

**Watertown City Council**

March 10th, 2026

**Agenda Item:** Tour de Tonka Special Event**Request for Action:** Motion to Approve Tour de Tonka Special Event Application**Department:** Dan Tolsma, City Administrator**Background:**

The Tour de Tonka is an annual bike ride event put on by Minnetonka Community Education. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> this year and they are proposing to have the 58-mile route come through Watertown traveling southbound on Co. Rd. 27 / Lewis Ave. N., before turning east on Territorial and White Streets, and finally exiting the City on Co. Rd. 20.

No road closures are being requested during the ride and the event organizer will be responsible for providing all required signage and staffing.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommend approving the special event permit for the 2026 Tour de Tonka 58-mile ride.

**Motion Type:**

Simple majority vote of members present.

**Requested Action/Motion:**

"I move to approve the special event application for the Tour de Tonka 58-mile bike ride scheduled for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> between the approximate hours of 9:00 am - 11:00 am."

**Attachments:**

Application with route maps



**APPLICATION FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES, STREET DANCES,  
PARADES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

**A. Completed by Applicant**

Applicant Name (Last, First, M.): <b>Mink, Zach</b>	Date of Party or Event: <b>Saturday, August 1st 2026</b>
Applicant Address: <b>4584 Vine Hill Road</b>	Hours of event: (NOISE RESTRICTION AFTER 10:00 P.M.) <b>Event Hours in Watertown (9:00am - 11:00am)</b>
City, State, Zip Code: <b>Excelsior, MN 55331</b>	Sponsoring Organization (If Any): <b>Minnetonka Community Education</b>
Event Location (Be Specific and attach a map or diagram if possible): Various, See attached map for route. <span style="float: right;">NO street closures or barricades requested.</span>	
Between: _____ Street Name and House Numbers _____	
Riders approach Southbound on 27/Lewis Ave. N, turn East on Territorial, then exit city limits Eastbound on 20.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will be renting barricades from a vendor. <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pick up barricades from the City of Watertown Public Works on _____ and will return them on _____.	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Barricade Deposit	

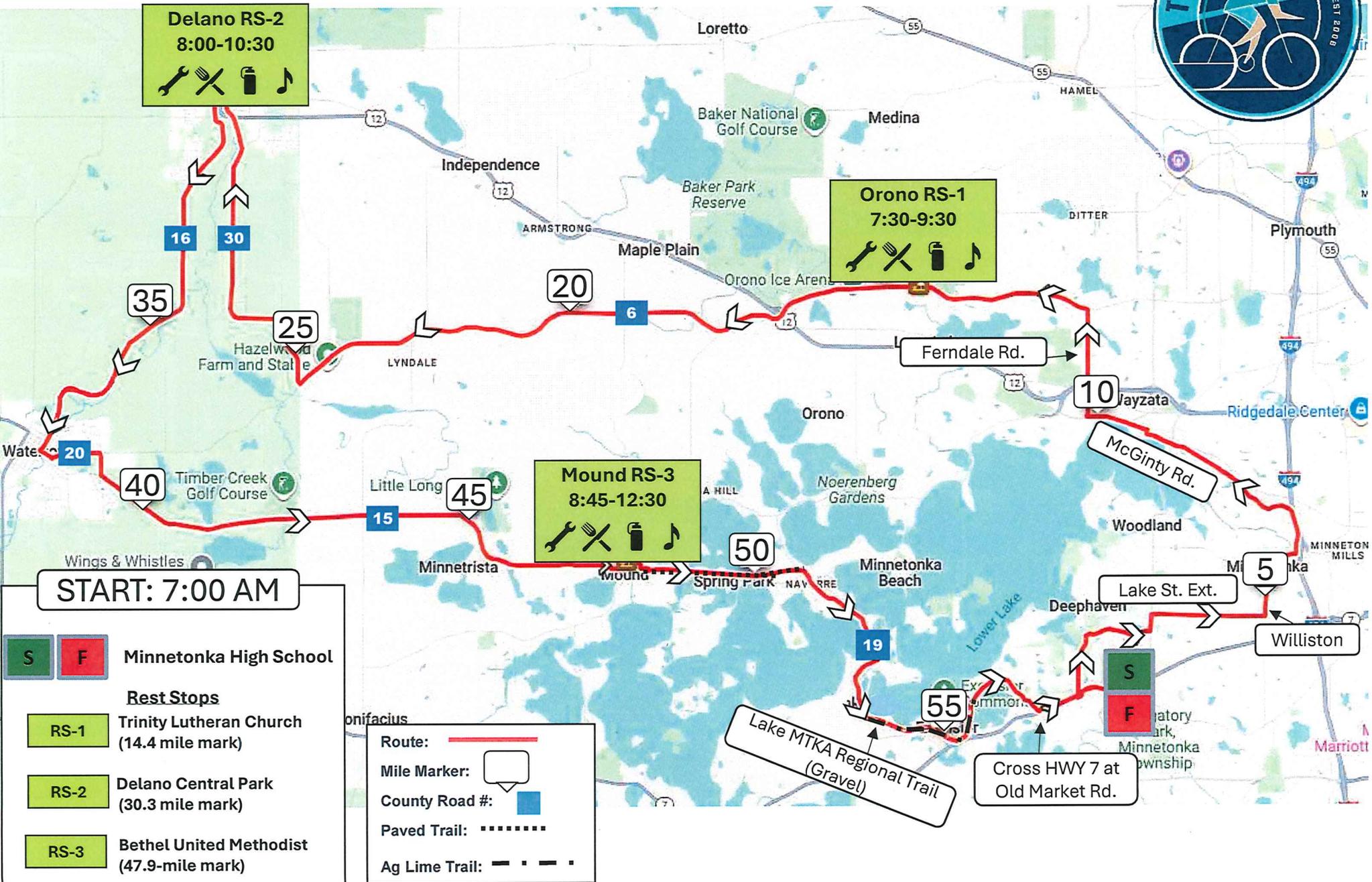
*I have read and understand the City of Watertown's General Requirements for Street Closures for Neighborhood Parties, Street Dances, Parades, and Special Events.*

Signature of Applicant: Zachary Mink Date: 1/29/2026

**B. Completed by the City of Watertown**

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED      DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED      DATE: _____
Date Received: <u>2-2-26</u>	Processed By: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Barricade Deposit Received. Receipt No. _____ Received By: _____	
Copies to: <input type="checkbox"/> Carver County Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Administration	
Date: _____	
Comments/Restrictions: _____ _____ _____ _____	

# Tour de Tonka 58-Mile Route



## **2026 Tour de Tonka**

Saturday, August 1

### *Watertown Route*

Applying for same road usage  
as previous years.

Event staff, volunteers and  
route captains will be present to  
assist riders at crucial  
intersections & sweep route.

Riders will be out of the  
Watertown area by 11am.

No rest stops in Watertown; no  
food or drink served.

