



**PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 28, 2025 AT 4:00 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Recognitions/Presentation
 - A. Derek Boman, Park Maintenance Manager
 - B. Ronan John - Eagle Scout Project: Davy Memorial Park
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes
5. Citizens To Be Heard
6. Business
 - A. Approval of Woodlawn Disc Golf Course Redesign
 - B. Approval of Trailhead Addition at M.B. Johnson Park
 - C. Construction Update
 - D. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update
7. Information/Update
 - A. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - B. Media – Matson Groundbreaking
 - C. Elements XS
 - D. 2025-26 Fall + Winter Activity Guide
 - E. Special Events – Upcoming
 - F. Program Recap - Summer
 - G. Media - Parks & Recreation in the news
8. Adjourn

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Eagle Scout Project
Ronan John
2025















PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2025 AT 4:00 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: David Marquardt, Erin Gillam, Brian Haugen, Robert Ross, Emily Moore, Mitch Havig, Alexander Aldrich

Absent: 0

2. Recognitions/Presentation/Introductions

- A. Oath of Office
Board Member, Alexander Aldrich, At-Large
Board Member, Mitch Havig, Ward 1

The Park Advisory Board welcomes Alexander Aldrich, At-Large and Mitch Havig from Ward 1.

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. April 1, 2025

Motion to Approve April 1, 2025, made by Emily Moore and seconded by Robert Ross

Motion Passed

For: 5; Marquardt, Gillam, Haugen, Ross, Moore, Havig, Aldrich

Against: 0; Abstain/Recuse: 0; Absent: 0

5. Citizens To Be Heard

6. Business

- A. Presentation Heartland Trail Update – Metro COG

- B. Update & approve park signage

Forrest Steinhoff with Community Development provided an update regarding park signage.

Motion to Approve Park Signage, made by Erin Gillam and seconded by Mitch Havig

Motion Passed

For: 5; Marquardt, Gillam, Haugen, Ross, Moore, Havig, Aldrich

Against: 0; Abstain/Recuse: 0; Absent: 0

C. Approve 2026 Proposed Fee Schedule
Director Sean Brandenburg discussed the 2026 proposed fee schedule.

Motion to Approve 2026 Proposed Fee Schedule, made by Erin Gillam and seconded by Robert Ross

Motion Passed

For: 5; Marquardt, Gillam, Haugen, Ross, Moore, Havig, Aldrich

Against: 0; Abstain/Recuse: 0; Absent: 0

7. Information/Update

- A. Romkey Construction Update
- B. Woodlawn Disc Course Update
- C. Groundbreaking at Matson Field
- D. Special Events - Upcoming Events
- E. Moorhead Seniors Newsletter
- F. Facility Improvements
- G. 2024 Development Report

8. Adjourn

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Park Advisory Board Memorandum

August 28, 2025

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SUBJECT: Woodlawn Park Disc Golf Course Redesign

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information on the Woodlawn Park Disc Golf Course and approve the redesigned course route.

BACKGROUND / KEY POINTS: The disc golf course at Woodlawn Park was installed in 1997 and has served as Moorhead's only course since the removal of the Riverfront Park course in 2020. The course is free to play, and open to the public during park hours. The Woodlawn Course is considered one of the most played courses in the FM area. Annually, there are a few one-day tournaments that utilize this area and bring in visitors to our community. Disc golf can be an affordable recreation activity that individuals of all ages can enjoy. If playing all 18 holes, an individual at our course would walk over a mile so it is a great way to keep active.

Currently there are no annual maintenance funds specified for the disc golf course. With the course being nearly 30 years old, and with the amount of foot traffic at Woodlawn Park, the wear and tear is something that needs to be addressed. This past summer, park maintenance staff placed mulch around the baskets to help with the mud and also provided better aesthetics, and a softer landing for discs. Staff worked with a few members of the local disc golf club to establish a project concept in 2024, and it was approved by the Park Board to allocate \$50,000 of the 2025 Park Amenities fund to the renovation of the course at the November 2024 meeting.

The scope of the project includes new baskets, tee pads, signage, landscaping, and additional course supplies. We are also planning to create a new course layout that would help alleviate the current wear and tears by having new basket locations and installing alternate locations the baskets can be moved to. This will help keep the course fresh and give participants a better experience. The attached course map shows the proposed new layout. We worked with two local course designers who donated their time to the project. Safety of parkgoers was important in the design, and basket locations were strategically placed to avoid throwing towards walking paths or the other park amenities. There is also a buffer of 50'-100' to two properties on the east side of the course. Letters were delivered to the owners of these properties requesting their thoughts if they had any concerns.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The project cost is estimated at \$50,000 which was allocated from the 2025 Park Amenities fund. Staff did submit two separate grants that were not chosen for funding in 2025.

Department: Parks & Recreation
Prepared by: Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director
Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director
Trevor Magnuson, Recreation Supervisor

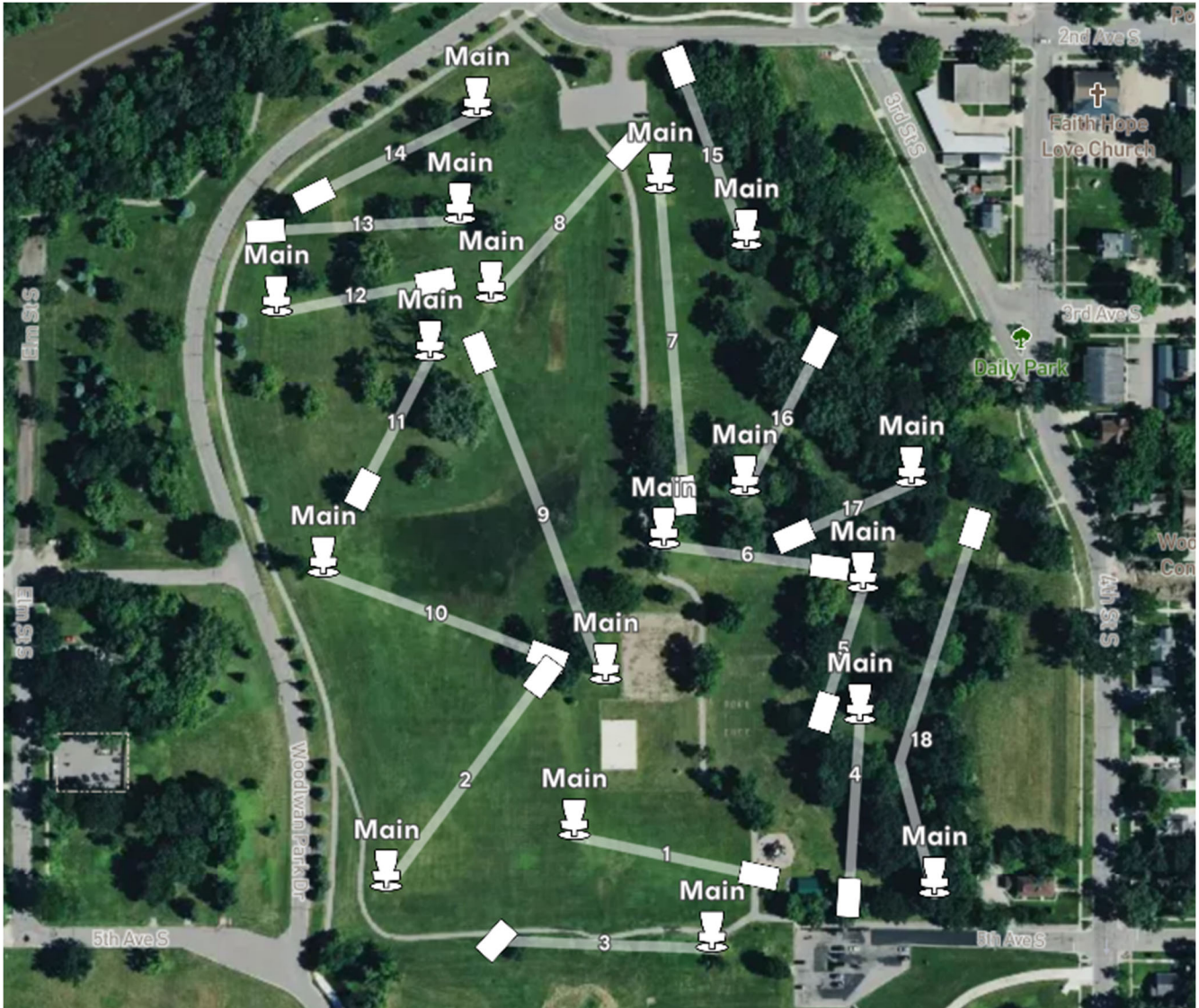
Attachments: 1. Woodlawn Redesign Budget
2. Course maps

**Woodlawn Disc Golf Renovations
Project Budget**

August 2025

Source of Funds:	

Use of Funds:	Budget	Actual	Notes
Course redesign	\$ -	\$ -	Joey Schmit to donate his time to design the course. Work on contract language to eliminate liability of Joey.
Baskets with anchors (36)	\$ 10,000.00	\$9,120	18 new baskets, with 36 anchors to have multiple basket locations that can be switched out to help with erosion control.
Install of anchors	\$ 2,000.00		
Moving and Install of Tee Pads	\$ 15,000.00		18 tee pads; min 4'x10'... 5' x 12' standard - Joey to send drawings to Park Maintenance
Soil/grass to cover old tee pads	\$ 5,000.00		City staff to handle this project - cost of materials
Signage	\$ 5,000.00		Tee signs, install, and course map
Basket landscaping	\$ 5,000.00		Install contracted or city staff. Agri-lime or mulch landing
Trash Cans	\$ 3,000.00		Parks to order or consider link from Joey
Course supplies	\$ 1,000.00		Valve box covers
Course landscaping	\$ 4,000.00		
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ -	



Current Course Layout



Proposed New layout









Park Advisory Board Memorandum

August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: M.B Johnson Trailhead Addition

RECOMMENDATION: Receive information on the proposed creation of a trailhead at M.B Johnson Regional Park by FM Trailbuilders

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

Since 2010, the FM Trailbuilders (FMTB) have been dedicated to preserving and enhancing off-road trails in parks and other public lands, providing valuable recreation opportunities for the residents of the Fargo-Moorhead area. As a registered non-profit organization with a mission to promote the building and riding of natural trails, FMTB has made significant contributions to the community. They currently maintain 16 miles of trails between Fargo and Moorhead, with notable locations at M.B Johnson Park, Gooseberry Park, and Horn Park in Moorhead.

FMTB is committed to constructing quality and enjoyable off-road trails that encourage biking, hiking, and running in the FM metro area. These trails are meticulously designed as dirt tracks, often running along the scenic Red River. The organization's efforts have not only promoted outdoor activities but have also fostered a sense of community among trail enthusiasts.

The proposed creation of a trailhead at M.B Johnson Regional Park is part of FMTB's ongoing mission to enhance recreational infrastructure. This project aims to provide an accessible and welcoming entry point for individuals and families to enjoy the extensive trail network.

The addition of the trailhead is expected to boost the park's appeal, attracting more visitors and promoting a healthier lifestyle through outdoor recreation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The project cost is estimated at \$2,091.87 with funds coming from the 2025 Park Amenities fund. Labor & equipment costs associated with the project will be provided by the FMTB and volunteers.

Department: Parks & Recreation

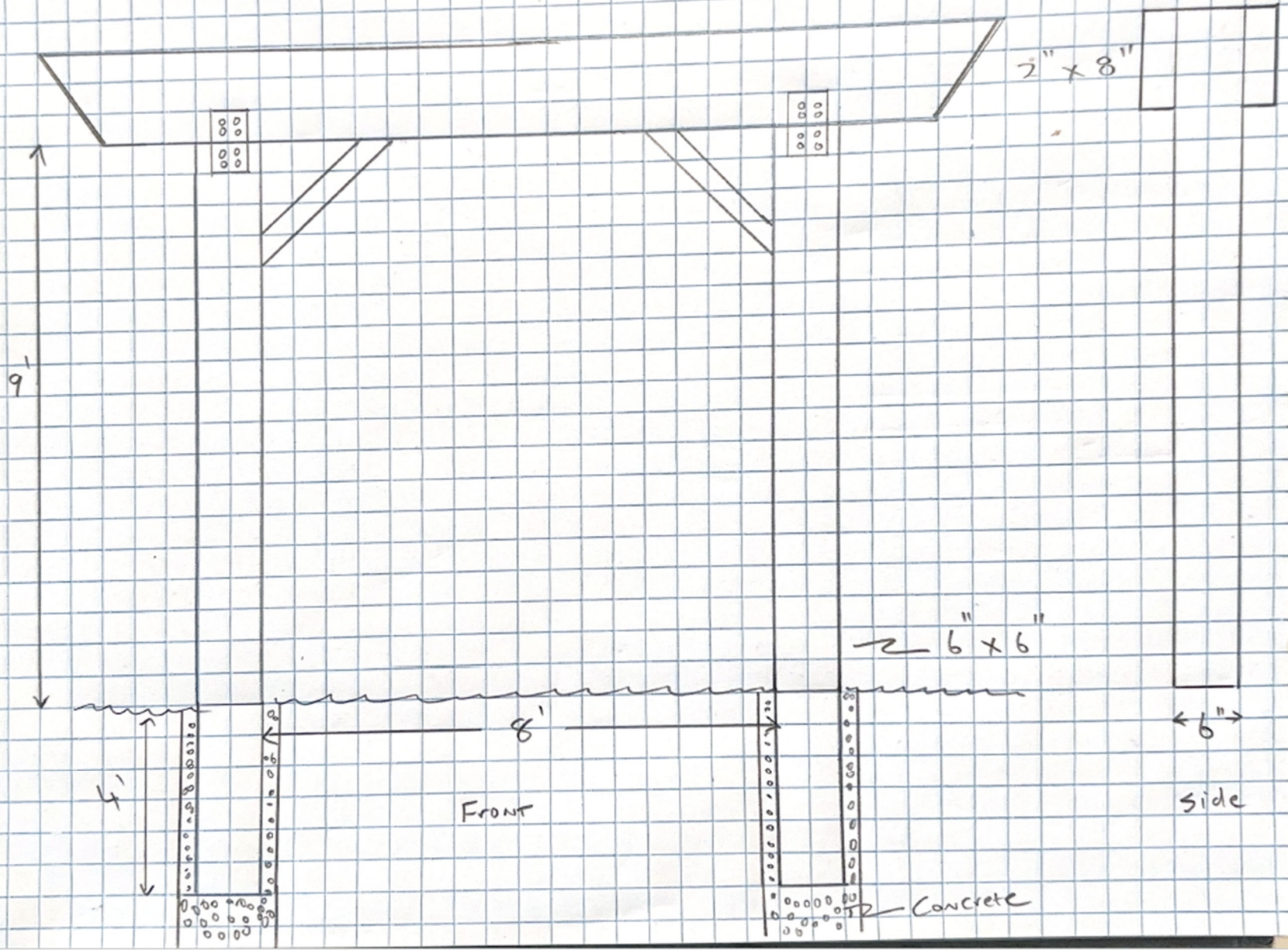
Submitted By:

Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director
Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director

Attachments: 1. Proposed example of Trailhead and estimated project budget



MB Johnson Trailhead











MB Johnson Trailhead - Materials list

Item	SKU	Qty	Cost each	Total
6 X 6 X 16' Rough Sawn Red Cedar Timber	1074782	4	\$349.39	\$1,397.56
2 X 8 X 20' Red Cedar Rough Sawn Lumber	1073409	3	\$131.59	\$394.77
2 X 4 X 14' Red Cedar S4S Lumber	1072781	2	\$21.59	\$43.18
OZCO Ironwood OWT - Lite 8"	1858752	4	\$13.99	\$55.96
Sonotube 8" X 4' Concrete Form Tube	1895117	4	\$11.88	\$47.52
5000 PSI Concrete Mix - 60 lbs	1891015	24	\$4.79	\$114.96
SPAX 1.4" x 4 -1/2" T-Star Drive Grade 5	2302044	24	\$1.58	\$37.92
				\$2,091.87



Park Advisory Board Memorandum

August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Receive Update on Project Construction Status

RECOMMENDATION: The Park Advisory Board is asked to receive an update on project status for various projects that are in construction phase for the 2025 season.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

The City of Moorhead has funded various projects through Capital Improvement Funds, Park Amenities Fund, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, and Grant Funding. Several projects for the Parks Department are currently in construction phase. Staff will provide an update on the project status.

The attached document outlines these projects.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

Department: Parks & Recreation

Submitted By:

Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director
Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director

Attachments: 1. 2025 Construction Project Update PPT



City of Moorhead

Park Advisory Board
Project Construction Update
08/28/2025



Capital Project Updates

- Village Green Park – Pickleball Court Conversion
- Centennial Complex – Backstop Fencing
- Southside Regional Park – Inclusive Playground Fencing
- Multiple – ADA Upgrades to Playgrounds
- Hampton Park – Swing Set Installation
- Multiple – Engineered Wood Fiber Installation
- Woodlawn Park – Disc Golf Renovation
- Davy-Memorial Skating Rink
- Daily Park - Project
- Native Grass Plantings – MPCA Grant
- Reimagine Romkey Park
- Matson Field Grandstand

Pickleball Conversion of Tennis Court at Village Green Park



CITY OF MOORHEAD
PICKLEBALL



COURT RULES

Court Use

- Court is for pickleball only
- Free to use during park hours, no reservations needed
- Moorhead Parks and Recreation Programs have priority use
- Wear athletic, closed-toe shoes
- No amplified sound allowed; use headphones if listening to music
- Only water allowed on courts, no food or other beverages
- No pets on the courts
- City of Moorhead will not manage disputes or paddle rack systems

Court Time

- Limit games to 11 points, win by 1
- After each game, exit the court and return to the waiting area
- To play again, place your paddle in the first available spot in the paddle rack (left to right)
- Next waiting group gets the first open court. All players must be present when the court becomes available
- Groups must have 2 singles or 4 doubles players
- Groups of 3 must find a 4th player or give up the court but can keep their spot in line
- Single players should join available groups and can't hold a spot for friends already playing

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GAME!

Centennial Complex Backstop Fencing



Inclusive Playground Fencing



ADA Upgrades to Playgrounds

Installation Date	Parks	Accessible Route	Accessibility Components
2020	Queens		
2017	Village Green Sixth		
2016	Brentwood Acres (Oakport)		
2016	North Crystal Creek (Oakport)		
2014	Stone Mill Estates		
2012	MB Johnson		
	Meets ADA Requirements		
	Needs Improvement for ADA Requirement		

ADA Upgrades to Playgrounds



Hampton Park Swing Set



Engineered Wood Fiber Installations

- Centennial Complex Playground
- Arbor Park
- Natural Playhill
- Village Green Park
- Northeast Park
- Stonemill Estates
- Hampton
- Homestead Park
- Hansmann Park
- Riverview Estates Park
- Allyson Park

Engineered Wood Fiber Installations



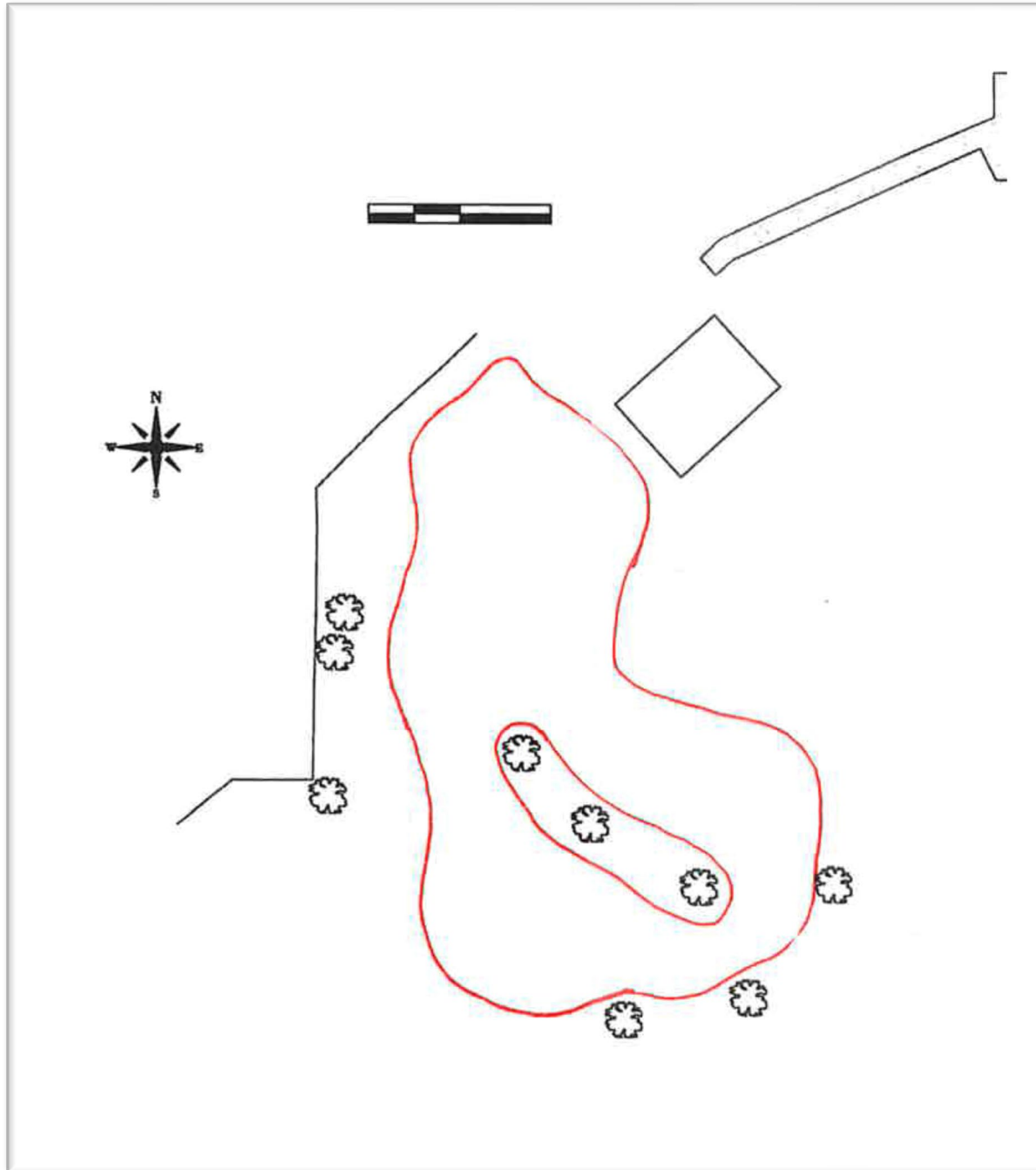
Woodlawn Disc Golf Renovation



Davy
Memorial
Park
Skating Rink



Davy Memorial Park Skating Rink



Daily Park



Native Grass River Corridor

MPCA Grant



Reimagine Romkey Park



Reimagine Romkey Park



Matson Field Grandstand



Matson Field Grandstand





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SUBJECT: Receive Update on Emerald Ash Borer

RECOMMENDATION: The Park Advisory Board is asked to receive an update on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and the impact on City Parks.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in Moorhead City Limits in February of 2023. The City of Moorhead Forestry Division has implemented a management strategy that involves the removal of small ash trees and treatment of approximately 5,000 public ash trees. The treatment of trees will be on a 3-year cycle. The removal of small ash trees will be completed in 2027.

The work includes the maintained areas of parks and river corridors. It does not include the unmaintained low riverfront. Plan details are available online at: [Ash Tree Treatment Dashboard](#)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

Department: Parks & Recreation

Submitted By:

Paul Fiechtner, Public Works Director
Sean Brandenburg, Recreation Director

Attachments: 1. EAB Presentation



MOORHEAD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

2026 MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at Hjemkomst Center – Auditorium at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted:

January Workshop TBD

- Thursday, February 26, 2026
- Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Thursday, August 27, 2026
- Tuesday, November 24, 2026

Moorhead's historic Matson Field grandstand project officially underway

The city officially broke ground on the project at a ceremony held Monday.



Moorhead Golds players pose with numerous renovation sponsors and city officials during a groundbreaking event to celebrate the upcoming Matson Field renovations on Monday, June 30, 2025, in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

By [Andrew Haugland](#)

July 01, 2025 at 7:33 AM

MOORHEAD — Eight-year-old Crosby Ingersoll echoed the perfect sentiment to a crowd of over 300 people during the Matson Field groundbreaking ceremony Monday evening in Moorhead.

“My dad played here for the (Moorhead) Blues and Golds in the 1990s, and I’m excited to play here,” Ingersoll told the crowd. “Thank you everybody for your donations. . . Let’s play boys.”

The ceremony was held to signify the beginning of the baseball field's new grandstand project. City officials, donors, coaches and sponsors all scooped a tuft of dirt in between the Golds and Fargo Post 400 Comets doubleheader between the junior American Legion teams.

A new grandstand, press box and backstop netting will be installed in the project, starting Tuesday morning. The design caters to potential future amenities, including restrooms and concessions.



A rendering of the new grandstand being constructed as part of the new renovation project at Matson Field. *Courtesy of Kelly Kuntz / City of Moorhead*

The Moorhead City Council [approved an agreement](#) with MBA Development Company during its meeting on Nov. 25. The agreement caps the maximum price of the project at \$1.19 million.

The new grandstand is estimated to be completed in June 2026, Moorhead Parks and Recreation Director Sean Brandenburg said.

“We have a lot more work to do to get this place the improvements it needs,” Brandenburg said.

A total of \$1,165,600 has been received by the city: \$325,000 from Visit Fargo-Moorhead, formerly known as the FM Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$250,000 from Moorhead American Legion Post 21, \$25,000 from the Alex Stern Foundation, \$61,000 from local businesses and community members and \$504,475 from the American Rescue Plan Act and Capital Improvement funds.

City documents list the total price of the project at \$1.4 million with fundraising continuing throughout construction. The documents note Capital Improvement funds will be used for the remaining funding requirements.



Eight-year-old Crosby Ingersoll holds a shovel next to Moorhead Mayor Shelly Carlson during a groundbreaking event to celebrate the upcoming Matson Field renovations on Monday, June 30, 2025, in Moorhead. *Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum*

Moorhead Mayor Shelly Carlson thanked the multitude of donors during the ceremony for their contributions to the project.

“You are all part of an incredible project,” Carlson said. “We’re rounding third and heading home, and I couldn’t be more excited.”

The Matson Field project has been a slow moving process.

In July 2023, Moorhead city officials opted to [scale back](#) the project after funds to support the original \$1.3 million project plateaued.

“The fundraising groups didn’t feel like they could fundraise at this point for that full amount,” Holly Heitkamp, former Moorhead parks and recreation director, told the Forum in 2023.



Matson Field in Moorhead is pictured on Monday, June 30, 2025, ahead of a groundbreaking event to celebrate the upcoming Matson Field renovations. *Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum*

Matson Field was last renovated in 2008. New dugouts, a drainage system and cement backstop were installed in the first round of the proposed three-phase project.

The construction of a grandstand, locker rooms and various spectator amenities were all to be installed afterward as part of Phase 2 and 3 of the plan that ultimately never came to fruition.

Seventeen years later, the field will take the next step in its renovation process.

Longtime Blues head coach Bucky Burgau said the project will offer Moorhead potential opportunities down the road.

“A lot of fun things in the future for Matson Field,” Burgau recently told The Forum. “The new grandstand and everything will open the door to maybe host some bigger events.”

Burgau, who started coaching the team in 1973, noted the field looked quite a bit different many moons ago.

“There was no fencing down the left field line in foul territory,” Burgau said. “A really small scoreboard down the left-field line and we had an old cinderblock grandstand. Many

improvements since then, but the improvements that they're going to make now are certainly way above that."



Clipping from the Forum in Jan. 28, 1959 from Newspapers.com.

The field, formerly known as Northside Ball Park, was named after Harold Matson in 1959. Matson served as the city's first parks and recreation director and was an advocate for a variety of youth activities.

Matson Field has been the home of youth, high school, college and amateur baseball teams for 66 years. The history could have been cut short after a 1986 incident nearly left youth baseball players in search of a new home.

Park board, youth baseball feud over Matson Field rent

By Brian Wicker
STAFF WRITER

A disagreement over the leasing price of Moorhead's Matson Field between the Moorhead Park Board and representatives of American Legion, VFW and Babe Ruth baseball could find youngsters playing at a new home field if the issue is not settled shortly.

The problem is the price of renting Matson Field, an excellent baseball facility on Moorhead's north side. Two years ago it was free. Last year it cost the Moorhead Legion and Babe Ruth teams \$20 a game. Two months ago, according to Legion and VFW spokesman Dennis Bushy, the Moorhead Park Board told him the rental fee would be

\$30 a game. The Legion and VFW budgeted accordingly.

Now, says Bushy, the park board wants \$30 a game and \$15 for each practice. The Legion and VFW won't pay the additional amount. The park board won't budge.

Moorhead Recreation Director Sue Porter did not wish to comment on the stalemate. The Park Advisory Board will meet 7:30 a.m. Friday at Moorhead City Hall to discuss the situation.

"I know if we have to pay more than our budgeted amount, it would be very difficult to play there," Bushy said. "We could work out something with Concordia or MSU [to play on the college diamonds]. What I really hope would hap-

pen, because a lot of this is not sure and uncertain, is that they [the park board] would charge these teams what they budgeted for the year and then get everybody together to go over this over the summer and hash it out for next year."

"I think it's a real shame," said Al Fischer, president of Moorhead Babe Ruth baseball, "and I hope it can be resolved soon. ... We feel we're doing a service to the community. The park board program stops at age 12, and we pick it up at 13."

Bushy thought the impasse had been resolved as late as May 14, when a lease agreement from the park board calling for a \$30 per game fee for Mat-

son Field was approved at a Legion meeting. When Bushy brought the contract to the park board the next day, he asked if there were any limits on practices. That's when, Bushy said, he found out about the extra charge for practice, that's when the agreement fell through.

According to figures given to him by the park board, Bushy said the yearly budget for Matson Field is \$14,300. New lights installed two years ago are on a five-year lease at \$5,000 a year, making the actual working budget closer to \$9,300.

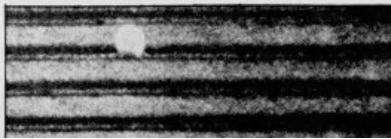
Of that \$9,300, the park board spends about \$2,000 to keep up Matson Field as a neighborhood park, regardless of

which team play there. The remaining \$7,300, Bushy says, is the estimated cost of playing host to the Blues (Legion), Moorhead Golds (VFW) and Babe Ruth baseball teams.

"They [the park board] just feel they need more money and more help from these organizations to take care of their budget needs," Bushy said.

Following the Friday morning meeting of the park advisory board, a regularly scheduled park board commission meeting is set for Tuesday. Final action on any proposals from the first two meetings would probably take place June 2 at the Moorhead City Council meeting.

Backman,
Darling
spark



Pinch single lifts
Sox over Jays 5-4

A clipping from the Forum on May 22, 1986. Newspapers.com

The field, located less than a mile from Fargo Post 2's Jack Williams stadium, played host to a multitude of matchups between the rival Moorhead Blues and Post 2.

Burgau said some of his fondest memories at Matson Field were when Jerry Harter's Post 2 team crossed the Red River to play the Blues. The games were the hottest ticket in town.

"We filled that place many times," Burgau said. "They hold a real significant spot in my heart, because they were always good, competitive games ... We kind of commanded the baseball audience."

Jeff "Slick" Miller, who was honored by having the first base dugout named after him, told the crowd fundraising for Phase 2 of the project will begin immediately. The phase includes new concessions, restrooms and entry gate.

Brandenburg said the next phase will need \$1.2 million in funding.

"We're not going anywhere until this baby's done," Miller said.



Jeff "Slick" Miller reacts to finding out that a dugout at Matson Field will be named after him at groundbreaking event to celebrate the upcoming Matson Field renovations on Monday, June 30, 2025, in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum



The bleachers at Matson Field in Moorhead are pictured on Monday, June 30, 2025, ahead of a groundbreaking event to celebrate the upcoming Matson Field renovations. *Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum*

[The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead](#) - Moorhead's historic Matson Field grandstand project officially underway

By [Andrew Haugland](#)

Matson Field renovation gets \$50K boost from First Community Credit Union

First Community Credit Union is donating \$50,000 toward renovations for Moorhead's Matson Field.



Moorhead's Matson Field on Thursday, July 17, that's getting a \$1M renovation, with the help of a \$50K donation from First Community Credit Union. *Sam Weber / WDAY News*

By [Isak Dinesen](#)

July 17, 2025 at 10:32 PM

MOORHEAD — As Matson Field in Moorhead undergoes a major renovation, the project has received a significant financial boost.

First Community Credit Union is donating \$50,000 to support the face-lift, which includes replacing the grandstand, press box and netting behind home plate.

The donation will earn the credit union naming rights on the park's Hall of Fame wall.

The \$1 million-plus project is part of an effort by Moorhead Public Works to revitalize the well-loved baseball facility.

"With the donation, it's just supporting the youth program and athletics here in the future, so I really see this bolstering not only the baseball diamond here, but the city as a whole," said Paul Fiethner, public works director for the city of Moorhead.

Construction is expected to be completed by next spring.

[The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead](#) – Matson Field renovation gets \$50K boost from First Community Credit Union

By [Isak Dinesen](#)

ElementsXS Software

Roll Out for Park Maintenance

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Shared Filters ▾

- ▼ Park Maintenance Tasks (Park Maintenance)
 - Open Park Tasks 13
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 - Closed Park Tasks 13
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- ▼ Mowing Tasks (Park Maintenance)
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Open Park Tasks (All Open Tasks)

Batch Work ▾

Task ID, Type or Status

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2025-26 Fall + Winter Activity Guide



**2025-26 Fall +
Winter Activity
Guides NOW
AVAILABLE!**



**Program
Registration
is OPEN!**

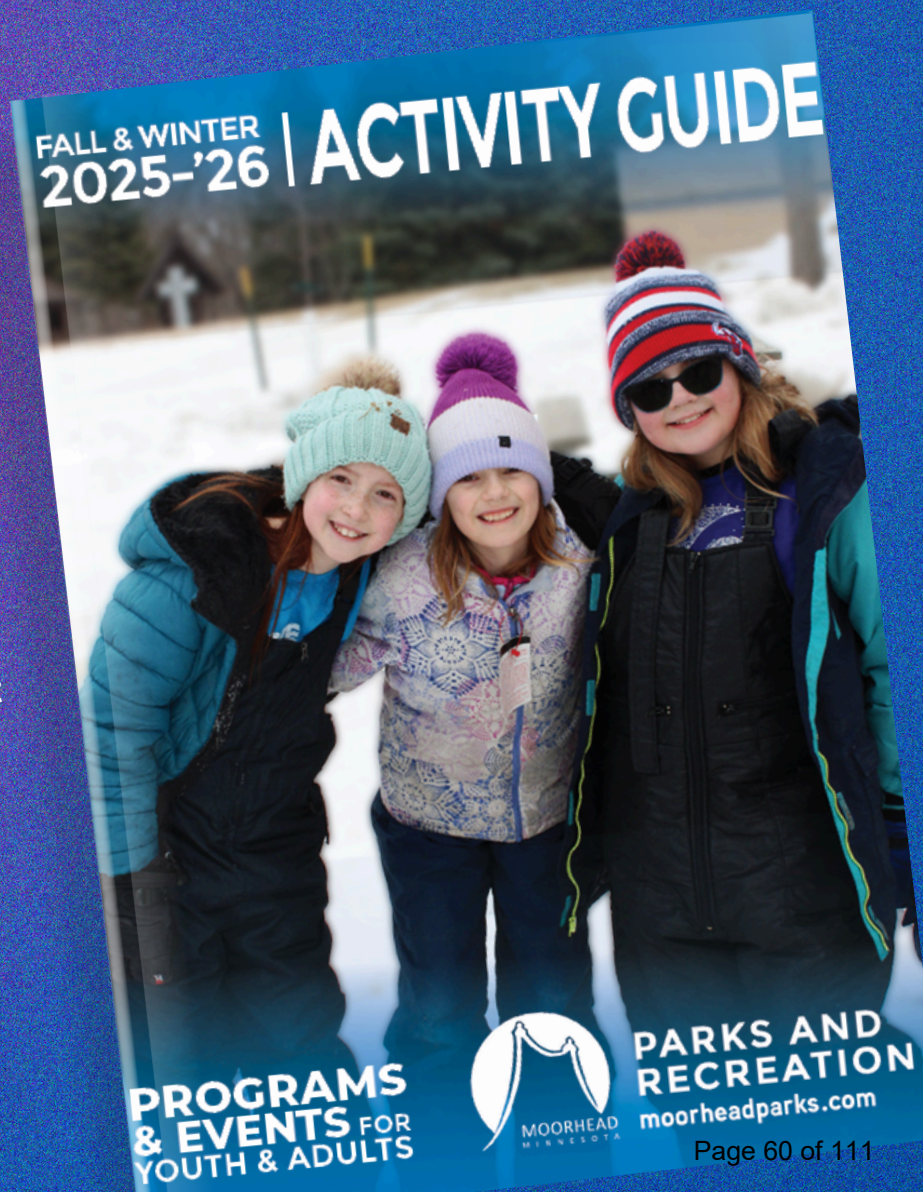
Brochures are available for pick up at the Parks & Recreation Office, Hjemkomst Center, Moorhead City Hall, Moorhead Public Library, Main Ave and Azool Hornbacher's, and Moorhead Cashwise.

**View our online interactive guide at
moorheadparks.com!**

218.299.5340

moorheadparks.com

1300 15 Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560
Open Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm



Greater Moorhead Days



Visit for more information
<http://greatermoorheaddays.com/>

GREATER moorhead DAYS

Celebrating our community with Greater Moorhead Days, **September 4-13, 2025!**

Enjoy a variety of fun and exciting events for all ages! For a full schedule of events, visit greatermoorheaddays.com.

- Partnering with more than a dozen businesses and organizations on these events
- Greater Moorhead Days Parade on Friday, September 5. Route is northbound on 20 St S, 28 Ave S-14 Ave S. Theme is “Moorhead’s 150th Birthday”
 - Social by Inclusive Moorhead to follow!
- Currently accepting donations and sponsors from businesses and organizations for the GMD Medallion Hunt prize pack!





Roam the Red

Saturday, September 6 | 8:30 am-7 pm

Gooseberry Mound Park, 100 22 Ave S

Roam the Red is an open invitation to experience the heart of our region’s river trails on foot, by bike, through art or in stillness. This day is built for everyone, with outdoor activities that welcome all ages, abilities and experience levels. From wooded paths and scenic bridges to wide open greenways, the trails offer a chance to connect with nature at your own pace.



Midco Kids Fest

Wednesday, September 10 | 4:30-7 pm
Bluestem Amphitheater, 801 50 Ave S

Free family fun with inflatable games, music, carriage and barrel car rides, a petting zoo, concessions, and so much more!

GREATER moorhead SEPT. 4-13 DAYS



CRUISE NIGHT

5-8:30 PM, THURSDAY, SEPT. 4
M STATE WEST PARKING LOT, 28 AVE S

Enjoy food, live music from the 3rd Street Blues Band, vendors and an exciting family-friendly atmosphere! Sponsored by the Moorhead Legion and the Moorhead Business Association.



FM KICKS BAND

3-5 PM, SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
VIKING SHIP PARK, 202 FIRST AVE N

Bring a lawn chair and join us in celebrating Greater Moorhead Days at the FM Kicks Band Summer Park Concert featuring guest vocalist Monroe Wright III. Come enjoy the free family fun!



PARADE

6 PM, FRIDAY, SEPT. 5
20TH ST (N FROM 28 AVE) TO 14 AVE S
7 PM, SOCIAL
M STATE MAIN ENTRANCE, 24 AVE S

Come enjoy the parade Friday night and **celebrate 150 years of Moorhead!**

Afterwards, stop by the Social hosted by Inclusive Moorhead! Enjoy ice cream, snacks, lively dance performances by Fusion Dance Studios, and vibrant music from Fargo Folklorico.



Participate in the Parade!

Celebrate our community with a variety of fun and exciting events for all ages! The full calendar of events and registration links can be found at greatermoorheaddays.com.

Activities subject to change



MEDALLION HUNT

BEGINS MONDAY, SEPT. 8 AT 8 AM

Medallions will be hidden within city limits on public land. Clues will be announced daily on Big 98.7, Bob 95FM, and 107.9 The Fox. Fantastic prizes include a grand prize of **\$1,000 in gift cards from Hornbacher's!** Clue boards will be updated daily at greatermoorheaddays.com.



MIDCO KIDS FEST

4:30-7 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10
BLUESTEM AMPITHEATER, 801 50 AVE S

Free family fun with inflatable games, music, carriage and barrel car rides, a petting zoo, concessions, and so much more!

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

Moorhead Farmers Market
3:30-6:30 PM, TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
 VIKING SHIP PARK, 202 1 AVE N

Author Visit: Eric Dregni
6:30 PM, THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
 MOORHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, 118 5 ST S

Discover Outdoors
9 AM-4 PM, SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
 GOOSEBERRY MOUND PARK, 100 22 AVE S

Half-off Canoe & Kayak Rentals
11 AM-6 PM, SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
 HJEMKOMST LANDING, 202 1 AVE N

EVENTS SPONSORED BY:



PROGRAM AND FACILITY RESERVATION SUMMARY SPRING AND SUMMER 2025

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

ADAPTIVE BASEBALL

Attendance: 48

The FM Challengers Baseball League provides athletic opportunities for participants with special needs. With the Miracle Field having a rubberized surface it provides people with mobility challenges a safe place to play. The 12+ group had two sessions with 33 total participants, while the 11 and under group had 15 participants this year. One session of the 12+ group was offered on Monday and the other on Tuesday to allow participants who were interested in doing golf through the Special Olympics a chance to play. Unfortunately, this change dropped our participation numbers for the older group a bit. Previous years both groups were offered on Mondays, and we had 40+ players. This year the 12+ had 33 participants. That said – we did have a larger group for our younger kids than in years past with 15 kids.



ADAPTIVE DAY CAMP

Attendance: 15

Day Camp registration numbers have remained consistent now for the last few years. There is room to take on more, but we have found 12-15 works well with the space we have. We had one staff member returning, but the rest were new. Which does give the camp a new feeling each year. Our participants really work well when we have a set schedule, which we have stressed with staff over the last few summers. Moving forward, there is some room to improve this experience even further. One of the challenges this year was that our staff would explain our scheduled activity and make sure everyone tried it, but the participants did not always engage after a few minutes. So, there is a balancing act to make sure they get the full camp experience. This program took place at Ellen Hopkins school. We are excited to get back to the Municipal pool one day a week next year when it reopens.

ADAPTIVE SOCCER

Attendance: 17

Attendance was down a bit from last year, which is likely a result of us changing our minimum age. We had a group for kids under 10 last year, and the attendance was not much and was inconsistent on whether they showed up or not. So, we did decide to raise that minimum age to give the people that do come a better experience. For the kids who were younger that did come on a consistent basis in years past we did make an exception and allow them to register again. At our soccer program we spend half the time doing some drills and games, and then the last half doing a scrimmage.



ADAPTIVE SWIM LESSONS

Attendance: 20

This program provides a one-on-one opportunity for youth with special needs to learn how to swim. Prior to lessons parents/caregivers were contacted to help us get a better understanding of their individual needs. Ninety percent of our families requested their adaptive lesson to be centered around safety in the water. The other 10% are our students who are on our swim lesson path, progressing through level 1-6. We created our adaptive swim path skills to evolve around safety and progress into our swim lesson path, if desired. We currently have 2 levels in our adaptive swim lesson path. Level 1: Swim Safety and Level 2: Swim Basic. Once a student completes both levels, they can move on to our swim lesson path



and start at level 2 or 3, depending on the age or continue with our adaptive swim lesson path. New this summer we offered large water stuff animals. These were a great alternative to using a kickboard or a kick stick. They were helpful if a kid had sensory overload; they were able to hug the stuffed animal to help them to calm down.

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

Attendance: 190

Youth baseball is offered for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade at Southside Regional Park. The program is an instructional and non-competitive league that focuses on teaching the fundamentals of the game. Numbers had been decreasing in the last few years, so we tried pushing the start date back a little to see if it worked out better for families, but it did not make a significant change. Participation numbers rose only slightly. Participants play twice a week from the middle of May to the middle of July. This season was impacted quite a bit by rain, but we build rainouts into our schedule, so we do not do any make up days. We focus on teaching the fundamentals in our practices and then do schedule games as well. We do hire 4-5 staff members that each lead a few different teams and then take volunteer coaches to assist them. We did not have as many volunteers in the past, so it did seem to wear on our hired staff a bit. We are going to try and stress additional volunteers next year to lead each team.

TENNIS

Attendance: 89

Youth tennis is offered for ages 5-14, beginners through middle school levels. We had basically the same staff as last year, which allowed us to comfortably increase our class sizes a little bit which in turn increased our total attendance. We do offer two sessions for tennis, each last two weeks. One is in June and the other in July. Each session is 4 days a week for those two weeks which allows the kids a lot of opportunities to play and retain the skills we are trying to teach. Then on each Friday we also offer an optional match play day where the staff pairs off our participants for doubles matches for those that want to learn more.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Attendance: 347

We remained relatively even on participation numbers from last year. This program runs from August – September, so we are about halfway through. We have 28 teams across our Kindergarten – 1st grade; 2nd-3rd grade, 4th, and 5th-6th grade levels. Starting in 4th grade, kids can play tackle football, so our numbers drop significantly. The teams we have at those grades play against Fargo and West Fargo teams. With the number of teams, we rely heavily on volunteer coaches. Staff have created a comprehensive coaches manual to cover all the different skills we want to teach and lays out all the practice plan information for each day as well as guidelines for game days. So, we set the volunteers up for success. We have 2-3 volunteers for each team. Like many of our other programs we focus on skill development and then each team plays 7 -8 games in the season.



PICKLEBALL

Attendance: 12

We held our first youth pickleball camp this summer, led by the Fargo-Moorhead Pickleball Club. Two of their members were hired as instructors through Moorhead Parks and Recreation and led a 4-day program. Attendance filled very quickly, and the kids seemed to have a lot of fun learning the rules, basic strategies, and getting to play some matches. With this program filling so fast, we may look into additional sessions next year and split out the age groups a bit, so the competition is a bit more even. There is also an opportunity to host these indoors at the Community Life Center.

SPORTS SAMPLER

Attendance: 22

We did a spring sports sampler for the first time in a few years, we offer two groups, the youngest being for 3 and 4 year olds and the other for 5-6 year olds. The young group filled up, while the older group we had about half the spots still available. We teach the real basics of sports and play gym games with these participants. With an emphasis on building motor skills, interacting with peers, and having fun! This program is offered in the fall as well, registration is open!



TAE KWON DO

Attendance: March-August, 30

Roy Gilbertson and his staff from Northwest Martial Arts continue to contract us to provide beginner Tae Kwon Do classes. Roy is currently working through the process of selling his building location, so we moved our classes to Dorothy Dodds school. Based off the available space and time we decided to just offer the beginning classes moving forward. There were at most 2 kids ever registered in the advanced session so we communicated it would be best for them to continue the classes directly through Northwest Martial Arts. This program does see a bit of a dip in the summer months, but hopefully we get a rebound once school starts back up.

ART

VARIOUS ART CLASSES AND CAMPS

Attendance: 90

This summer we offered six different summer art camps for ages 6-14. We restructured the older class to be 3 weeks instead of 2. Their projects are more complex, so this allowed them to spend more time creating. On the last day of these camps, we held an art show where the artists display their projects to share with family and friends. Art Instructors did an excellent job creating a variety of unique projects that appealed to both boys and girls. We will be offering multiple fall and winter classes.



AQUATICS

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Attendance: 14

These classes provide training in water rescue, CPR/AED, and first aid skills. We offered one certification class and one review class. These classes were free to anyone working at our swimming lessons this summer. Many of them have already committed to working at our new Municipal Pool summer of 2026. Next classes will be held Spring of 2026.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Attendance: 435

With construction at the Moorhead Municipal Pool, both spring and summer swim lessons were held at the Moorhead High School. We offered private lessons and levels 1-6. Private lessons continue to be popular, with most filling within the first few weeks of registration opening. We had an excellent group of instructors and assistants, receiving many positive comments from families. The swim lesson passports and stickers for each passed level continues to be an excitement for the participants. We took several videos this summer to be able to create our own training tools for both our instructors and lifeguards. We will implement this new training in Spring of 2026. The next session of swim lessons will be on Saturday mornings this fall at the Moorhead High School.



WADING POOLS

Attendance: 14,238

Five parks have neighborhood wading pools: Hansmann, Northeast, Ridgewood, Village Green, and Riverview Estates Park. The pools are open daily from June – middle of August from 1-7 pm and are available for rentals during off hours as well. About 1/3 of the staff returned from last year, and our new staff caught on well. Many of the staff were able to work increased hours so we were able to cover the summer with 16 seasonal employees.

Attendance was up from last year, which was to be expected with the Municipal pool closed. There were a number of days we had to close due to rain, cold weather, or air quality. June was our busiest month this year, and with the weather July and August attendance did dip a bit. Village Green was our busiest location this summer with an overall attendance of 4,009. Between our two north side pools, Northeast and Hansmann, attendance was roughly 5,328 guests with Northeast Park having more guests throughout the summer.

WATER EXERCISE

Attendance: 21

This class was held at the MHS this summer. Each class incorporated a variety of movements, equipment, and upbeat music. All classes had a theme of music and exercises progressed throughout the summer to be more difficult. We purchased a new microphone and speaker system for our aquatics specialist to use while teaching. This was a nice upgrade and something that will be used both indoors and at our new Municipal Pool. Fall and winter classes will be offered again at the MHS.

FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Park Shelters	Months	Number of rentals	Total Attendance
Gooseberry Small	May-September	30	2,421
Gooseberry Large	May-September	46	4,972
MB Johnson Small	January-September	48	1,939
MB Johnson Large	May-September	34	4,095
2025 Total		158	13,427



PARK PROGRAMS

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Attendance:12

This course teaches youth ages 11-14 the skills needed to be a professional and reliable babysitter. It includes an American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification that is valid for 2 years. We offered two classes this summer to prepare kids for their summer babysitting jobs. We are collaborating with a Family, Friend, and Neighbor Navigator at Lakes and Prairies CAPLP in Moorhead to provide free resources to each of our participants. They have provided backpacks that include a first aid kit, thermometer, flashlight, crank radio and more items that help keep a safe environment for the children. We will continue to offer this class year-round.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

Attendance: 328

Park Program had another great summer. Popular activities included water day, field day, arts and crafts, and various outdoor games. New this summer was Health week, which included a food tag game, life size muscle and skeleton puzzles, health trivia, active dice and a blind taste test. We had 4 special events this summer: Foam Party, Park Program Festival and two Park Parties. We collaborated with Clay County Extension to offer an educational opportunity on fruits and vegetables.



TINY TREASURES

Attendance: 67

This program is for ages 3-5 and was held at Riverview Estates and Village Green. Park Leaders followed weekly themes that included art, physical activity, music, and story time. Popular themes included Gone Camping, My Five Senses, Dinosaur Investigation, and Jungle Journey. We will offer two sessions of this program at Ridgewood Park this fall.



SENIOR CENTER

The Moorhead Senior Center offers social, educational and recreational programs for citizens 55 and older. Online fitness classes held in-person at the Moorhead Senior Center began in May. The program has been well-received and continues to be tailored as participants give feedback. The Spring Into Fun and Ice Cream Social held on May 21 saw the highest attendance yet for a spring party. The Jazz Squares performed during the event and after receiving requests about line dancing classes, the Jazz Squares hosted a line dancing class in June. moorheadseniors.com



February – July 2025						
Program	February	March	April	May	June	July
Artist Group (1x Week)	51	68	50	80	52	73
Bridge (3x Week)	52	90	95	169	142	161
Pinochle (3x Week)	32	37	78	39	38	55
Singing Group (1x Week)	38	89	97	94	84	60
Mahjong (1x Week)	24	23	33	39	35	40
Whist (3x Week)	47	58	72	52	55	49
Social Circle (5x Week)	70	101	91	83	85	112
Senior Meals (5x Week)	411	449	444	338	421	391
Memory Café (1x Month)	72	74	103	59	53	41
Breakfast Club (1x Month)	4	6	7	6	X	3
Valley Triad (1x Month)	13	10	16	8	6	12
Bingo (1x Month)	3	0	0	4	6	5
Quilting Group (2x Month)	14	16	19	12	16	20
Indoor Pickleball (2x Week) Oct-April	52	66	83	X	X	X
Movement Education (1x Month)	12	10	19	22	16	16
Farmers Market (1x Week)					693	879
POP Kids (4 – 12)						152
POP + (senior program)						69
RiverArts (2x Month, One rain event)					450	357
AARP Free Tax Assistance						
Age-Friendly Listening Session	179	155	100			
Valley Triad Safety Seminar		20				
Online Fitness Classes		20				
Spring Into Fun & Ice Cream Social				21	28	37
Clay County Council on Aging Mtg				97		
Walking Club				6		
Jazz Squares Line Dancing					6	12
Valley Triad Safety Seminar					21	
Total Participants					18	
	1074	1292	1307	1129	2207	2544

SPECIAL EVENTS

The special events division is in the process of doing a redesign and auditing current events. Our team is busy working on incorporating more dedicated positions such as a market/vendor manager, and a dedicated photographer to meet the needs of our growing city. We have supported a number of community events such as MPS Library summer concert series, the annual honor flight.

Celtic Festival

Parks and Rec supported the Celtic Festival again this year. The event was threatened by potential winter storms, but the event proceeded and was well attended, although since the weather was poor leading up to it, the parade was cancelled which is a big source of foot traffic.

Improvements for next year:

- Work with the organizers for improved cross promotion
- Staff internally with special event team to alleviate burden on FTE staff
- Work on more professional photographs
- Get attendance count through ticket sales for Hjemkomst center activity reporting



Farmers Market



The Moorhead Farmers Market took place in the parking lot of the Hjemkomst Center, continuing every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. We have been having music every other Tuesday. We have done work to rebuild the relationship with the vendors and have grown the vendor count to a current peak of 22 vendors and we have introduced food trucks this year. We also received a very generous donation from Choice Bank in the amount of \$10,000 going straight to our partner First Presbyterian Church to support our food security programs. We are focusing on our food assistance programs with partners to continue to grow attendance. Our average attendance this season was about 225 visitors to the market at each event. We have also applied to a USDA grant (Farmers Market Promotion Program) in the amount of \$100,000 and hope to hear back in October.

RiverArts



Moorhead Parks and Recreation summer music program ran 5 nights through the summer. We modified the layout to better support a music and art in the park feel, added some additional elements and have continued to grow our partner and engagement opportunities. We saw an average of 12 partner booths with 3-5 engagement activities at each event.

- We saw an average attendance of 250 attendees/night at our RiverArts events.

Scandinavian Festival



Parks and Rec served as an unofficial partner for the Scanfest this year, facilitating off site transportation and staffing, and photography for the event. It was well attended and hoping to work with the organizers over the winter to better support the future of the event.

Safe City Nights

Over the course of 3 events Parks and Rec supported the Safe City Nights event, by providing our modular stage for live music, as well as information and activities. We aim to cover this in the future so better showcase the great work the city is doing in community relationships. This event is sponsored by the City of Moorhead, and the Police Activity/Athletics League (PAL).



Moorhead Public Library Music Series



Over the course of the summer Parks and Recreation supported the Library by providing our mobile stage and power to the Library concert series.

Honor Flight



During the July Event Parks and Recreation Supported the Honor Flight by providing the stage and taking photos for the annual event in an effort to continue to build relationships with our community partners.

Canoe and Kayak

The canoe and kayak program was severely hampered during the 2025 season due to high river levels. We were able to activate for 3 days and have one excursion this season.



Moorhead Doggy Dip scheduled for Aug. 11

Dog owners can bring their dogs to swim in the Northeast Park wading pool for \$5 per dog.



Bella swims in the Northeast Park Wading Pool in Moorhead during the Doggy Dip event on Aug. 12, 2024. For five dollars per dog, owners could bring their dogs for a swim at the pool. All proceeds from the event benefit the Centennial and River Oaks dog parks.

Chris Flynn / The Forum

By [Forum staff](#)

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News Reporting

MOORHEAD — Moorhead's pools are going to the dogs — literally.

From 3-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, the city of Moorhead will host the annual Doggy Dip at the Northeast Park wading pool, according to a press release from the city. Dog owners can bring their dogs to swim in the small pool for \$5 per dog.

Dogs should have a collar and ID tags, and be properly licensed, vaccinated and in good health to swim, the city said.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Moorhead's dog parks, the release said.

The Northeast Park wading pool is at 1817 Eighth Ave. N.

Fast actions of Moorhead woman save boy from drowning

Moorhead resident Ashley Anderson saved the life of a boy who nearly drowned in a Moorhead pool. The event forged a new bond between two Moorhead families.



Asarae Bartzatt, August MoorHeart award winner Ashley Anderson and Jayce Bartzatt play on rocking playground equipment on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Southside Regional Park in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

By [Ingrid Harbo](#)

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MOORHEAD — Ashley Anderson hadn't planned to go to the pool June 21, but after her daughter begged to go, she gave in.

Today, she thinks a greater power sent her to the Riverside Park wading pool in Moorhead that hot, sunny summer afternoon. As she was setting her stuff down, she looked over and saw a young boy floating facedown in the pool.

Anderson jumped into action — she called 911 as the boy, blue and not breathing, was pulled from the pool. She performed CPR while emergency personnel were on the way, screaming at him to keep breathing, she recalled.

Eventually, he took a huge gasp of air, and Anderson's tears started flowing.

"There's no doubt in my mind that something pushed me there that day," Anderson said.

The brief and adrenaline-fueled encounter was not Anderson's last with the boy, who survived the near-drowning. In fact, the nearly tragic event forged a new bond between two Moorhead families.

The boy's mother, Asarae Bartzatt, remembers that day too. A friend had taken Bartzatt's children to the wading pool. Later, she received a call from the friend — her son, 11-year-old Jayce, may have had a seizure in the pool and a bystander had performed CPR to save his life.

As Jayce was discharged from a local hospital the next day, Bartzatt received a call from a police officer who had responded to the pool. The officer said the woman who performed CPR wanted to get in touch with Bartzatt, and passed along Anderson's contact information.



Asarae Bartzatt and Ashley Anderson talk Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Southside Regional Park in Moorhead about the experience of saving Jayce Bartzatt's life.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

After exchanging texts and calls, the two women met each other in person for the first time. Jayce was waiting for Anderson on the front step.

"We've kind of had a blooming friendship since then," Bartzatt said.

Over the summer, the two families have grown closer. Bartzatt and Anderson both have two children who get along with each other well. Their daughters have been having sleepovers, and their husbands have also hit it off.



August MoorHeart award winner Ashley Anderson, Asarae Bartzatt, Jayce Bartzatt, Matthew Bartzatt, Matayah Bartzatt and Jamilah Ziegler pose for a photo on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Southside Regional Park in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

But Anderson's connection with Jayce runs even deeper.

"I will never forget him taking that big breath and feeling like there's just such a connection now," Anderson said.

Bartzatt said she sees the connection, too.

"There was a soul connection between the two of you from the very beginning," Bartzatt said. "Even in the hospital, he was asking 'Where's the lady? Where's the lady?'"



Asarae Bartzatt kisses her son Jayce Bartzatt on the cheek on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at Southside Regional Park in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

After Jayce nearly drowned, Bartzatt told Moorhead Recreation Director Sean Brandenburg that she wished there was some type of award for Anderson. Brandenburg ended up nominating Anderson for the MoorHeart Award.

Anderson accepted the MoorHeart Award at the Moorhead City Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 11. The city of Moorhead gives the MoorHeart Award to recognize people and organizations that go “above and beyond to demonstrate community,” according to the city.

In his nomination, Brandenburg wrote that because of Anderson’s heroic response, the story has a happy ending.

“Her quick thinking, calm demeanor, and willingness to act in a critical moment directly contributed to a positive outcome in what could have been a tragic situation,” Brandenburg wrote.

Anderson said she learned CPR years ago for a job at a clinic. She said if somebody asked her if she could perform CPR in an emergency situation, she would probably say “absolutely not.” But when she saw Jayce drowning, she did just that.

“Something came over me and I just did it,” Anderson said.

Jayce has bounced back from the near-drowning, Bartzatt said, and is excited to return to school this fall.

“He’s a kid and he’s very resilient, but he just, he bounces back and he’s got this beautiful attitude towards life,” Bartzatt said.

Moorhead Parks & Recreation share new photos of Reimagine Romkey Park

By [Austin Schindler](#)

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Moorhead, Minn. (Valley News Live) - Moorhead's Romkey Park is well under construction with the hopes of opening in the Spring of 2026.

Moorhead Parks & Recreation recently sharing new photos of the progress in a recent [Facebook post](#).

The pictures show concrete being poured as well as framing going up on the structures.

In addition to the pool and water features, the park will also be rising a traditional and natural playground, skatepark, basketball courts, pickleball courts, a soccer field, sledding hill, and picnic shelter.













RiverArts Kicks off in Moorhead

The concert and outdoor extravaganza series features five installments this summer.

*June 11,
2025*



[Gabriel Ostler](#)

MOORHEAD, Minn. (KVRN) – The sounds of summer are filling the air down by the Red River in Moorhead.

RiverArts kicked off today in Viking Ship Park.

The event series takes place over five Wednesdays in the summer.

The June 11th installment featured musical performances from Fargo’s Hardanger fiddle group and Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome.

There were also tents from local businesses like Swing Barrel Brewing and even a petting zoo.

Moorhead Parks & Rec say that it's a wonderful omen for the start of summer.

"I think we have such beautiful parks," said Steve French, special events coordinator.

"It just means a lot to me that we're able to make this happen and bring everybody together."

For a full list of RiverArts dates and performers, click [here](#).



Scandinavian Festival kicks off in Moorhead

The annual event features food, music, artists, children's activities and more.



Dan Raeker performs as Vidar Ullrson at the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

By [Forum staff](#)

June 20, 2025 at 10:03 PM

MOORHEAD — The Scandinavian Festival started Friday, June 20, in Moorhead. The annual event features food, music, artists, children's activities and more. The event continues Saturday at the Hjemkomst Center and Viking Ship Park.



Casey Wollschlaeger gets a thumbs up from Zoe Anderwoll while trying on flower crowns during the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum



Armor and weapons are on display at the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum



Visitors of the Scandinavian Festival check out a collection of hardanger fiddles, on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead. The hardanger fiddle is often called the national instrument of Norway.

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Gwynneth Molden tries on a cape during the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Michelle Carlson chats with customers at her Nordic Gal booth at the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Rows of flower crowns are for sale in the dining area of the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Linda Squires adds whipped cream to desserts in the dining area of the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Mark Himmel hand carves a spoon at the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Jenny Mackenzie with the Red River Danes prepares the Danish dessert æbleskiver at the Scandinavian Festival on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead.

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Summer produce makes early appearance as Moorhead kicks off F-M farmers market season

The Moorhead Farmers Market, one of the first markets of the season, started Monday, June 2.



Ky Miller with Prairie Rose Farm helps Joe Swegarden pack up a crate of fresh vegetables at the first Moorhead Farmers Market of the year on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Viking Ship Park in Moorhead.

Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

By [Ingrid Harbo](#)

June 05, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MOORHEAD — Farmers market season has started in the metro, with the first vendors setting up shop in Moorhead's Viking Ship Park.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 2, the opening day of the market, around a dozen booths lined the edge of the parking lot outside the Hjemkomst Center. Vendors sold wares like soaps,

wooden signs, spice mixes, baked goods and produce. Families with children bounced from booth to booth, while a musician sang on a small stage.

Steve French, events specialist for Moorhead Parks and Recreation, watched from the market's information booth. A recent hire, French is organizing the market for the first time this season. He hopes to support the small businesses selling at the market.

French envisions it growing into a grocery market, where people can “come down, spend 40 minutes (at) most and buy some groceries, and go make dinner,” he said.

This year's market features a number of returning vendors.

Althea Bain Fink, owner of Cakes by Althea, had a steady stream of customers, drawn back to her booth by a sample of one of her mini cakes. The baker is returning to the market for a third year. She likes the vendors, customers and location of the market, she said.



Althea Bain Fick laughs while chatting with customers at her Cakes by Althea booth at the first Moorhead Farmers Market of the year on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Viking Ship Park in Moorhead.

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“It’s just really fun to be out and enjoy summer,” Bain Fink said. “I think the vibe is just really fun, chill, relaxed.”

A nearby vendor, Jaylen's Sweets, displays a sign promising the best baklava in town. Owner Ferhad Mayi stands behind that promise.

"It is, I guarantee it," Mayi said. "If you find it better, I'll give you your money back."

He said he often sells out of baklava at the Moorhead Farmers Market, depending on the crowd.

Barry Olsen, a Moorhead beekeeper, has sold honey at the market since it started. He said the Moorhead Farmers Market is the main market where he does business.

"It's fun to meet people — I'm not making a living off of it," Olsen said with a laugh.

Prairie Rose Farm was one of the only vendors selling produce at the early June market. Employee Ky Miller said the farm grows produce in a solar-powered greenhouse to give vegetables like lettuce and radishes a head start. Other spring produce, like rhubarb and asparagus, shot up with the warm spell in May.

She said people were excited to see the produce so early in the season.

"They're like 'Whoa, how do you have produce?'" she said.

The city of Moorhead website lists 18 vendors that will be at the market at various points during the season.

There are a couple programs to help people purchase food at the market. In partnership with Hunger Solutions Minnesota, people who use SNAP/EBT benefits can redeem \$10 of SNAP benefits for \$30 in tokens to use at the market for SNAP-eligible food and produce.

The market also has Power of Produce clubs through West Central Initiative and Network and Technology Solutions Inc. Children ages 4-12 and adults 55+ can sign up for the clubs to receive a \$2 token each week to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables.

Denise Quick, who was working at the information table, said the programs help pay for fresh food, which can be expensive.

"Nutritious food, unfortunately, can be more expensive than processed food," Quick said.

The Power of Produce program specifically helps encourage kids to eat fruits and vegetables when they're young, helping them to develop lifelong habits, she said.

People can redeem the tokens for the SNAP program by swiping their EBT card at the information table at the market. Registration for the Power of Produce clubs can be found on the [city of Moorhead website](#).

The Moorhead Farmers Market will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. each Tuesday until Oct. 28 at Viking Ship Park, 202 First Ave. N., next to the Hjemkomst Center. The market will have live music from 4-6 p.m. Museum entry at the Hjemkomst Center is free after 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Volunteers plant trees along the Red River in Moorhead

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MOORHEAD, Minn. (KVRN) — Volunteers with River Keepers Fargo-Moorhead were busy planting trees for future generations to enjoy along the Red River Thursday.

Around 60 volunteers arrived on the picturesque day to plant about 350 trees including Accolade Elm, Northern Acclaim Honey Locust, Hackberry, Bur Oak, and Kentucky Coffeetree.

Many of the tree species can be found in southern Minnesota.

They are planting these species due to their ability to handle the rising average temperature of our area.

The trees came from Swedberg Nursery in Battle Lake, Minnesota.

River Keepers is also planning many upcoming events for this summer.

“We do cleanups along the riverfront with both the Fargo Park District and Moorhead Parks and Rec., and lots of volunteers are needed for that,” said Riverkeepers Executive Director Christine Holland. “Storm drain marking continuously throughout the summer. We have a youth fishing clinic coming up in June. And as soon as the river slows down a little bit, we’ll open canoe and kayak rentals and our river paddling expedition.”

To learn more about their upcoming events, or to volunteer, visit [riverkeepers.org](https://www.riverkeepers.org).