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26th Annual Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair Set for July 12th

ANOKA, Minn. – Drawing more than 20,000 people each year, Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair is celebrating its 26th year of offering a variety of artists and crafters, a beautiful setting along the Rum River, delicious food, music, and more! This fun, family-friendly event is a great way to spend the day outdoors in historic downtown Anoka on Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Browse through the outdoor market offering hand-crafted goods created by more than 150 juried artists. Organizers pride themselves on ensuring that all products offered are 100% hand-crafted by the vendor. Find clothing and accessories, jewelry, soaps, lotions, home and outdoor décor, furniture, food, and more. Plus, it is just steps from downtown Anoka merchants. Visitors can extend their shopping experience by walking through the many unique shops.

“Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair attracts thousands of visitors to the Anoka area each summer. This is not only a benefit to the artists and crafters that have an opportunity to share their talents, but it helps draw people into the many unique stores and businesses that line the downtown area – it’s a win-win for those businesses and the economy,” said Peter Turok, President of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

Stop by the food courts to satisfy your cravings, from fresh squeezed lemonade to corn dogs, egg rolls, gyros, hamburgers, ice cream, kettle corn, mini donuts, pulled pork sandwiches, ribs, root beer floats, waffles, walking tacos - the list goes on. Or take a seat at any of the many downtown restaurants offering a variety of foods to tempt you taste buds.

The Anoka Social District is in effect and Riverfest is in the heart of it. Thirsty adults, 21 years and older, wishing to enjoy a beer, wine, or cocktail may do so by purchasing drinks through a licensed social district vendor. Each drink will be served in a specially marked social district cup. Posted signs with a QR code will help visitors learn about the social district vendors, rules, and boundaries.

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Enjoy the musical talents of several buskers, solos and duos, performing at various locations throughout the event.

Kids of all ages can join in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind Anoka City Hall to unleash their inner artist with chalk art to draw scenes or pictures that depict friendship, love, and kindness. Artists under 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Downtown Anoka offers a craft brewery, wine bar, coffee shops, antique shops, an ice cream parlor, two speakeasies, dessert shops, a variety of quaint, boutique-style shops filled with clothing, jewelry, accessories, décor, and so much more!

This annual event would not be possible without the generous support of its sponsors. Thanks to them, free parking and free admission are offered. We invite you to enjoy the charm of this historic river city. For more event details and a list of sponsors, visit anokariverfest.org.

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Cutline: Visitors peruse booths of artists and crafters during Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair