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2016 Events Guide

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A Word from the Mayor of Minneapolis

On behalf of the City of Minneapolis, I welcome you to the 2016 Minneapolis Aquatennial.

This is an exciting year at the Aquatennial. Annual fan favorites like

the CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade (take a free ride on Wednesday thank to Metro Transit) and Target Fireworks will be joined by some new and returning events that will bring us together along the Mississippi Riverfront. As our city evolves and grows, so does the Aquatennial and its wide variety of events that are open

to all ages and abilities. We couldn't be happier with the food, fitness and fun that will bring us together for our Official Civic Celebration.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, July 23 and try out the new Mess Hall event at Boom Island. It will bring out the foodie in you, Minneapolis. Some of Minneapolis' best will be serving street food bites, and there will also be local brews on hand. While you're there, enjoy live music and the return of AquaJam, a skateboarding event at which you can show your own skills or watch the professionals. Both will be exceptional fun leading up to the

Target Fireworks at 10 pm!



Mayor Betsy Hodges

y Hodges they are free or low-cost events for the whole family to enjoy. It is indeed a festival that offers something for everyone. Look through this event guide and find all the different

Along with Mess Hall, AquaJam and live music at Boom Island on Saturday, there are several other new events that you'll want to check out. Rally the Family at Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night

events you'd like to experience this year.

offers free tennis lessons. The Aquatennial will be hosting two movies at Target Field Station: Overboard at 7 pm on July 21, and Rocky at 9 pm on July 22. There will be Aquatennial Zumba presented by YWCA on July 22, and the Big Waters Classic Bike Race: Fulton's Downtown Drag Race debuts later that evening.

In all, there are 30 different events to stop by and enjoy. Pick your favorites and join us for the fun.

Minneapolis is a vibrant city, and as we continue to thrive and grow we are brought back together each summer to celebrate at Aquatennial. We welcome visitors to join us, and we hope you'll enjoy the festivities as well. These are the Best Days of Summer, and we're excited to share them with you.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Betsy Hodges, City of Minneapolis



For more information, visit Aquatennial.com/Events





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2016 Skipper Pin Promotions

OFFERS AVAILABLE JULY 1 – 23

For more event details, visit WWW. AQUATENNIAL.COM





Buca di Beppo, 1204 Harmon Place

10 off purchase of 30 or more OR 10% off all Party Pan and Catering orders placed between 7/1–7/23.



Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel, 618 S 2nd Avenue

Free appetizer with purchase of two adult entrees at Krona Bar.



Eggy's Diner, 120 W 14th Street \$5 Mimosas and Bloody Marys, and receive 15% off your bill Monday through Thursday.



Hell's Kitchen, 80 S 9th Street

featuring the IDS Center.

Free sample-size jar of our legendary homemade Peanut Butter or Hell's Kitchen Pint Glass. (1 per person)



IDS Center, 80 S 8th Street #650 Stop by the Security Desk to receive a free souvenir postcard



Lakes & Legends Brewing Company, 1368 Lasalle Avenue Buy one beverage, get one free.



Marriott City Center Hotel, 30 S 7th Street, 5th floor

Receive 10% off your total food & beverage bill (before taxes and gratuity) at Minneapolis Marriott City Center's Northern Shores Grill.



Minnesota Orchestra, 1111 Nicollet Mall

20% off Sommerfest concerts July 8–29, 2016. Use code SKIPPER16 in person, at minnesotaorchestra.org, or call 612-371-5656. (Limit 4 per person. Offer does not include top ticket price. Other restrictions may apply)



Peoples Organic, at IDS Center, 80 S 8th Street, #156 \$5 off a purchase of \$25 or more.



Sociable Cider Werks, 1500 NE Fillmore Street \$1 off pints.



Stone Arch Lounge/Outdoor Patio, 225 S 3rd Avenue

Complimentary appetizer with beverage purchase. Appetizer valued up to \$12.00. One redemption per pin. Offer valid July 1-23, 2016 and not valid with any other offer.



The Depot Tavern, 17 N 7th Street Receive 10% off food and beverage.



The Third Bird, 1612 Harmon Place

Buy one drink, get one free with any food purchase. (Available anytime, good for house wine, rail cocktails, and tap beer)



The Shout House, 110 N 5th Street Free tap beer or rail cocktail with any purchase.

2016 Skipper Pin must be present to receive promotion.

All offers valid July 1–23 unless otherwise noted. Expectations/Restrictions may apply on some specials, check with establishments for details.

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY Torchlight Parade at 8:30 PM

Get there by bus or light rail with free-ride pass at AQUATENNIAL.COM



TWIN CITIES ORTHOPEDIC Torchlight 5K at 7:30 PM

Registration available online or on-site



Target Fireworks at 10:00 PM



VIEWING TIPS

Come early to get your viewing spot — the best spots are between Gold Medal Park and the 3rd Avenue Bridge on West River Parkway.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE

Tune into Go96.3 and enjoy the pyro-musical set to the Target Fireworks display.

Events Schedule

ALL EVENTS FREE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 -

Historical Aquatennial presented by Cambria* Cambria Gallery on 7th, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Aquatennial Blood Drive* IDS Center Crystal Court, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Aquatennial Tennis Classic* Canadian Pacific Plaza, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night Loring Park, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

USTA Northern Rally the Family Tennis Lessons Loring Park, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur Canoe Rides Loring Park, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K Hennepin Avenue beginning at Basilica of St. Mary, 7:30 PM

Centerpoint Energy Torchlight Parade Hennepin Avenue from Basilica of St. Mary to 5th St, 8:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 21 -

The Commons Opening The Commons Park, 12:00 PM

Aquatennial Yoga with CorePower Yoga Target Field Station, 5:30 PM

Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show* Mississippi River, West River Road (between Broadway & Plymouth Aves) 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Aquatennial Movie: "Overboard" Target Field Station, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 22 -

Aquatennial Zumba with YWCA Peavey Plaza, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Big Waters Classic: Fulton Downtown Drag Race North Loop (Fulton Brewery), 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Aquatennial Movie: "Rocky" Target Field Station, 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 23 -

U.S. Bank Stadium Grand Opening Open House Tours U.S. Bank Stadium, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Twin Cities Carifest** Mississippi River, West River Road (between Broadway & Plymouth Aves) 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Mess Hall (Food, FINNEGANS, Fulton Beer, Lakes & Legends Brewing Co., Sociable Cider Werks, Alchemy Class, Live music featuring Nooky Jones & Sam Cassidy)

Boom Island, 3:00 PM-10:00 PM

AquaJam (Open Skateboarding, Skateboarding Competition) Boom Island, 3:00 $\rm PM$ –10:00 $\rm PM$

Pre-Fireworks Festivities (Kids zone, Live music, Food trucks & more) West River Parkway near Portland Ave, 6:00 PM –10:00 PM

Target Fireworks

West River Parkway near Portland Ave, 10:00 PM

- * Events occur multiples dates or at various times during Aquatennial. Visit **AQUATENNIAL.COM** for more information.
- ****** Minimal entrance fee

The Minneapolis Aquatennial is proudly produced by the Minneapolis Downtown Council.





AQUATENNIAL EVENTS KEY

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2016 Flagship **Events**





Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show Thursday, July 21 6 pm & 8 pm Friday, July 22 6 pm & 8 pm West Bank Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)



Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K Wednesday, July 20 7:30 pm Basilica of St. Mary to Nicollet Island



Aquatennial **Tennis Classic** July 11-22 9 am - 5 pm Canadian Pacific Plaza



Aquatennial Yoga with Core Power Yoga Thursday, July 21 5:30 pm Target Field Station

Big Waters Classic: Fulton Downtown Drag Race Friday, July 22 6 pm-9 pm N 4th St between & 6th & 10th

> Mess Hall Saturday, July 23 3 pm-6 pm Boom Island



Fireworks Food Trucks Saturday, July 23 6 pm-10 pm Chicago Mall (Near West River Parkway)

Live Music Saturday, July 23

W. River Pkwy 6 pm-10 pm Boom Island 8 pm-10 pm

Historic Aquatennial **Presented by Cambria** July 20-23 Times Vary Daily 1

Aquatennial Blood Drive July 20-22 9 am-3 pm IDS Center Crystal Court

Loring Park Pre-Parade Family Fun Night

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Wilderness Inquiry

Wednesday, July 20 5 pm-7:30 pm Loring Park

Rally the Family at Loring Park

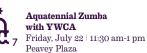
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Saturday, July 23 | Festivities begin at 6 pm (Live Music, Kids Zone, Food Trucks & more!)

Target Fireworks

Fireworks at 10 pm West River Parkway between Portland Ave. & 3rd Ave Bridge

Aquatennial Movie Nights July 21, 7 pm "Overboard" July 22, 9 pm "Rocky" Target Field Station





Twin Cities Carifest Saturday, July 23 (11 am-10 pm) West River Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)



Pre-Fireworks Kids Zone

Saturday, July 23 (6 pm-10 pm) West River Parkway Near Stone 9 Arch Bridge



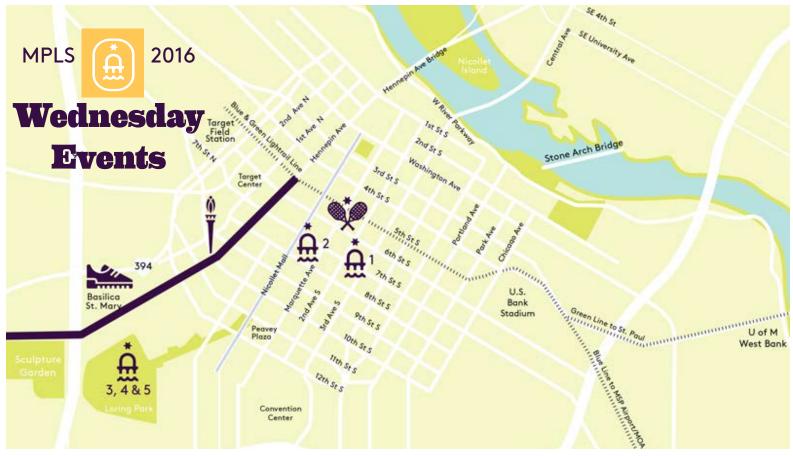
Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave S)

(80 8th Street S)

Voyageur Canoe Rides

Pre-Parade Family Fun Night

Loring Park



WEDNESDAY'S EVENTS KEY **Twin Cities Orthopedics**



Historic Aquatennial Presented by Cambria Wednesday, July 20 8 am-6 pm Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave S)



Aquatennial Blood Drive Wednesday, July 20 9 am-3 pm IDS Center Crystal Court (80 8th Street S)



Loring Park Pre-Parade

Family Fun Night

Loring Park

Wednesday, July 20 9 am - 5 pm Canadian Pacific Plaza

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Wednesday, July 20 5 pm-7:30 pm Loring Park **Rally the Family at Loring Park**

Pre-Parade Family Fun Night

Wednesday, July 20 5 pm-7:30 pm

Torchlight 5K

Wednesday, July 20 7:30 pm Basilica of St. Mary to Nicollet Island



CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade



Join Grand Marshals Mike Augustyniak & Natalie Nyhus of WCCO-TV for one of the largest nighttime parades in the state! A procession of great floats, displays and bands from surrounding communities will light up the Minneapolis night.

Getting Here: Metro Transit is offering FREE RIDES from 6:30 pm-11:30 pm. Download & print yours at Aquatennial.com.

While you're there: Stop by the Loring Park Pre-Parade Family



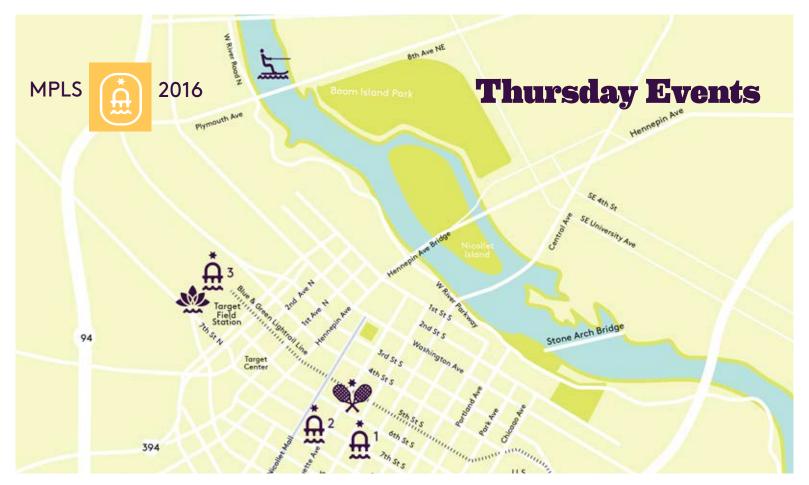
Fun Night from 5 pm-7:30 pm, watch or run the Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K at 7:30 pm. Find your spot early, as spaces along the parade route go quickly. Also enjoy a surprise giveaway after the parade courtsey of CenterPoint Energy. More Info: http://www.aquatennial.com/torchlightparade

Twin Cities Orthopedics Torchlight 5K



Registration is available online, so sign up at Torchlight5k.com. You can also register the day of the race. When you register, you are able to take part in the post-race party along the Mississippi Riverfront that features food, beer, entertainment and more.

Tip: Non-runners: Historic Aquatennial Presented by Cambria at the Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave. S) is a great place to enjoy a trip down Aquatennial memory lane. And the race runs down the same route as the CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade on Hennepin Avenue. Come early, stay late!



THURSDAY'S EVENTS KEY



Historic Aquatennial Presented by Cambria Thursday, July 21 | 8 am-9 pm Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave S)



Aquatennial Blood Drive Thursday, July 21 | 9 am-3 pm IDS Center Crystal Court (80 8th Street S)



Aquatennial Tennis Classic Thursday, July 21 | 9 am - 5 pm Canadian Pacific Plaza

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Aquatennial Yoga with Core Power Yoga Thursday, July 21 5:30 pm Target Field Station

Twin Cities River Rats Aquatennial Water Ski Show Thursday, July 21 | 6 pm & 8 pm West Bank Road (Between Broadway & Plymouth)



Aquatennial Movie Nights Thursday, July 21, 7 pm | "Overboard" Target Field Station

Twin Cities River Rats



Join Gru and the Minion in this "Despicable Ski" water ski adventure as they battle Vector on the Mississippi River! This humerous, family-friendly show features high-flying stunts, fast-paced barefooting, graceful swivel skiing and even a human pyramid!

Tips: Bring a lawn chair or blanket and grab a brew at the Fulton Beer Garden (21+) for the show. Park at Boom Island and walk across Plymouth Avenue Bridge. Arrive early—the bank along the Mississippi fills up quick!

Aquatennial Yoga with CorePower Yoga



As part of Go Outside with Hennepin County, enjoy a yoga session outdoors on the lawn!

Tip: Bring a lawn chair and invite the family to join you as the Aquatennial Movie "Overboard" will play at 7 pm on the Target Field Station big screen!



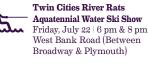
FRIDAY'S EVENTS KEY

Historic Aquatennial Presented by Cambria Friday, July 22 | 8 am-6 pm Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave S)

Aquatennial Blood Drive Friday, July 22 | 9 am-3 pm IDS Center Crystal Court (80 8th Street S) Aquatennial Tennis Classic

Friday, July 22 | 9 am - 2 pm Canadian Pacific Plaza

Aquatennial Zumba with YWCA Friday, July 22 | 11:30 am-1 pm Peavey Plaza



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Aquatennial Movie Nights Friday, July 22, 9 pm | "Rocky" Target Field Station



Big Waters Classic: Fulton's Downtown Drag Race Friday, July 22 | 6 pm-9 pm North Loop (N 4th St between & 6th Ave & 10th Ave)

Big Waters Classic: Fulton's Downtown Drag Race

Participate in or watch a 500-meter bike drag race in the North Loop on 4th Street North! The finish line is fittingly located just steps from the Fulton Brewery tap room—motivation enough to go full gas! The evening's festivities will include live music, food trucks and tasty Fulton beer.



Tips: There will be a bike-adapted tractor pull at the Fulton Brewery tap house, so take a moment to enjoy! You can sign up for the races at <u>http://www.bigwatersclassic.com</u>. After the event, head just blocks down the street to Target Field Station for the Aquatennial Movie "Rocky" at 9 pm!

Aquatennial Blood Drive

Join us for the Aquatennial Blood Drive and help give back to your community during The Best Days of Summer! You can sign up in advance and secure



your time by visiting <u>http://www.aquatennial.</u> <u>com/events</u>! The Blood Drive is made possible by the Red Cross, WCCO-TV & CBS Radio.

Did You Know? Vacations and summer activities often causae donors to be less available, so giving blood during the summer is incredibly helpful for the American Red Cross.



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Historic Aquatennial Presented by Cambria Saturday, July 23 11 am-4 pm

Cambria Gallery on 7th (625 2nd Ave S)



Twin Cities Carifest Saturday, July 23 (11 am-10 pm)

Pre-Fireworks Kids Zone Saturday, July 23 (6 pm-10 pm) 3 West River Parkway near Stone Arch Bridge





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Fireworks Food Trucks Saturday, July 23 6 pm-10 pm Chicago Mall (Near West River Parkway)

Live Music Saturday, July 23 W. River Pkwy | 6 pm-10 pm Boom Island 8 pm-10 pm



Mess Hall AquaJam

Pairing a new event with a returning legacy favorite! Mess Hall (3-6 pm) is a foodie's destination, pairing our city's best street foods with its signature brews. Stop by at 3 pm for a special Alchemy workout as you build up your appetite!

AquaJam (3-8 pm) offers a chance to show off your skateboarding skills during open skate or watch the pros do work!

http://www.mplsmesshall.com

Twin Cities Carifest

Saturday, July 23 (11 am-10 pm)

Don't miss out on this fun festival that highlights Caribbean culture, food and music. Located along West River Road between Plymouth & Broadway, you'll have the chance to taste the Caribbean right in your back yard.

Plus, it is just across the river from Mess Hall and AquaJam, an easy walk or bike ride away!

Target Fireworks

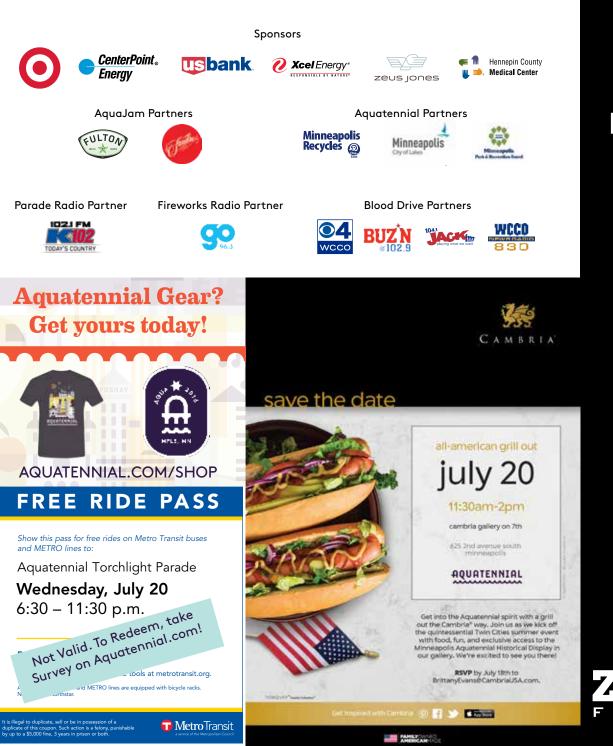
Saturday, July 23 (Pre-Fireworks 6 pm, Fireworks 10 pm)

One of the country's largest annual fireworks displays! Watch the Target Fireworks light up the sky and listen to the paired music simulcast at Go 96.3 FM. Food trucks, festival treats, live music, a Kids Zone and more begins at 6 pm.

Viewing Tips: Come early and get your spot. Bring sunscreen for the afternoon and bug spray for the evening. The best spots are between Gold Medal Park and the 3rd Avenue Bridge. While you're there visit: Mill City Museum, Stone Arch Bridge, U.S. Bank Stadium and more!

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AAO Alumni Bout <mark>Cruise</mark> Tuesday, July 19 Bohemian Fla<mark>t</mark>s

> Meet the Candidates Wednesday, July 20 City Center

Commodore's Dinner Thursday, July <mark>21</mark> Milleniu<mark>m Hotel Min</mark>neapolis

> Rockin' the Waves Dance Party featuring RHINO

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Aquatennial Ambassador Coronation presented by SPIRE Credit Union

Sa<mark>turday, July 23</mark> Ted Mann Concert Hall

Join us for these Aquatennial Ambassador Organization Events Tickets available at aquatennialambassad<mark>ors.com</mark>





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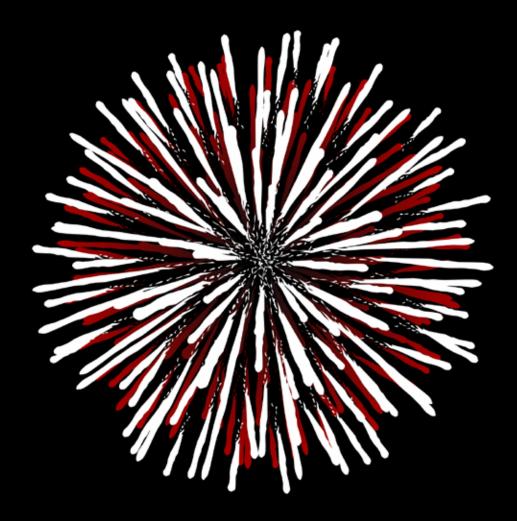
Join us for Pre-Fireworks Festivities!

Saturday, July 23 | 6-10 pm | West River Parkway

 Kids Zone, located near Stone Arch Bridge Featuring:

> Mini-water slide Facepainting Chalking

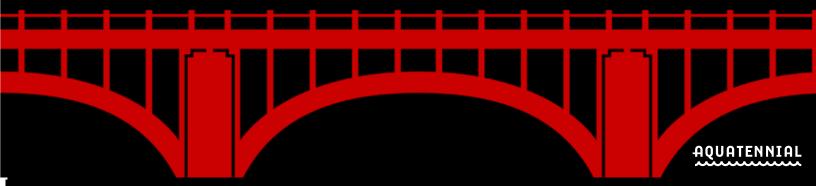
- Food trucks on West River Parkway between Gold Medal Park & Mill City Museum
 - Live music:
 - 0 6 pm: Command Steppers
 - 0 7 pm: Nicholas David
 - 0 8 pm: The WCCO-TV Blues Band
 - 9 pm: The Grateful RED



TARGET FIREWORKS

WEST RIVER PARKWAY ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER FRONT SATURDAY, JULY 23 | 10 PM | FREE ADMISSION

PRE-FIREWORKS FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6 PM | VISIT AQUATENNIAL.COM FOR MORE INFO | #TARGETFIREWORKS



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