



2009 Summer Movie Series

There are more than 100,000 dogs that reside within Minneapolis and each day these dogs do their business in yards, on boulevards and in parks. Improperly disposed of dog waste negatively impacts water quality in our local lakes, creeks, ponds, and the Mississippi River.

In fact, dog waste has been declared a “nonpoint source of pollution” by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Believe it or not, this puts dog poop in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals!

We want every dog guardian in Minneapolis - and all those that visit the Minneapolis park system - to take the Canines for Clean Water pledge and become better stewards of our treasured water resources.

Join us this summer for a series of events and learn more about the impacts of dog waste on local water bodies (see details below for impacts). **Each evening features the opportunity to take the Canines for Clean Water pledge, as well as dog-focused fun, activities and education beginning at 7pm. Dog-themed movies start at dusk (see list below).**

Impacts of dog waste on water quality

Dog owner decisions to pick up – or not pick up – after their pet, directly impacts the health (and beauty) of our water bodies. Improperly disposed pet waste negatively impacts water quality in lakes, ponds, creeks and the river.

Pet waste that decays in lakes depletes oxygen. The lack of oxygen combined with warm temperatures can result in fish kills. Nutrients in pet waste also encourage weed and algae growth further reducing water quality. Algae blooms are stinky and make the water green and ugly which results in fewer recreational users including swimmers, boaters, wind surfers and anglers.

Improperly disposed of pet waste can also make water unsafe for swimming. Diseases and parasites that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans include cryptosporidium (causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration in humans), campylobacteriosis (causes diarrhea in humans), and toxocariasis (roundworms in humans).

While pet waste isn't the biggest pollutant to our water bodies, it is one of many small sources that add up to a bigger problem. And dog owners can help tackle this bigger problem by picking up after their hound.

This program series is made possible by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department and the Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation. For more info contact MaryLynn Pulscher, MPRB at mpulscher@minneapolisparcs.org

Bring the dog! Bring your friends & family! Take the Canines for Clean Water pledge!

**Dog-focused activities & education starts at 7pm
Movie begins at dusk**

Tuesday, June 9 **Because of Winn Dixie**

Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway

Based on the perennial best selling book, a lonely young girl adopts an orphaned dog, Winn-Dixie (so named for the supermarket where she found him), who helps her make friends in the small Florida town. The bond between the girl and her special companion brings together the townspeople, and helps heal her own troubled relationship with her father.

Wednesday, June 24 **Marley & Me**

Father Hennepin Bluffs Park, Main St. SE and 6th Ave. SE (east end of Stone Arch Bridge)

**** Live Music at 7pm – Patchouli (modern acoustic power folk) ****

The heartwarming and unforgettable story of a family in the making and the wondrously neurotic dog who taught them what really matters in life.

Thursday, July 2 **A Dog of Flanders**

Kenwood Park, 2101 West Franklin Ave (near the playground)

Nello and his grandfather are poverty-stricken, but happy. Thanks to the support of a loving dog that he helps nurse back to health, Nello, an aspiring young Dutch artist; never gives up hope for a better life despite being subjected to terrible hardships.

“A heartfelt and beautiful retelling of the beloved tale, A DOG OF FLANDERS will charm and entertain young and old alike.”

- Elaine Blythe, Film Advisory Board

Wednesday, July 22 **Scooby Doo**

Father Hennepin Bluffs Park, Main St. SE and 6th Ave. SE (east end of Stone Arch Bridge)

**** Live Music at 7pm – Mari Harris ****

Scooby is up to his usual wacky adventures with the rest of the gang, Shaggy, Fred, Daphne and Velma... and of course they are all toolin' around town in everyone's favorite ride – the Mystery Machine. Scooby and the gang find themselves on Spooky Island, a giant amusement park where they have to all pull together and solve a mystery.

Wednesday, July 29 **Hotel for Dogs**

Washburn Fair Oaks, 200 24th St E (across from the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts)

Based on Lois Duncan's novel, the story revolves around two orphaned teenagers who decide to turn an abandoned building into a safe haven for stray dogs.

Tuesday, August 25 **Beverly Hills Chihuahua**

Painter Park, Lyndale Ave S & W. 34th Street

A pampered Beverly Hills Chihuahua named Chloe finds herself accidentally lost in the mean streets of Mexico without a day spa anywhere in sight. Alone for the first time in her spoiled life, she must rely on some unexpected new friends – including an amorous pup named Papi – to lend her a paw and help her to find her way on their incredible journey back home.

Wednesday, August 26 **Bolt**

Father Hennepin Bluffs Park Main St. SE and 6th Ave. SE (east end of Stone Arch Bridge)

**** Live Music at 7pm - Wild Honey & The Locusts ****

Bolt is a spoiled German Shepherd who is the star of his own action TV show and is living the good life. One day he is accidentally abandoned in his trailer but he truly believes he still has the superpowers from his show. Along the way, he meets some friends who are trying to find their homes and they help him discover his true self.