

EAGAN'S JULY 4TH FUNFEST

TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SPONSORSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION OF EAGAN'S JULY 4TH FUNFEST, AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



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BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS Growing Sponsor Support

Through our changing times support by the Eagan Business Community continues to hold strong. Generously sponsors bestow annual donations allowing Eagan's July 4th Funfest to organize an annual event thriving in popularity as an Eagan summertime tradition.

The dedication of our sponsors is reflected through their support of this community celebration. There are hundreds of ways for businesses and individuals to participate in the behind the scenes magic. Monetary gifts, contribution of product, time and talent; it is through these contributions the Eagan community continues to benefit.

Tradition makes a parade and fireworks a staple, broad diversity of our community has added features of enjoyment for all ages. Entertainment on stage and by carnival midway, children's bike parade, Ambassador coronation, car show, Texas Hold'em tournaments, bingo afternoon and a vast array of vendors for products, fair style food selections and a cool beverage during our independence day festivities.

Operating as a non-profit organization, the Funfest relies heavily upon the enthusiasm of its tireless volunteers, the dedication of its corporate sponsors, local business partners and donors large and small.

Enhance your perception in the community by partnering with Eagan's July 4th Funfest Committee entering the 48th year in celebration. Visit the web site for contact information and forms of participation for the 2013 – 2014 season, thank you!

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Grand Marshal Dare Van Waes with Tom Ferber
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47TH FUNFEST PARADE A BIG BANG!

Honored in recognition of their accomplishment and involvement to the Eagan community, Eagan residents *Dare Van Waes*, Miss Teen Minnesota and *Dan Sjolstad*, owner of Superior Service Center served as Grand Marshals of the 2013 Eagan Funfest July 4th Parade.

Parade Awards were presented to selected participants by a panel of volunteer judges. *Spotlight Dance Studio* received top honors the Big Bang 2013 Best of Theme Award and a Youth Sparkler Award! Youth Sparkler Awards were also granted to *Fusion Martial Arts* and the *Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program*. The Performance Anthem Award was sent home with *Zuhrah Shrine Cobra Corps*, a Community Stars & Stripes Award was presented to *Trinity Lone Oak Church & School* and an Ambassador Sparkle Award to the *Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival*. Each year the community showcases businesses, organizations, along with their flair or passion as a unit in the annual parade.

AMAZING WEATHER ~ HAPPY CROWDS

Funfest 2013 fell on a near perfect festival environment; temperate dry weather, enormous crowds of happy attendees and the best variety of festival fare found in the local area!

Red Cross Blood Mobile was onsite accepting donations by walk-in traffic or by appointment. The Eagan Police Explorers assisted during the children's bike parade by offering bike safety tips and a helmet give-away. Boy Scouts helped move a mountain of trash throughout the festival grounds for two full days. Joining the City of Eagan in their efforts to become a more sustainable and "green" city we were assisted by Dakota Valley Recycling and Dick's Sanitation Inc. to begin recycling throughout the Funfest grounds. The Commemorative Button raffle drawing kept Ambassador Candidates busy in their sell out efforts. Sam's Club of Eagan assisted directly in the raffle prizes as well as offering volunteer grilling proceeds and ice and water for parade once again.

Funfest offers a word of thanks to all the community support provided on our behalf. Together we hosted an amazing July 4th celebration and look forward to the 2014 Eagan's July 4th Funfest.



Grand Marshal Dan Sjolstad with fire truck "Jenny"
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"Thank you; together we host an amazing celebration."



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AMBASSADORS:

- Community Volunteerism
- Academic Scholarship
- Social Service Projects
- Young Men and Young Women
- Representation of Eagan's July 4th Funfest



THE CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE

Candidates have the opportunity to meet adults, children and young adults while being involved in activities. Candidate activities include a wide variety of events: potluck, volunteer projects and appearance during Funfest.

A panel of judges makes final Ambassador selections based on public presence and behind the scenes interaction. Social skills, communication, attitude and volunteerism all play a part in the judging process.

Coronation marks the end of the candidate experience; while only six selected individuals continue on as Ambassadors, every candidate leaves with a new found group of friends, memories of fun summer activities and experiences to carry forward to the coming year.

Funfest Ambassadors network with neighboring communities to strengthen community connections. They take pride in local community by serving as volunteers for many City of Eagan functions. Social service projects are common practice for the Ambassador team.

Interested youth and young adults are encouraged to become a candidate for the Funfest Ambassador Program.

Selected Ambassadors July 2012: Megan Towle, Natasha Grad, Elle Gilbert, Meghan Harwell, Cassidy Beyer and Elise Cook each fulfilled commitment of Ambassador in July 2013. A scholarship was presented to each of our Ambassadors; thank you for your service.

EAGAN'S JULY 4TH FUNFEST COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
 PLANNING MEETING: FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY 6:45 EAGAN COMMUNITY CENTER

"Share your talents and interests as an active member of the planning."

Eagan's July 4th Funfest

Eagan's July 4th Funfest Committee is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, which sponsors, organizes and promotes the Funfest.

The committee of volunteers and its support agencies are responsible for scheduling events, activities, facilities, vendors and entertainers for this annual community celebration held in Central Park at the Eagan Festival Grounds.

The committee is comprised of a Board of Directors and community members, assisted by City of Eagan, Park & Recreation and the Eagan Visitors and Convention Bureau staff.

We are preparing for another Funfest event July 3rd ~ July 4th 2014. Our planning committee is seeking active individuals within our community to assist in the planning process.

www.eaganfunfest.org



Until next year's Eagan Funfest...

Eagan's July 4th Funfest
P.O. Box 22503
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“Together we build on the Eagan Funfest tradition.”