



DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS ANNOUNCES PACKED SUMMER 2026 EVENTS LINEUP

MINNEAPOLIS (May 20, 2026) --- Community leaders today announced a wide-ranging lineup of events and festivals that will encourage visitors to “Catch Up With Downtown” throughout the Summer of 2026. The season will feature major sporting events, concerts, performances, community celebrations, and festivals designed to bring residents and visitors together in the heart of Minneapolis.

“Downtown Minneapolis is ready for summer,” said Mayor Jacob Frey. “From festivals and live music to sports, food, and art, this summer will showcase the very best of our city. People are coming back downtown, our streets and public spaces are coming alive, and Minneapolis is showing what it means to celebrate our city and each other.”

Here are some of the highlighted events of the summer (in chronological order). All are free and open to the public, with tickets to WWE SuperSlam now available for purchase.

- **Kickoff to Summer Downtown** – June 3 at The Commons
 - A full day in the park featuring lawn games, food trucks, trivia, dance lessons, and a sing-along screening of “Grease” at dusk.
- **Beyond Walls, An Art Project Uniting Humanity** – June 5 Graco Park on Boom Island
 - Global artist, Saype, is requesting people of all ages to come and join hands as he creates his first American community masterpiece.
- **Prince Celebration Block Party & Sing-Along** – June 6 at the Prince Mural (101 North 9th St.)
 - The public is encouraged to come together for this interactive tribute as part of the Prince Celebration Block Party. The two-hour sing-along will be a free, all-ages outdoor event on the day before what would have been the Prince’s 68th birthday (June 7).
- **Minnesota United Soccer Celebrations** - select dates from June 11 - 27 at Peavey Plaza
 - Fans can enjoy live viewings of select FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches on an outdoor jumbo screen throughout the global tournament.
- **Minneapolis Moves: The Big Honking Truck Parade** – June 18 on Nicollet Mall
 - Take in the transportation titans that make our town tick, from police and fire vehicles to concrete mixers and sanitation trucks.
- **Stone Arch Bridge Festival** – June 20 & 21, West River Parkway, North Loop
 - This Father’s Day weekend tradition on the Mississippi Riverfront brings together more than 200 juried artists, a culinary arts market, live music, a car show, and family activities.
- **Twin Cities Pride Festival** – June 27 & 28
 - The largest free Pride festival in the country will showcase entertainment on four stages and feature over 650 vendors, including LGBTQIA2S+ & BIPOC community resources, artists, and businesses.
- **Taste of Minnesota** – July 3 & 4 near Nicollet Mall and Washington Avenue
 - This year’s lineup features 100% Minnesota artists. Check out over 100 local restaurants, food trucks, breweries, artists, makers and nonprofits, too.

- **Red, White & BOOM!** – July 4, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. at Water Works and along West River Parkway
 - Red, White & BOOM! returns to the Mississippi Riverfront bringing a full day of free programming, community celebration, and one of the most anticipated fireworks shows in the state.
- **WWE SuperSlam** - August 1 & 2 at U.S. Bank Stadium and Minneapolis Convention Center
 - SummerSlam is WWE's "Biggest Party of the Summer." Thousands of WWE fans from will invade Minneapolis for a weekend full of wrestling entertainment, highlighted by the WWE Superstore and WWE World at the Minneapolis Convention Center, and two nights at U.S. Bank Stadium.

“This summer, we’re excited to host more events, more concerts, more plays and performances, and more reasons to come together in downtown Minneapolis!” said Adam Duininck, President & CEO of the mpls downtown council. “We welcome you to ‘Catch Up With Downtown.’ Attend a show, catch a ball game, watch a movie outdoors, dine in one of our great restaurants, or check out one of the many festivals and events. There’s truly something for everyone in Downtown Minneapolis.”

Tuesdays through Thursdays are the busiest in-office workdays, especially now as most of the largest downtown employers have return-to-office policies in place. The teams at mpls downtown council and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board have filled those days with weekly opportunities for community engagement.

Tuesdays

- YMCA Fitness on Peavey Plaza, 12 – 12:30 p.m. (beginning June 2)
- Fitness Classes presented by CorePower at Target Field Station, 6 – 7 p.m. (beginning June 16)

Wednesdays

- Lunchtime Food Trucks near Peavey Plaza, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (beginning June 3)
- Tunes on the Plaza at Peavey Plaza, 5 – 6 p.m. (beginning June 3)
- Go Outside Summer Sessions on North Plaza (300 S. 6th St, beginning June 10)
- Movies at The Commons kicking off on June 3 with a “Grease” Sing and Dance-Along.

Thursdays

- Pianos on Parade presented by PNC Bank, various locations from 12 – 1 p.m. in August
- Bike Workshops at Nicollet Community Space (651 Nicollet Mall), 3 – 5 p.m.
- Movie Night at Target Field Station, 7 – 9 p.m. (beginning June 11)

Mondays through Thursdays

- 150+ Street Show performances on Nicollet and Hennepin Avenues bringing free live music, performances, and local talent to the heart of downtown all season long. (times vary, weather permitting)

Downtown Wednesdays

A standout activation this summer will be Downtown Wednesdays, held the third Wednesday of each month from 3 to 7 p.m. On June 17, July 15 and August 19, Nicollet Mall between 9th and 10th Streets will close to vehicle traffic and transform into a lively, walkable gathering space filled with music, food, drinks and community energy. Designed to support downtown businesses and create a welcoming after-work atmosphere, the events will feature patios, pop-ups and entertainment as residents, visitors and downtown workers spill into the streets to celebrate summer in the city. The series kicks off June 17 with entertainment from DJ Omri and the Minneapolis Vintage Market.

Additional summer highlights will include*:

- 42 Twins games at Target Field
 - Plus, the Savannah Bananas are bringing Banana Ball to the park August 7 – 9.
- 18 Lynx games at Target Center
- 3 Vikings pre-season games at U.S. Bank Stadium
- 13 major concerts at downtown’s major stadiums:
 - Chris Brown & Usher: The R&B Tour (June 30) and Ed Sheeran: LOOP Tour (August 15) at U.S. Bank Stadium
 - Ludacris will headline a postgame concert at Target Field on June 26. Concerts set for the ballpark include Noah Kahan: The Great Divide Tour (August 5), Tim McGraw: The Pawn Shop Guitar Tour (August 23); and My Chemical Romance: Long Live the Black Parade Tour (August 24).
 - Seven concerts at Target Center including Dan Toliver’s Octane Tour (June 20), Forrest Frank (July 23), Megan Moroney (July 25), Dude Perfect (July 26), Olivia Dean (July 29), J. Cole (August 18), and Tame Impala (August 28).
- Dozens of live concerts and performances at The Armory, Dakota, The Fillmore, First Avenue, Minnesota Orchestra, and other venues.
- Concerts, comedy shows, and Broadway plays at the theaters of Hennepin Arts including “The Great Gatsby” (June 2 – 7) and “Wicked” (July 8 – August 9) at The Orpheum and “The Battle of the Improv All-Stars 2026” at Brave New Workshop (June 5 – August 8),
- Three productions at The Guthrie:
 - Louisa May Alcott’s “Little Women” (now through June 21)
 - “Come From Away” (June 6 – August 9)
 - “Private Lives” (July 18 – August 23)

The mpls downtown calendar features upcoming events, interactive guides, patio and happy hour ideas, and more to help visitors plan their downtown experience. Visit mplsdowntown.com/events for details and discover more than [400 restaurants and retail shops](#) throughout downtown Minneapolis.

About mpls downtown council

The mpls downtown council is a 501(c)6 member-supported, nonprofit business association focused on the vitality of downtown Minneapolis. For more information, visit mplsdowntown.com.

About Mpls Downtown Improvement District

The Mpls Downtown Improvement District (DID) is a business-led, 501c6 non-profit that leads and collaborates to create a clean, green, safe and vibrant downtown by convening, developing solutions, activating and continuously improving existing programs. DID covers a 120+ block area of downtown. Vibrant and Safe Downtown, a subsidiary of DID, brings the public and private sectors together to make the heart of downtown safe and welcoming for those who live, work, and visit Minneapolis. For more information, visit mplsdid.com.

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