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## **Anoka Winterfest Plans for a Flurry of Activities**

**ANOKA, Minn.** – A flurry of indoor and outdoor activities is planned for the City of Anoka’s Sixth Annual Anoka Winterfest, a two-day event to be held on January 25 & 26, 2019. Activities will be held at two locations; George Enloe Park on Friday evening, and Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center on Saturday morning and afternoon.

**Friday, January 25 - George Enloe Park – 631 Lund Blvd.; 6-8 p.m.** Join us for free activities. Put on our dancing boots and dance in the snow to the musical entertainment of KidsDance DJ! Cozy up by the bonfire for Cocoa with a Cop and some tasty s’mores or grab a bag of freshly popped popcorn. Bring your sled to slide down the big hill and put on your skates for some exercise on the ice. Check out the cool city vehicles from the Anoka Police Department, Anoka-Champlin Fire Department, Anoka Municipal Utility, and the Public Services Department. Warm up in the warming house and color a fun winter-themed picture. Outdoor activities are weather-permitting.

**Saturday, January 26 - Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center – 2800 Greenhaven Road; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Start your day with a breakfast buffet; \$7.50/ea., \$5/kids 10 and under. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee (price includes tax and gratuity). Then join in on the many FREE indoor & outdoor (weather permitting) activities:

- Dog sledding demonstration – meet a local dog sledding team
- 9-hole deluxe mini-putt golf course
- Several arts & crafts activities
- Face painting and selfie stations
- Kubb (learn to play) – for adults and older youth
- Bonfire with cocoa and s’mores
- Floor games – ladder golf, bean bag toss, giant dice, and more!
- Several prize drawings

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Adults can enjoy an afternoon of bingo in the Tavern at Green Haven beginning at 1 p.m. Tempt your taste buds with half-price appetizers (excluding steak and lobster bites). Bingo is provided by the Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association and participants must be 18 years of age or older.

“This event gets bigger and better each year. While some of the activities are weather-dependent, we do our best to include a variety of activities for all to enjoy. Plus, we are pleased to be able to showcase one of our many beautiful city parks and Green Haven Golf Course during the winter,” said Lisa LaCasse, Public Services Administrator.

New this year to the Saturday event is the Lions KidSight USA Foundation vision screening - a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children, concentrating on kids aged 6 months through 6 years. This service is offered free of charge by the Anoka Lions Club under the MD5M Lions KidSight vision screening program. The screening takes just seconds and there is no physical contact with the child and no eye drops are administered. A consent form is required. Forms will be provided at the event. **NOTE:** *This is only a screening and does not constitute an examination or diagnosis of vision problems.* To learn more about this program, visit [lionskidsightusa.org](http://lionskidsightusa.org).

Monetary donations and non-perishable food shelf items will be collected on both dates to help support ACBC Food Shelf in Anoka.

Thank you to numerous volunteers and the following sponsors and partners: Anoka Ambassadors, Anoka Aquatic Center, Anoka-Champlin Fire Department, Anoka Lions Club, Anoka Municipal Utility, Anoka Police Department, Anoka Public Services, Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association, Anoka Women of Today, ArtStart, Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, Lyric Arts, RumRiver Art Center, Tavern at Green Haven, Twin Cities Gateway, and the Waste Reduction & Recycling Board.

Event information is available at [www.ci.anoka.mn.us](http://www.ci.anoka.mn.us) or call 763-576-2725.

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