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Mississippi Crossings, *Premiere Destination for Entertainment, Celebrations, and More!*

The goal of activating the riverfront for residents and creating a community gathering place has been achieved. The process of revitalizing the area began over twenty years ago and has culminated in a stunning venue that serves as the home base for our annual Father Hennepin Festival and MC Summer Series. Starting in June, live music can be enjoyed in the outdoor performance area (OPA) on Thursdays throughout the summer. Local musician Anderson Daniels will kick off the MC Summer Series and Father Hennepin Festival weekend with a free performance on June 6 at 6 p.m. There will also be a preshow tailgate with the Mayor and City Council that evening, including food trucks and beverage vendors. In July, Mississippi Crossings will be the home of the Champlin Farmers Market on Tuesdays from 2-6 p.m. MC also offers pontoon rentals through Your Boat Club all summer long. Spend a day taking in the scenic views using the 20% resident discount code **champlinresident20**. New this summer, Jensen's Market will open at the Crossings with grab-and-go items for the first time, and Cullen's Ice Cream will return with sweet treats. Additionally, a riverside restaurant is on the way.

Father Hennepin Festival

June 3-9, 2024

The annual festival is back with all your favorite events and a few new ones! Preregister for events and prepurchase concert tickets online.

*See page 4 for rundown.

MC Summer Series

June 6-August 22, 2024

Join us for free riverside entertainment and food trucks at Mississippi Crossings every Thursday at 6 p.m., except July 4 (holiday).

*See page 16 for rundown.



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*See page 6 for Medallion Hunt details.





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Website: www.ci.champlin.mn.us

The City Council and staff can be reached at the following email: email@ci.champlin.mn.us

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Parks & Public Works: 763-421-2820

Police Administration: 763-421-2971

Utility Billing: 763-923-7135

Water Concern: 763-421-0154, After Hours: 952-258-5321

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Mayor: Ryan Sabas

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Ward 3: Nate Truesdell | Ward 4: Tim LaCroix

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City Administrator: Bret Heitkamp

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Community Development Director: Scott Schulte

Finance Director: Shelly Peterson

Fire Chief: Ted Massicotte

IT Director: Todd Beisang

Parks & Recreation Director: Daniel Glynn

Police Chief: Glen Schneider

Public Works Director: Chris Rachner

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

EDA: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

ERC: 1st Monday of the Month

Park & Rec Commission: 1st Tuesday of the Month

Planning Commission: 3rd Monday of the Month

*Meeting dates are subject to change; call the City office to confirm dates and times or check website calendar for updates

EDITOR

Champlin Chronicle Editor: Ashley Wagner

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Canines for Clean Water

With all the joys of having a pet, one of the not-so-glamorous aspects of having one is cleaning up after them. If we leave pet waste uncollected, not only is it unsightly but can cause unsanitary conditions with detrimental effects on human health and the environment.

When pet waste is washed into our waterways, it depletes oxygen levels and releases ammonia and excess nutrients, all of which contribute to unsightly weeds and algal blooms while harming fish and other aquatic organism populations. It also contains pathogenic bacteria and other parasites leading to health issues such as increased levels of Escherichia coli (E. coli) making lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities.

Remember, it is important to take time at home to properly dispose of your pet's waste and to bring along equipment like doggy bags to clean up when you're on the go. It is up to us to ensure our local waters remain clean, healthy, and safe. [City Code 10-14 Animal Waste]



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[Mayor's Corner]

Greetings, Neighbors!

By: Mayor Ryan Sabas

Summer is finally here, and I can't wait to kick things off with the Father Hennepin Festival. It will be a blast, and I hope to see you there! With so many events to choose from, there's something for everyone. If you happen to spot me, don't be shy, come say hi! I'm eager to hear about your favorite event. I always enjoy the parade, concerts, and taking my kids to the carnival. Whether watching a free concert on the river or exploring one of our beautiful parks, I encourage you to get out and enjoy summer in **#ourplacetolive**. There's so much to do!



ANDERSON DANIELS

Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m. | Mississippi Crossings

Kick off the festival weekend with a free concert by Anderson Daniels. Our local musician has toured extensively throughout the nation opening for some of country music's legends.

TAILGATE WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 6, 5 p.m. | Mississippi Crossings

Want to dunk the Mayor? How about the Chief of Police? This is your chance to personally dunk them at our Tailgate with the Mayor and City Council. Lucky winners can receive food tickets to the Lookout Food Truck. The Tailgate starts at 5 p.m. before Anderson Daniels performs at 6 p.m. Free with a \$5 festival button.



CARNIVAL TICKET PRICES:

Thursday, June 6 | 5 - 10 p.m. Saturday, June 8 | Noon - Midnight
Friday, June 7 | 5 p.m. - Midnight Sunday, June 9 | Noon - 6 p.m.
\$1.50 per ticket | 25 tickets for \$30.00

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Schedule of Events

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MONDAY, JUNE 3

Speedway Medallion Hunt	Clues at Champlin Speedway	9 a.m. (daily)
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TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Guns & Hoses Softball Game	Andrews Park	7 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Senior Luncheon	Mississippi Crossings	Noon
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THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Carnival	Chandler Park	5 - 10 p.m.
Tailgate with Mayor & City Council	Mississippi Crossings	5 p.m.
Anderson Daniels (Live Music)	Mississippi Crossings	6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Carnival	Chandler Park	5 p.m. - Midnight
Parade	West River Road	6:30 p.m.
Super Mario Bros. (Movie)	Mississippi Crossings OPA	Dusk
Fireworks Show	Sponsored by Tetra Pak	10 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Carnival	Chandler Park	Noon - Midnight
Kids 1/2 Mile Fun Run	Mississippi Crossings	10:30 a.m.
Bags Tournament	Mississippi Crossings	Noon
Kids Bingo	Mississippi Crossings	Noon
Intro to Pickleball Clinic	Paul Wethern Park	10 & 11:15 a.m.
Business Expo	Mississippi Crossings	1 - 5 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	Dunning School	1 - 4 p.m.
Family Trivia	Mississippi Crossings	1:30 p.m.
Kid Power Rachael Kroog	Mississippi Crossings OPA	3 p.m.
Talent Contest	Mississippi Crossings OPA	4 p.m.
Weekend Rockstar (Live Music)	Chandler Park	5 - 7:30 p.m.
The Hype! (Live Music)	Chandler Park	8:30 p.m. - Midnight

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Carnival	Chandler Park	Noon - 6 p.m.
Lehto & Wright (Live Music)	Mississippi Crossings OPA	Noon - 5 p.m.
Two Paddles Canoe & Kayak Races	Mississippi Crossings OPA	Noon - 6 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	Dunning School	1 - 4 p.m.



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- **Saturday** Noon - 12:30 a.m.
- **Sunday** Noon - 6 p.m.

PICKUP LOCATIONS WEST OF HWY. 169:

Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Ave.
(Thursday - Sunday)

PICKUP LOCATIONS EAST OF HWY. 169:

Andrews Park, 7200 117th Ave. N.
(Friday - Sunday)

FESTIVAL DROP-OFF LOCATION:
327 Dean Ave (Thursday - Sunday)
Hennepin Landing (Friday - Sunday)

GUNS & HOSES: Battle of the Badges

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m. | Andrews Park

Start your festival week at Andrews Park cheering on your favorite first responders. The Anoka and Champlin Police Departments will team up to take on the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department in a friendly softball game. Full concession stand by The Lookout Bar & Grill. This event is free to watch.



\$500 MEDALLION HUNT

Sponsored by Champlin Speedway

Don't miss a chance to fill your pocket with \$500 thanks to Champlin Speedway. Bring your knowledge of the city and you could win! The Medallion Hunt begins with the first clue on Monday, June 3. All clues will be available only at Champlin Speedway (100 Miller Road) and only on the specific day issued. Clues will be available at 9 a.m. daily. A festival button is required to obtain clues.

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PARADE, OUTDOOR MOVIE, AND FIREWORKS

Friday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. | West River Road

The parade will travel down West River Road between Douglas Drive and East Hayden Lake Road. Post parade stay for the carnival rides, outdoor movie at dusk (Super Mario Brothers), and 10 p.m. Tetra Pak Fireworks Show. Live parade coverage will be on [YouTube.com/QCTV](https://www.youtube.com/QCTV).

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Weekend Rockstar

Saturday, June 8, 5-7:30 p.m. | Chandler Park

This high energy cover band plays the songs you know and love from the classic era of rock music to today's hits.



THE HYPE!

Saturday, June 8, 8:30 p.m. - Midnight | Chandler Park

Take a musical trip back to the 80s with hits from Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Poison, Bon Jovi, and Aerosmith.



Scan or go to FatherHennepinFestival.com to purchase \$10 tickets. Note: \$10 Saturday tickets include both the preshow by Weekend Rockstar and main show by THE HYPE!

BAGS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 8, Noon | Mississippi Crossings

Preregister to ensure your spot in the 2nd annual bags tournament. Max of 24 teams – \$50 per team and players must be 18+.

TALENT CONTEST

Saturday, June 8, 4 p.m. | Mississippi Crossings

All ages are welcome! Come show us what you can do. Sound provided. Bring your own instrument. Preregister or day of sign-up will begin at 3:30 p.m.

TWO PADDLES CANOE AND KAYAK RACES + LIVE MUSIC

Sunday, June 9, 12-5 p.m.
Mississippi Crossings

We're partnering with Two Paddles to offer canoe and kayak races on the river during the festival weekend. Register to participate in the five-mile open tour family challenge using code DISCOUNT or join us at the official "Mississippi Crossings" finish line for live music and a celebration. **Lehto & Wright** will play from Noon up until the 5 p.m. closing ceremony.



KIDS 1/2 MILE FUN RUN

Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. | Mississippi Crossings Parking Lot

This is a low-key run or walk and not a competition. The run will start and finish in the parking lot. Preregister online. A festival button is required.



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ci.champlin.mn.us/310/Summer-Sprinkling-Restrictions

Ordinance Reminders:

- Odd houses water on odd days.
- Even houses water on even days.
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m..
- The day begins and ends at midnight.

Ordinance Exceptions:

- New sod and/or seed*
- Hand watering
- Running through sprinklers
- Private Wells

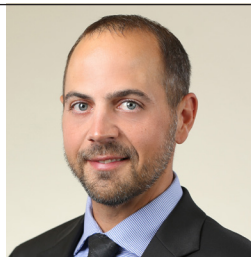
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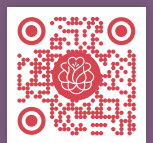
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State Primary Election – August 13 (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

What is a primary election?

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

Partisan offices

Partisan offices will list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. This includes all state and federal offices. You can only vote for one political party.

Nonpartisan offices

Nonpartisan offices will not list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. For example, county, city, and school board offices are nonpartisan. You can vote for any candidate in any of the offices on your ballot.

What is on the ballot?

The ballot will contain all state and federal offices requiring a primary, except the president and vice president. Offices that may appear on the State Primary ballot in August include U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and State Representative.

View a sample ballot

Sample ballots are available beginning 46 days before each election at city hall or online.

Where do I vote?

Your polling location may have changed due to redistricting that took place in 2022. Remember, you must vote based on the address where you maintain residence. Your polling location will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- **Ward 1 – Precinct 1:** Mississippi Crossings Event Center, 307 E. River Pkwy.
- **Ward 2 – Precinct 1:** Champlin Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Avenue N.
- **Ward 3 – Precinct 1:** Servant of Christ Lutheran Church, 740 East Hayden Lake Rd.
- **Ward 4 – Precincts 1 and 2:** Jackson Middle School, 6000 109th Avenue N.

Early voting

Avoid the lines on Election Day and vote early through the Absentee Ballot process:

- Early (absentee) voting for the Primary Election will be available at City Hall from **June 28 to August 12**.
- If you are unable to absentee vote, complete an Absentee Ballot Application online and then fax, email, or mail it to Hennepin County Elections.

Have trouble making it to the polls?

If you want to receive a paper ballot before each election in Minnesota, you can sign up for the Minnesota Recurring Absentee Ballot Application.

Interested in running for Ward 3 or 4 councilmember?

The seats for Ward 3 and 4 will be up for election on November 5. The filing of candidates for these seats will be open from July 30 to August 13. These four-year terms will start in January 2025.

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City Code:

- Only on single-family residential property
- No more than four chickens on property greater than 12,000 square feet
- No more than six chickens on parcels greater than 0.5 acres
- No roosters
- No processing on the property
- Chickens over six weeks old cannot be kept inside
- Chickens are not to roam free

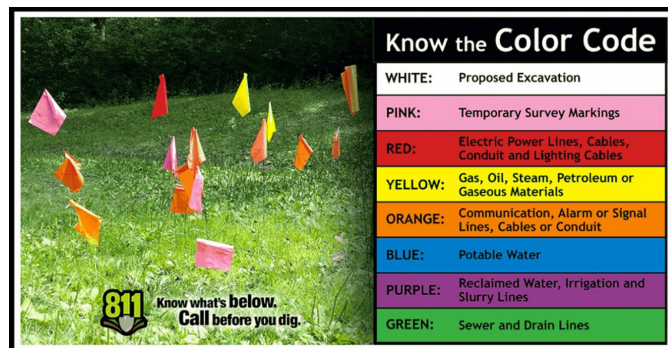


Coop & Run Requirements:

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- At least 10 feet from the side or rear lot lines
- Architecturally appropriate building materials
- Fully enclosed coop and run
- Must comply with all city building and zoning codes

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It is crucial to preserve and maintain the location of flags. Residents shouldn't mow over or remove the flags. Please call 811 regarding the removal of flags.

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Community Development

Jensen's Market at the Crossings

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Jensen's Foods, formerly located in Coon Rapids, has been renamed Jensen's Market and relocated to Mississippi Crossings as of June 2024. The new store offers fresh meat, produce, deli, and bakery items, plus coffee and blended drinks.

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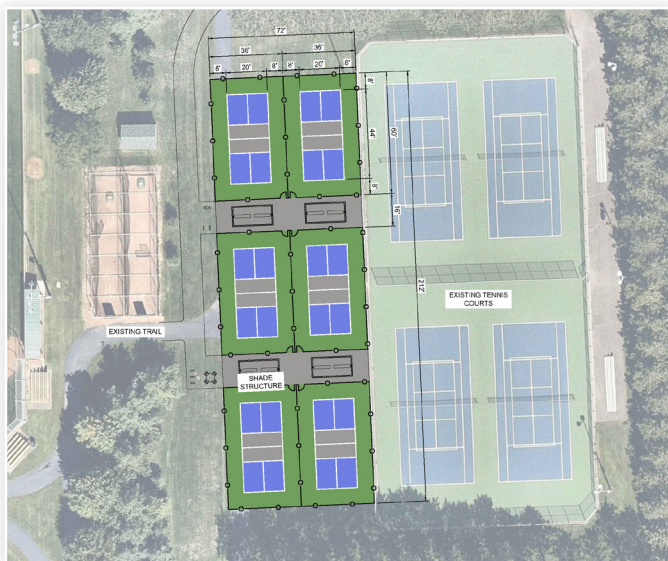
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Pickleball Complex Under Construction

The Andrews Park project will include the addition of six pickleball courts and be situated next to the current tennis courts. To provide space, the existing pedestrian trail that is west of the tennis courts will be rerouted. The complex is expected to be open by fall.

- **Andrews Park** – 6 courts – Fall 2024
- **Paul Wethern Park** – 2 courts
- **Oak Creek Park** – 1 court
- **Richardson and Highpointe Park** – lined
- **The Bowline** – public access 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Life Time Champlin** – indoor courts (\$)



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Would you like to learn the basic strategies and rules of the game? Join us at Paul Wethern Park for an Intro Pickleball Clinic on June 8 or August 24. We have two sessions at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.. Paddles and balls provided. Register online for \$10 per person at ci.champlin.mn.us/242/Recreation-Brochure.



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Memorial Weekend - Labor Day | 9:00 a.m.



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SUMMER *Events*

2024 Splash Pad

Andrews Park, 7200 117th Avenue

HOURS:

- May 28-May 31 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 1-2 | 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- June 3-7 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 8-September 1 | 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Closed on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4



Free to the public. The onsite snack shack offers chips, candy, and ice cream. Bathrooms and a changing space are also available. Reminder, the splash pad closes for inclement weather or temperatures below 65 degrees.

Weather Hotline: 763-923-7127

Reserve the shade or the picnic shelter for your next outdoor event online at secure.rec1.com/MN/Champlin-mn/catalog.

Northwest Food Truck Fest

Mississippi Crossings | Sunday, July 14 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free to attend. There will be 20+ food trucks with a wide variety of offerings gathered at Mississippi Crossings for your dining pleasure.



FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays, July 9 - October 8, 2 - 6 p.m.

Mississippi Crossings Parking Lot, 307 East River Pkwy.

Champlin Recreation hosts a Farmers Market each summer, allowing residents to enjoy fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, and more.

Circus Manduhai

Mississippi Crossings | Wednesday, July 31 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Free to attend. Mongolian family show acts include hula hoop, acro-handstands, contortion, juggling, unicycle, and foot juggling, with audience participation.

Night 2 Unite

Tuesday, August 6

Night to Unite is a unique crime/drug prevention event designed to bring neighbors together in a friendly and social atmosphere. Register by calling 763-421-2971.



Big Trucks & Cool Stuff

Public Works Yard, 11955 Champlin Drive | Thursday, August 1 | 4-7 p.m.

Parks and Public Works are excited to show off some of their cool equipment at this free community event.



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Outdoor Movie Night

Mississippi Crossings, 307 E. River Pkwy. | June 7 and September 6 | Dusk

Come early to claim your spot; lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged.

MATURE ADULT ACTIVITIES (for those over 50 years)

ST. CROIX RIVER CRUISE

Take a coach bus to Hudson, Wisconsin, and board an Afton Cruise line vessel for a two-hour scenic cruise along the St. Croix River. Lunch is included and a cash bar will be available. After the cruise, head to downtown Hudson to explore the shops for an hour. Registration deadline is June 13.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 16

WHERE: Meet and leave from Champlin Ice Forum

TIME: 10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

FEE: \$95 (includes transportation, lunch, and tour)

LEINENKUGEL BREWERY TOUR

Join us to learn about the historic Jacob Leinenkugel's Brewing Company. The tour includes lunch at the Fill Inn Station Restaurant, a guided mile-long tour of the brewery, and a short stop at the Menomonie Creamery. Tours may need to be altered due to the brewery being a working production facility. The registration deadline is June 27.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 7

WHERE: Meet and leave from Champlin Ice Forum

TIME: 8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

FEE: \$95 (includes transportation, lunch, and tour)

SUMMIT AVENUE SPLENDOR

Explore local history and beautiful homes. We'll start with a trip to James J. Hill House. The guided tour will showcase the magnificent mansion on Summit Avenue. After the tour, we'll move to The St. Paul Hotel for a light lunch. Then, we'll reboard the bus for our "Summit Avenue" tour, showcasing the longest stretch of Victorian-era homes in the United States. The registration deadline for this trip is August 8.

WHEN: Thursday, September 12

WHERE: Meet and leave from Champlin Ice Forum

TIME: 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

FEE: \$93 (includes transportation, lunch, and tour)

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June 6..... Father Hennepin Festival Presents:
Anderson Daniels | Country
June 13....Rhino | Top 40 Rock
June 20... The Good the Bad & the Funky | R&B
June 27....Coyote Wild | Country & Rock

JULY

July 11.....Mick Sterling Presents:
From the King for the King
The Gospel According to Elvis
July 18Jonah & The Whales | Pop & Rock
July 25.....Shane Martin "Tribute to Alabama"

AUGUST

Aug. 1.....The Crown Jewels | Queen Tribute
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