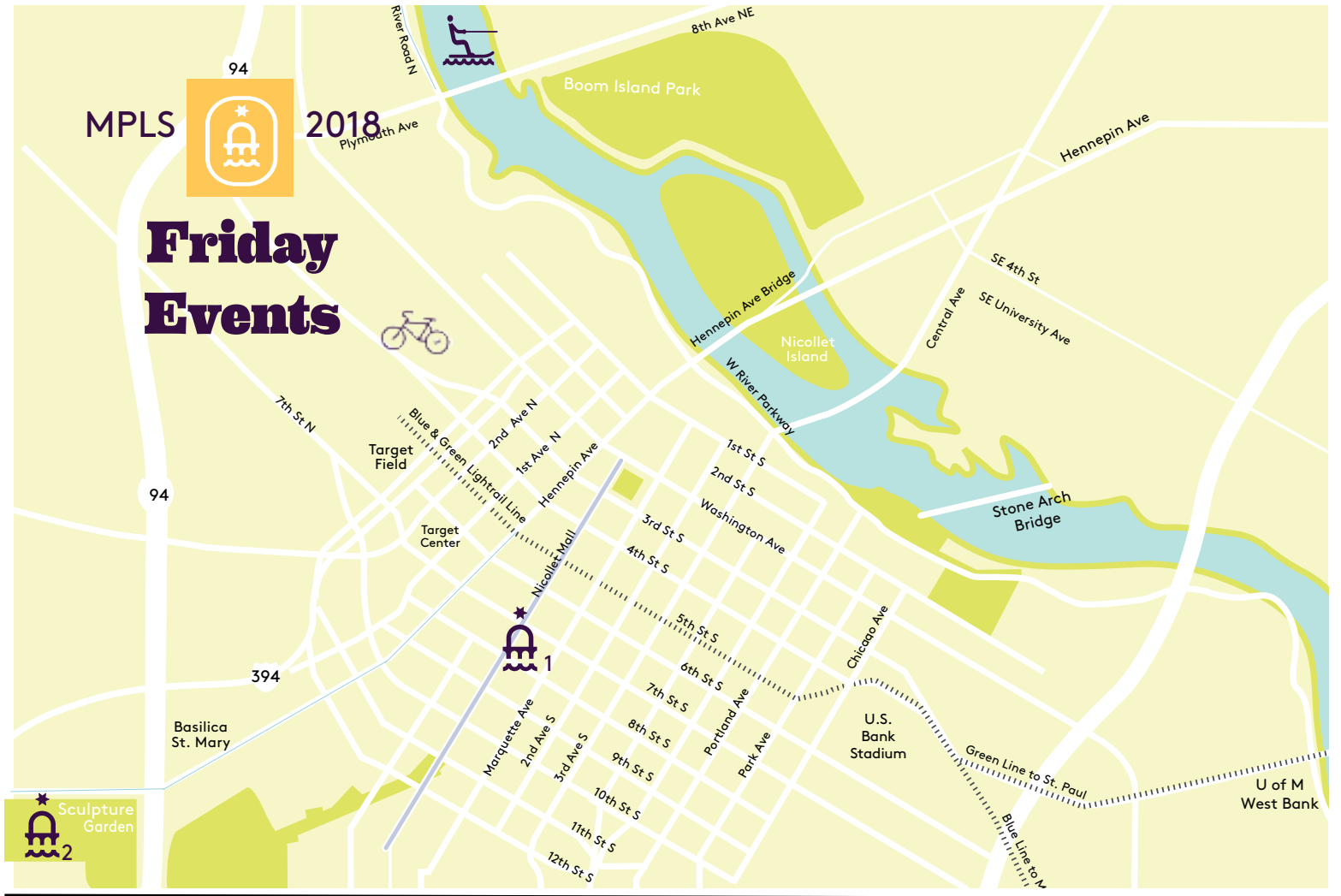
Did You Know? Vacations and summer activities often cause donors to be less available, so giving blood during the summer is incredibly helpful for the American Red Cross.

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Friday Events



FRIDAY'S EVENTS KEY



Aquatennial Blood Drive
Friday, July 20 | 9am - 3pm
IDS Center | 80 S 8th Street



Aquatennial's Fulton Downtown Thunderdome
Friday, July 20 | 4:30 pm-9:15 pm
Fulton Tap Room | 414 N 6th Ave



Alchemy 365 at Aquatennial
Friday, July 20 | 5:30 pm
Minneapolis Sculpture Garden



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

Calling All Fitness Lovers: Enjoy Alchemy 365 At Aquatennial

Stop by the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden for a fun outdoor yoga session led by Alchemy 365! 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 reserve your spot.



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

Fulton Bike Race



Join us for Aquatennial's Fulton Downtown Thunderdome on Friday beginning at 4:30pm. This criterium format race will feature multiple heats, fast-paced racing around two North Loop blocks, and a chance to enjoy Minneapolis bike culture combined with high-energy summer action. Don't miss Fulton's after party festivities following the races!



Saturday Events



SATURDAY'S EVENTS KEY



**Wilderness Inquiry
Voyageur Canoe Rides**
Saturday, July 21 | 11 am-5 pm
Boom Island | 724 Sibley Street NE



**National Parks Service Picnic and
Tours on the Lock**
Saturday, July 21 | 11 am-5 pm
St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam
2 SE 3rd Avenue



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Aquatennial Skyline Fest
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AquaJam
Saturday, July 21 | 6 pm-8 pm
Guthrie Theater | 818 S 2nd Street



Pre-Fireworks Festivities
Kids Zone, live music, food trucks, and more!
Saturday, July 21 | 6 pm-10 pm
West River Parkway Near Portland Avenue



Target Fireworks
Saturday, July 21 | 10 pm
West River Parkway between
Portland Ave. & 3rd Ave Bridge

AquaJam Best Trick

Saturday, July 21 (6 pm-8pm)
Join us for AquaJam, a legacy event that this year will feature a best trick competition. Join us at Guthrie Theater and enjoy watching the show from 6-8pm!



Aquatennial Skyline Fest

Saturday, July 21 (11 am-5 pm)
This festival has a big "ocean style" paddleboard race with a good Midwest city feel. There's a race for everyone including: a 5K Open race for any and all who want to test themselves on a board, a 10K for more experienced racers, and a 200M Fastest Paddler race presented by iDol Surf. Register online and participate in the fun!

Target Fireworks

**Saturday, July 21
(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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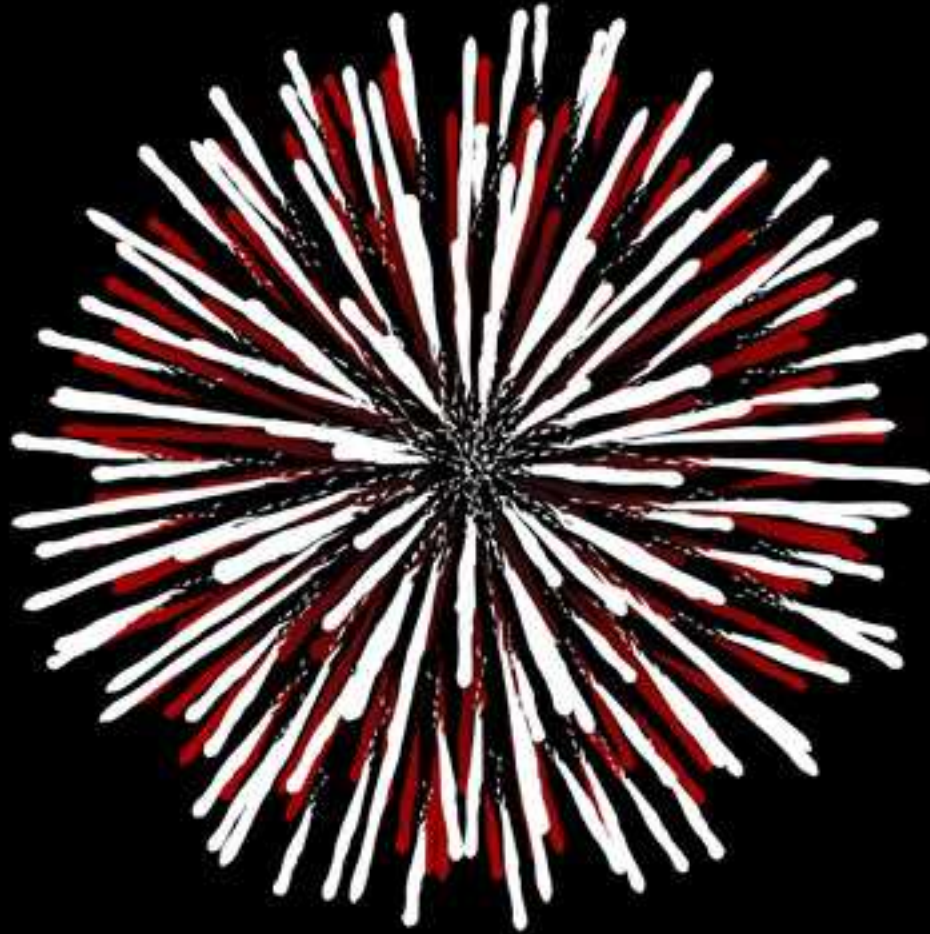
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Join us for Pre-Fireworks Festivities!

Saturday, July 21 | 6-10 pm | West River Parkway

- Family Fun Zone presented by Tom's of Maine, located near Stone Arch Bridge featuring a Mini-Waterslide, a DJ with Music, Games, Prizes, Face Painting, Balloon Art, and a whole lot more!
- Food trucks on West River Parkway between Gold Medal Park & Mill City Museum, and by St. Anthony Main @ Father Hennepin Bluff Park
- Live music:
 - 5:45 pm: Due North
 - 6 pm: Carifest
 - 7 pm: HC/MC
 - 8 pm: Of The Orchard
 - 9 pm: The Grateful RED



TARGET FIREWORKS

WEST RIVER PARKWAY ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER FRONT
SATURDAY, JULY 21 | 10 PM | FREE ADMISSION

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



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