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Dear Neighbor,

It's almost that special time of year again, where you pull out your flag, grab your lawn chair and put on that red, white and blue...**the annual 4th in the Park parade and picnic are nearly here!**

This year will be the 70th anniversary and we're looking forward to celebrating the big anniversary. We'll be adding new, exciting elements to the day including: new bands in the parade and at the bandstand, improved sound system, photo contest and free t-shirts. We will also be incorporating a new kid's zone on the south end of the park which will include: face painting, ponies, an inflatable obstacle course and races.

The full schedule of events is inside but here are a few highlights of the day:

- ★ **Fun run:** Start your day with a 2 or 4 mile race in the neighborhood at 8:30 a.m. (register at 8 a.m. at Langford Recreation Center)
- ★ **Parade:** At 11 a.m., the eclectic and vibrant parade winds its way down Como Avenue, starting from Luther Place. Neighborhood and reunion groups, businesses, nonprofits and friends are encouraged to enter and gather at the Luther Seminary parking lot. Kids can ride their brightly decorated bikes, trikes and wagons as the parade finale; participants gather at 10:30 a.m. at Ned's Park Service, 2277 Como Avenue. *Also at Ned's, get your free U.S. flag and for the second year, a free custom-designed 4th in the Park shirt, while supplies last!*
- ★ **Park activities:** The parade ends in Langford Park, where speeches, music, pony rides, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis and more await. Or just relax with your family and friends over a picnic.
- ★ **Food:** Hot dogs, iced treats, beverages, veggie burgers and other vegetarian options will be sold all afternoon by the Saint Anthony Park Booster Club in their booth adjacent to the Langford Park Rec Center.
- ★ **Instagram Contest:** Once again this year we will be doing an Instagram Scavenger Hunt. Complete all the photo tasks by 3:45 p.m. and enter to win a fabulous prize. Go to the information booth for more details. The winner will be announced from the bandstand at 4 p.m. (You must be present to win).

As always, we need YOU to put this event on! The 4th in the Park would not exist without the support of our generous neighbors, along with our local businesses and organizations. With insurance, mailing fees, music and parade permits, the estimated costs of the day's activities totals around **\$16,000**. We sincerely appreciate any donation you are able to make.

There are several easy ways to donate:

- ★ **Online at:** 4thinthepark.org/donate-now
- ★ **Mail donation in return envelope to:** 4th in the Park Committee, PO Box 8062, St. Paul, MN 55108
- ★ **Drop off donation in return envelope at the information desk at Sunrise Bank.**

Join hundreds of your neighbors and local businesses in supporting this community-building event!

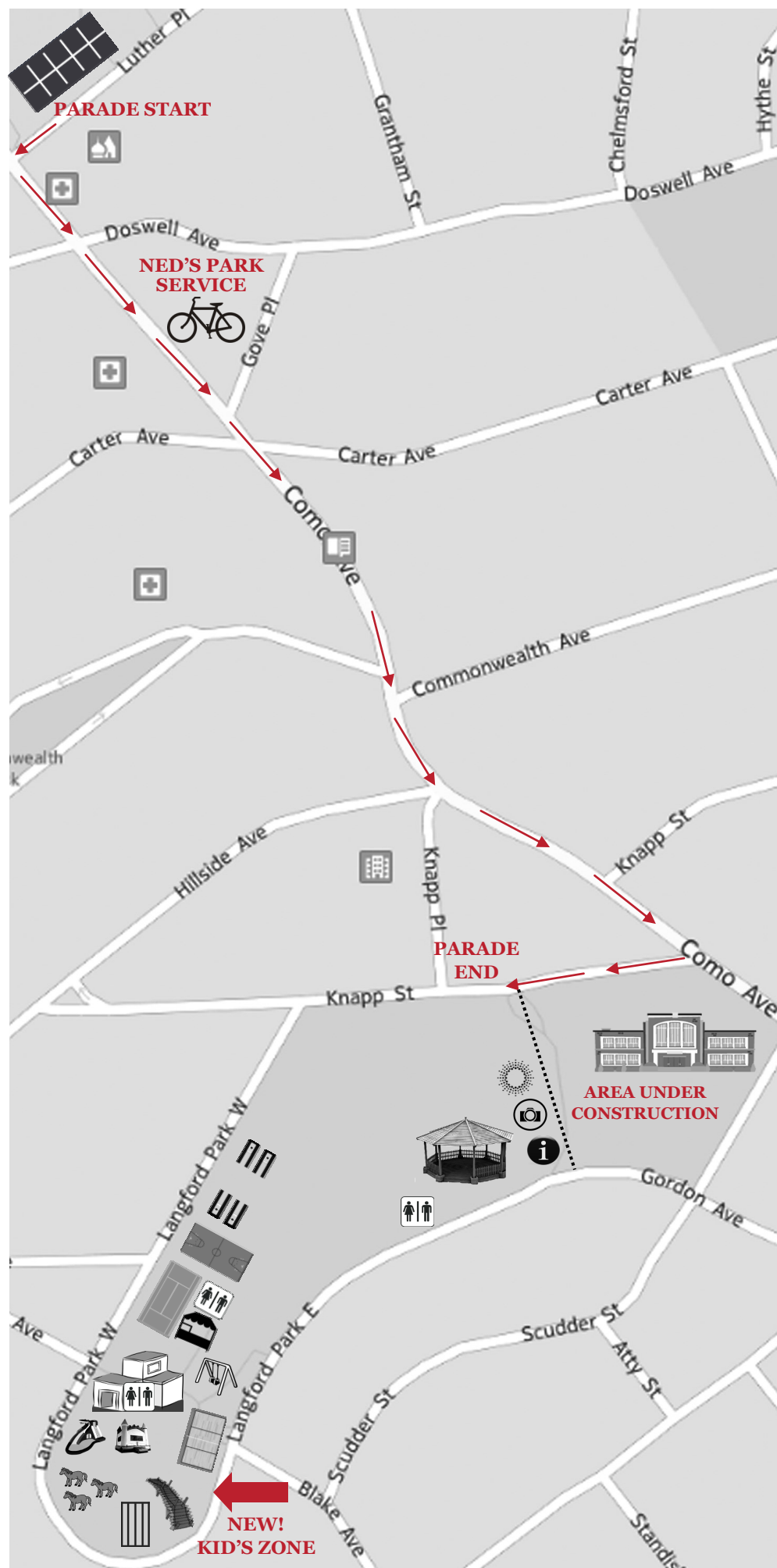
The 4th would be nothing without our fabulous team of volunteers! Sign up now for a variety of tasks and be part of the best 4th of July event in Saint Paul. **Sign up at:** <http://signup.com/go/vHaDwS> and see what duties are available or contact us at 4thinthepark@gmail.com.

If you want to march in the parade or help plan, contact Marie Lister, Parade Coordinator, at list0019@umn.edu or 612.270.3984.

So plan on a great 4th! Run a race. Decorate your bike. Shake a politician's hand. Visit with old friends. Relax with family. Eat a hotdog or three. Play some horseshoes. Listen to great music. We hope to see you there!

With sincere thanks,

Josh Becerra, Jeanne Hansen, & Emma Seeley



Map Key:

- Parade Route
- Luther Seminary Parking Lot
- Meeting spot for kids with decorated bikes & wagons
- Langford Recreation Center
- Booster Club Food Booth
- Bandstand
- Restrooms
- Information Booth
- SUNRISE BANKS Booth
- Bouncy Obstacle Course
- Bouncy Castle
- Kid's Races
- Boy Scout's Bridge
- Pony Rides
- Photo Booth
- Tennis Courts
- Horseshoe Pits
- Volleyball Courts
- Basketball Court
- Playground
- SAP Elementary

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 8 a.m. LANGFORD PARK RACES**
Registration at the Recreation Building (\$.50 registration fee). Races start at 8:30.
4 miles: Divisions for men, women, & masters (40 & over).
2 miles: Joggers and juniors (15 & younger).
- 10:30 a.m. GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY**
Children's bikes, trikes, wagons, etc. assemble at Ned's Park Service. Bands, vehicles and marching units assemble at Luther Place.
- 11 a.m. GRAND PARADE BEGINS**
Proceeding from Luther Place, down Como Avenue to Langford Park via Knapp Avenue. Parade includes color guard, neighborhood units, bands, floats, VIPs, music, kids and much more!
- 12 p.m. BANDSTAND PROGRAM**
Following the parade, a program including the patriotic essay winners and music from the Saint Anthony Park Community Band will take place at the bandstand in Langford Park.
- REFRESHMENT STAND OPENS**
Purchase pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, veggie burgers and more vegetarian options by the tennis courts. *Sponsored by the Saint Anthony Park Booster Club.*
- HORSESHOES, VOLLEYBALL & TENNIS TOURNAMENTS**
Registration and check in 12pm to 1pm. Pre-register by calling Langford Park Recreation Center at 651.298.5765 or sign up online using the links below.
Tournaments begins sharply at 1 p.m.
 - ★ **Horseshoes:** http://apm.activecommunities.com/saintpaul/Activity_Search/42538
 - ★ **Volleyball (Beginners):** http://apm.activecommunities.com/saintpaul/Activity_Search/42541
 - ★ **Volleyball (Advanced):** http://apm.activecommunities.com/saintpaul/Activity_Search/42540
 - ★ **Tennis:** http://apm.activecommunities.com/saintpaul/Activity_Search/42539
- 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. PIG'S EYE JASS BAND & LIGHT OF THE MOON PERFORM AT THE BANDSTAND**
- 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. PONY RIDES & KID'S ACTIVITIES**
****New location**** because of construction to the elementary school all kid's activities have moved down to the south side of the park behind the recreation center. Kids can get their face painted or take a turn on the inflatable obstacle course!
- 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. RACES & CONTESTS**
Family fun events for kids of all ages! Ribbons for all participants.
- DJ PERFORMS AT BANDSTAND**
- 4 p.m. INSTAGRAM PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**
(Must be present to win).

