

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Contractor expo will support community development

Whether the project is big or small, online permitting has helped contractors and homeowners keep pace with the rapid growth of building in the community. While the shift online began more than 10 years ago, it has accelerated more recently in the midst of the pandemic.

"You can submit, track and modify construction plans all without ever having to visit city hall," said Julie Wischnack, Minnetonka's community development director. "That's made the process easier and more efficient, but we know people are still left with a wide range of questions."

That's one reason why Minnetonka will host a contractor's expo early next year. The half-day expo will take place Thursday, Feb. 2. City staff is designing it to be a one-stop shop for builders and contractors across the region.

"We are really excited to once again offer an event like this," said Wischnack. "It will provide a great overview of everything from permit and inspection requirements to resources for small businesses and sustainability ideas."

The event will be free. Registration and detailed program information will be available later this year.



More information

Learn more about Minnetonka's work to create livable and well-planned developments. Visit the Strategic Profile page at [MinnetonkaMatters.com](https://www.minnetonkamatters.com).



Nov. 8 is Election Day

The 2022 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

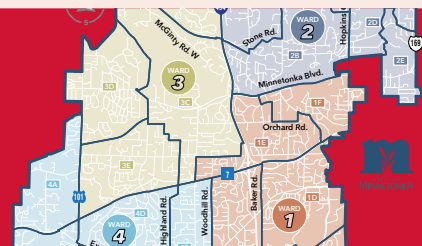
Vote early

- **Absentee in-person** in the Minnetonka Council Chambers
 - Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 - Extended hours: Saturday, Nov. 5 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Monday, Nov. 7 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- **Absentee by mail.** Learn how at minnetonkamn.gov/elections.

Vote on Election Day

- 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Find your polling place and a sample ballot at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

Your precinct and polling place may have changed due to redistricting.



Sign up for Smart911

You can help emergency responders better answer calls by sharing critical information about you and your family before you need help.

Smart911 allows residents to create a safety profile for your household. When you make an emergency call, your safety profile is automatically displayed to the 911 dispatcher, giving the dispatcher more background and location information than before.



Choose which details you'd like to include, such as:

- Emergency contact information
- Medical information, including mental health
- Number of people and pets on the property
- Location data

Create your safety profile at smart911.com or on the Smart911 App. All information is optional. Smart911 is provided by Hennepin County.



Reduce your energy bills and save money

Schedule a Home Energy Squad audit to learn how to save energy and money. Your auditor will provide a customized report, LED lights, door and attic weather stripping and more.

Minnetonka will pay half of the \$100 fee for up to 280 Minnetonka homes that schedule a visit by the end of 2022.

Schedule an audit at minnetonkamn.gov/green or learn more at our Sustainable Minnetonka presentation on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center.

The first 50 residents to attend the presentation will receive a code for a free audit.



Register your video surveillance camera

Security cameras can be a great tool when solving crimes. But police are not always aware who has surveillance cameras and potentially vital information to help solve a crime.



Residents and businesses can voluntarily register your private video surveillance systems through the new SafeCam program. Should a crime occur in or near where

a camera is installed, Minnetonka officers can contact you for potentially valuable video.

- 100-percent voluntary
- Does not provide police with access to security camera systems or footage
- Seeks any kind of surveillance camera systems (e.g., video doorbells, wireless, home security)

"SafeCam is another tool helping us deter and solve crime," Det. Sgt. Ryan Piper said. "It allows us to partner with private camera owners to request potentially valuable video footage that may help us address neighborhood crime. It's another way we can partner with residents to keep Minnetonka safe."



Learn more and register at minnetonkamn.gov/safecam.

Right-of-way pruning begins soon

The city will prune trees and shrubs in the public right-of-way from November through March. This work is completed to improve sight lines, clear dead and broken branches and prepare for road construction projects. City crews and contractors will complete the work under the supervision of forestry staff.



Property owners will be notified by mail if right-of-way pruning is scheduled in their neighborhood. Call 952-988-8421 to ask questions or learn more.

Winter is a good time for pruning

Plan to prune in the winter, when trees - along with potentially harmful insects and diseases - are dormant. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/NRyou to find our "Proper Pruning" handout.

Drop off leaves through Nov. 19

Each fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Residents must present a driver's license, state ID or utility bill. Commercial services must prove materials came from a Minnetonka address.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/yardwaste to learn more or call 952-988-8400 with questions.

NOVEMBER LEAF DROP-OFF SITE HOURS

Saturdays	7 a.m.-3 p.m.	Nov. 5, 12, 19
Sundays	Noon-4 p.m.	Nov. 6, 13
Mondays	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Nov. 7, 14
Tuesdays	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Nov. 1, 8, 15
Fridays	Noon-6 p.m.	Nov. 4, 11, 18

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Burwell House



Holiday Tours

Sundays, Nov. 13-27 | 1-4 p.m.

Open House

Sunday, Dec. 4 | 1-4 p.m.

Join us for self-guided tours decorated for the holidays. Free; donations appreciated.

Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 2** Joint City Council/Park Board, 5:30 p.m.
- 3** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 7** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 8** Election Day, 8 a.m.
- 10** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 11** Veterans Day, city offices closed
- 14** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 15** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 15** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 15** Charter Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 17** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 21** Special City Council, 5:30 p.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24-25** Thanksgiving Holiday, city offices closed
- 28** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.

City meetings are held in person. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/participate to learn how to also take part 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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Jazz Band
Swing Dance

Friday, Nov. 18
7 p.m.
Shorewood Community Center
5735 Country Club Road, Shorewood

Come dance the night away
or sit and enjoy an evening of big band
swing music! Admission is free.

More information at
musicassociation.org

MAINTAIN DON'T GAIN

Healthy Holiday Challenge

Maintain your weight and activity level
during the holiday season.

- Six-week challenge
- Weekly healthy holiday tips, recipe makeovers and a 15-minute exercise guide
- Hosted by Williston Fitness Center

Register by Nov. 23 at minnetonkamn.gov/register