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Father Hennepin Festival

JUNE 10-12, 2022

FRIDAY EVENTS

Festival Parade

Friday, June 10 | 6:30 p.m. | West River Road

Bring your blanket and lawn chairs to stake out a spot between Douglas Drive and East Hayden Lake Road to catch the return of the Festival Parade! After you watch the parade, travel down West River Road and stay to enjoy the rides and concessions as well as the fireworks and live music!

Fireworks

Friday, June 10 | 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, sponsored by Tetra Pak, will light up the Friday night sky.

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View fireworks at Mississippi Point Park or D.C. Chandler Park. Lower Point Park will be closed.

Bad Girlfriends

Friday, June 10 | 8 p.m. | \$8 Cover Charge

* All Ages Welcome * Valid ID required to purchase alcohol



Bad Girlfriends are a crowd favorite! The band features a high energy mix of rock, country, and pop. They also deliver a powerful performance of music by Trans-Siberian Orchestra. You won't want to miss a chance to see them live, so gather your friends for a fun Friday night! Pre-purchase tickets at ci.champlin.mn.us or tickets will be available in person day of.

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Father Hennepin Button

\$3.00 per button

Congratulations to Austin Yang from Champlin Park High School for winning the 2022 button design contest. Buttons can be purchased at Speedway (100 Miller Road) or at the Parks & Public Works Building. Buttons are used to gain free admission to the kids bingo, fishing contest, and open skating. You will also need a button to obtain daily medallion hunt clues at Speedway starting Monday, June 6.





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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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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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- June 4-5 | 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- June 6-9 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- June 10-September 4 | 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Closed Monday, July 4

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[Mayor's Corner]

Greetings, Neighbors!

By: Mayor Ryan Karasek

Summer is finally here after a long winter and my excitement and anticipation for all that is to come in June, July, and August is unprecedented. I am proud to say that we are BACK and offering more community gatherings than ever, starting with the return of the Father Hennepin Festival Parade! I hope you'll pull out your calendars and embrace the opportunities that are available in Champlin with a new sense of appreciation for all that we have to offer this summer for resident participation.

As the doors to summer open, start by taking advantage of the Father Hennepin Festival, June 10-12! Mid-summer, stop by a Wednesday Farmers Market to grab fresh fruits and vegetables and support local! In July, don't miss the annual bounce house event, Jump It Up, at Andrews Park. It will be bigger and better than ever. Come August, connect with your neighbors at Night to Unite and be sure to join us for a free event in the public works yard called Big Trucks & Cool Stuff. We'll end summer with a Movie in the Park. Visit our new website at www.ci.champlin.mn.us to navigate all the fun activities we have on our calendar, and then put them on your calendar. Our Parks and Public Works crew do a phenomenal job hosting community gatherings while also maintaining our 31 parks and



common areas throughout the city. I encourage you to take in all that our community has to offer this summer. Go to our website to view park locations or stop by City Hall for a map and details on what each park has for amenities.

When I see the sun out and shining, I can't help but think of one of my favorite quotes about spreading light. You can be a candle or the mirror that reflects. As summer begins, I encourage you to look for opportunities to volunteer and get involved in our community.



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Along with the support, hard work, and guidance of several dedicated community members, I created the Champlin Community Foundation (CCF), a Non-Profit organization, prior to being elected as mayor.

The organization's vision and established mission is to "do good" in Champlin. Upon being elected Mayor, I stepped down from the board, yet have remained an active volunteer. The CCF has created several community events and raised thousands of dollars. The funds have been used to plant flowering trees around the Mill Pond, pay off balances on lunch accounts at local schools, stock our trout pond, and more. Since I will not be seeking reelection, I look forward to taking up a leadership role once again in the organization that I helped create and do my part to continue to "do good" in the community that we all love.

I have often said, "Do not measure a person by their words; define a person by their actions." I chose to "do good" in Champlin, to be a positive example to my children, friends, and neighbors, and I invite you to do the same. Hold the door for someone, pick up garbage in a park, or share a smile with a stranger. The brighter days in Champlin are ahead because of all the wonderful people spreading light within it. You do not have to be a mayor or an elected official to make a positive difference in your community. I assure you, the joy of giving your time is worth every minute, tenfold. I hope to see everyone out and about this summer; please feel free to say hello and share a smile. Let's help spread light and "do good" in our community!



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Schedule of Events

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MONDAY, JUNE 6

Speedway Medallion Hunt	Clues at Champlin Speedway	9 a.m. (daily)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8		
Senior Luncheon	Community Center	Noon
FRIDAY, JUNE 10		
Festival Carnival	Mississippi Point Park	5 p.m. - Midnight
Parade	West River Road	6:30 p.m.
Bad Girlfriends (Live Music)	D.C. Chandler Park	8 p.m. - Midnight
Fireworks Show	Sponsored by Tetra Pak	10:15 p.m.



CARNIVAL TICKET PRICES:

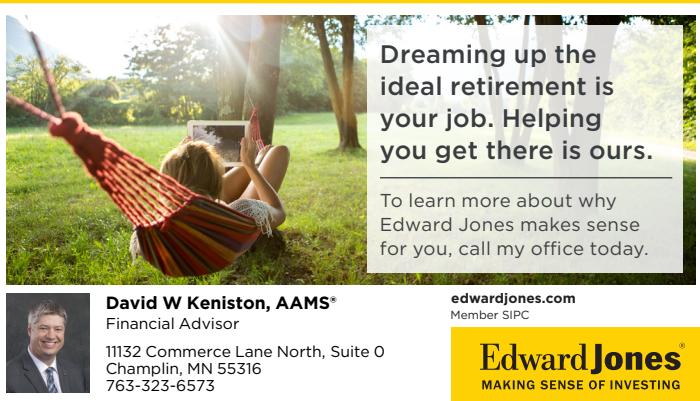
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FESTIVAL SHUTTLE BUS HOURS:

- Friday 5 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
- Saturday Noon - 12:30 a.m.
- Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.

PICKUP LOCATIONS

WEST OF HWY. 169:

JRAC, 10951 Elm Creek Parkway
Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Ave.

PICKUP LOCATIONS

EAST OF HWY. 169:

Northland Park, 8001 114th Ave. N.
Brittany Park, 11005 Brittany Dr.

FESTIVAL DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Hennepin Landing

CONCERT SHUTTLE BUS

We encourage you to ride the shuttle bus Friday and Saturday if you're coming to hear the live music. The shuttle will take you directly to the concert area (D.C. Chandler Park). The on site parking will be limited.



\$500 MEDALLION HUNT

Sponsored by Champlin Speedway

Don't miss a golden opportunity to fill your pocket with \$500 thanks to Champlin Speedway. Bring your knowledge of the City of Champlin and you could win! The Medallion Hunt begins with the first clue on Monday, June 6.

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.

MEDALLION HOTLINE: 763-923-7183

CHAMPLIN PUBLIC WORKS YOUTH FISHING CONTEST

Sunday, June 12 | 11 a.m. | 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. A festival button is required for this event.



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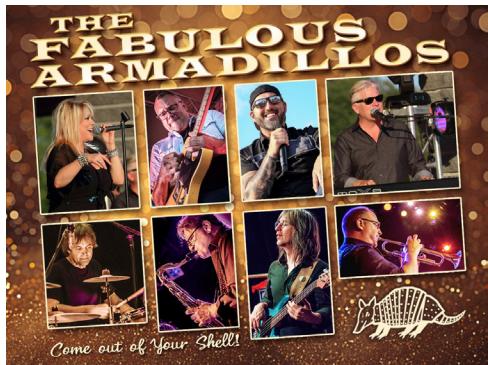
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SATURDAY EVENTS

The Fabulous Armadillos With Guest Chris Hawkey

Saturday, June 11 | 9 p.m. - Midnight | \$20 Cover Charge | D.C. Chandler Park
 *All Ages Welcome *Valid ID required to purchase alcohol



ranging from country to Motown to heavy metal to 70s soft rock.

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 include "One Hit Wonders," "Woodstock," "Motown," "Singer/Songwriters," "Stadium Rock," and more. They have played hundreds of themes at regional venues in the Midwest and even in Mexico! Each show gains new fans. They have brought hundreds of special guests in for their shows comprised of local and national talent.

The Fabulous Armadillos came out of their shell in 2006 and have since established a large following in Central Minnesota with their spot-on music



Anderson Daniels

Saturday, June 11 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Champlin native Anderson Daniels is on a straight path to creating a new Midwestern sound in country music. The 27-year-old musician 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. He recently released a brand-new single, "Way Out" in April of this year, followed by the album *Country & Midwestern: Side A* in May.

PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

Concert tickets for both Friday and Saturday night are available online. Ensure your spot by purchasing in advance.

Once purchased, tickets will be available to print or send via email. Bring your phone with a digital copy or bring a printed ticket to gain entry to the live music.

If purchasing online, new users will have to create an account. Tickets will also be available to purchase on site.

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Night to Unite

Join us Tuesday, August 2 as we celebrate relationships old and new within the community. This event is an opportunity for residents to visit with neighbors, explore emergency vehicles, and connect with local first responders, city staff, and local representatives. Whether your neighborhood is small or large, it's always fun to enjoy a summer evening outside together! Registration starts June 20. Stop by the Police Department's lobby to complete a form in person or an online form will be available on the city's website at ci.champlin.mn.us by June 20. Please contact Investigator Caitlyn Amundson at camundson@ci.champlin.mn.us or 763-923-7142 with questions or to find the nearest registered neighborhood gathering!



Citizens' Academy

Just over 20 residents spent eight Thursday evenings this past spring learning about the Champlin Police Department.

They experienced presentations by a Hennepin County (HC) K9 officer and former HC medical examiner, visited the 911 Dispatch Center in Plymouth, and heard from Chief Ty Schmidt on our history as well as hot topics like DWIs, criminal investigations, use of force, and police weaponry. Each participant went to the Osseo Gun Range to complete the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) course. They were also taught CPR and AED use by Allina paramedics. It was a fun and information-packed time, organized by Officer Jeff Brown, who has been doing this for over 20 years!

Are you interested? We would love for you to sign up for the 2023 class. It's free and held every spring. If you would like more information, email Jeff Brown at jbrown@ci.champlin.mn.us.



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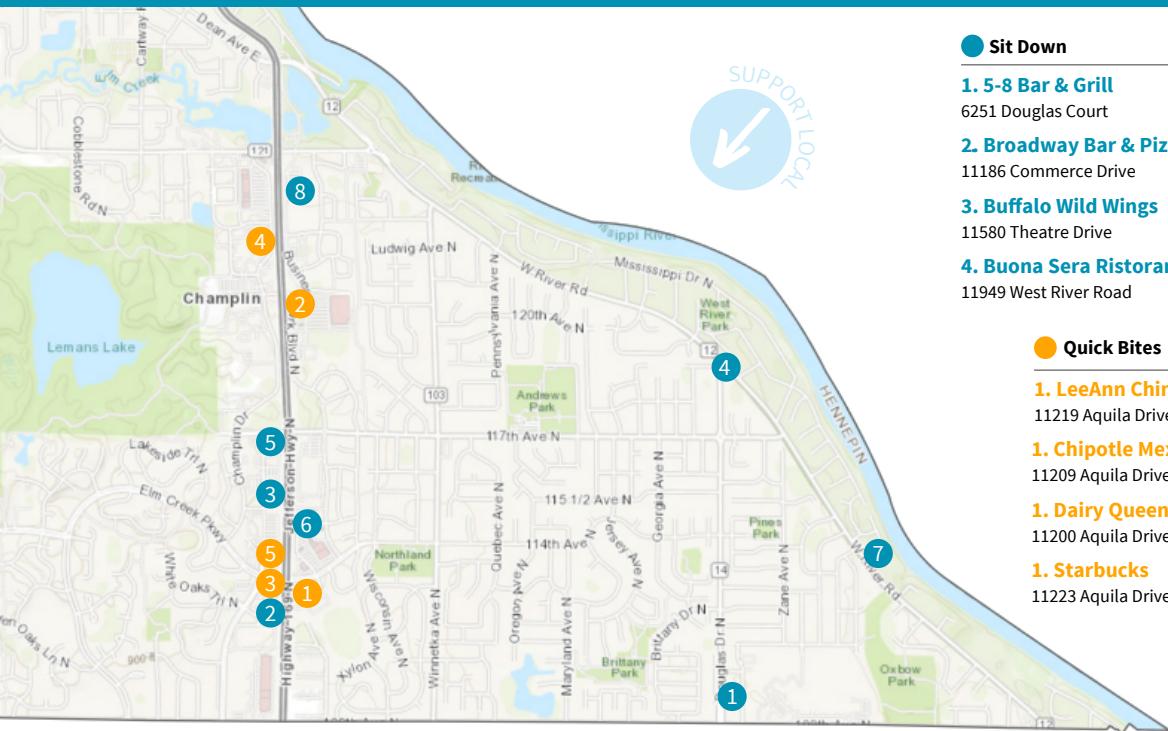
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Summer Bites Around Town

Outdoor Patios – Sit Down & Quick Bites



Sit Down

- 1. 5-8 Bar & Grill
6251 Douglas Court
- 2. Broadway Bar & Pizza
11186 Commerce Drive
- 3. Buffalo Wild Wings
11580 Theatre Drive
- 4. Buona Sera Ristorante
11949 West River Road
- 5. Clive's Roadhouse
11680 Theatre Drive
- 6. Elm Creek Brewing Co.
11469 Marketplace Drive N
- 7. Maverick's Wood Grill
11328 West River Road
- 8. Willy McCoys
12450 Business Park Blvd.

Quick Bites

- 1. LeeAnn Chin
11219 Aquila Drive
- 2. Jersey Mike's Subs
11987 Business Park Blvd.
- 3. Chipotle Mexican Grill
11209 Aquila Drive
- 4. Culver's Restaurant
11218 Commerce Drive
- 5. Dairy Queen Chill & Grill
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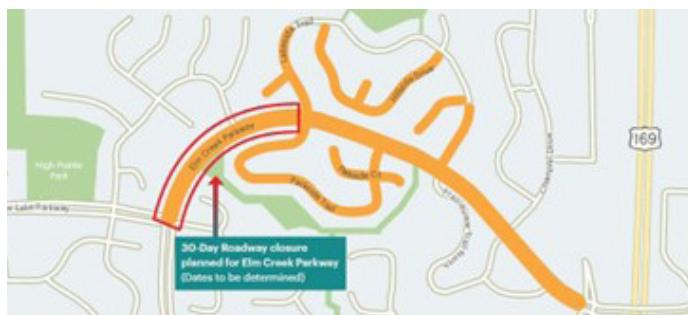
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Street and Utility Improvements

Summer projects are under way. Construction in the Lakeside Trail, Hillside Drive, and Parkside Trail neighborhoods is anticipated to be complete in July 2022. The work in general includes reconstruction, partial to full curb, sidewalk and trail replacement, improved pedestrian crossings, and utility improvements.

Along Elm Creek Parkway between Goose Lake Parkway and Jefferson Highway, reconstruction is anticipated to occur between July and September. Elm Creek Parkway will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction during the construction season. In addition, Elm Creek Parkway is anticipated to be closed between Goose Lake Parkway and Lakeside Trail/Parkside Trail (west entrance) for a 30-day consecutive period in July and August. Signs will be installed notifying drivers seven days in advance of the closure. A detour route will be provided and access to emergency vehicles will remain.

If you live in or near these project areas, be sure to sign up for project updates by emailing champlinprojects@wsbeng.com. This is the most effective way to receive project information and communicate your questions and concerns as construction progresses. To learn more, visit ci.champlin.mn.us and select Improvement Projects.



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Election Day 2022

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1. KNOW THE DATES

- August 9, 2022 State Primary (absentee ballots available June 24)
- November 8, 2022 General Election (absentee ballots available Sept. 23)

2. REGISTER TO VOTE

- Check your status or register to vote on the Secretary of State's website: sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote

3. FIND YOUR POLL

- We completed redistricting, a process that happens once every ten years. The state redistricting process changed the boundary of state house districts 34A and 34B, resulting in Ward 4 in Champlin being split into two legislative districts. Your polling location may have changed, so check pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us before you vote. It is expected to be updated in July.

4. VIEW A SAMPLE BALLOT

- Available 46 days before each election.



5. VOTE

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When: Thursday, July 14

Time: 11:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Where: Community Center, 12450 Gettysburg Avenue

Fee: \$72

*Register by June 30

IVES THEATER | DISCO FEVER

If the 70s are your era, don't miss this show! The trip includes lunch and transport, too!

When: Wednesday, August 17

Time: 10:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Community Center, 12450 Gettysburg Avenue

Fee: \$67

*Register by August 1

TREASURE ISLAND CASINO TRIP

Feeling lucky? Join us to test your luck at a table game, slots, or bingo! Upon arrival, everyone will be given \$15 in free slot play on a card and a \$3 food coupon plus Senior Day perks!

When: Wednesday, September 28

Time: 10:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Community Center, 12450 Gettysburg Avenue

Fee: \$18

*Register by September 20



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When pet waste is washed away 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 organisms. 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 recreational activities.

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Wednesdays, July 13 - October 12 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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4PM - 7PM
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\$10 UNTIL JULY 10
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FOOD TRUCKS!

Saturday, July 16
11am - 4pm

City of Champlin

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\$10 until July 10 | \$15 after July 10



SHED FEST / SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 24 | 6 - 11:30 p.m.
Public Works Yard, 11955 Champlin Drive

Headliner Band - Fabulous Armadillos Eagles Tribute Show!
Food trucks and adult beverages available