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**SUBJECT: Chester Creek Concert Features "Charlie Parr" Tonight**

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## **Chester Creek Concert tonight featuring “Charlie Parr”**

The Chester Creek Summer Concert series will feature popular performing artist “Charlie Parr” **tonight Tuesday, June 18th**. Many people play roots music, but few modern musicians live those roots like Minnesota's Charlie Parr. Recording since the earliest days of the 21st century, Parr's heartfelt and plaintive original folk blues and traditional spirituals don't strive for authenticity: They are authentic. It's the music of a self-taught guitarist and banjo player who grew up without a TV but with his dad's recordings of America's musical founding fathers, including Charley Patton and Lightnin' Hopkins, Woody Guthrie and Leadbelly. With his long scraggly hair, father-time beard, thrift-store workingman's flannel and jeans, and emphatic, throaty voice, Parr looks and sounds like he would have fit right into Harry Smith's "Anthology of American Folk Music."

**Admission is free.** Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating, while enjoying the beautiful outdoor setting of Chester Bowl located at 1800 East Skyline Parkway. All concerts will be held from 7:00-8:30 PM throughout the summer every Tuesday night until August 6th. Please call, after 6:00 PM, the Chester Creek Concert Hotline at 218-730-4326 or our Facebook page by going to [www.duluthmn.gov/parks](http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks) to check for weather cancellation information.

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