

To: Park Board

From: Aimee Peterson, Recreation Superintendent

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Subject: Newsworthy

Story Walks

The story walks are back! Starting at the Lion's Pavilion at the Maple Grove Community Center, take a short walk and enjoy reading *Alien Tomato* by local Minnesota author, Kristen Schroeder.

Splashpad

Splashpad is open at Central Park daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sounds of Summer

The City sponsored Sounds of Summer concert series at Town Green begins the week of June 27. Concerts take place Mondays at 7 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Juneteenth

The city is hosting its first Juneteenth event on Sunday, June 19 at Central Park from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We have teamed up with local resident Desheandra Sheppheard with Black Market Minneapolis to help execute this meaningful event. This event will include free yoga and fitness in the park from 11 a.m.- noon and vendor fair, music, food trucks and more from 1 to 6 p.m.

Maple Grove Days – July 13-17

Save the date for Maple Grove Days. The parade will kick off the event on Thursday. New this year, the business expo will be hosted at Central Park and will include live music, food trucks and a beer garden.

Other Events:

Chalk Fest takes place this weekend June 11 – 12 on Mainstreet

Maple Grove's local community theater company, Cross Community Players, will be hosting their summer show, Legally Blonde, at Town Green. Performances run for the weekend of June 17 and June 24. For tickets and more information visit crossplayers.com

A Pride event, sponsored by an outside group, will be taking place at Town Green on Tuesday, June 28. It will begin with a march around North Arbor Lake at 3 p.m. with the event taking place at Town Green from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will include vendors and performances.

Farmers Market

The outdoor Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 3 to 7 pm. at the Community Center through the end of October.

Tournaments

- June 1 – 5 – Twin Cities Soccer League (TCSL) Soccer tournament
- June 3 – 5 – AAA baseball tournament
- June 3 – 5 – Maplebrook Soccer Tournament at multiple locations
- June 10 and 11 – Lacrosse at FAF
- June 11 and 12 – MGMS Softball
- June 25 – Lacrosse at FAF
- July 8 – 10 – Baseball Gopher Classic – Varsity Fields
- July 15 & 16 – OMGBA 14U AAA Baseball tournament at multiple locations
- July 22 – 24 – TCFL – Final 4 soccer tournament FAF
- July 29 – 31 – Girls Lacrosse at FAF

Notes of appreciation

Hi Aimee and Chris,

Just wanted to thank you for your help supporting our youth association tournament this last weekend. We appreciate you moving the nets and getting them in game shape. Jolyn and the on-site team kept everything running smoothly and we got great feedback from the patrons about the cleanliness of the facility and campus. We have mailed our permit payment last week.

I think we all are starting to figure this out! Thanks again!

Troy



Tanya,

We had an amazing day at Weaver Lake Park for the 2022 Best Buddies Friendship Walk and wanted to say thank you for helping us make this event possible! We are so grateful for you and the City of Maple Grove, for making hosting this event so easy, and for sharing your city with us as we spread kindness and inclusion. Your support makes a difference. Thank you! -Kately DeMarais
