

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



Wilburn joins Minnetonka City Council

Dr. Kimberly Wilburn has lived in Minnetonka for more than 23 years. She and her husband raised a family and, although she is not currently in practice, has worked as a doctor of veterinary medicine and scientist. While she has been civically active for a number of years, Wilburn says she had not considered running for office until last year.



"We are facing a lot of challenges and I want to do my part to do the best we can to make Minnetonka a great place for everyone," she says.

Wilburn, along with Mayor Brad Wiersum and Councilmember Deb Calvert, will be sworn in at the January 3rd city council meeting and begin serving four-year terms. The council includes the mayor, 4 ward council members and 2 at-large members. Wilburn's seat is called At Large, Seat B.

"I know there's going to be a learning curve and that I will initially spend time better understanding how everything works and getting to know the other council members." Her top issues include the environment and climate change, affordable housing and racial equity.

"One of my goals is to communicate more with everyone in Minnetonka to get a better idea of what the needs are," she says. When it comes to free time, Wilburn and her husband enjoy riding their bikes and visiting Minnetonka's parks and outdoor spaces.

Minnetonka City Council Meetings

- When:** Typically held Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** City Council Chambers at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
- Watch:** Streamed live and televised on cable government access channel

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/citycouncil to view meeting schedules, agendas and council packets.

Apply to serve on a Minnetonka board or commission

Each year more than 1,000 people volunteer across the Minnetonka community. One way residents can do that is by applying to serve on a board or commission. There are a limited number of openings available in 2022. Applications submitted during the month of January will be considered for positions that are currently open or once a position becomes vacant.

Minnetonka Boards and Commissions

- Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC)**
- Park Board**
- Planning Commission**
- Senior Citizen Advisory Board**
- Sustainability Commission**

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/government/boards-and-commissions to learn more and apply.



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Pledge to be salt smart



1. Shovel

Clear walkways before snow turns to ice. Apply salt only if needed.

2. Select

Salt doesn't melt ice below 15°F. Use sand for traction when it's too cold or a different de-icer.



3. Scatter

Use salt only where critical. Aim for three inches of space between salt granules.



4. Sweep

Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

At the end of the season, contact Minnetonka Public Works (952-988-8400) to inquire about disposal or recycling options for leftover salt and other deicers.

Graphics courtesy cleanwatermn.org

Help our community forest continue to grow

Have you recently removed a diseased or dying tree from your property? Would you like to help the environment and enhance Minnetonka's community forest? You're in luck. The city's annual tree sale is right around the corner.

Each February, Minnetonka offers a variety of trees to residents at a reduced cost. Since 2007, the tree sale has added nearly 18,000 young trees to our community forest.

Numerous benefits

Urban trees provide a wide range of benefits in yards, in the wider community and to the environment. Beyond aesthetics, privacy and wildlife value, trees produce cooling shade and block freezing winds. They absorb storm water to reduce soil erosion and limit harmful impacts of runoff. Trees also take in carbon dioxide, use it to grow, and release oxygen that we breathe.



Think tree diversity

If you're planning to plant a tree, please help us enhance tree diversity to ensure our community forest is:

- Made up of many different species
- More resilient to diseases and pests
- An essential source of food, shelter and nesting space for pollinators and wildlife
- Better able to withstand drought, heat, storms and other climate risks

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/NREvents for more details.

Williston 6-Week Weight Loss Challenge

Let go of old habits and bring in the new!

Challenge kicks off Jan. 10

Jan. 10-Feb. 19
Various Times
Member: \$149
Nonmember: \$199
Course: 2063801-01

minnetonkamn.gov/register

PROGRAM INCLUDES



Five private personal training sessions



Four one-hour nutrition classes



Six weekly group boot camp classes on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.



12 group fitness classes for Weight Loss Challenge participants only



Small Group TRX Weight Loss Challenge participants only



Weigh-ins, including BMI measurement and chest/waist/hip measurements



Female and male winners, based on largest percentage of weight loss

This free event has dog sled rides, ice sculptures, a DJ, face painting and much more. Masks encouraged for indoor activities. Look for complete details in the February *Minnetonka Memo* and on minnetonkamn.gov.

Sunday, Feb. 6
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center



Ski at Glen Lake Golf Course

The cross-country ski trail at Glen Lake Golf Course is open most days until 5 p.m. The 2.5-kilometer groomed course is fun and challenging for all ages and skill levels. It is scheduled to be open through Mar. 13, but the schedule is weather dependent.



Schedule

The trails and golf center (rentals and restrooms)

Monday-Friday

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturdays, Sundays, holidays

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Passes

Season (\$30) or daily (\$6) passes are required, and sold on-site or at city hall. Visit threeriversparkdistrict.org to learn more about season passes.



Music Association of Minnetonka is offering Youth Choir for grades kindergarten through third grade in person on Monday afternoons beginning in January of 2022. Visit musicassociation.org for more information and to register.

WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

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Sunday, Feb. 27
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair returns this year with a free event on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins. Visit with more than 75 contractors, attend seminars and bring your questions to the "Ask a Pro" booth. The show begins at 10:30 a.m.

OPERATION RESCUE ROOM

Do you have the baddest bathroom in the west metro? Cruddiest kitchen in the county? The Annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair brings you Operation Rescue Room, where your greatest home groan could be worth a grand. Visit homeremodelingfair.com to view past projects and to enter the contest.



City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 3** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 5** Park Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 6** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** City Council & Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 11** Senior Advisory Board, 10:00 a.m.
- 13** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 17** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, city offices closed
- 18** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 20** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 24** City Council & Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 25** DEI Task Force, 6:30 p.m.

City meetings are held in person. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings to learn how to participate remotely. Watch meetings live and on-demand at minnetonkamn.gov/tv.

For up-to-date information, visit minnetonkamn.gov/calendar or call 952-939-8200.



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Light up the Night Dance

Ages 5-11

Dance the night away, enjoy dinner and dessert and capture sweet memories in the photo booth. Dads, uncles, grandpas or any special adult are invited to accompany their special girl. Semi-formal attire is recommended.



**Friday, Feb. 25
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center**

Cost: \$40
minnetonkamn.gov/register
Register for a pair: 2200301-01
\$10 for each additional daughter: 2200302-01

Register your alarm system

All homeowners and businesses must register alarm systems with the Minnetonka Police Department and pay a \$20 fee each year. The city partners with CryWolf Services for alarm system registration, payment and monitoring. You can register and pay online as well as find tips to prevent false alarms and more. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/alarm-registration to learn more and register your system. Call 952-939-8500 to ask questions.

