

2025 SUMMER FUN GUIDE



Albert Lea: Your destination for summer fun!

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221 E. Clark St.

507-377-4300

www.cityofalbertlea.org

Albert Lea: First Blue Zones Community!

As a certified Blue Zones community, Albert Lea works to make healthy choices the easy choices for everyone.

How can you Blue Zone? All activities and events in this Fun Guide support a healthy lifestyle.

Be sure to explore the Blue Zones Walkway: <https://cityofalbertlea.org/blue-zones-walkway/>.

For more information about Blue Zones Albert Lea, visit the city website at: cityofalbertlea.org/bluezones.

Look for "Blue Zones Project Albert Lea" on Facebook.

Albert Lea Art Center

Located at 101 S. Broadway Ave., the Albert Lea Art Center offers exhibits by local artists and many unique items for sale in the gift shop, Art on Broadway, all year long. Open Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 507-373-5665.

Albert Lea Community Theatre

Check out ACT's upcoming lineup:

- **May 4 at 2 p.m.:** Step into the world of Rock 'n Roll royalty with Anthony Shore's Elvis Tribute (\$20 adults, \$15 students).
- **June 19-21 and June 25-28 at 7:30 p.m., June 22 at 2 p.m.:** Experience the magic with the musical "Matilda" (\$20 adults, \$10 students).
- **July 31 at 7:30 p.m.:** Psychic Comedian Peter Antoniou fuses his amazing ability to read minds with razor sharp wit, storytelling and improvisational comedy. (\$25)

For more information and tickets, visit actonbroadway.com or call toll-free 1-877-730-3144.

All events take place at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 N. Broadway Ave.

Freeborn County Arts Initiative

The Freeborn County Arts Initiative, 224 S. Broadway Ave., offers bimonthly scheduled exhibits and programming. For more information, visit: www.fc.ai.us.



Look for events, festivals and things to do on our Community calendar



cityofalbertlea.org/calendar

Visit Albert Lea parks for picnics, play, lake views and more!



See the full list online: cityofalbertlea.org/parks

History Center of Freeborn County

The History Center of Freeborn County, 1031 Bridge Ave., welcomes visitors with presentations, educational programs, special events, and museum exhibits. People can explore the museum, village, and the Itasca Rock Garden. The History Center and Kevin Savick Research Library is open all year, and the Village and Itasca Rock Garden offer seasonal experiences. For more information, visit fchmmn.org or call 507-373-8003.

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

Need help finding a resource? United Way's 2-1-1 referral and information hotline is where 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.

Recreation

Temporary summer location:
City Garage, 414 Commercial St.
507-377-4370

Recreation Department

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City Garage, 414 Commercial St. (use Madison Avenue entrance)

507-377-4370 • Open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays

Due to construction at the City Arena, the Recreation Office is moving to the City Garage for the summer.

Register online at bit.ly/recreation-registration or in person at 414 Commercial St. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.



Pavilion rental information

Looking for a place 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 that 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 bit.ly/recreation-registration.

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, advertising, endorsement, trade or sales.

Program cancellation

The City of Albert Lea will issue a full refund when a class or program is canceled due to low enrollment. Class participants will be notified of a canceled program through email.

Participation waiver

Participation in any Albert Lea Recreation program, class or activity is voluntary. By enrolling in these programs, you indicate that you have no physical conditions, health history or illness that would make your participation hazardous to your health or others.

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 at dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4368.

Inclusion support

The Parks and Recreation Department provides an atmosphere in which individuals with special needs can interact, play and socialize with their peers in an inclusive environment. Recreation staff will do their best to assist with modifications and volunteer support to help make each experience successful. Please let staff know at registration if any modifications or support is needed.

Equipment Rentals

Frank Hall Park:

505 Frank Ave.
Canoes, kayaks, bikes,
pickleball sets and
horseshoes

North Broadway parking lot:

107 Fountain St.
Bikes

Bancroft Bay Park:

900 Hammer Road
Disc golf sets

Go to www.ipaddleport.com to reserve your equipment ahead of time. Rental fees apply.



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Adult Sand Volleyball

Mondays and Wednesdays starting May 12
Snyder Sand Volleyball Courts, 2404 Bridge Ave
Sand volleyball is open to anyone age 15 and older. A single elimination tournament is held at the end of the season with a championship prize awarded to the first-place team. All leagues are officiated by teams using the honor rule.

April 1: Team registration opens. Register online at bit.ly/recreation-registration and click on adult programming; call the Recreation Office at 507-377-4370; or stop at the City Garage, 414 Commercial St.

May 5: All team registration is due

May 12: League play begins

Monday nights: Co-ed A and B League

Wednesday nights: Women's A and B League

Teen Takeover

For ages 12 - 18

Various dates from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pre-registration required only for Escape Room

See table below for details

Join the Recreation Department for Teen Takeover, a weekly adventure of claiming a new corner of Albert Lea for unforgettable activities. It's all about fun and friends! Sponsored by Arcadian Bank.

Teen Takeover

Drop-in activities at no charge

Date	Activity	Location
May 29	Yard games	Edgewater large open sided pavilion, 1600 Edgewater Drive
June 5	Escape room	Southwest Park, 702 Maplehill Drive
June 12	Archery tag	Eberhart Park, 1502 Eberhart St.
June 26	Pickleball	Frank Hall Pickleball Courts, 505 Frank Ave.
July 10	Swimming	Aquatic Center, 321 James Ave.
July 17	Canoeing and kayaking	Community Boathouse, 501 Richway Drive
July 24	Volleyball	Snyder sand volleyball courts, 2404 Bridge Ave.
Aug. 7	Basketball	Sondergaard Park, 806 17th St.

Escape Room

Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m.
Southwest Park, 702 Maplehill Drive

Take on the challenge of cracking the code to escape from Southwest Park! While looking for the bathroom, participants wander into the wrong building and find themselves locked in. They'll have to find the backup password to open the door within 30 minutes, before the lights turn off and the park closes! Registration is required. Groups of 4-6 people recommended. Call the library at 507-377-4350 or visit alplonline.org to register.



NEW Archery Tag League

Tuesdays, June 17 - July 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Age groups: 6-10, 11-15, and 16 and older

Cost: \$20 per participant for the 6 week session
Eberhart Park, 1502 Eberhart St.

Archery Tag is an exhilarating activity that blends the skill of archery with the high-energy action of dodgeball. Armed with bows and foam-tipped arrows, players aim to tag opponents while dodging and strategizing to stay in the game. It's a safe, exciting challenge that tests your aim, agility, and teamwork. Whether you're sneaking in for a perfect shot or evading incoming arrows, Archery Tag promises endless fun for everyone, regardless of experience!

Bows, arrows, and protective equipment are supplied. Schedules will be sent out once teams are created. Sign up as an individual for your appropriate age group, and teams will be randomly selected.

Aquatic Center

Open June 6 to mid-August

321 James Ave., 507-373-3328

Aquatic Center Guidelines

- Admission requirements: All guests must pay daily admission or hold a season pass. Only cash and credit cards are accepted.
- Supervision for young swimmers: Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the facility.
- Life jacket rules: Only Coast Guard-approved life jackets are permitted, and they are allowed only in the feature pool (2, 3, and 4 feet areas). An adult must remain within arm's reach of children wearing a life jacket.
- Outside food and drink: No outside food or beverages are allowed in the facility.
- Mask/goggle policy: Only goggles that do not cover the nose are allowed.

Weather and Closures

The pool may close if the air temperature drops below 65 degrees or during inclement weather/unusual circumstances. Updates will be posted on the Albert Lea Recreation Facebook page.

Special Notes for Deep Water and Slides

- Deep water testing for swimmers 14 years and younger:
 - o Swim 34 yards using a recognizable stroke while maintaining a horizontal position (no doggie paddling).
 - o Tread water for 30 seconds with your head above water.
 - o Lifeguards/managers will administer tests and may retest swimmers if needed, regardless of age or prior tests.
- Water slide access: Must be at least 42 inches tall.

Birthday Party Package

Birthday party package includes up to 10 guests plus 2 chaperones: \$35

Additional guests: \$3 per person

(at least 1 adult chaperone must be present with group)

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)

To register, contact Dani Bakken, dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or call the recreation office, 507-377-4370.

Hours and admission:

Daily admission:

Monday-Friday:

1-5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

1-7 p.m.

\$5: 3 years and older

No charge: 2 years and younger

\$3: 55 years and older

Nighttime admission:

Monday-Friday:

6:30-8 p.m.

\$3: 3 years and older

No charge: 2 years and younger

\$3: 55 years and older

Season passes

Family pass:

\$135 + tax (4 family members living in the same household)

\$25 + tax (for each additional family member living in the same household)

Individual pass:

\$45 includes tax

Ages 10-15

\$75 includes tax

Ages 16 and older

Caretaker pass:

\$45 includes tax

(must be babysitter/nanny/personal care attendant)

All passes must be purchased online or at the Rec office at the City Garage, 414 Commercial St. Passes can be purchased beginning May 5 at 9 a.m.

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



The Aquatic Center will close at 5 p.m. on July 3 and be closed all day July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Aquatic Center

Swimming lessons

Registration for swimming lessons and purchasing of pool passes will begin on May 5 at 8 a.m.

To register:

- Online at bit.ly/recreation-registration
- Recreation Office, City Garage, 414 Commercial St., open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays
- Cash, checks and credit cards accepted

You may register for ONE session and must finish the session before registering for additional sessions. See class descriptions at right.

Aqua Tots 1: \$25/session

Aqua Tots 2 through level 4: \$45/session

Session 1: June 16 to 27

Session 2: July 7 to 18

Session 3: July 21 to Aug. 1 (morning sessions only)

Aqua Tots 1 and 2, Levels 1, 2 and 3

9:50 to 10:20 a.m.

10:25 to 10:55 a.m.

11 to 11:30 a.m.

5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

5:50 to 6:20 p.m.

Level 4

9:50 to 10:30 a.m.

10:35 to 11:15 a.m.

5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

Please register online at bit.ly/recreation-registration or at the Recreation office at the City Garage. You CANNOT register at the Aquatic Center.

Class Descriptions

Aqua Tots 1 for children 6 months to 2 years old. A parent must be in the water with the child.

Skills taught: adjusting to the water environment, showing comfort while maintaining a front or back position in the water and demonstrating breath control, including blowing bubbles or voluntarily submerging under water.

Aqua Tots 2 for children 3 and 4 years old. A parent must be in the water with the child.

Skills taught: Open eyes under water, blow bubbles out of nose, enter water while being caught, enter water without help, flutter kicks on the wall, flutter kicks away from the wall, back float, back float with kick, stomach float, stomach float with kick.

Level 1: Children must be at least 5 years old at the start of the session.

Skills taught: Open eyes under water, blow bubbles out of nose, 10 consecutive bobs, enter water without help, jellyfish float, stomach float, back float, back float with kick, stomach float, stomach float turn to back float, back float turn to stomach float, open eyes under water and pick up submerged object held at arms length, front crawl arm action, move 5 yards and exit water, use diving board with help, life jacket how-to and how to get help.

Level 2: Children must complete Level 1 prior to enrollment in Level 2.

Skills taught: Front flutter kick with board, back flutter kick with board, front frog kick with board, back float with flutter kick, stomach float with flutter kick, rhythmic breathing on the wall, front crawl with rhythmic breathing, back crawl, jump off diving board alone, retrieve object from bottom of 3 feet area, front glide, submerge head.

Level 3: Children must complete Level 2 prior to enrollment in Level 3.

Skills taught: Front flutter kick with board, front frog kick with board, back frog kick with board, frog kick under water, sidestroke, breast stroke, elementary back stroke, jump off diving board on own and return to side, retrieve object from bottom of 4 feet area, tread water, rhythmic breathing, glides.

Level 4: Children must complete Level 3 prior to enrollment in Level 4.

Skills taught: Dolphin kick, front crawl width of pool, back crawl width of pool, breaststroke width of pool, butterfly, elementary backstroke length of pool, sidestroke with scissor kick length of pool, tread water for 1 minute, retrieve item from 4 feet area, surface dive feet first, surface dive head first, survival float.



Group rentals

Group rentals are available during Aquatic Center open hours. Discounted rates available for larger groups. Contact Dani Bakken at dbakken@ci.albertlea.mn.us or 507-377-4368 to schedule a group rental.

Aquatic Center special events

Grandparents Day Every Monday

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

\$2 Tuesdays

Pay only \$2 to enter the Aquatic Center on Tuesdays; children age 2 and younger enter for free!

Father's Day Special

Sunday, June 15

All dads get in for free with one paid admission.

Mother's Day Special

Sunday, June 29

All moms get in for free with one paid admission.

Veterans Swim Day

Sunday, July 6

All veterans get in for free with one paid admission.

Teen Night

Thursday, July 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Ages 12-18 can enjoy swimming with music from a DJ and other activities.

Holidays in July

July 21-25

Celebrate holidays at the pool! Play games and participate in activities related to holidays throughout the year.



Fair Week Special

July 29-August 3

During Freeborn County Fair week, it's only \$2 for daily admission! The Aquatic Center will be closed in the evenings.

Water Aerobics

June 8 to Aug. 10 (dates subject to change)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Sunday from 8 to 9 p.m.

\$40 residents, \$45 non-residents

Ages 14 - Adult

Dive into fitness with our aquatic class! Participants use noodles, aquatic gloves, and barbell floaters to build strength and stamina in a fun, low-impact environment. Individuals are welcome to attend any of the available time slots listed above. **Please note:** Class will not be held during Fair Week (July 29 to Aug. 3).

Morning Lap Swim

Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; \$2 per person

Enjoy a peaceful morning lap swim. Glide through the water, wake up your muscles, and enjoy the tranquility of the pool before the day begins.

Lunchtime Lap Swim

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; \$2 per person

Make the most of your lunch break with a refreshing lap swim! Dive into the water, get your heart pumping, and return to the rest of your day feeling energized and accomplished. It's the perfect way to squeeze some fitness and fun into your midday routine!



**Cool off at the
Splash Pad!**

**Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
7 days a week
107 Fountain St.
No admission fee**



Neighborhood Parks

June 2 to July 24

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Mondays and Wednesdays at Academy, Hawthorne, Hayek, and Lakeview parks.**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lakeview Sondergaard, Troy-Hammer and Valley parks.**

Make this summer unforgettable! Visit your neighborhood park for a season filled with fun, creativity, and connection.

Dedicated park leaders will supervise and support children and families at each park. They'll lead games, facilitate crafts, and foster lifelong friendships. Everyone will find something to enjoy.

Parents and caregivers, please visit the park, meet the park leaders, and discover the activities we've planned. No pre-registration is needed - just drop in! To ensure a safe and seamless experience for everyone, parents and guardians are asked to complete an emergency contact form.

Please note: Neighborhood parks are subject to close due to inclement weather and extreme heat. Schedule and park locations are subject to change due to staffing.

See calendar on pages 10 to 11 for daily activities. Follow the Recreation Department's Facebook page and website, cityofalbertlea.org, for an up-to-date calendar of special events.



FREE supervised activities!

For kids who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade



Recreation day trips

Take a trip with your neighborhood park leaders! You must pre-register for these trips online at bit.ly/recreation-registration or by stopping in at the Recreation Office at the City Garage, 414 Commercial St. (Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.). Participants must have completed kindergarten - 5th grade.

Jay C Hormel Nature Center

Wednesday, June 18 (register by June 12), fee: \$10

Let's take a hike through 500 acres of prairie, forests, and wetlands! We will also check out the Interpretive Center, which has fun and interactive exhibits with live animals, touch tables, puzzles and games, a play area, and more! Please pack a water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Buses will start picking up participants at times and locations listed below and will return to the neighborhood parks around 4 p.m.

Sondergaard Park	Noon
Valley Park	12:15 p.m.
Troy-Hammer Park	12:30 p.m.

Albert Lea Aquatic Center

Thursday, June 26 (register by June 20), no fee

Buses will start picking up participants at times and locations listed below and will leave the Aquatic Center at 4 p.m. to return to the neighborhood parks.

Sondergaard Park	Noon
Valley Park	12:15 p.m.
Troy-Hammer	12:30 p.m.

Children MUST ride the bus to and from the Aquatic Center to participate in this activity. Please pack a lunch and beverage for your child to enjoy at Frank Hall Park before the Aquatic Center opens. Bring a suit, towel, and money for snacks.

Myre-Big Island State Park

Tuesday, July 15 (register by July 10), fee: \$10

Join your friends as we hike around the little island at Albert Lea's own state park! While there children will complete the Junior Ranger program, which is a free program about exploring the great outdoors and learning about wildlife and outdoor skills in a fun and interactive way. Please pack a water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen.

Buses will start picking up participants at times and locations listed below and will return to the neighborhood parks around 4 p.m.

Sondergaard Park	Noon
Valley Park	12:15 p.m.
Troy-Hammer Park	12:30 p.m.



Recreation special events

Movies in the Park

Various dates at dusk

Edgewater Park Band Shell, 1600 Edgewater Drive

No fee or registration required

Enjoy a magical evening under the stars at the Edgewater Park Band Shell. Gather your friends and family, settle onto a bench, or bring your comfy lawn chairs and blankets for the perfect outdoor movie experience. The show begins at dusk, around 8 p.m., so arrive early, pick your favorite spot, and prepare for an unforgettable night of entertainment in the park!

June 13 "Trolls Band Together"

July 18 "Harold and the Purple Crayon"

Aug. 8 "Under the Boardwalk"

Safety Day 2025

Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Morin Park, 222 St. Mary Ave.

No fee or registration required

Discover the services that keep the City of Albert Lea thriving! Join us for a fun event featuring live demonstrations and interactive booths hosted by the police, fire department, and other local agencies. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn about these organizations' vital roles in our community and connect with the people who make it all happen.

Date	Academy 910 Frank Hall Drive	Hawthorne 915 Garfield Ave.	Hayek 1104 W. Main St.	Lakeview 102 Willamor Road
Welcome to Summer				
June 2	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 4	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Superhero Week				
June 9	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 11	Open 9 a.m. - noon Closing at noon	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - noon Closing at noon
Minnesota Adventures				
June 16	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 18	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Hormel Nature Center Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Hormel Nature Center Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Hormel Nature Center Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Hormel Nature Center Trip
Pirates and Mermaids				
June 23	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 25	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- tie dye*	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Party in the USA/Summer Olympics				
June 30	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- tie dye*	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 2	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Shark Week				
July 7	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m. - tie dye*	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 9	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - noon Closing at noon	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closing at noon	Open 9 a.m. - noon Closing at noon
Disney Week				
July 14	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 16	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- tie dye*
Holidays in July				
July 21	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 23	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**

***Tie-dye at your neighborhood park!**

Dye, rubber bands, and gloves will be provided. Please provide a white or light-colored T-shirt or other clothing item.

****Water activities for all!**

Let's get wet! Enjoy water activities so please wear appropriate clothing to get wet.

Date	Sondergaard 806 17th St.	Valley 611 Sheridan St.	Troy-Hammer 603 Troy Road	Lakeview 102 Willamor Road
Welcome to Summer				
June 3	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 5	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Superhero Week				
June 10	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m. - tie dye*	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 12	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Minnesota Adventures				
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June 19	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Pirates and Mermaids				
June 24	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 26	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Aquatic Center trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Aquatic Center trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Aquatic Center trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - Aquatic Center trip
Party in the USA/Summer Olympics				
July 1	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- tie dye*	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 3	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
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July 10	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**
Disney Week				
July 15	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - State Park Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - State Park Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - State Park Trip	Open 9 a.m. - noon Noon - State Park Trip
July 17	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m. - water activities**
Holidays in July				
July 22	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 24	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1 p.m.- water activities**

***Tie-dye at your neighborhood park!**

Dye, rubber bands, and gloves will be provided. Please provide a white or light-colored T-shirt or other clothing item.

****Water activities for all!**

Let's get wet! Enjoy water activities so please wear appropriate clothing to get wet.



Albert Lea Public Library

211 E. Clark St.
507-377-4350



Summer Reading Program

June 1 to Aug. 17

Individuals of all ages are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library for the 2025 Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your Imagination." Read books and win prizes!

Stop by the library or visit alplonline.org for more information.

Library programs for pre-schoolers



Storytime

**Mondays and Tuesdays,
June 9 to July 22 at 10 a.m.**

Children's Library

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

Music and Movement

Thursdays, June 12 to July 24 at 10 a.m.

Children's Library (no event July 4)

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

Library programs for grade-schoolers



Science Blast

Tuesdays, June 10 to July 22 at 2 p.m.

Children's Library

Come to Science Blast, a hands-on science program where kids will learn and have fun with different science experiments.

Art Zone

Wednesdays, June 11 to July 23 at 10 a.m.

Children's Library

Come to Art Zone, where kids will use their creativity to create works of art using different mediums each week.

Read to a Dog

Sundays, June 22, July 13 and Aug. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Read to a Dog provides a chance for children to read aloud to a therapy dog for 15 minutes. Research shows that reading to a dog can help build important literacy skills in kids, especially reluctant readers. Children may bring their own books to read or borrow a book from the library. **Registration is required.**

Intro to Book Pals: Grades 1 and 2

Wednesdays, June 11 and July 9 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Kids in grades 1 and 2 are invited to join the library for an introduction to Book Pals, a book club just for kids. Each month, they will read, discuss and participate in activities related to a different story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one session only, 10 or 11 a.m.

Book Pals: Grades 3 and 4

Wednesdays, June 18 to July 16 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Kids in grades 3 and 4 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for kids. This summer, kids will read "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo and participate in activities related to the story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one session only, 2 or 3 p.m.

Book Pals: Grades 5, 6 and 7

Mondays, June 16 to July 14 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Kids in grades 5, 6 and 7 are invited to join the library for Book Pals, a book club just for kids. This summer, they will read "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle and participate in activities related to the story. **Registration is required.** Please register for one session only, 2 or 3 p.m.

Special events



Reptile and Amphibian Show

Thursday, June 12 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Learn about reptiles and amphibians during this interactive program from the RAD Zoo.

The Magic of Isaiah

Thursday, June 26 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Be a part of the magic! This interactive show will amaze and entertain the whole family.

BINGO

Thursday, July 3 at 2 p.m.

Kids are invited to the library for BINGO.

ZooMan

Thursday, July 10 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Join the ZooMan and his menagerie of reptiles and amphibians for a fun-filled show.

Greg the Great

Thursday, July 17 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Come to the library for an entertaining and educational magic show by Greg the Great.

Music with Will Bjorndal*

Thursday, July 24 at 2 and 3 p.m.

Will Bjorndal will get kids moving, grooving, laughing, and singing with his musical performance of fun, silly, and educational songs for the whole family.

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Library programs for tweens and teens

Tween and Teen Hangout

Tuesdays, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, from 2 to 5 p.m.; Aug. 26 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Drop in to the library for tween and teen hangout! A variety of activities will be available, including Nintendo Switch, tabletop games, crafts and more. Snacks will be provided.

Tween and Teen Drop-in Crafts

Wednesdays, June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Drop in to the library on the second Wednesday of the month from 2-4 p.m. for crafts. There will be multiple crafts to choose from or you can create your own masterpiece. Supplies will be provided.

Teen Reads: YA Book Club for Teens

Mondays, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m.

Teens are invited to join the Albert Lea Public Library for a YA Book Club. Each month, participants will meet to discuss the book of the month and anything else they've been reading or listening to lately. Copies of the book for each month are available in the Fiction Library. Snacks will be provided.

Tween and Teen Game Night

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Join the Albert Lea Public Library for tween and teen game night. A selection of tabletop games will be provided or attendees are welcome to bring their own games to share.

Watercolor Florals and Charcoal Class from Willomenia Art Studio*

Wednesday, June 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

During this 2-hour guided class from Willomenia Art Studio, attendees will create and take home 1 floral watercolor bouquet painting and 1 charcoal floral drawing with a splash of watercolors applied on top.

Registration is required.

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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.

Library events for all ages



Escape Room

Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m.; Southwest Park

Take on the challenge of cracking the code to escape from Southwest Park! While looking for the bathroom, participants wander into the wrong building and find themselves locked in. They'll have to find the backup password to open the door within 30 minutes, before the lights turn off and the park closes! **Registration is required.** Groups of 4-6 people recommended.



Tiny Art Show

Community members are invited to showcase their talent for a Tiny Art Show! Pick up a 3 x 3-inch canvas and use any materials to create a tiny masterpiece. Canvas pickup begins July 7 while supplies last. Completed art is due by July 31. Art will be on display Aug. 4-17.

Make Your Own Paper with Paper Plains*

Wednesday, July 9 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Wind Down Wednesday Kid Zone

Create your own unique piece of paper from regionally-harvested, invasive plants with Paper Plains! The artists will teach participants techniques for making paper that is embedded with native prairie seeds. Paper Plains will be set up on the corner of Broadway and Clark in the Kid Zone from 2 to 5 p.m. during July's Wind Down Wednesday.

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Library programs for adults



Minnesota Author Tour: Marcie Rendon*

Monday, May 19 at 4 p.m., City Council Chambers

Hear author Marcie Rendon as part of the region-wide Minnesota Author Tour. Marcie Rendon is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, an acclaimed author, poet, and playwright. She is the award-winning author of a fresh new murder mystery series, and has an extensive body of fiction and nonfiction works.

Needles, Pins and More

First Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon

Bring a small craft project (knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc.) and work on it with others.

Tabletop Game Night

Tuesday, July 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Try a new game at this casual drop-in game night. A variety of games will be available. Attendees are welcome to bring their favorites to teach others how to play.

Adult Craft Night

Second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 and 6 p.m.

Join the Albert Lea Public Library for Adult Craft Night on the second Tuesday of each month. Attendees will complete a different craft each month. All supplies are provided. **Registration is required.** Please register for one session only, 4:30 or 6 p.m.

June 10 Bee bath

July 8 Textured canvas

Aug. 12 Fall bucket list

Fountain Lake Readers

Second Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.

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. New members are always welcome.

Choose Your Own Book Club

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Connect with fellow readers and grow your reading list in this casual book discussion group. This is a great place to talk about the books you've read or are currently reading.

Bring Your Own Lunch and Learn

Thursdays, June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14, at noon

City Council Chambers

Bring your own lunch for an hour of learning.

June 12 Midwest Circus Legends with Chad Lewis*

July 10 Agricultural History of Minnesota with Doug Ohman*

Aug. 14 Research and Writing with Christopher Valen

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Albert Lea Public Library's system is upgrading!

The library is upgrading its catalog and online system this spring to improve access to the library's collection, expand search capabilities, and enhance the library experience both online and in-person. The new system will be live on Thursday, May 1.

In preparation for this change, some library services will be temporarily unavailable for a short period of time.

On Monday, April 28, the library will be open normal hours with limited functionality. The library will be closed on Tuesday, April 29 and Wednesday, April 30, and will reopen on Thursday, May 1 with the new system.

Head to the library's website, alplonline.org, to learn more.

Library programs for adults

3D Printing: Design Class

Thursdays, May 15 and July 17 at 5 p.m.

Learn about designing and printing in 3D. Participants will use Tinkercad to create and customize designs and print them with the library's 3D printer. Participants with and without 3D printing experience are welcome, but should have basic computer skills. **Registration is required.**

Drop-in '90s Crafts for Adults

Tuesday, July 29 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Come to the Albert Lea Public Library for an evening of drop-in adult crafting. There will be multiple '90s crafts to choose from or you can create your own masterpiece. Supplies will be provided.

3D Printing: Open Lab

Thursday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m.

Access the library's 3D printing resources to make your designs come to life. Library computers, the 3D printer, and PLA filament will be made available for prints. Participants should have prior experience with 3D printing. Staff will be available to answer questions and assist with troubleshooting. Adults and teens are welcome to attend. Tweens can attend with a caregiver. **Registration is required.**

Local Author Festival

Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

Edgewater Bay Pavilion, 1940 Edgewater Drive

Meet your favorite local authors! The Albert Lea Public Library invites you to their 4th Annual Local Author Festival. Enjoy a panel discussion with featured authors, followed by an opportunity to get your books signed! Books will be available for purchase at the event.




• Skatepark Hours

Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
7 days a week
at the City Beach
300 Johnson St.




2025 SUMMER WITH COMMUNITY ED

- **Brookside Boathouse** opening in June!
- **Youth Driver's Education:** Starting June 2, July 7 & July 21. Online option open until July 3.
- **Youth Sports Camps**
- **Adult Enrichment**
- **Adult Education: FREE GED TESTING & ENGLISH CLASSES.** Call 507-379-4866 to register or for more information.
- **Brookside Rock Gym** hours: Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 6-9pm
- **Daytime Trips:** Minneapolis Queen Cruise, Church Basement Ladies, Thrift Shop Hop, MN State Fair, Minnesota Twins & St. Paul Saints Game



SUMMER BOOK COMING MID-MAY!

211 W Richway Drive | Albert Lea, MN
507-379-5318 | AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org

Albert Lea Senior Center

1739 W. Main St.
507-373-0704

**Open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon**

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



Membership

Membership is open to residents in Albert and surrounding area age 55 and older, and is \$30 per year. If you are a member of the YMCA, membership is free.

Memory Care Cafe

First Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

A safe place for people with memory loss and their caregivers to come and enjoy activities, share conversation, learn, and feel connected. Mondays are music-themed and Wednesday activities vary.

Coffee with a Cop

First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a cup of coffee with local law enforcement officers and ask any questions you may have.

Monthly birthday party

Second Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

Join monthly birthday parties to celebrate members!
Sponsored by Cargill.

Art with Emelia

May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.

Get those creative juices flowing and join us for arts and crafts with Emelia! Details will be posted at the Senior Center. Must register one week before the class date. Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Wild Rose Casino Trip

May 22, register by May 8

Adults only

Take a comfortable bus ride from the Senior Center to Emmetsburg, where you'll enjoy four hours of excitement. Each person will receive \$10 Free Slot Play and a food voucher for a free hot dog from the casino. Cost: \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members.

Stillwater Bus and Boat Trip

June 17, register by June 3

Take a summer boat trip with lunch and beautiful water views. Then participants will spend 2 hours in Stillwater seeing the sights and enjoying ice cream.

Cost: \$85 for members, \$95 for non-members.

Four Daughters Winery Outing

July 8, register by June 24

Explore Spring Valley's Four Daughters Winery. See beautiful scenery, eat pizza and maple walnut salad, and taste customized wines. Enjoy indoor or outdoor seating. Lunch and tasting included in the fee.

Cost: \$70 for members, \$75 for non-members

'Grease' at Chanhassen

Aug. 6, register by July 7

Enjoy a nostalgic musical-filled time at the beautiful Chanhassen Dinner Theatre! Great and unforgettable songs, dance, and amazing costumes will have you tapping your feet the whole time. The trip fee includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, and admission.

Cost: \$120 for members, \$125 for non-members.

Defensive Driving Course

May 2, June 20, July 11, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save 10% on your auto insurance for 3 years. There are NO written or behind the wheel tests! To register and pay for this class, please call 1-888-234-1294 or visit mnsafetycenter.org.



Albert Lea Senior Center

Weekly programming:

Monday

9 a.m. Cribbage and Coffee
10:30 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
Noon 500
1 p.m. Crafts
2:30 p.m. Pfeffer

Wednesday

9 a.m. Cribbage and Coffee

1 p.m. BINGO

3 p.m. Skip-Bo

Thursday

9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Building Bones
11:30 a.m. Bridge
Noon 500
2 p.m. Knitting
2:30 p.m. Pfeffer

Friday

9 a.m. SAIL
Center closes at Noon



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Reservations
now!

Safety tips from Albert Lea Fire Rescue

Recreational fires:

- Must be contained in a fire ring or pit
- Materials burning cannot take up an area larger than 3x3 feet
- Must be clean dry wood, no trash or leaves
- Must be 25 feet away from any building
- A water source must be nearby for extinguishing
- A competent adult must be in attendance at all times
- Watch for burning bans on Albert Lea Fire Rescue's Facebook page

Adopt a Storm Drain!

Keep your neighborhood clean and protect local waterways.



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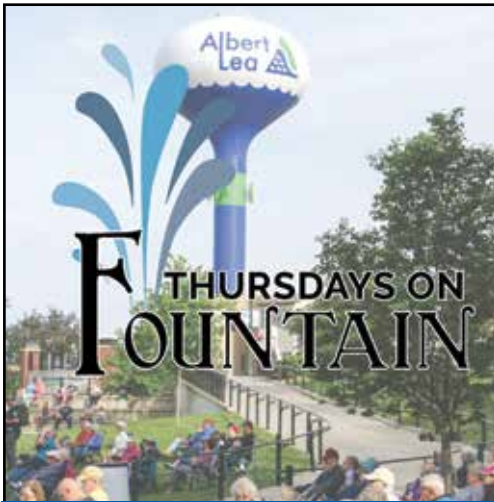
COLLECTIONS WEDNESDAYS 9 AM - 3 PM



2020 Pioneer Trail, Albert Lea
(off the East end of Hammer Road)



221 E Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
cityofalbertlea.org



Free music every Thursday
from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
this summer starting May 29
Fountain Lake Park Gazebo
100 Fountain St.



Walk or bike the Blazing Star Trail

Frank Hall Park, 505 Frank Ave. to
Myre-Big Island State Park and beyond.
Visit: www.dnr.state.mn.us and search
for "Blazing Star Trail."

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



ALBERT LEA, MN

June

12-14..Eddie Cochran Weekend
11Wind Down Wednesday
19Juneteenth at Edgewater Bay Pavilion
21Pride Event at TBD

July

3-6July Jamboree
5Boat Parade
9Wind Down Wednesday
28-Aug. 3 Freeborn County Fair

August

8-9Relay for Life
15Glow Ride
13Wind Down Wednesday
16Rock and Roll the Lakes



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Summer Safety Reminders from the Albert Lea Police Department

- 1. Stay hydrated and cool:** Drink plenty of water and take breaks in the shade. Heatstroke can sneak up fast!
- 2. Never leave kids or pets in cars:** Even a few minutes can be deadly in summer heat. Always check your back seat.
- 3. Watch the roads:** More pedestrians, cyclists, and kids playing outside means slower driving and extra caution.
- 4. Grill responsibly:** Keep grills away from buildings and trees, and never leave them unattended. Safety first, then BBQ!
- 5. Firework safety:** Leave fireworks to the pros. Illegal fireworks are dangerous and can lead to injuries and fires.
- 6. Water safety matters:** Whether it's a pool, lake, or beach, always keep an eye on swimmers and use life jackets when boating.
- 7. Lock it up:** Summer means open windows and doors, but remember to secure your home and vehicles when you're out.
- 8. Respect your neighbors:** Enjoy the outdoors, but be respectful of noise levels late at night. Let's keep the peace!