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62nd annual St. Anthony Park July 4th parade and picnic

ST. PAUL, MINN. (July 1, 2009) — The Fourth in the Park community celebration, St. Paul's only Independence Day parade and family-friendly party in the park, is just around the corner. This year, the raffle returns, with prizes that include a playhouse, lunch with local dignitaries, and tickets to a Minnesota Twins game.

Events will kick off with the annual **2-mile and 4-mile running races** at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m., the historically eclectic and colorful **parade winds down Como Avenue** from [Luther Place](#) to [Langford Park](#). Everyone ends up in Langford Park, where food, music, volleyball, horseshoes, games and lounging with your friends over a do-it-yourself picnic await. Kids planning to ride their brightly colored bikes, trikes and wagons should gather at 10:30 a.m. at Park Service to get a free flag.

Hot dogs, Mim's Middle Eastern food, beverages and iced treats will be sold by the St. Anthony Park Booster Club all day. In the evening, **Rich and the Resistors** will perform rockin' music for all ages, mixing the greatest hits from five decades in with Teddy Bear Band tunes for the little ones.

WHAT: The Fourth in the Park community festival

WHERE: [Langford Park](#) in St. Paul's St. Anthony Park neighborhood, near Energy Park Dr. and Hwy. 280

WHEN: Saturday, July 4, 2009

- 8:30 a.m.** Register for 2-mile (joggers and juniors 15 and younger) and 4-mile races (divisions for men, women, and masters), [Langford Park Recreation Center](#); start time is 9 a.m.
- 11 a.m.** Parade on Como Avenue from [Luther Place](#) to [Langford Park](#). Free U.S. flags. (*Kids' decorated bikes, trikes, wagons assemble at Park Service, 2277 W. Como Av.*)
- 11:45 a.m.** Program at historic Langford Park bandstand with speeches, music and patriotic essays
- Noon** Refreshment stand opens; register for horseshoe, volleyball and tennis tournaments
- 1 p.m.** Pony rides and tournaments begin; local musical talent all afternoon at the bandstand
- 2:30 p.m.** Children's and family races and contests, with ribbons for all participants
- 4 p.m.** Door prizes for children (17 and younger, *must be present to win*)
Raffle (18 and older). Drawing and raffle are at the bandstand
- 6-9 p.m.** Dance music by rockin' [Rich and the Resistors](#) — for parents and kids alike.

The Fourth in the Park is put on by The Fourth in the Park Committee, and sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Foundation, the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation, local businesses and individual contributions; food sponsored by St. Anthony Park Booster Club.