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Anoka to Host 19th Annual Independence Day Celebration Events
Fireworks, Alumni Baseball Game, and Ice Cream Social

ANOKA, Minn. – Bring your “oohs and ahhs” as the City of Anoka lights up the evening sky with beautiful fireworks, take in the Anoka American Legion alumni baseball game, and cool off with a refreshing root beer float and enjoy live music and more at the annual Ice Cream Social. These celebrations would not be possible without the generous support and donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The 19th annual fireworks display on Sunday, July 3, held at Castle Field, 600 Castle Field Boulevard, draws thousands of people to the area and is sure to kick off the holiday with some flare! Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. Before the fireworks, come and watch the Anoka American Legion Post #102 alumni baseball game. Past and present Anoka Legion players will be getting together for what has become a traditional baseball event at Castle Field. The first pitch will be thrown at 5:30 p.m.

“Anoka American Legion baseball brings players, families and friends to Castle Field. Players enjoy getting together with their former teammates to revive old memories, create new ones, and more importantly play a game they all love,” said Steve Nelson, Park & Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson. Admission to the game is free and concessions will be available. Former Anoka Legion ballplayers are encouraged to join in on the fun.

The celebration continues on Monday, July 4, at the annual Ice Cream Social. The Anoka Kiwanis, City Council members, and individual volunteers will be scooping, pouring, and serving ice cold root beer floats from Noon – 3 p.m. at George Green Park, 1498 6th Ave. Enjoy the sounds of the North Suburban Concert Band as they perform from the band shell. Try our lawn games, too. Bring your picnic basket, blankets, lawn chairs, and family and friends for a relaxing afternoon in one of Anoka’s many beautiful parks.

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Thank you to Two Scoops and Killebrew Root Beer for sponsoring the ice cream and root beer. All monetary donations received for the root beer floats will be donated to ACBC Food Shelf in Anoka.

Anoka's Waste Reduction & Recycling Board (WRRB) is also pleased to be able to provide compostable plastic cups, straws, and spoons for the floats. Compost receptacles will be scattered throughout the park to collect all of the organic materials, including picnic food scraps and used paper products. Recycling receptacles will also be available for aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and jars.

The Anoka County Historical Society will also have a table at the social displaying patriotic information, details on upcoming events, and historical Fourth of July photos. Feel free to share with them your stories and photos about past Fourth of July fun in Anoka County.

Remember, George Green Park is adjacent to the Anoka Aquatic Center, which will be open from Noon – 7 p.m. Continue celebrating the holiday by cooling off in the pool.

Anoka looks forward to celebrating with the community. For more information about these events, please visit www.ci.anoka.mn.us or call 763-576-2725.

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Cutline: Guests relax as the North Suburban Concert Band performs at the ice cream social.

