



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

2021 Community Celebration July 3 & 4, 2021

The Coon Rapids 4th of July Community Celebration is back for 2021 with a two-day celebration that will include a parade, car show, rides, carnival games, live music, 5k, kids fun run and fireworks. The event takes place 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.

Changes for 2021 include: there will not be a 10k run or firefighter bingo. The Coon Rapids Fire Department Community Fund will, however, sell pull tabs.

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.


No public parking allowed at the Family Center Mall, located on Crooked Lake and Coon Rapids Blvd., for this event. The parking lot at Coon Rapids Ice Center, 11000 Crooked Lake Blvd, is reserved for disability and general parking only.

Parade Saturday, July 3 at 1 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 11 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. Watch for posted signs.



Firecracker 5k and Kids Sparkler Dash Sunday July 4

- To register: 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. 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.

7 a.m.			Packet Pick-Up
5k			
Start Time: 8 a.m.	Time Limit: 1 hr	5k Cost: Early Bird thru June 18: \$30 \$35 thru June 16 \$40 thru July 3	
9:15 a.m.	5k Awards		
Kids Sparkler Dash 500 (ages 3-8)			
9:30 a.m.	no time limit	Free	

No day-of or on-site registrations.

*Please be sure to fill out the waiver on the website for the Kids Sparkler Dash

Event Schedule July 2-4

Saturday, July 3	
Noon to 11 p.m.	Carnival rides, games, food trucks, Lions Club drink stand, pull tabs*
Noon-5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
1 p.m.	Parade
5-11 p.m.	Car Show (\$5 entrance fee and money raised goes to ACBC Food Shelf)
6-11 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6 p.m.	Live Music "The Castaways"
*The Coon Rapids North Star Lions Club will serve beer and water from their concession stand.	
NOTE: No firefighter bingo tent in 2021/pull tabs for sale only. Proceeds benefit the Coon Rapids Fire Department Community Fund.	
Sunday, July 4	
8 a.m.	5K run
9:30 a.m.	Kids Fun Run
Noon to midnight	Carnival rides, games, food trucks, Lions Club drink stand, pull tabs*
Noon to 5 p.m.	Carnival Midway Armband Special: Enjoy unlimited rides for \$25 per person**
6 p.m.	Live Music "Rockin' Hollywoods"
10 p.m.	Fireworks
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** 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.	
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**** All events weather permitting****	




For more information about the 4th of July Community Celebration, visit:
coonrapidscommunitystrengthfoundation.com
 or coonrapidsmn.gov.

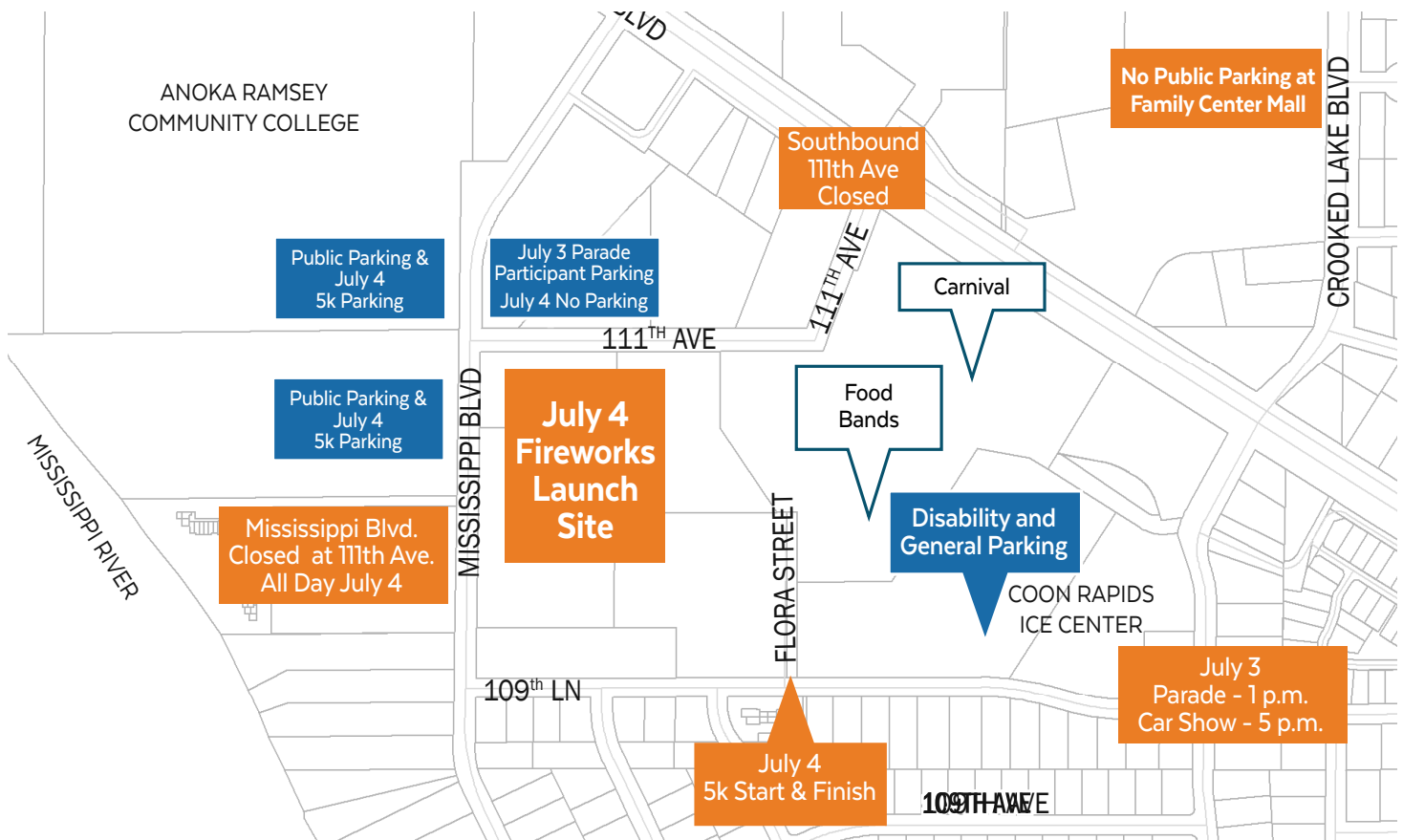
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★ Fireworks Information Sunday, July 4

The fireworks launch site has been moved back to the location off 111th Avenue and Mississippi Blvd. (see map on page 1). Spectators are welcome to view the fireworks from the grounds of the Coon Rapids Ice Center and some seating is available on the grounds of 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.



CTN Covering the Parade July 3

If you can't make it to the Coon Rapids Parade this year, CTN has you covered. We will air the parade LIVE on Saturday, July 3 at 1 p.m. on Xfinity Ch. 15/859 in Coon Rapids. You can also find the parade LIVE on our social media channels (Facebook, YouTube and Twitter). Join us for some community fun as we celebrate Independence Day!

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