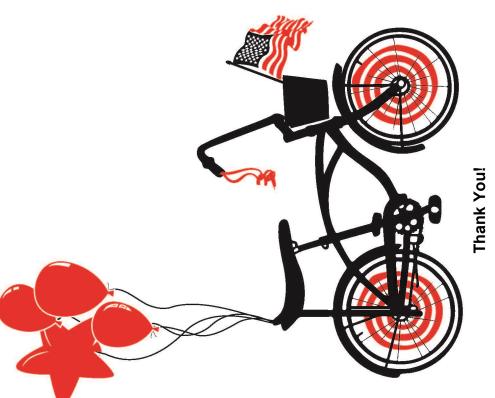




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BANK RISE ne 4th in the Park is put on by The Fourth in the Park Committee sponsored by The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation, St. Paul Parks & Recreation & YOU! Saint Parks and Recreation Dear Neighbor,

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

We're excited to celebrate the 76th anniversary with you! We'll be continuing with some recent additions to the celebration including several food truck options and the kid's zone on the south end of the park which will include ponies, a gaga ball pit, an inflatable obstacle course, and races! New this year, live music at the bandstand will last until 6pm to help soundtrack your day with some fantastic local bands.

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 ahead of time!
- \* **Parade:** At 11 a.m., the eclectic and vibrant parade winds its way down Como Avenue, starting from Luther Place. Community and reunion groups, nonprofits and neighbors are encouraged to enter and gather at Luther Place and Grantham Street. Kids can ride their brightly decorated bikes, trikes or 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 free custom-designed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Park shirt, while supplies last!
- \* Park activities: The parade ends in Langford Park, where speeches, pony rides, volleyball, horseshoes, and pickleball tournaments await. Or just relax with your family and friends over a picnic and enjoy fantastic music by several local bands until 6pm.
- \* Food Trucks: The Saint Anthony Park Booster Club will be coordinating several food truck options which will be stationed around the east side of the park.

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, police services, mailing fees, music and parade permits, the estimated cost of the day's activities total around **\$20,000**. 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 the return envelope to: 4th in the Park, PO Box 8062, St. Paul, MN 55108
- \* Drop off donation in return envelope at the information desk at Sunrise Banks

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

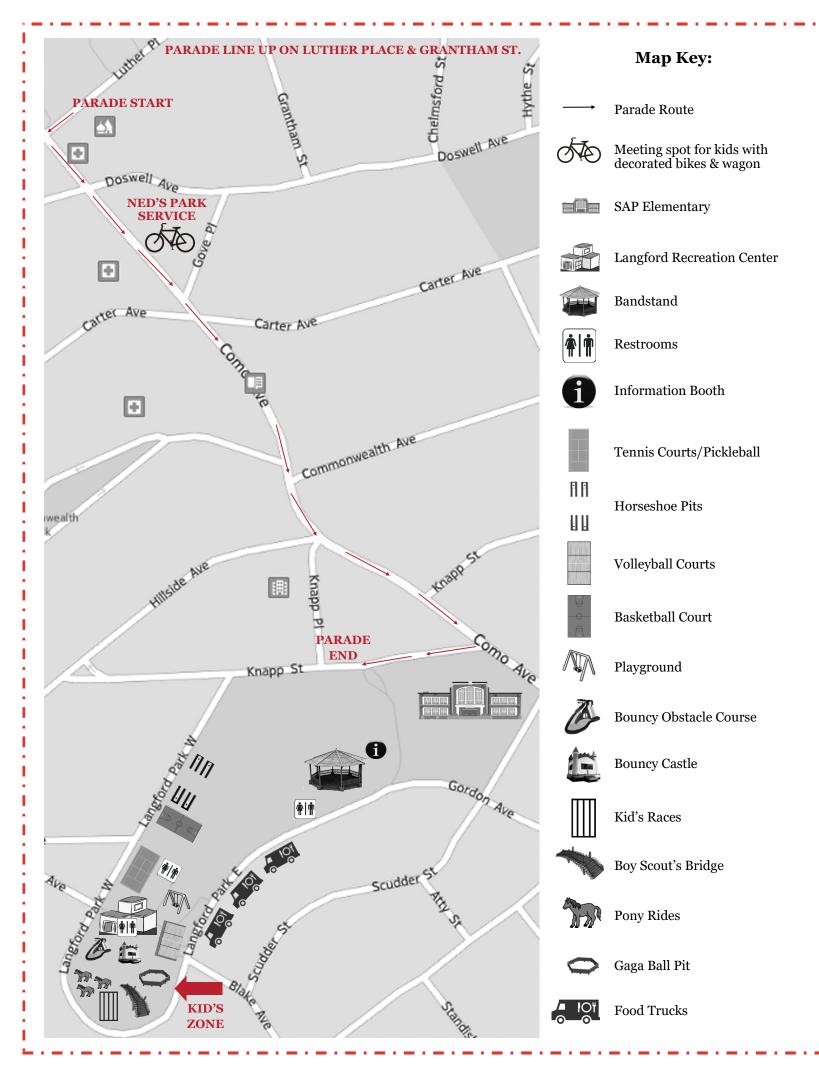
The 4th would be nothing without our fabulous team of volunteers! Sign up NOW for a variety of tasks and be part of the best 4th of July event in Saint Paul. Sign up at: tinyurl.com/4thVolunteer2023 and see what duties are available or contact us at 4thinthepark@gmail.com.

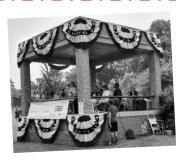
If you want to take part in the parade contact Parade Coordinator, Marie Lister at sap4thintheparkparade@gmail.com or 612.270.3984.

So plan on a great 4<sup>th</sup>! Run a race. Decorate your bike. Visit with old friends. Meet a new neighbor. Relax with family. Eat a popsicle or three. Play some pickleball. Dance to great music. We hope to see you there!

With sincere thanks,

The 4th in the Park Committee





## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**



8 a.m. LANGFORD PARK RUNNING RACES

Register online for the 2 or 4 mile race before the 4th at:

tinyurl.com/4thRaces2023

No registration day of the race. Races start at 8:30. \$10 registration fee.

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, mascots, music, and much more!

12 p.m. BANDSTAND PROGRAM

Following the parade, a program including the Spirit in the Park award winner will take place at the bandstand in Langford Park.

FOOD TRUCKS OPEN

Hungry? Eat from a variety of food trucks lined up along Langford Park East.

HORSESHOES, VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS

Registration and check-in is from 12pm to 12:45pm.

Tournaments begins sharply at 1 p.m.

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. PONY RIDES & KID'S ACTIVITIES

All kid's activities are on the south end of the park behind the recreation center. Kids can go for a pony ride, play in the gaga ball pit 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!

1 p.m. – 6 p.m. \*NEW THIS YEAR\* LIVE MUSIC UNTIL 6PM AT THE BANDSTAND

1pm-2pm: Pig's Eye Jass Band

2:15pm-3:15pm: Good Morning Bedlam

3:30pm-4:30pm: **Art Vandalay** 

4:45pm-6pm: Light of the Moon Trio





