

# NIGHTFALLS



*May 7-9, 2026*

*8:30pm - 11pm*

*Ramsey Park, Redwood Falls*



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# WELCOME

We're so excited you can join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> NightFalls event in beautiful Ramsey Park! With over 500,000 lights this year and 26 organizations participating, the park is brighter than ever! We're so grateful to all the organizations and volunteers who make this event possible.

Explore the park to see what's new! We're lighting up part of the Nature Trail near Ramsey Creek where it joins the Redwood River, there is a new trail and lighting by the Lower Shelter parking lot, additional lighting on several trails and a fun themed souvenir to collect on each of the spook, animal, dino, fairy, and dragon trails. Be sure to visit The Falls of the Redwood and Ramsey Falls—they're well worth a visit!

Event Sound and Lighting is back creating the sound and light display by the historic swayback bridge. If you're looking for a bite to eat, returning favorite Sweet Kettle Madness has all the sweet treats and Cansayapi Girls Basketball is hosting a food stand to raise funds for the program!

Please consider a donation to help fund event expenses and to keep us going and growing—any amount helps! Drop it in the donation barrel, Venmo @CelebrateRF, mail a check to PO Box 221, or donate on our website.

We get amazing support from so many people who generously share their resources to help make NightFalls possible. Thank you to all who make this event amazing, we are grateful for your support! On behalf of the Celebrate Redwood Falls volunteer board, thank you for coming to NightFalls!

*Craig LaBrie*

President



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## CELEBRATE REDWOOD FALLS BOARD MEMBERS:

*Craig LaBrie*

*Cindy LaBrie*

*Laura Kohler*

*Dave Gertsema*

*Julie Chmelar*

*Rhonda Joldersma*

*Steven Simning*

*Dan Schmid*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

*Program & Marketing Designs: Angie Parker-Schmidt*

*Program Printing: Henle Printing*

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*Photography: Dan Schmid Photography*



May 7-9, 2026 from 8:30pm - 11:00pm

Drive Thru and Walk Thru Event

Over 500,000 lights on display

4+ miles of lighted trails

2 new areas to explore: Nature trail and near the Lower Shelter

2 Lighted waterfalls, 8 lighted bridges

Kid's themed trails of animals, dinos, fairies, spooks, & dragons.  
Each trail will have a fun souvenir for kids!

The dragon horde has grown!

Radio broadcast: Tune in to 88.7 FM as you drive through

26 Light displays from local organizations and businesses



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Music and light display along the river  
by Event Sound & Lighting

LSIC dancers on Friday Night

RVHS Drumline on Saturday night  
Every 15 minutes starting at  
9pm near Ramsey Zoo



Food from  
Sweet Kettle Madness  
on Friday and Saturday

Cansayapi Girls  
Basketball Food Stand

# NIGHTFALLS

# ILLUMINATOR LOCATIONS



# LIST OF ILLUMINATORS

- 1 First Presbyterian Church
- 2 HomeTown Bank
- 3 E-Free & Redwood Alliance Church Youth Groups
- 4 Minnwest Bank
- 5 Gloria Dei
- 6 Cornerstone Christian Church
- 7 Friends of the Park
- 8 Farmers Union Industries
- 9 RE/MAX Realty Plus
- 10 The Golden Rule Coffee House and Truly Home Real Estate
- 10A Redwood Area Hockey Association
- 11 Farmers Co-op Oil Company (Cenex)
- 12 American Legion Post 38
- 13 Walmart
- 14 River Valley Health and Rehabilitation
- 15 AgCountry
- 16 Redwood Falls Rotary Club
- 17 Sweetman Sanitation
- 18 Lower Sioux Indian Community
- 19 P.R.O.T.E.C.T.S.
- 20 Audacia Study Club
- 21 Gilfillan
- 22 Redwood County Big Buddies of UCAP
- 23 Redwood Falls Lions Club
- 24 State Farm - Ryan Esse
- 25 Gertsema Family



# SPECIAL TRAILS

Dive into an enchanted adventure! Follow the map or watch for signs as you journey along magical trails filled with fairies, dinosaurs, and animals waiting to be discovered. Be sure to watch for the green and yellow starbursts on the map, where you'll find special light displays along the way. For the brave at heart, step deeper into the shadows where a spooky trail awaits if you dare to explore. And don't miss the dragon weyr as it has grown even bigger in the park!

New this year—kids can collect a souvenir that matches the trail theme!

With over 24 animals, 15 dinosaurs, 16 fairies, 10 spooks, and 9 dragons hidden along the trails, a new surprise awaits around every turn!



## NIGHTFALLS

- Number of lights used: 500,000+
- Miles of trails illuminated: 4+
- Number of lighted bridges: 8
- Number of lighted waterfalls: 2
- Number of dragons: 9
- Number of business & organizations decorating areas: 26
- Number of generators used: 49
- 2025 Number of volunteers: 121
- 2025 Total volunteer hours: 1594
- 2025 attendance: 9,906 including 1,890 vehicles driving through with 5,021 passengers in them as well as 4,885 walkers
- NightFalls began as Founders Day in 2014 during Redwood Falls Sesquicentennial



FUN FACTS

## RAMSEY PARK

- Ramsey Park is 256+ acres which makes it the largest municipal park in the state
- The unique swayback bridge built in 1938 is on the National Register of Historic Places
- Home to 2 waterways - Redwood River which creates the Falls of the Redwood and Ramsey Creek which creates Ramsey Falls
- 5 Bridges cross Ramsey Creek and 2 cross the Redwood River



NightFalls continues to expand and shine brighter each year! With the support of our community, we're able to add more lights and unique features along 4+ miles of trails, bridges, and scenic spaces in Ramsey Park.

Every dollar makes a difference—helping us grow, improve, and create new and memorable experiences so the event continues to evolve and feel fresh each year.

## WAYS TO DONATE :

Mail Your Donation To:  
Celebrate Redwood Falls  
PO Box 221, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

At the Entrances During the Event

On Our Website [CelebrateRedwoodFalls.com](http://CelebrateRedwoodFalls.com)

Venmo @CelebrateRF



## WHAT CAN MY DONATION HELP LIGHT UP?

- \$40- Small Tree
- \$60- Medium Tree
- \$75- Large Tree
- \$240- Trail Crossing Canopy
- \$480- Swayback Bridge
- \$600- Trail per 10th of a Mile
- \$1,000- Decorated Area or Walk Bridge

**DONATE**

We're grateful to the amazing businesses, organizations, and individuals whose support makes NightFalls possible each year!

## TRAILBLAZERS



Memorials in honor  
of Jim Tersteeg



## ILLUMINATORS



Angie Parker-Schmidt  
Signs & Graphics



## SPARKLERS

- Chuck Lussenhop
- Daktronics
- Dan Schmid Photography
- Dave & Corrine Gertsema
- Henle Printing Company
- Jason Garman
- Jay Johanneck
- Jesse Bell
- Klabunde Electric
- Leon King
- Lee Davis

- Lonnie Leske
- Mark & Brenda Dressen
- MnDOT District 8
- Redwood Falls Golf Club
- Rick Morris
- RVHS Drumline
- Scott Johanneck
- Steve Medrud
- Thrivent Financial
- Tiffany Farms
- West Central Sanitation



NIGHTFALLS SPONSORS

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

# NIGHTFALLS



A special thank you to our amazing volunteers who step up each year to share their time and talents, lighting up Ramsey Park and bringing this event to life. We are so grateful!



COME BACK TO RAMSEY PARK FOR MORE EVENTS THIS YEAR!



- Photo Contest: May 15- 31, 2026
- Medallion Hunt: June 1-10, 2026
- Drive-Thru Picnic Dinner: June 10, 2026 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Campground

*Follow the Friends of the Park Facebook page for details!*

*Friends of the Park a 501 3C organization operating under the umbrella of the Redwood Area Communities Foundation, Inc.*

We would like to recognize Jim Tersteeg, our friend, mentor, and long-term, unofficial board member. Jim never wanted recognition but his unwavering support over the years was a testament to his commitment to the community he loved. Jim was there right from the beginning, providing memorabilia, advice and joining the all-school reunion committee for the Sesquicentennial. He remained a constant source of guidance and support for the next 10+ years and we were so lucky and honored to have him. Thank you Jim, you will be sorely missed.

Memorials received in honor of Jim were donated to Celebrate Redwood Falls by the family in line with his wishes to support the community.



# MORE FAMILY FUN THROUGHOUT REDWOOD FALLS



**June 26-28, 2026**

Summer Splash is a family-friendly festival that encompasses a variety of events over 3 days. Join us for a huge community parade, pool party, food, root beer floats, music, mini-golf, lawn games, an outdoor movie, fireworks, and a fly-in pancake breakfast.



**October 23, 24, 30, & 31, 2026**

The Francois Haunted Hotel is a chilling Halloween attraction in downtown Redwood Falls. This eerie experience invites brave souls aged 13+ to navigate the haunted halls and the newly unveiled Speakeasy. Prepare to be scared in a maze of darkness, unexpected twists, and lurking horrors while you test your courage!



**October 24, 2026**

For younger guests, Monsters on Main is a gentle introduction to Halloween fun. It offers an afternoon of games, trick-or-treating, and special no-scare and low-scare tours of the Francois Haunted Hotel. Local organizations are invited to participate by hosting activities or distributing treats in downtown Redwood Falls.



**February 6, 2027**

The Fire & Ice Festival is held on Lake Redwood. All ages can enjoy warm beverages, food, and s'mores by a bonfire. The event features mini golf, broom ball, bean bag toss, and Bobski racing. Explore the Tiki Torch Trail and go on a hayride or sled rides. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display.



**May 6-8, 2027**

We hope you enjoyed exploring the illuminated wonders of Ramsey Park this year! With over 500,000 lights displayed on trails, bridges, and waterfalls, this year's event was truly magical. Mark your calendars for May 2027, and join us again to explore the park in the dark and create more unforgettable memories!

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Celebrate Redwood Falls is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating and promoting events in Redwood Falls which celebrate the city's history and showcase the many amenities available within our community. We are 100% volunteer driven and host four annual events: Fire & Ice Festival in February, NightFalls in May, Summer Splash in June and The Francois Haunted Hotel/Monsters on Main Street in October.



We're always looking for more helping hands and creative ideas! If you'd like to volunteer your time or partner with us as a business or organization, we'd love to connect with you and grow these events together. Reach out anytime to learn how you can help make an impact in our community!

Celebrate Redwood Falls is a subsidiary of the Redwood Area Communities Foundation (EIN 36-3611923).

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*Join us again  
next year!*