

Forest Lake Bulletin

Summer 2021



Forest Lake
AS GOOD AS IT SOUNDS



The City of Forest Lake has launched a twelve-month downtown planning process to create a vision and long-term investment framework for Forest Lake's downtown district. The planning process is currently in the information gathering stage leading up to creating statements of vision and values for downtown's future. During this stage, the community is asked to provide their opinions and thoughts about downtown by visiting the project's website at www.investinforeslake.com/downtown-planning.

Community input will guide the creation of a downtown vision statement and set the stage for plan recommendations later in the process. The web page is one of several different tools that will be used to engage community members both remotely and in-person to capture as much input as possible. Interactive mapping tools, online surveys, and in-person pop-up events throughout the summer and fall will appear on the project page in the coming weeks. On the page, you can follow project news and announcements and review presentation materials.

With community feedback in hand, the plan will be refined, recommendations made and implementation strategies developed through the winter and early spring next year. The resulting Downtown Plan will be a long-term toolbox for the community to guide land use, evaluate development proposals, make public realm investments, and activate the downtown district.

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Fireworks Safety



Fireworks can be great fun and really brighten up a celebration but they can also be dangerous if used incorrectly. According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than 19,500 fireworks-related fires happen each year. These fires resulted in 5 deaths, 46 injuries, and \$105 million in property damage. In 2018, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,100 people for fireworks-related injuries. The risk of fireworks injury was highest for children ages 10-14, followed by older teens, ages 15-19. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday celebration and safe use of fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips.



Fireworks Safety Tips

1. Children should not handle fireworks: Never allow young children to handle fireworks. Older children should use fireworks only under close adult supervision.
2. Alcohol and fireworks are a bad combination: Fireworks must be used only by individuals who act in a responsible manner and who are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you are impaired in any way when you use fireworks, you increase the possibilities of injury to yourself and others.
3. Use fireworks on a hard surface: Always light fireworks on a hard, flat, and level surface to ensure the stability of the items.

4. Use fireworks in a clear area: Always keep the audience a safe distance away from the shooting site; a minimum clear radius of 30 feet for Minnesota legal fireworks. Avoid lighting fireworks around dry grass or brush that could catch fire or near any flammable items.

5. Use caution when lighting fireworks: Always light fireworks products with punk, a Phantom Pyro Torch, or an extended butane lighting device. This will enable you to keep as far from the firework item as possible. Never light fireworks while holding them in your hands.

6. Never attempt to relight, alter, or fix any "dud" firework item. - If a firework item fails to ignite, let it stand for at least five minutes, then immerse it in water.

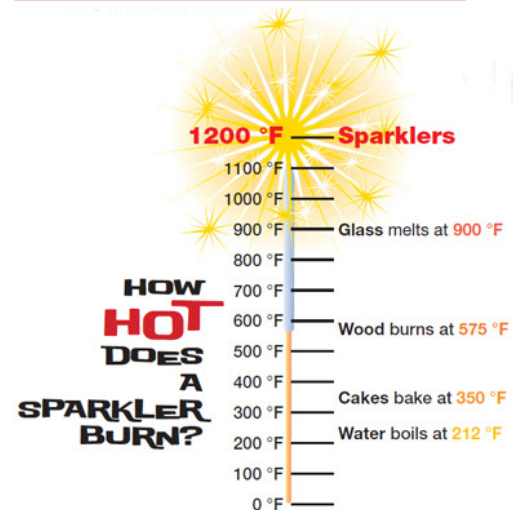
7. Have water close by: Have an accessible fire extinguisher, water supply, hose, or bucket of water nearby for emergencies.

8. Never use fireworks as weapons: Never aim, point, or throw any fireworks at another person or at any property. Eye injuries and burns are common injuries with this type of horseplay.

9. Respect your animals: The noise and lights of fireworks often frighten some animals, so it is very important that you are careful with pets. You may want to consider moving the animals away or keeping them inside during your display.

10. Dispose of burned out sparklers and all fireworks properly: Never place used firework debris in a plastic garbage can until they have thoroughly cooled. Forest Lake Fire Department has responded to several structure fires that occurred due to improper disposal of fireworks debris.

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From the Desk of Mayor Bain



As we move into summer, we see several welcoming signs that our community is returning to a state of normalcy. Business restrictions are being lifted and our community is eager to resume activities and traditions that we were once accustomed to.

The traditional highlight of the summer and my favorite weekend of the year, the annual American Legion 4th of July celebration, is back for 2021! This year's theme is "Back to Fun in '21" and the activities kick off on Thursday, July 1st and go through Sunday, July 4th. The annual parade will begin at 10:00 AM on July 3, and the spectacular fireworks show will start at dusk on Sunday, July 4th. More information about the celebration can be found by visiting the Forest Lake American Legion website or the city's website. Many thanks to the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225 for all they do in bringing this terrific event to Forest Lake!

Additionally, our hugely popular Arts in the Park event will return this summer. Arts in the Park features a Farmer's Market, crafts, food trucks, and live music. As a reminder, Arts in the Park is held at Lakeside Memorial Park on Tuesdays from 5:00 – 9:00 PM starting June 15 and running through August 31. I look forward to seeing you there this summer!

The Forest Lake Senior Community Center officially reopened on May 10th. Activities such as painting, bakery, and bingo, have allowed the seniors in our community to safely reengage in social activities and hobbies. I am eager to

see additional activities added to the curriculum throughout the summer and happy to see the Center transitioning smoothly through its reopening plan.

For the golfers in our community, Castlewood Golf Course aka "The Rock" is open for another year of league play, tournaments, and recreational play. In a partnership between the City of Forest Lake and Foursome Golf Management, this year "The Rock" will welcome an on-course recycling program, new sand in the bunkers, and improved cart paths. After renewing a contract extension, I am happy to report that Foursome Golf will

be operating the course for the next five years.

The City's Economic Development Authority downtown redevelopment planning project is underway and will include multiple opportunities for community and business feedback. Keep an eye out for our pop-up booth at community events this summer. The City's website will also include information on how to become involved. We look forward to hearing from you!

I remain humbled and proud to serve as your mayor. Happy Summer, Forest Lake!

2021 Library in the Park

Washington County Library is on the go! Every Wednesday the library will visit a city park in Forest Lake or Hugo from 2 to 4 p.m. for a pop-up library, Summer Adventure starter packs, take and make kits for kids, and more!

July 7	Fenway Park, Forest Lake
July 14	Hanifl Fields Athletic Park, Hugo
July 21	Cedar Park, Forest Lake
July 28	Oneka Lake Park, Hugo
August 4	Beltz Park, Forest Lake
August 11	Arcand Park, Hugo
August 18	Lakeside Memorial Park, Forest Lake
August 25	Val Jean Park, Hugo





Fourth of July Information



Parade - July 3
10:00 am



Fireworks - July 4
10:00 pm

Schedule of Events



Back for Fun in '21!



July 1

Carnival and Bingo

Carnival 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Bingo 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Music (At American Legion) 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Street Dance: Two Shots Down

July 2

Carnival and Bingo

Carnival Noon-Midnight
Bingo 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Food 9 am - 11 p.m.

Music (At American Legion) 8 p.m. - Midnight - Street Dance: Legacy of the Loud

July 3

Carnival and Bingo

Carnival 10 a.m. - Midnight
Bingo 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Food 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

PARADE 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Music (At American Legion) 8 p.m. - Close - Street Dance: Six to Midnight

July 4

Carnival and Bingo

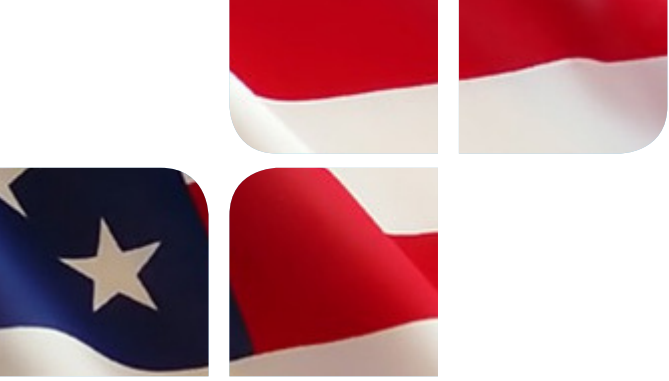
Carnival 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Bingo 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Food 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

FIREWORKS 10:00 p.m.

Music (At Lakeside Memorial Park)
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Croix Crossings
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Charlie O

Legend





★ Athletic Field Reservations ★



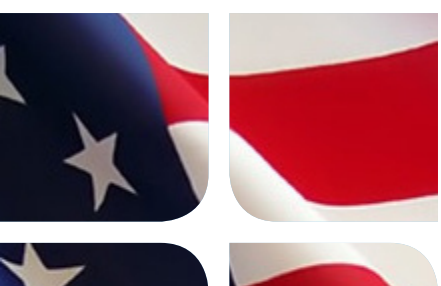
- Fields:**
- Fenway Fields
 - Kulenkamp Park
 - Schilling Park
 - Beltz Park

The City of Forest Lake now offers field reservations! Fields are available for rent to accommodate your activities including leagues, single or multiple day tournaments, practice times, and private events.

To reserve a field, visit cityofforestlake.com, then hover over City Services and click on Field Reservations under the Parks header. Once you have selected your date(s) and time(s), complete and submit the Field Reservation request. Once your application is approved, you will be granted a permit. When you arrive on-site for your event, payment and your permit will be collected.

The fees for Fenway park are \$25.00 per hour for residents and \$35.00 per hour for non-residents. The fees for all other fields are \$10.00 per hour for residents and \$25.00 per hour for non-residents.

fffieldschedules@gmail.com





★ **Arts in the Park** ★



Join us on Tuesdays this summer at Lakeside Memorial Park from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for live music, food trucks, a farmer's market, and more! Family-friendly live music takes the stage from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. See below for our amazing 2021 lineup! Arts in the Park is a FREE event!



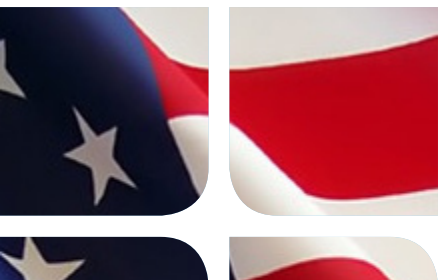
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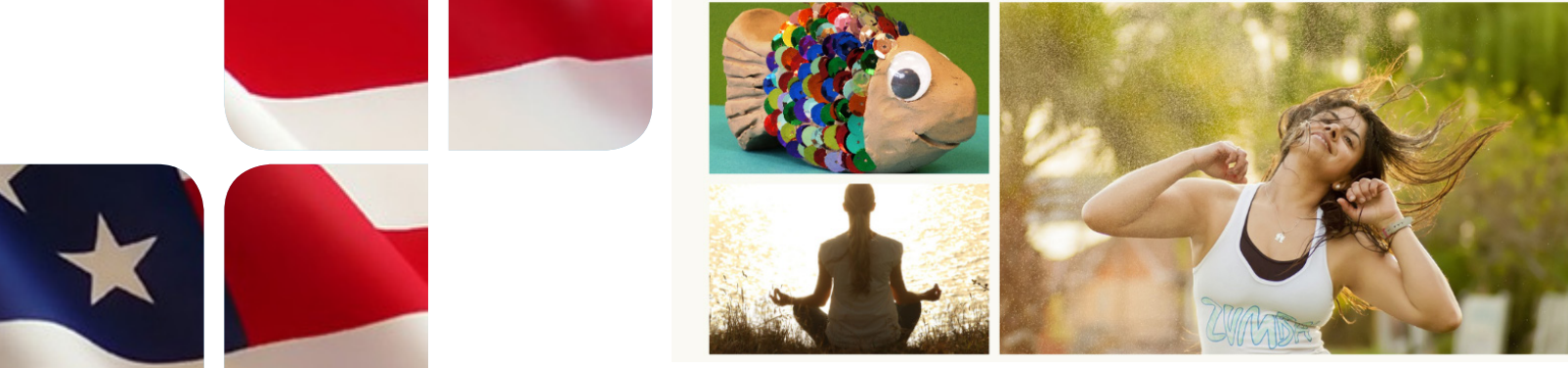
(events subject to change)

When: Tuesdays through August 31, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Lakeside Memorial Park

<p>July 6 July 13</p> <p>July 20 July 27</p> <p>August 3 August 10 August 17</p> <p>August 24 August 31</p>	<p>Church of Cash Rex Cactus & The Radio Rangers' Country Music Show</p> <p>Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show The Jorgensens Band Big Mike & The SS Express Rhino (Unplugged) Chris Kroeze from NBC's "The Voice"</p> <p>Shoop! Rockin' Hollywoods</p>
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Live music 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.





Activities in the Park

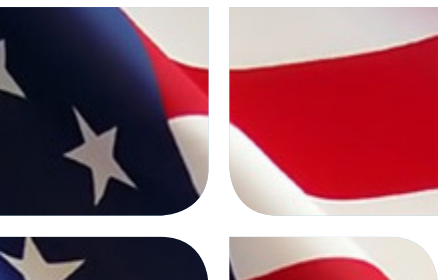
Get outdoors this summer by attending Activities in the Park! Classes are offered at a reduced rate due to a partnership with the City of Forest Lake and Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education. These classes are exclusive to residents living in the FLAS district. Registration closes at noon on the Friday preceding classes. However, drop-ins are always welcome with a low-cost drop-in fee of only \$5.00!

Activities in the Park

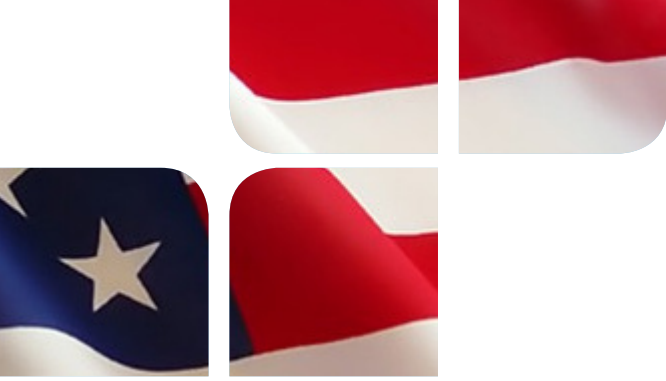
Classes featured are offered at a reduced fee for all residents living in the FLAS district. Drop-ins welcome! Low-cost \$5 drop-in fee!



ADULT CLASSES	YOUTH CLASSES	YOUTH CLASSES
<p>Yoga Outdoors - Hatha Flow 6:00 - 7:00 PM LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK Thursdays, June 24 - August 19, No class July 15</p> <p>Yoga Outdoors - Core Strength Workout 9:00 - 10:00 AM Saturdays, June 19 - July 17, No class July 3</p> <p>Zumba Outdoors 5:30 - 6:30 PM, LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK Wednesdays, June 23 - August 18, No class July 28</p> <p>Yoga Outdoors - Hatha Flow 8:00 - 9:00 AM LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK Saturdays, July 31 - August 28</p>	<p>Big Machines Outdoors with KidCreate Studio, Ages 3-6 10:30 - 11:30 AM, LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK Saturday, July 17</p> <p>Glow-in-the-Dark Mosaics Outdoors with KidCreate Studio, Ages 7-12 12:00 - 1:00 PM, LAKESIDE MEMORIAL PARK Saturday, July 17</p> <p>{YEL!} Track & Field Decathlon Outdoors, Ages 6-12 9:00 - 10:00 AM, CEDAR PARK Saturday, July 31</p>	<p>{YEL!} Track & Field Decathlon Outdoors, Ages 6-12 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SUMMERFIELD PARK Saturday, July 31</p> <p>{YEL!} Junior Soccer Outdoors, Ages 6-12 9:00 - 10:00 AM, SUMMERFIELD PARK Saturday, August 14</p> <p>{YEL!} Junior Soccer Outdoors, Ages 6-12 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, CEDAR PARK Saturday, August 14</p>



For full class descriptions and to register, please visit: bit.ly/FLActivitiesInThePark



Forest Lake residents have access to the gymnasium and the splash pad during specific hours each day. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to access the gym or the splash pad during community hours, however, proof of residency is required.

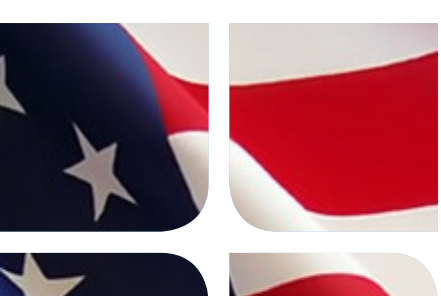


★ **YMCA Splash Pad Summer Hours** ★

Summer 2021	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hours	Noon - 5 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	10 am - 1 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	10 am - 1 pm	Noon - 4 pm	10 am - 5 pm

★ **YMCA Open Gym Hours** ★

Summer 2021	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hours	1 pm - 5 pm	1 pm - 4 pm	5 pm - 8 pm	1 pm - 4 pm	5 pm - 8 pm	1 pm - 4 pm	1 pm - 5 pm



The YMCA will be closed on Sunday, July 4, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.