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Festival 2021

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Father Hennepin Festival

The Champlin City Council is pleased to announce the 2021 Father Hennepin Festival (FHF) will be held this summer! Fireworks are back and better than ever this year thanks to our amazing sponsors. The fireworks show will take place on the river on Friday, June 11 at approximately 10:15 p.m. Best viewing is from the area near the main tent.

The festival will have everyone's favorite carnival rides, games, and concessions running the weekend of June 11-13. You can get in on the fun beginning Monday, June 7 by joining in the Speedway Medallion Hunt with the first clue issued at 9 a.m. Seniors are invited to the senior luncheon being held at Andrews Park on Tuesday, June 8. The Business Expo will be held Saturday, June 12 at the festival site. The Champlin Historical Society will be hosting their Ice Cream Social at Dunning School on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Youth Fishing contest will be held on the Mill Pond at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

This year's festival grounds will be located along West River Road, Mississippi Point Park, and D.C. Chandler Park. Visit the State of Minnesota's website for the latest regulations regarding masks and social distancing requirements for large venues (Executive Order 20-81). Friday night, Good For Gary will be playing. Then on Saturday night, both Anderson Daniels and the Fabulous Armadillos will take the stage. Tickets are available online on the City's website.

The FHF parade will not occur in 2021, however we look forward to bringing back the Marching Bands and the full parade in 2022.

We want to thank the vendors that worked with us to plan this year's event, the businesses that have signed up to participate in the Business Expo, and the Champlin Historical Society for hosting the ice cream social. Preparing for the 2021 festival required significant advanced planning during an uncertain time. We also want to thank our festival sponsors and encourage you to do the same next time you stop by their business. You can find the latest information on the FHF at www.fatherhennepinfestival.com

Since the City of Champlin is one of the first cities to host a festival in Minnesota this summer, we ask that you do your part to make this a positive example for future festivals across the state by being aware of the need to still protect against the pandemic.

**The Champlin City Council and staff
look forward to seeing you at the
2021 Father Hennepin Festival!**



Purchase your official FHF button at the Champlin Speedway, located at 100 Miller Road or City Hall, located at 11955 Champlin Drive. The cost is \$3 and gains you entry into a number of festival events and makes a great collectible!

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ERC: 1st Monday of the Month

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Andrews Park Splash Pad

The Splash Pad will open for the season, weather permitting, on Tuesday, June 1. Regular operating hours are 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Operating hours will be modified weekdays from June 1-10; it will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. In case of cold or inclement weather, you can check the status of the Splash Pad at the weather hotline: 763-923-7127.



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[Mayor's Corner] Greetings, Neighbors!

By: Mayor Ryan Karasek

The Summer of 2021 is finally here and we see glimpses of a normal world coming back into focus. As more Minnesotans become vaccinated, it appears that restrictions will begin to go away. I for one cannot wait to get back to all our pre-covid activities. In anticipation of a more unrestricted summer in Champlin, we have begun to plan a summer filled with fun and activities.

Say hello again to hot summer days and family fun at the Splash Pad at Andrews Park! Cool off and enjoy all the great amenities in the area. Don't forget the Champlin Farmers Market will be open again this summer with delicious food and engaging entertainment.



Kicking off the summer, the Father Hennepin Festival will be back on track with one significant modification. This year, nearly all the activities will be the same as years past, but unfortunately, we will not be able to host the annual Father Hennepin Festival parade. We all certainly hope that next year, with all the built-up excitement, the 2022 Father Hennepin Parade will be bigger and better than ever.

I am excited to announce that the Champlin Community Foundation is partnering with the City of Champlin to host the "Champ'd Up Evening of Fun" on July 24 this summer at Andrews Park. This event will combine aspects of the Champlin

Community Foundation's very popular "Bounce House Bonanza" and the City of Champlin's past "Carnival in the Park" events. Expect an evening of bounce houses, face painters, magicians, and food trucks. Most importantly, a lot of community FUN! Watch the City of Champlin's Facebook page for more details.

The annual Night to Unite event is one that truly brings the community together. For many years, the residents of Champlin have embraced this event, as neighbors get together for food, camaraderie, and fun. As Mayor, Night to Unite has always been a favorite event. I appreciate the opportunity to meet and talk with residents in their neighborhoods, where they feel comfortable to share candid thoughts and ideas about the future of the City. Inevitably, we as a City Council learn a lot from this event and bring this important community information to the deliberation of City Council agenda items. Not to mention it is wonderful to meet so many new people in our community. It is this sense of community that makes Champlin a strong and vibrant city. A testament of this strength is evidenced by our emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic with a new sense of optimism for our future.

Rounding off the summer is the very popular City of Champlin ShedFest concert event. This year's event is scheduled for September 18 and will no doubt, once again, be an incredible addition to Champlin's community event schedule.

Please take time to enjoy this summer, visit one of our amazing parks, and take part in our community events. **#LivChamplin**

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All clues will be available only at Champlin Speedway (100 Miller Road) and only on the specific day issued. Clues available at 9 a.m. daily. A festival button is required to obtain clues.

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FESTIVAL SHUTTLE BUS HOURS:

Champlin Ice Forum (12165 Ensign Ave.)

- Friday 5 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
(Festival site & Hennepin Landing)
- Saturday Noon - 12:30 a.m.
(Festival site & Hennepin Landing)
- Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.
(Festival site & Hennepin Landing)

SATURDAY CONCERT SHUTTLE BUS

The concert shuttle bus is Saturday, June 12, 5 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. only. This is a direct shuttle bus to the concert area (Chandler Park) only. Parking is also available at the Champlin Plaza with an additional stop at the carnival area.

CONCERT SHUTTLE BUS HOURS:

Saturday 5 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

CONCERT PICK UP LOCATIONS:

Northland Park, 8001 114th Ave N

JRAC, 10951 Elm Creek Parkway

Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Ave

CONCERT DROP OFF LOCATION:

Hennepin Landing (concert site)

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Senior Festival Luncheon

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ACTIVITY # 2021.082 (Register on the City website's Recreation page)
WHEN Tuesday, June 8
WHERE Andrews Park
TIME Lunch served at noon, entertainment to follow
FEES \$12

Good For Gary

\$7 Cover Charge



Good For Gary is a Twin Cities cover band that specializes in playing current and past dance hits, focusing on the newest Top 40 songs. With a 7-piece line-up, there's no hip-hop, pop, or dance song they can't cover. You will hear some Iggy Azalea, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, Macklemore, and old school jams at

every show. Check out the rest of the songlist and you will get a taste of what Good For Gary is capable of.

The members of Good For Gary had been playing in Minnesota clubs for years in other bands and noticed that people love to dance to the music that the DJ plays during the set breaks. Most bands leave that stuff to the DJs, but Good For Gary is bringing dance music directly to the stage. With six years of playing nearly every weekend, Good For Gary has built a devoted local following and an electrifying live show.

Being a seven-piece band stocked with accomplished musicians, Good For Gary plays every note live with no backing tracks. The band's humor and enthusiasm shines through in their bar-rocking, stage-jumping performances. Their devotion to getting people moving and staying current with today's top hits is making Good For Gary one of the most exciting and sought-after cover bands in the Twin Cities.

Purchase your tickets in advance at ci.champlin.mn.us or purchase at the Parks and Recreation office. Admission will be limited based on gathering limits regulated by the current MDH guidelines.

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Youth Fishing Contest

Sunday, June 13 | 11 am | Mill Pond

Join us for a morning of fishing and fun. The Youth Fishing Contest will be held at Doris A. Kemp Park on the Mill Pond. The contest will start at 11 a.m. and run until noon. Various prizes will be awarded to the kids in this fun event. A festival button is required for this event and will be available for sale at the event.

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Fireworks Display

Friday, June 11 | 10:15 p.m. | Fireworks displayed over the Festival Site

One of the highlights of the Father Hennepin Festival is back and better than ever! A spectacular fireworks display will light up the sky on Friday, June 11, at 10:15 p.m. Great viewing is available from the main tent in Mississippi Point Park or from D.C. Chandler Park. Lower Point Park will be closed around 2 p.m.

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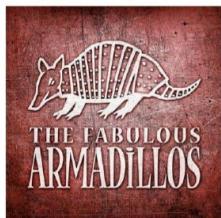
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The Fabulous Armadillos With Guest Chris Hawkey

**Saturday, June 12 | 9 p.m. - Midnight
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The Fabulous Armadillos came out of their shell in 2006 and have since established a large and loyal following in Central Minnesota with their spot on recreations of songs from many genres of music from Country to Motown to Heavy Metal to 70s Soft Rock and do them just like you remember. Close your eyes and you are listening to all those vinyl records again or your AM/FM radio.

The idea of the Fabulous Armadillos started with a diverse group of musicians who came together to perform "themed" concerts at the Pioneer Place On Fifth Theater in St. Cloud, MN. Themes like "One Hit Wonders," "Woodstock," "Motown," "Singer/Songwriters," "Stadium Rock," and more. They have now played 100s of themes at that theater as well as many regional venues in the Midwest and even in Mexico! Each show gaining them new fans and enjoying their brand of fun and entertaining, yet musically spot-on performances. They have brought hundreds of special guests in for their theme shows comprising of local and national talent. COME OUT OF YOUR SHELL and see what everybody has been talking about.

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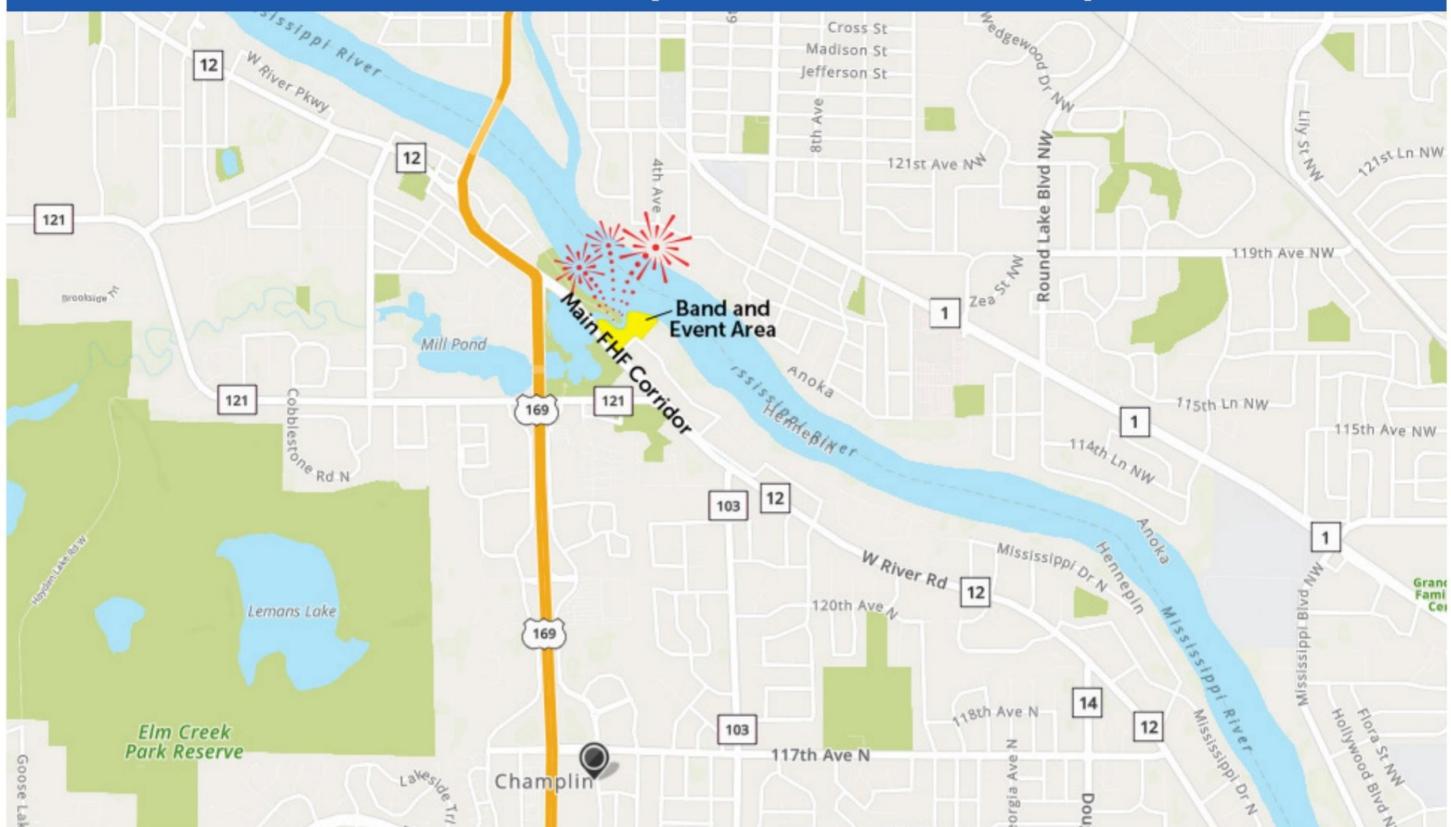


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Anderson Daniels

Saturday, June 12 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Champlin native Anderson Daniels is on a straight line to creating the Midwestern sound in Country Music. The 25-year-old Minnesota native takes pride in the blended sound that pulls from his roots. In 2018, Daniels released his first EP titled "Heartland" which debuted inside the top 20 on the iTunes Country Charts.

After taking home the New Artist of the Year Award at the annual Midwest Country Music Association Award Show in 2019, followed by a nomination for Male Vocalist of the Year in 2020, Anderson has toured extensively throughout the nation opening for some of country music's legends and rising stars. His brand new single "Town Like This" is already nearing 100,000 total streams and is to be followed up with more new music to finish out the year.

Online Ticket Purchasing

Concerts for both Friday and Saturday night are limited in size based on the current MDH Guidelines.

Ensure your ticket by purchasing in advance at ci.champlin.mn.us.

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NorBella Senior Living

On May 10, 2021, the City Council approved the request from Rachel Development for preliminary plat of Emery Village 5th Addition and plans for a 40-unit memory care facility at the northeast corner of Highway 169 and 117th Avenue North. The plans include development of the NorBella Senior Living facility on the northern half of the 6-acre parcel. A commemoration of the Emery School will be

incorporated in the development. The new facility will gain access from Business Park Boulevard at the existing Emery Parkway North roundabout. Future development of the southern half of the site requires separate plan approval. For more information, please contact Nicole Peterson, AICP at npeterson@ci.champlin.mn.us or 763-923-7104.



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Retirements in the Champlin Police Department

The Champlin Police Department will bid farewell to two long-time members of the department this year. Deputy Chief Chris Larrabee's retirement date is May 31, 2021 and Sergeant Bill Schmidt will retire on June 23, 2021. Both have had long and distinguished careers serving the citizens of Champlin.



Sergeant Bill Schmidt

Bill Schmidt started in law enforcement as a volunteer Reserve Officer in Roseville, Minnesota. He was hired as an officer for the Osseo Police Department in 1993. He served three years there and was then hired as an officer for the Champlin Police Department in 1996. While in Champlin, Bill served as a patrol officer, firearms instructor, DARE officer, investigator, administrative sergeant, and has most recently been serving as the day shift Patrol Sergeant. He recently received his

third Champlin Police Department Life-Saving Award, along with Deputy Chief Larrabee, for their actions in reviving a heart attack victim who was involved in a car crash in September of 2020. Bill will retire with 28 years as a police officer and almost 25 of those years with the City of Champlin.



Deputy Chief Chris Larrabee

Chris Larrabee began his law enforcement career in 1988 as a sheriff's deputy in Renville County, Minnesota and worked there for two years before being hired by the Champlin Police Department in 1990. During his time in Champlin, he served as a patrol officer, an investigator, a defensive tactics instructor, the administrative sergeant, and the last four years as the Deputy Chief. What Chris is probably best remembered for in the community is the time that he spent as the school liaison officer at Champlin Park High School in the late 1990s. It is remarkable how many people still remember him as the "school cop" and regularly ask the patrol officers about him. Chris was a three-time recipient of the Champlin Police Department Life Saving Award. He is retiring with 33 years as a police officer and almost 31 of those years with the City of Champlin.

To Sergeant Bill Schmidt and Deputy Chief Chris Larrabee, the Champlin Police Department would like to say congratulations, and thank you for your long and dedicated service to this department and to our community!



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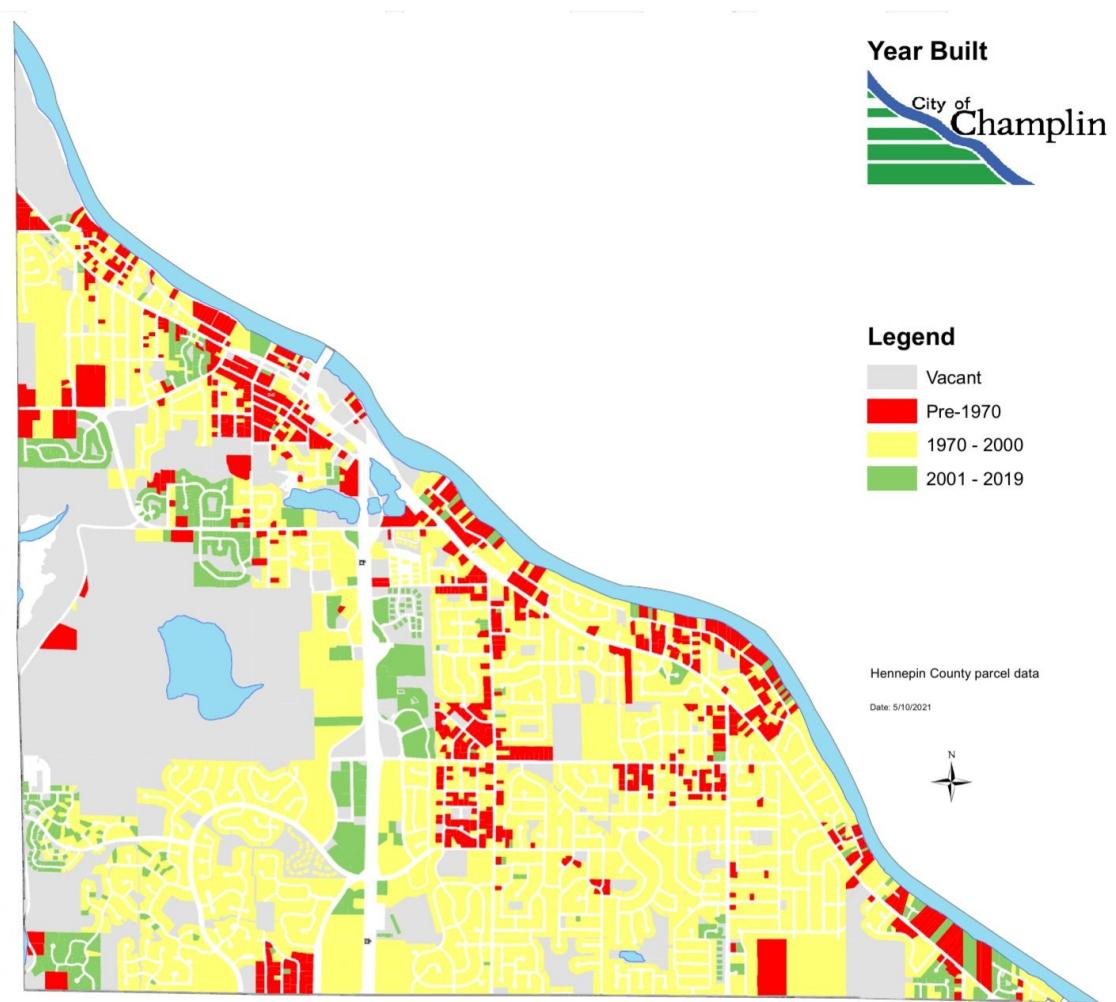
In the spring issue of the City newsletter, we highlighted the City's development from its incorporation in 1970 through the year 2000. Over the course of those first 30 years, there was significant new housing starts, and the City's population jumped from 5,229 to 22,193. Over the last 20 years (2001 to today), the City's available land for new residential development was more limited and population growth slowed substantially, going from 22,193 to just 25,268.

While the City's residential development slowed, new business development really “took-off” over the last 20 years. Since 2001, businesses that have built or re-located to Champlin include: the Mann Theatre, Super Target, and Lifetime Fitness. In

addition, restaurants, banks, service businesses, and multi-tenant retail buildings filled unoccupied land along the Highway Corridor. These businesses offer residents local options for dining, shopping, everyday services and provide important jobs. Champlin can no longer be considered just a “bedroom community” as it was 20 years ago.

The remaining large residential tracts of land that developed since 2001 were primarily located west of T.H. 169. These new well-planned neighborhoods featured quality housing options, with walkable connections to city parks and the Elm Creek Park Reserve. In addition, the City saw multi-family residential housing development along the Highway Corridor. The overall mix of housing introduced to the community over the past 20 years has provided many options for residents to find their first place, move-up home or lifestyle home in Champlin.

Looking towards the future, exciting redevelopment projects such as the Mississippi Crossings are likely to provide new



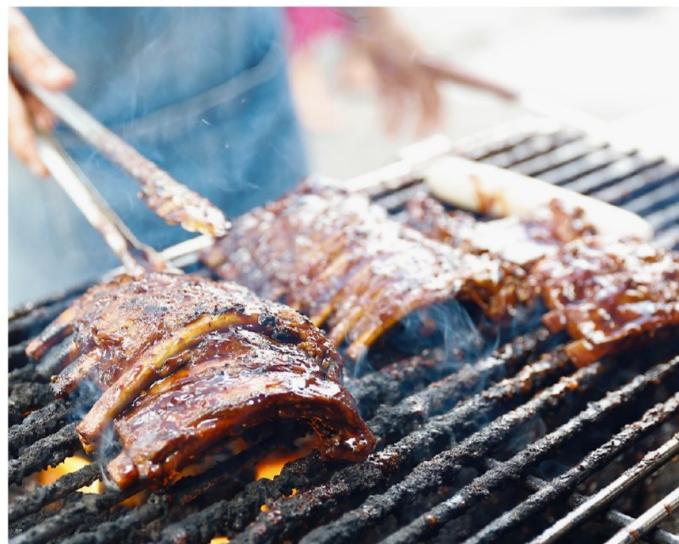
residential and commercial growth as there are few undeveloped properties remaining. With this project, older apartment buildings were razed in support of new multi-family residential developments including Applewood Pointe at Mississippi Crossings, and The Bowline at Mississippi Crossings. The City is working to ensure new subdivisions complement existing neighborhoods, while providing excellence in new housing options.

New residential subdivision development, multi-family housing, retail, restaurant, service, and manufacturing projects will be featured in the newsletter as they are brought online so keep reading the *Champlin Chronicle* for the latest development news!

For more information about residential or commercial development opportunities in Champlin, contact the Community Development Director Scott Schulte at schulte@ci.champlin.mn.us or 763-923-7102.

Grilling Safety

As spring continues to bloom, and we venture out from our winter hibernation, we all know that there's nothing better than outdoor grilling! It's one of the most popular ways to cook food, however, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries as well. Follow these simple tips from the National Fire Protection Association and you will be on your way to safe grilling this year!



- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill.
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Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA)

New Rules & Regulations

The City is processing an ordinance amendment to Sec. 126-348 Mississippi River Corridor. The amendment will codify the regulations adopted in MN Rules that guide building and construction, vegetation management and removal, and land alterations within the corridor.

The amendment is in response to the adopted 2017 MN Rules and notice from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to update the City's Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance.

The majority of the proposed ordinance is regulating Primary Conservation Areas (PCAs) shown on the DNR Primary Conservation Area Mapping Application available online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/critical_area/primary-conservation-areas.html

More information at MRCCA webpage: ci.champlin.mn.us/mississippi-river-corridor-critical-area-mrcca

Staff is currently implementing the 10-month process schedule approved by the City Council earlier this year. Presented here is the accomplished and proposed schedule. Please check the City website for the latest information as the dates are subject to change.



Status and Tentative Schedule

- City Council Reviewed Process – January 11, 2021
- Submitted DNR 'Notice of Intent' form – January 2021
- City webpage creation MRCCA webpage – January 2021
- Notice to corridor residents – January 2021
- Draft Ordinance: February – March 2021
- City Council Update – April 2021
- DNR Conditional Approval Submittal (90-days before Planning Commission public hearing) – April 2021
- Informational Public Open House – May 11, 2021
- Park and Recreation Commission Review – June 1, 2021
- Environmental Resources Commission Review – June 7, 2021
- Planning Commission Public Hearing – July 19, 2021
- City Council First Reading – August 9, 2021
- City Council Second Reading – September 13, 2021
- DNR Submittal – September 30, 2021

Questions regarding the City's timeline and review can be directed to Nicole Peterson, AICP at npeterson@ci.champlin.mn.us or 763-923-7104.

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Champ'd Up Evening of Fun

**Saturday, July 24 | 4 - 8 p.m.
Andrews Park**

The City and the Champlin Community Foundation are partnering to offer an event that will be a family oriented night of fun. The evening will consist of games, activities, face painting, coin searches, bounce houses and more.

\$15 per wristband. Only kids will be required to have wristbands.

Champlin Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 3

America's Night out Against Crime. Night to Unite is a unique crime/drug prevention event designed to bring neighbors together in a friendly and social atmosphere.

To register your block party or for more information, please contact the Champlin Police Department at 763-421-2971.



Facility Rentals

The City offers a variety of different rental opportunities for various events for groups as small as 10 to as large as 100. From graduation parties to birthday parties to business meetings, we have a facility that can accommodate most groups. July and August still have great availability. View the full rental schedule, pricing, and make your reservation online at ci.champlin.mn.us



Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

Champlin Mayor for a Day Essay Contest Winner

2020/2021 School Year

Mayor Karasek is pleased to announce the First-Place winner of Champlin's Mayor for a Day Essay Contest, Zachary S., a fifth grader at Oxbow Creek Elementary. He presented creative park improvements and an innovative recycling program in his essay.

The League of Minnesota Cities Mayor for a Day Essay Contest gives students an opportunity to write about what they would do, as mayor, to make their city better. The contest is open to fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. The City of Champlin promoted this program and held a concurrent local contest with a \$100 prize sponsored by Mayor Karasek.

We encourage all students who will be in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades during the 2021/2022 school year to watch for the next essay contest announcement in late fall.

Congratulations Zachary!

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Schedule of Events

Events: Mississippi Point Park (651 West River Road, Champlin, MN 55316)

Rainout Hotline: **763-421-5576** | fatherhennepinfestival.com

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Speedway Medallion Hunt	Clues at Champlin Speedway	9 a.m. (every day)
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TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Senior Luncheon	Andrews Park	Noon
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FRIDAY, JUNE 11

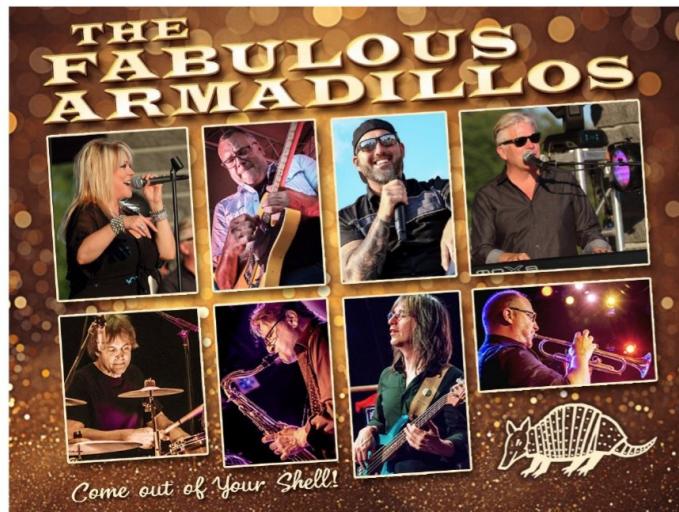
Festival Carnival	Mississippi Point Park	5 p.m. - Midnight
Good for Gary (Live music)	D.C. Chandler Park	8 p.m. - Midnight
Fireworks Show	Sponsored by Tetra Pak, Blue Ox Media & Title Specialists Sabas Outdoor Services, LaCroix Law	10:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Festival Carnival	Mississippi Point Park	Noon - Midnight
Business Expo	Carnival Site, West River Road	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	Dunning School	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Kids' Bingo	D.C. Chandler Park	3 p.m.
Anderson Daniels (Live Music)	Main Tent	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fabulous Armadillos (Live Music)	D.C. Chandler Park	9 p.m. - Midnight

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Festival Carnival	Mississippi Point Park	Noon - 6 p.m.
Youth Fishing Contest	Mill Pond	11 a.m.
Ice Cream Social	Dunning School	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



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