

2022 ALBERT LEA

Summer Fun Guide



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Explore Our City

Albert Lea: First Blue Zones Community in the nation!

Residents, worksites, schools, grocery stores, healthcare and city government alike are focused on improving well-being for themselves and their neighbors. Together, we are lowering rates of obesity, smoking and chronic diseases to create a healthier, happier place to live, work and play.



Look for Blue Zones Project Albert Lea on Facebook!

Albert Lea Community Theatre to present "Willy Wonka"

ACT will present "Willy Wonka," a delicious musical based on the book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," June 16-19 and June 22-26 at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway. For more information about all ACT events, visit www.actonbroadway.com or call 1-877-730-3144 (toll-free).

Freeborn County Memory Café

This regular program offers a safe place for people with memory loss, and their caregivers, to enjoy activities together, share conversation, learn and feel connected.

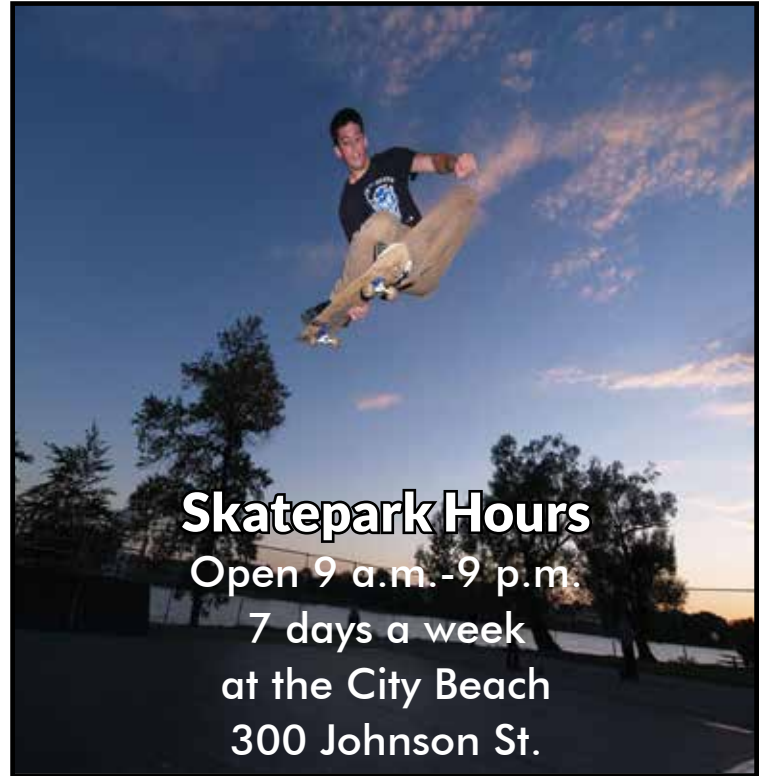
- Second Monday of each month (June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8): 11 a.m. at the Albert Lea Senior Center, 1739 W. Main St.
- Second Thursday of each month (June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11): 2 p.m. at the Freeborn County Historical Museum, 1031 Bridge Ave.

Freeborn County Historical Society

Visit the Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library, and Village, 1031 Bridge Ave. For more information: www.fchmmn.org or 507-373-8003.

Albert Lea Art Center

Albert Lea Art Center, 101 S. Broadway Ave., will offer family activities during Wind Down Wednesdays June 22, July 20, and Aug. 10. All year long, the center offers exhibits by local artists and many unique items for sale including jewelry, paintings, metal yard art, and home décor. Open Tuesdays, Noon - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 507-373-5665 for more info.



Freeborn County Arts Initiative

The Freeborn County Arts Initiative, 224 S. Broadway, offers exhibits and programming. Visit their website for more information: www.fcai.us.

Call 2-2-1 for health and human services help

Need help finding a resource? United Way's 2-1-1 referral and information hotline is an easy to remember three digit number that families and individuals in Minnesota can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services. 2-1-1 call centers are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by trained Community Resource Specialists who quickly assess needs and refer callers to the help that they seek. All languages are available. In addition to general resources, the 2-1-1 team is a Minnesota based provider of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. For more information about 2-1-1 visit www.211unitedway.org.

Community Education

Community Education offers classes, a rock gym and kayaks, paddleboards and bikes to rent. Check out their programs at www.alschools.ce.eleyo.com.

SMART bus

Need a ride? Catch the SMART bus! Check out their routes and fares at www.smartbusmn.org, or call 1-855-SMART-B1 to arrange a ride.

City Recreation Information

701 Lake Chapeau Dr.
507-377-4370

Our 41 parks and recreation areas are ready for you to enjoy this summer! The City of Albert Lea Recreation Department and Public Library, along with our community partners, invite you to join us for entertainment, play, and relaxation!

A list of parks can be found on our website at www.cityofalbertlea.org/parks.

Pavilion Rental Information

Looking for a place to gather for family reunions or birthday parties? The City rents facilities at Edgewater, Pioneer and Fountain Lake parks. Facilities must be rented for a minimum of 2 hours. Cancellations must be made 30 days prior to use to receive a refund. No refunds due to weather. Prices do not include sales tax. All parks and facilities are tobacco-free. Alcohol may only be served by a business with an on-sale liquor license who also holds a catering permit as an incidental part of food service.

For information on prices contact the Recreation Department at 507-377-4370 or reserve online at www.cityofalbertlea.org.

Photo Policy

The City of Albert Lea may photograph participants in programs and special events, or people in parks or on park property, and use these images in City promotions. The media may also use images in their coverage of Albert Lea events, programs and facilities. The photos are not made available for commercial/private sector marketing and advertising, endorsement, trade or sales.

Questions and Volunteer Opportunities

Consider giving your time and talents through volunteering with the Albert Lea Recreation Department. For more information, individuals, businesses and social groups should contact Recreation Coordinator Dani Bakken, dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4378.

Inclusion Support

The Parks and Recreation Department will provide an atmosphere in which individuals with special needs can interact, play and socialize with their peers in an inclusive environment. We will do our best to assist with modifications and volunteer support to help make each experience successful.

Community Calendar

Look for events, festivals and things to do on our community calendar, www.cityofalbertlea.org/calendar.



Family friendly activities
Wednesdays during the Farmer's
Market (near the splash pad)
Follow Albert Lea Recreation on
Facebook for more info

Equipment Check Out

Did you know that you can check out basketballs, horseshoes and even bocce ball equipment at the Albert Lea Aquatic Center? Stop by with a photo ID (license/school) and pick up some equipment to use at the on-site basketball and bocce ball courts or the horseshoe pits at Frank Hall Park. There is no fee!



Equipment Rentals

Frank Hall Park:

Canoes, kayaks, bikes, pickleball sets, and horseshoes

N. Broadway parking lot:

Bikes

Bancroft Bay Park:

Disc golf sets

Please go to www.ipaddleport.com to reserve your equipment ahead of time.

Play Parks

June 6 - July 29 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
**Academy, Hawthorne,
Lakeview & Valley Parks**
For ages 7 to 12



Celebrate summer! Play parks will be open Monday - Thursday with two leaders at each to supervise and assist children and families in creating a fun and happy summer! Come play, make crafts and build new friendships. Parents are encouraged to stop by their neighborhood park and meet their park leaders.

Play park activities are free.

Please note: Play parks are subject to close due to inclement weather and extreme heat.

Schedule and park locations are subject to change due to staffing.



Check us out on Facebook!

**Look for
Albert Lea Recreation**

Recreation Special Events - Free!

Play Park Open House

Thursday, May 26 • 5 - 7 p.m.

Academy, Hawthorne & Lakeview Parks

Play games, make crafts and meet the park leaders!

Splash Bash

Friday, June 10 • 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Splash Pad on North Broadway

Enjoy music, outdoor games, and of course the splash pad. Held during Eddie Cochran Weekend. Food will be available for purchase.

Rec Around the Town

June 14: Hawthorne Park

June 21: Sondergaard Park

July 12: Lakeview Park

July 26: Hayek Park

Join the YMCA Camp kids at 11 a.m. as they travel around to the different play park buildings. Each time they go to a different play park there will be a sponsored activity. A free lunch will be served at noon.

Ice Skating & Field Day

June 17 • Bus will start picking up kids at 11:30 a.m. and will return at 2:30 p.m.

Buses will pick up kids at designated play parks and bring them to the City Arena for skating and fun. **Please note:** you do not need to ride the bus to participate in this activity. Please bring a lunch/beverage for your child and thick socks.

Movie in the Park

Friday, June 17 "Sing 2"

Saturday, July 22 "Luca"

Friday, Aug. 12 "Space Jam, A New Legacy"

Edgewater Park Bandshell

Join us at the Edgewater Park Bandshell for a movie in the park! Take a seat on a bench or bring your lawn chairs and blankets to relax and enjoy the show. Shows will start at dusk, around 8 p.m.

Aquatic Center Trip

June 28 & July 21 • Buses will start picking up kids at noon and will leave the Aquatic Center at 4 p.m. to return to parks

Bus will pick up kids at designated play parks and bring them to the Aquatic Center and back again. **Please note:** You MUST ride the bus to participate in this activity. Please pack a lunch and beverage for your child. We will be eating at Frank Hall Park before the Aquatic Center opens. Bring a suit, towel, and money for snacks.

H2Whoa!

Thursday, June 30 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 28 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Wedgewood Park

Bring your suit and towel and slide down our huge slip-n-slide. Parents, bring chairs and blankets to watch the fun!

Kids Summer Carnival

Wednesday, July 6 • 3 - 6 p.m., Troy-Hammer Park

Enjoy an evening of art and other carnival games. Join the sidewalk chalk mural contest with prize give-a-ways (chalk provided). Decorate your mural anytime from 4 - 5:15 p.m. Judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Entertainment will begin at 4:45 p.m.

*Park may change due to availability.

Ice Cream Social at the Play Parks

July 12: Lakeview Park

July 13: Hawthorne Park

July 14: Academy Park

Join us at the play parks at 1 p.m. for delicious ice cream, bouncy house and crafts.

Beach Luau

Wednesday, July 20 • 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., City Beach

Enjoy games, a sandcastle contest, s'mores and DJ! Also, bring your suits to cool off in the lake. Lifeguards will be on duty from 6 - 8 p.m. Sandcastle judging will begin at 8 p.m.

Safety Day 2022

Tuesday, Aug. 9 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Morin Park

A free community-building event to get to know your local support organizations.



Aquatic Center

Open June 4 - Aug. 14, 2022

321 James Ave. 507-373-3328

Monday-Friday Hours

1-5 p.m. Daytime Swim 6:30-8 p.m. Nighttime Swim

Saturday and Sunday Hours 1-7 p.m.

Daily Admission:

\$4 (everyone)

\$1 (7 months - 2 years)

No charge (6 months and under)

\$2 (non-swimmer)

Nighttime Admission:

\$2 (3 and older)

No charge (2 and under)

Season Passes:

Family Pass: \$120 + tax (4 family members living in the same household)

\$20 + tax (for each additional family member living in the same household)

Individual Pass: \$65 + tax

Caretaker Pass: \$35 + tax (must be babysitter/nanny/Personal Care Attendant)

All passes must be purchased online or at the Recreation office located at the City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Dr.

No cash refunds due to weather or other unforeseen closing. Cash and credit cards only accepted at the Aquatic Center.

Nothing can replace close adult supervision when using the Aquatic Center. All children 6 years and under must be supervised by a paid adult swimmer. Supervisory adult must be within arm's reach of the child at all times.



Group Rentals

The Albert Lea Aquatic Center is available on a limited basis for group rentals of over 20 people. Fees include cost of supervision and lifeguards. For more information on pricing or to schedule a group, contact Dani Bakken, dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4368; or check out our Group Rental form at www.cityofalbertlea.org and search under "Parks & Recreation/Aquatic Center."

Birthday Party Package

Birthday Party Package (at least 1 adult supervisor must be present with the group)

Up to 10 guests, plus 2 chaperones: \$35

Additional guests: \$3 per person

Birthday Party Package Includes:

- Admission
- An intercom birthday welcome to the birthday person
- Reserved space with 2 picnic tables for the birthday party group
- Option of bringing cake/cupcakes into the Aquatic Center (this is the only time outside food is allowed)

Aquatic Center

Swim Lessons

Registration for swimming lessons and purchasing of pool passes will begin on May 2 at 8 a.m.

To register, visit us:

- Online at www.cityofalbertlea.org
- Recreation Office, City Arena, 701 Lake Chapeau Dr., open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Cash, checks and credit cards accepted

You may register for ONE session and must finish the session before registering for another. Level descriptions available online when you register.

\$35/session in town - \$40/session out of town

Session 1: June 13 - 24

Session 2: July 11 - 22

Session 3: July 25 - Aug. 5 (morning sessions)

Aqua Tots, Levels 1, 2 and 3

9:50-10:20 a.m.

10:25-10:55 a.m.

11:00-11:30 a.m.

5:15-5:45 p.m.

5:50-6:20 p.m.

Levels 4, 5, 6

9:50-10:30 a.m.

10:35-11:15 a.m.

5:15-5:55 p.m.

Please register
online at
www.cityofalbertlea.org
or at the City Arena.
You CANNOT
register at the
Aquatic Center

Water Aerobics

June 5 - Aug. 14 (some dates subject to change)

Monday and Wednesday 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Sunday and Wednesday 8-9 p.m.

\$40 in town - \$45 out of town

Ages 14-Adult

In this fun class we will use noodles, aquatic gloves and barbell floaters. There will be NO class during Fair Week.

Lap Swim

Monday - Friday • 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

\$2 per person

Enjoy your lunch break in the cool, cool, water!

DJ Pool Party

July 26 • 6:30 - 8 p.m., Cost of admission

DJ Abrego live, prize drawings and games!



Grandparents Day Every Monday

One free grandparent admission with one paid swimmer on Mondays throughout the summer.

\$2 Tuesdays

Each person pays only \$2 to enter the Aquatic Center, with no charge for children 2 and under!

Splash With Me

Monday - Friday • 9:50 - 10:20 a.m., 5:50 - 6:20 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$5 (includes 1 adult and 1 child)

Ages 6 months -3 years

Come enjoy open play-time at the Kiddie Pool. An adult must accompany child in the water. Additional staff are available to assist those with special needs. Swim diapers are required. This is a drop-in style program.



Albert Lea Public Library Information

June 6 - Aug. 17

Children and teens are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library, 211 E. Clark St., for Oceans of Possibilities, the 2022 Summer Reading Program. Read books and win prizes! Stop in the library or check out our website to register: www.alplonline.org. All programs are free of charge.



Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays, June 6 - July 19 • 10:30 a.m., Fountain Lake Park Gazebo

Join us for stories, songs, and movement to support literacy development and learning in young children.

Nighttime Storytime

Tuesdays, June 6 - July 19 • 6:30 p.m., Library

Come in your PJs for stories, songs and movement to support literacy development and learning in young children.

Music & Movement

Thursdays, June 9 - July 21 • 10:30 a.m., Fountain Lake Park Gazebo

Join us for music, dancing, singing, and stories to support literacy development and learning in young children.

*In the case of inclement weather, Storytime and Music & Movement will be held at the library.

Chione Event

Tuesday, June 7 • 1:30 p.m., Library

Join us for Story Time with Chione, featuring a brand new musical story based on Twin Cities author Ka Vang's "Shoua and the Northern Lights Dragon." Vang's short chapter book tells the story of Shoua, a Hmong-American girl who discovers her voice as she saves an injured dragon while camping in the north woods of Minnesota. Hear this story set to beautiful and evocative music composed by fellow Minnesotan Jocelyn Hagen! We'll also share the stories of each of our instruments and the ensemble we create - the wind quintet!

This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.



Elementary School Aged Library Programs

Salsa del Soul

**Thursday, May 26 • 2 & 3 p.m.,
Fountain Lake Park Gazebo**

Salsa del Soul performs various styles of dance music from the Spanish-speaking regions of the Caribbean, including Son, Son Montuno, Plena, Cha-cha-cha, Bachata, Timba and Salsa during this all-ages program. *This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.*

BINGO

Monday, June 6 • 2 p.m., Library

Kids are invited to join us at the library for BINGO, where everyone's a winner. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

ZooMan

Sunday, June 12 • 2 & 3 p.m., Library

Join the ZooMan and his menagerie of reptiles and amphibians for a fun-filled show. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

Writing Workshop for Kids

Tuesday, June 21 • 3 p.m., Library

Join author Nancy Loewen for a writing workshop for kids in grades 4-6. Registration is required. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

Greg the Great

**Thursday, June 30 • 2 & 3 p.m.,
Fountain Lake Park Gazebo**

Come to the Fountain Lake Park Gazebo for an entertaining and educational magic show by Greg the Great. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

Magic from Jim Jayes

Sunday, July 10 • 2 & 3 p.m., Library

Join us for a performance by Jim Jayes, featuring magic, puppets and comedy. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

Radical Reptile Adventures with the Rad Zoo

Sunday, July 17 • 2 & 3 p.m., Library

Join the RAD (reptile and amphibian discovery) Zoo for radical reptile adventures! See and learn about turtles, lizards, snakes and alligators. *This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.*



Intro to Book Pals

Thursday, June 9 and July 14 • 2 p.m., Library

Kids in grades 1 and 2 are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library for an introduction to Book Pals, a book club just for kids. Each month, kids will read, discuss and participate in activities related to a different story. Registration is required.

Book Pals - Grades 3 & 4

Wednesdays, June 15 - July 20 • 2 p.m., Library

Kids in grades 3 & 4 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for kids. This summer, kids will read "The Incredible Journey" by Sheila Burnford and participate in activities related to the story. Registration is required.

Book Pals - Grades 5-7

Mondays, June 13 - July 18 • 2 p.m., Library

Kids in grades 5-7 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for kids. This summer, kids will read "The Giver" by Lois Lowry and participate in activities related to the story. Registration is required.

STREAM Activities

Tuesdays June 14 - July 19 • 2 p.m., Library

The library will have science or art activities set up for kids to participate in every Tuesday at 2 p.m. The activities will alternate every week and provide kids with a fun, hands-on learning experience.

Adult Library Programs

Needles, Pins & More

First Thursday of the Month • 10 a.m., Library

Bring your current small craft project (knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc.) and work on it with others in the community in a supportive environment. All levels of crafters are welcome.

Fountain Lake Readers Book Club

Second Thursday of the Month • 10 a.m., Library

The Fountain Lake Readers Book Club meets monthly to discuss a broad range of fiction book titles. Copies of the book for each month are available at the library.

Minnesota Author Tour: Allen Eskens

Tuesday, May 24 • 6 p.m., St. John's on Fountain Lake

Allen Eskens is the bestselling author of seven novels. A recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award, and a finalist for the Edgar Award, his most recent novel, "The Stolen Hours," is a 2022 MN Book Awards Finalist. *This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.*



Adult Craft Night

Tuesday, June 14 Clothespin Art

**Tuesday, July 12 Rock Painting
6 p.m., Library**

Join us for a night of fun and creativity at the library. Each month, participants will complete a different craft. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

Adult Writing Workshop

Tuesday, June 21 • 6 p.m., Library

Author Nancy Loewen will present a writing workshop for adults titled "A Method to the Madness: Writing Exercises that Surprise, Inspire, and Affirm."

This class welcomes all adults - whether you're new to writing or you already have a preferred genre. Attendees will explore ways to boost creativity, write vividly, and validate their writing selves. Sharing work is optional. Join us for this no-pressure class and take the next step on your writing journey! Registration is required. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Lea Public Library.*

**To register for a program, stop by the library,
register online at www.alplonline.org,
or call 507-377-4350.
All programs are free of charge**

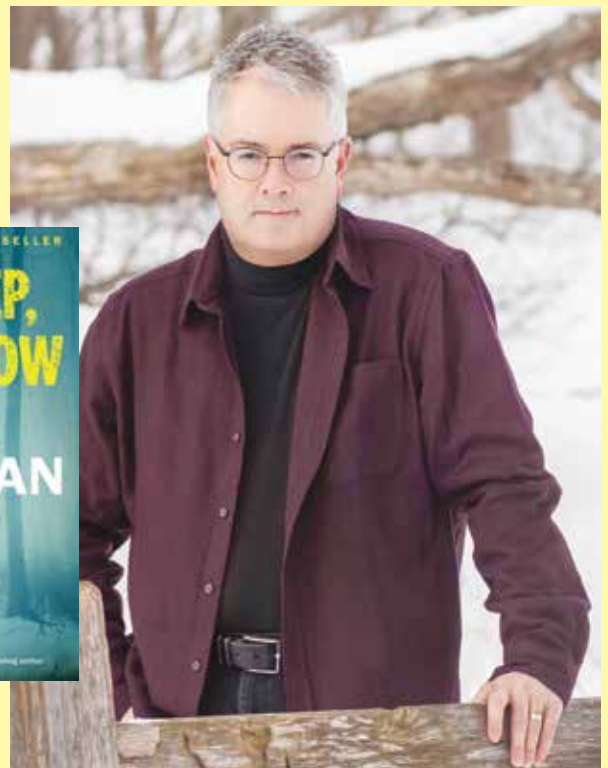
Minnesota Author Tour: Brian Freeman

Wednesday, June 8 • 6 p.m.

St. John's on Fountain Lake

SELCO's Minnesota Author Tour presents Brian Freeman! Freeman writes psychological thrillers that have been sold in 46 countries and 22 languages. He has won Best Hardcover Novel in the annual Thriller Awards, and his novel, "The Deep, Deep Snow" was a finalist for the Edgar Award.

This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.



Albert Lea Senior Center

Skyline Plaza, 1739 W. Main St. • 507-373-0704
Open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon

The mission of the Senior Center is to coordinate and provide programs and services to enrich the lives and health of our seniors through educational, social and recreational activities.



Membership

There is still time to get your Senior Center Membership for 2022! The cost for the membership is \$30 and is available to anyone 55 and older. Feel free to call the Senior Center with any questions.

Weekly Programing

Monday	9 a.m. Cribbage & Coffee 10:45 a.m. Building Bones 1 p.m. BINGO 3 p.m. Skip-Bo
Tuesday	9 a.m. Aerobics 10 a.m. SAIL 11:15 a.m. Quilting 12:30 p.m. 500 1 p.m. Crafts 2:30 p.m. Pfeffer
Wednesday	9 a.m. Cribbage & Coffee 1 p.m. BINGO 3 p.m. Skip-Bo
Thursday	9 a.m. Aerobics 9 a.m. TOPS 10:45 a.m. Building Bones 11:15 a.m. Quilting 12:30 p.m. 500 1 p.m. Crafts 2:30 p.m. Pfeffer
Friday	9 a.m. SAIL Center closes at noon

Monthly Birthday Party

Join us for our Monthly Birthday Parties. We celebrate YOU on the second Monday of each month.

Seniors United in Service

Join us the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. as we volunteer with United Way. Potential activities include sorting donations, preparing mailings or assembling hygiene kits. These service projects benefit the United Way and partner programs throughout Freeborn County.

Spring BBQ

Monday, May 23 • 11 a.m.

\$3 for Senior Center members,
\$5 for non-members

Nothing beats the smell of grilled food on a warm day. Join us for hotdogs, Mrs. Gerry's potato salad, chips and dessert. Includes your choice of beverage. Register at the Senior Center by Friday, May 13.

Day Trips

Gather your friends and don't worry about driving with a coach bus providing transportation. Register at the Recreation Office at the City Arena or at the Senior Center! Watch Facebook and the newsletter for trips to be added!

Casino Day Trips

Participants must be 18 years and older to go on the Casino Trips

Minimum 25 participants to hold trip. Maximum 55. Cost per trip: \$30 for Senior Center members and \$35 for non-members. Bus departs at 8 a.m.

May 18 and July 20: Mystic Lake Casino

- You will receive a coupon for \$15 Mystic Cash and a \$4 food voucher
- RSVP by May 10, July 12

June 21 and Aug. 24: Treasure Island

- Each participant will receive a \$3 food coupon and \$15 in Slot Play
- RSVP by June 13, Aug. 16

Jimmy Buffett's "Escape to Margaritaville" Old Log Theatre on July 28

Get ready for this heart-warming, hilarious musical-comedy featuring both original songs and the most loved Jimmy Buffett classics.

- Cost: \$73 for Senior Center members/ \$78 for non-members (cost includes bus, lunch choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian pasta, and the play)
- Bus will depart Senior Center at 10 a.m. Register by June 29 with food choice



Albert Lea Recreation
Albert Lea Public Library
221 E Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
www.cityofalbertlea.org

Special Events

Edgewater Park to mark 100th anniversary

Albert Lea's most popular park, Edgewater Park, turns 100 on Aug. 13, 2022. Celebrate this park all summer long with a picnic, stroll, ballgame, horseshoes and more. Catch the Bayside Water Ski Club's show every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Rock n Roll the Lakes

Hop on your bike and join the Rock n Roll the s ride on Aug. 13, and then join the party to mark Edgewater Park's centennial with live music later in the day.



This postcard, year unknown, offers a historical look at Edgewater Park (courtesy of Freeborn County Museum, Library, and Village.)



**WIND DOWN
WEDNESDAY**

June 22, July 20, Aug. 10
Food, Music, Crafts & Fun!
Downtown Albert Lea
on Broadway
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Music Every Thursday
from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
this summer starting May 26th
Fountain Lake Park Gazebo
North Broadway

Independence Day Celebration



July 3 Parade, 6 p.m.
July 4 Fireworks at Dusk
Follow City of Albert Lea - City Hall
on Facebook for updates