**MUSIC ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**
*Tuesday, June 12 5:30pm - 6:30pm*

Artistic Director Jay Fishman leads the Minnesota Sinfonia in a free performance of light classical, “pops” and children’s music. The concert will include favorites by Johann Strauss, Howard Shore, Scott Joplin and John Philip Sousa. Food and beverage available from vendors at the *Mill City Night Market*. Limited seating available; bring a blanket and join us on the lawn.

The Minnesota Sinfonia is a professional, non-profit chamber orchestra offering free-admission concerts and educational programs in and around the Twin Cities.

Designated “BYO” Alcohol event.

**CARRY ON HOMES**
*Debuts Friday, June 15*

*Carry On Homes*, a multi-functional pavilion hosting the stories of immigrants in Minnesota, is the winner of the 6th annual Creative City Challenge sponsored by the City of Minneapolis Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy program with Northern Lights.mn and Green Minneapolis.

Conceived by five artists from five countries; Peng Wu (China), Shunjie Yong (Malaysia), Aki Shibata (Japan), Preston Drum (United States), Zoe Cinel (Italy) and stemming from the *Carry On Homes* documentary photography project, this participatory sculptural installation reimagines the home as an open structure. Walls disappear, while invitations to engage appear in the multiple forms of a stage, a colorful mural, a reflecting garden, a photo gallery and a sculpture built from repurposed suitcases.

**NORTHERN SPARK**
*Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16 9:02pm - 2:00am*

*Northern Spark* 2018 is a free, late-night art festival exploring questions of commonality in three venues in Downtown Minneapolis. Tens of thousands of people gather throughout the city to explore giant video projections, play in temporary installations in the streets, and enjoy experimental performances in green spaces and under bridges.

*Northern Spark* is produced by Northern Lights.mn, a non-profit arts organization dedicated to artists working innovatively in the public sphere, exploring expanded possibilities for civic engagement.
Arts & Culture (continued)

**WELCOME! Produced by Carry On Homes**
Sunday, July 8 & Saturday, August 4
3:00pm - 8:00pm

Carry On Homes welcomes Twin Cities communities to The Commons. Welcome! events promote cross-cultural dialogue by bringing people together to learn through workshops (3-5:30pm), enjoy music from different immigrant communities (5:30-7:30pm), and connect at a community meal (6:30-8pm). Welcome! events are free and open to the public. Performers to be announced.

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**MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA AT THE COMMONS**
Tuesday, September 25
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Music Director Osmo Vänskä and the world-renowned Minnesota Orchestra return to The Commons for a free outdoor concert. Vänskä and the Orchestra will perform a dramatic mix of classical and popular works.

3,500 people gathered for the Orchestra’s inaugural concert at the park in September 2017. The performance included powerful symphonic works, from Sibelius’ *Finlandia* to John Williams’ *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

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**Fitness**

**PURE BARRE FUSION**
Wednesdays, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29 & September 26
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Experience the best of Pure Barre in this fusion class, where you’ll get the best elements from both our Classic and Empower classes. This low impact and high intensity workout will challenge you through a combination of strength elements and cardio sprints, elevating your heart rate and inducing the shake. All fitness levels welcome.

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**MARKET YOGA**
Tuesdays, June 5, June 26, July 3, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 14
August 21, September 4, September 11 & September 18
5:30pm - 6:30pm

As part of its mission to grow a healthier community, the Mill City Night Market (Tuesdays at The Commons) has partnered with local neighborhood studios to offer free outdoor yoga classes. Join an hour of blissful outdoor practice on the lawn before or after you shop the Market.
Fitness (continued)

**FLY FEET HIIT & RUN**
**Wednesday, June 13, July 11 & August 15**
6:00pm - 7:00pm

HIIT & Run is an outdoor version of Tread & Shred - a total-body workout that blends running, strength and mobility training in one exhilarating 55-minute session. It’s a chance to go after your personal best, then keep resetting the bar session after session. Open to all fitness levels, this class puts first-timers and fitness diehards side by side to make progress at their own level, together.

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**Y Summer Solstice Yoga**
**Friday, June 22**
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Workout with the YMCA in the heart of Downtown Minneapolis.

YMCA instructors lead us through 108 Sun Salutations to celebrate the Summer Solstice. Reset your mind, body and spirit with this 90-minute class.

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**Y Kickboxing**
**Wednesday, August 22**
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Workout with the YMCA in the heart of Downtown Minneapolis.

*Y Kickboxing* provides a total body workout that targets core strength and balance. Practice kicks, punches, and self-defense strategies designed to increase cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, range of motion, and agility.

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Food

**MILL CITY NIGHT MARKET**
**Tuesdays, June 5 - September 25 (excluding July 17)**
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Mill City Farmers Market’s Tuesday Night Market is Minneapolis’ new trusted source for local, sustainable and organic groceries, bringing fresh food, cooking education and live music to one beautiful place. Join over 20 local farmers, artisans and prepared food vendors - rain or shine - Tuesday nights for a unique community shopping experience. Come hungry and remember your picnic blanket!
Food (continued)

**MONTHLY BEER & WINE NIGHT**
Tuesdays, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 18
4:00pm - 8:00pm
Shop the Mill City Night Market and enjoy a glass of beer or wine served by Day Block Brewing Company. A perfect summer picnic!

**FOOD TRUCKS**
Weekdays
11:00am - 2:00pm
Monday through Friday, find top Twin Cities food trucks parked on 4th Street next to The Commons. With regulars like Market Bar-B-Que, Butcher Salt, Emconada, Don Oishi Kitchen and Hibachi Daruma, you'll always find something tasty for lunch!

Games

**GAMES CART**
Daily after May 15
10:00am - 8:00pm
Drop in to play with a variety of lawn games and board games from our Games Cart. Corn Hole, ladder ball, bocce, Connect 4, chess, checkers and more.

**BIG BLUE BLOCKS**
Daily after May 15
10:00am - 5:00pm
Use your imagination and build, build, build! These foam Big Blue Blocks are perfect for little ones looking to play and climb.
Games (continued)

**PING PONG**
*Daily after May 15*
*10:00am - 8:00pm*

Challenge a neighbor or coworker to a friendly game of table tennis. No reservation necessary, just stop by to use our free Ping Pong table, balls and paddles.

**KUBB LADDER LEAGUE**
*Wednesdays, June & August*
*4:30pm - 7:30pm*

Learn to play Kubb, the Swedish lawn game described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes. With instruction from St. Paul Kubb Society.
Solo players can throw some stick on an open pitch (4:30-7:30pm), while teams of 2-6 drop-in for a Ladder League game (5:00-7:00pm). Challenge a team higher up on the ladder and claim their spot if you win!
- Free to participate.
- No experience necessary. Learn as you play!
- Teams of 2-6 players. You may rotate players week to week or game to game.
- Teams can drop-in week to week. The more often you come and play, the greater your chance to move up the ladder.
- Prizes awarded to highest-ranking teams on June 27 and August 29.
- Email kubbsociety@gmail.com for more information or to sign up a team.

Movies

**SAVE THE DATE!**
*Tuesday, June 19*
*Thursdays, July 26, August 9 & August 16*
*7:00pm - 10:00pm*

More details to come.
Designated “BYO” Alcohol event.

Music

**CreativeMornings/Minneapolis**
*Friday, May 18*
*8:30am - 10:00am*

CreativeMornings/Minneapolis is a monthly breakfast lecture series for creative types. Each free event includes a 20-minute talk, plus coffee and breakfast. This month’s theme is Commitment. Registration begins at 8:30am. Tickets are free but limited, so reserve a spot online on Monday, May 14. Limited seating available; bring a blanket and grab a seat on the lawn.
**SILENT DISCO**
Fridays, June 8, July 27 & August 31
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Three different DJs. Three different genres of music. You choose your favorite. Come to sing and dance or just to watch the crowd. ID required for use of headphones. Headphones first-come, first-serve.

**SOUNDS OF THE COMMONS**
Wednesdays, June 13, July 11, August 8 & September 12
11:00am - 1:00pm

Slam Academy staff and students create electronic music with the help of park patrons. No experience with music or computers necessary. Fun for all ages!

**SING PLAY LEARN**
Thursdays, June 21, July 12 & August 16
1:00pm - 2:00pm

Explore musical concepts through fun songs, instrument experimentation and creative movement. Early childhood education classes, ages 6 weeks - 8 years. Instruction by MacPhail Center for Music.

**SUMMER EXTRAVAPLAZAS**
Fridays, June 29, July 13 & July 27
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Enjoy free lunchtime musical performances by MacPhail Center for Music students.

**POP-UP HIP HOP**
Fridays, June 29 & August 17
8:00pm - 9:00pm

A pop-up performance featuring spoken word artist and Mixed Blood Community Organizer, Sisco Omar. Sisco’s work touches on a wide range of topics – from love stories to deep struggles and empowering, inspirational songs. An evening filled with amazing beats and an opportunity for the community to come together in celebration.

In his role at Mixed Blood, Sisco primarily focuses on engaging with youth in the neighborhood to inspire self-advocacy and creativity.
Nature

BIKE WITH A RANGER
Tuesdays, July 10 & September 11
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Saturdays, June 30, July 28 & August 11
10:00am - 11:30am

A family-friendly way to explore the Mississippi River. Led by a National Park Service Ranger, participants will bike along the riverfront and learn about the area’s fascinating history and wildlife. Rides depart from The Commons. BYO-bike!

PLANTING DAY
Tuesday, July 10
11:00am - 12:00pm

Celebrate spring with Bond&Devick Wealth Partners. Bring the kids to decorate clay pots and plant annuals, then take your project home with you. Materials provided. First-come, first-serve.

Reading

READING CART
Daily after May 15
10:00am - 8:00pm

Explore best sellers and titles from local publishers, as well as weekly newspapers and magazines, at The Commons Reading Carts. Borrow something to read in the park and return it to the cart before you leave. With support from Bond&Devick Wealth Partners.

POET IN RESIDENCE
Summer 2018

Gretchen Marquette, the Minneapolis-based author of May Day, goes public! Each week Marquette will write in The Commons, taking inspiration from the park and surrounding city, and share her craft with park-goers. Follow @commonsmpls on Twitter for poet updates.
STORYTIME WITH CHRIS MONROE
Thursday, June 14
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Award-winning author, illustrator, and cartoonist Chris Monroe reads *Monkey With A Tool Belt And The Noisy Problem* and leads an art project for kids. Best for ages 3-8 but all are welcome!

POETRY IN THE PARK
Fridays, June 22 & August 10
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Gretchen Marquette, the Minneapolis-based author of *May Day*, hosts a series of outdoor poetry readings with guests D Allen, Caitlin Bailey, Mike Bazzett, Anders Carlson-Wee, Sumita Chakraborty, Roy Guzmán, Su Hwang, Christopher Santiago, and Michael Torres.

WRITING WORKSHOPS
Mondays, June 25 & August 13
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Graywolf Press poet Gretchen Marquette provides participants with prompts for writing. All levels welcome.

RAIN TAXI BOOK CLUB
*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig*
Thursday, July 26
5:00pm - 5:30pm Mix & Mingle
5:30pm - 6:30pm Book Discussion
More details to come.

STORYTIME & DRAW-A-LONG WITH RICK CHRUSTOWSKI
Thursday, August 9
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Author and illustrator Rick Chrustowski reads *Bee Dance* and *My Little Fox* and leads a draw-a-long for kids. All ages welcome!