



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

2019 4th of July Community Celebration July 2-4

Enjoy the parade, car show, rides, carnival games, live music, bingo, pull tabs and fireworks. Family fun for everyone! Don't miss this annual Coon Rapids tradition at Boulevard Plaza, on the grounds of the Coon Rapids Ice Center located at 11000 Crooked Lake Blvd.

This event is sponsored by the North Star Lions Club, Coon Rapids Fire Social Group and the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation.



Parade Tuesday, July 2 at 6 p.m.

- Parade route begins at 111th Avenue and Mississippi Boulevard, travels down Mississippi Boulevard to Direct River Drive, along Direct River Drive until turning on Flora Street where the parade will then end back near the Coon Rapids Ice Center grounds on 109th Lane.
- Parking will not be allowed in the parade route area or other streets near the parade route from 2 p.m. until the end of the parade time (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Watch for posted signs. Road closures along the parade route will take place at approximately 5:15 p.m. Watch for traffic control and signs.



Parade, Carnival and Fireworks Parking

Public parking is available in the parking lots at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Other nearby businesses may offer their parking lots for additional parking as well (either free or for a fee). No parking areas will be well-marked with signage.

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For more information about the community celebration, visit:
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Firecracker 10k, 5k and Kids Sparkler Dash Thursday, July 4

- To register: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/48872>
Map routes and more info: www.runcr.org
 www.facebook.com/CRFirecrackerRaces
- Open to all fitness levels.
- Start at the Coon Rapids Ice Center, 11000 Crooked Lake Boulevard. Parking for race will be at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, 11200 Mississippi Boulevard (a short walk from Coon Rapids Ice Center). Routes will be a combination of residential roads and park trails.
- Race proceeds benefit the Coon Rapids Community Strength Foundation which supports community events.
- In case of severe weather, the race will be called as early as possible on race day. No refunds will be issued due to cancellation from severe weather. If weather is not severe, the event will be held rain or shine.

Starts	Time Limit	Cost
10k		
8 a.m.	1 hr 30 min	Early Bird thru May 31: \$35 \$40 thru June 16 \$45 thru July 3
5k		
8:15 a.m.	1 hr 15 min	Early Bird thru May 31: \$25 \$30 thru June 16 \$35 thru July 3
Kids Sparkler Dash 500 (ages 3-8)		
9:45 a.m.	no time limit	Free

Event Schedule July 2-4

Tuesday, July 2

Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open & Lions Club Concessions*
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person
3-11 p.m.	Food Truck Hours
6 p.m.	Parade
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6-10 p.m.	Live music "Stone Daisy Band" (country)
11 p.m.	Event closes

Wednesday, July 3

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	Food Truck Hours
Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open & Lions Club Concessions*
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
5-11 p.m.	7th annual "Car Show to Remember" Hot Rods & Classics (Gate Fee \$5, all proceeds benefit ACBC Food Shelf)
6-11 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6-10 p.m.	Live music "The Castaways" (variety)
11 p.m.	Event closes

Thursday, July 4

7 a.m.	10k, 5k check-in begins
8-11 a.m.	Lions concession stand serving breakfast*
8 a.m.	10k Run Start
8:15 a.m.	5k Run/Walk Start
9:30 a.m.	10k & 5k Awards Ceremony
9:45 a.m.	Kids Sparkler Dash
11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	Food truck hours
Noon	Bingo and pull tabs open
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
5 p.m.-Midnight	Carnival Midway - regular admission
6 p.m.	Splash Pad at Boulevard Plaza will close
6-10 p.m.	Live music "Night Shift Band" (classic rock)
10 p.m.	Fireworks (Display voted one of the best in the Twin Cities!)
Midnight	Event closes

*The Coon Rapids North Star Lions Club will serve pulled pork sandwiches, soda, beer, water and ice cream daily from noon-close.

** Midway Armband Special: allows person to ride unlimited rides for the session. All rides have height requirements for safety. All riders must have tickets/wristband to ride rides even to accompany children on rides with exceptions of Carousel and Fun Slide.




****All events weather permitting****

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★ Fireworks Information Thursday, July 4

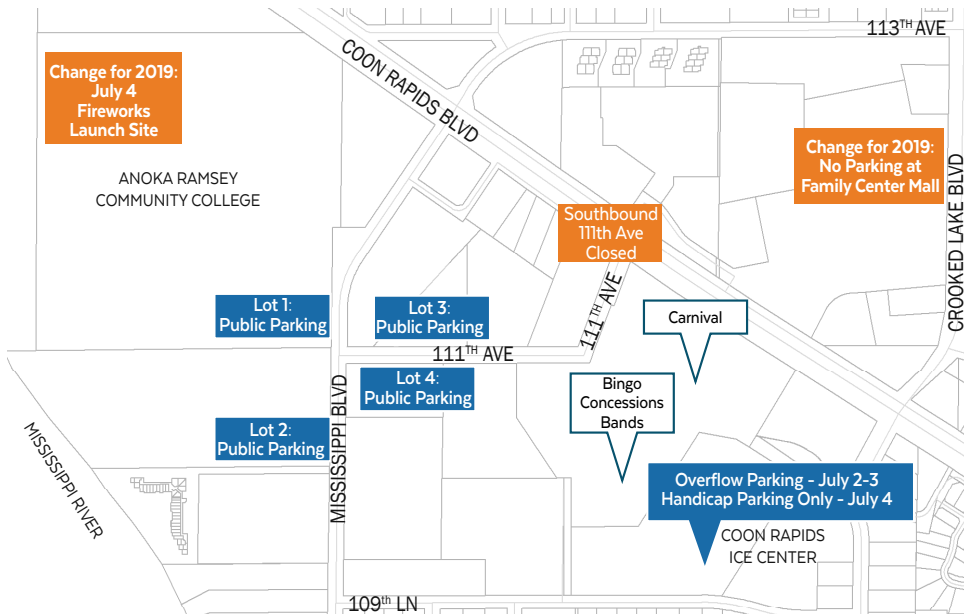
The fireworks launch site has moved this year, to the grounds of Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Parking is now available on July 4 at the old fireworks launch site, located across the street from Anoka-Ramsey. **No parking is allowed at the Family Center Mall this year, located at Coon Rapids & Crooked Lake Boulevards.** The parking lot at Coon Rapids Ice Center, 11000 Crooked Lake Blvd. is for handicap parking only. Spectators are welcome to view the fireworks from the grounds of the Coon Rapids Ice Center and some seating is available in the east baseball fields at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Traffic control after the fireworks will be directed as smoothly as possible, however visitors are advised to allow extra time in their schedules to exit parking areas and navigate traffic. Coon Rapids fireworks are very popular and thousands of people are leaving the fireworks parking areas often at the same time. Your patience is greatly appreciated as everyone works to leave the event and parking areas safely.

Tips to deal with traffic:

-  Park far away from where you will actually watch the fireworks. Then walk or ride your bike to your viewing location after you park your car.
-  Park in the direction you actually want to travel when you leave. This is much easier than trying to make turns, or change directions in the midst of heavy traffic.
-  Be patient and allow a lot of extra time to leave. Thousands of people are trying to leave at the same time and everyone must wait their turn.

Traffic direction out of parking locations will be as follows: (see map for parking lot numbers)

- » Anyone leaving parking lot 1 will be directed to turn north on Mississippi Boulevard and then will be directed west only on Coon Rapids Boulevard.
- » Anyone in parking lots 2 & 4 will be routed south on Mississippi Boulevard, and continue east until reaching Hanson Boulevard. Traffic will then head north on Hanson until reaching Coon Rapids Boulevard where it is recommended cars continue east to avoid event congestion to the west.
- » Anyone leaving parking lot 3 will be directed east on 111th Avenue to Coon Rapids Boulevard where you will be directed to turn right only, heading east.
- » If you park on residential streets south of the Coon Rapids Ice Center, work your way to Mississippi Boulevard., then travel east to Hanson Boulevard, then north on Hanson Boulevard to Coon Rapids Boulevard.
- » **Note:** Hanson Boulevard north of Coon Rapids Boulevard is closed due to construction at the railroad tracks. Traveling north on Hanson Boulevard, north of Coon Rapids Boulevard is not an option.
- » If you are in the handicap parking area located at the Coon Rapids Ice Center parking lot, you will be directed to turn left and head to Coon Rapids Boulevard, where you will be able to turn right (east) only.
- » **Note:** No parking at the Family Center Mall



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