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SUBJECT: City Seeking Chester Creek Concert Performers

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[Duluth, MN] - Duluth Parks and Recreation is currently seeking applications from musical performers for the upcoming 2015 Chester Creek Concert Series. This popular, annual music-in-the-park event occurs Tuesday evenings from early-June to early-August and has been a staple of Chester Park summer programming for over 30 years.

"Chester Creek Concerts are popular family-friendly events held in one of Duluth's most beloved parks. This year we will be instituting a new process to determine our list of entertainers," explains Kathy Bergen, the City's Manager of Parks and Recreation. "We hope this application process is easy, welcoming, and is an opportunity open for all who wish to apply."

The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, **February 13, 2015**. A Selection Committee, comprised of representatives from the Parks Commission and the Chester Bowl Improvement Club, plan to finalize their selections by March 13, 2015. All applications must include links to online sound samples. Both audio and video will be accepted. There will not be formal auditions.

Musical performers, groups and bands are encouraged to access the application in one of three ways:

- 1) Pick-up the application at the Parks and Recreation office on the ground floor of City Hall (411 W. 1st Street) or at the Chester Chalet (1801 E Skyline Pkwy) in Chester Bowl Park
- 2) Download a fillable PDF at www.duluthmn.gov/parks and mail it into Parks and Recreation office (411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802)
- 3) Submit an online application at www.duluthmn.gov/parks

Interested applicants are asked to consider the following:

- concerts are on Tuesdays, from 7 to 8:30 pm
- performers are required to arrive at least 1 hour in advance to set up
- concerts run June 2 through August 4
- three rain dates have been identified (August 11, 18, and 25) - the starting times on the rain

dates are earlier, depending on sunset times

- a stipend of \$250.00 is provided; sound equipment provided by a local vendor
- concert attendance ranges from 300-800 with an average of 500
- concerts are outdoors in a family-friendly setting; the performers are on an elevated stage

Those with questions are encouraged to contact Kathy Bergen at (218) 730-4309 or email kbergen@duluthmn.gov

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