

# MINNETONKA MEMO

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## Find your niche at Williston

On any given Wednesday or Friday, you can find Christine Schott on the tennis courts at Williston Fitness Center, serving and volleying to a win.

Pretty impressive for someone who, eight years ago, had never picked up a racket.

Schott and her husband, Owen, joined Williston eight years ago, looking for activities for their young children. Her family loved the pool and Treehouse, and her son begged to go to the Williston child care center.

After each visit, the kids would watch the tennis players through the large windows of the reception area. That's when Tennis Manager Felicia Raschiatore invited Schott to participate.

"She was really encouraging and welcoming, so I decided to try it and take a class," the Minnetonka resident recalled.

A former gymnast and swimmer, Schott had never played tennis. While it was out of her comfort zone, it wasn't long until she was hooked.

Schott now plays singles and doubles competitively in the Williston Ladies Day League. And she's pretty good at it, too.

"[Christine] loves tennis, is a wonderful teammate and is improving and moving up the ranks every year," Raschiatore said. "Her net game is admired, yet feared, by all of her opponents."

Tennis is not only how Schott stays active, but it's also where she's made friendships with teammates and coaches. "It's a cool thing to [go from] never having done something before and now it's one of the best things I do all week."

Over the years, Schott's family has taken advantage of Williston's many amenities, from the fitness room to swimming lessons, boot camp to kids' tennis. She appreciates the wide variety of activities Williston offers and, of course, the people.

"Everyone around here is always very friendly," she said. "It just feels like a very comfortable place. You always run into people you know. It's a great community."

Williston Fitness Center offers a variety of amenities for all ages and interests. We invite you to Find Your Niche today at [minnetonkamn.gov/williston](http://minnetonkamn.gov/williston).



### Join the WILLISTON 8-WEEK WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Let go of old habits and bring on the new!

Jan. 10-Feb. 19

Sign up today at [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register)

- Five personal training sessions
- Weekly group boot camp
- Fitness and nutrition classes
- Much more!

### Take Minnetonka's police community survey

As part of Minnetonka's comprehensive review of its public safety services, the city is conducting a police community survey. Visit the Safe and Healthy Community project at [MinnetonkaMatters.com](http://MinnetonkaMatters.com) to share your feedback.



# Join the NexTrex Challenge and reduce your waste

Help protect Minnetonka's environment by properly recycling plastic bags and film. Look for these containers at city hall and the Williston Fitness Center. The city will receive a free bench if the community recycles more than 500 pounds of plastics bags in the next six months.

## WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?



Grocery bags



Produce bags



Bread bags



Dry cleaning bags



Bubble wrap



Cereal bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Salt bags

## Minnetonka updates energy use plan

The goal is to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 41% in seven years

This fall, the city council approved an update to Minnetonka's Energy Action Plan. The city will work with utilities and the Center for Energy and Environment to carry out the new action steps. The work is the equivalent of removing 35,000 passenger vehicles from the road for one year. Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/green](http://minnetonkamn.gov/green) to view the plan.

## Sewer, recycling rates to increase in 2023

To keep pace with rising sanitary sewer costs from the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), residents will see an increase in their sanitary sewer rate next year.

The increase is a pass-through charge from MCES based on sewage flow metered within Minnetonka. MCES provides sewer treatment for a majority of the Twin Cities metro region, including the City of Minnetonka. The rate will increase from \$2.80 to \$3.60 per thousand gallons.

To offset the larger sanitary sewer increase, the water variable rate and the fixed infrastructure fee will remain the same. While a departure from the city's long-term utility rate structure plan, Finance Director Darin Nelson says the sanitary sewer rate now fully covers the pass-through charge from MCES.

Even though the city's population has increased over the past decade, sanitary sewer flows and overall water usage have steadily decreased over this same period, due to more water-saving appliances, education in the conservation of natural resources and tiered water rates.

Residents will also see a slight increase for recycling fees in 2023. The quarterly fee will increase to \$21.15 to cover, in part, rising yard waste disposal costs. In recent years, the city has seen an increase in volume of yard waste collected, as well as the costs to grind and transport the waste.

# Register your alarm system

All homeowners and businesses must register alarm systems with the Minnetonka Police Department.

The city partners with CryWolf Services for alarm system registration, payment and monitoring. You can register, pay online (\$20 annual fee) and find tips to prevent false alarms at [minnetonkamn.gov/alarm-registration](http://minnetonkamn.gov/alarm-registration).

Questions? Call 952-939-8500.



Join us for an afternoon of **FREE** family fun

# Kids' Fest

Activities include dog sled rides, horse-drawn trolley rides, face painting, ice-sculptures, crafts and much more! Registration not required.

**Sunday, Feb. 5**  
**11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**NEW LOCATION!**

Hopkins Pavilion  
11000 Excelsior Blvd  
Hopkins



# WEST METRO HOME REMODELING FAIR

Save the Date!



Your next home remodeling project is closer than you think! This free event features more than 80 exhibitors, as well as remodeling consultations, seminars and more!

**Sunday, Feb. 26**  
**10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**FREE EVENT**

**Eisenhower Community Center**  
**1001 Highway 7, Hopkins**

More information:

[homeremodelingfair.com](http://homeremodelingfair.com)



# Family Fun Day

at Fire Station 1

- Chili and cider
- Fire truck displays
- Inflatable slide
- Meet a firefighter

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Minnetonka Fire Station 1**  
**14550 Minnetonka Blvd.**

## City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 2** New Year's Holiday, city offices closed
- 4** Park Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 5** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 16** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, city offices closed
- 17** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 21** Fire Department Family Fun Day, 10 a.m.
- 23** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 26** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 30** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.

City meetings are held in person. Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/participate](https://minnetonkamn.gov/participate) to learn how to also take part remotely. Watch meetings live and on-demand at [minnetonkamn.gov/tv](https://minnetonkamn.gov/tv).

For up-to-date information, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/calendar](https://minnetonkamn.gov/calendar) or call 952-939-8200.



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The cross-country ski trail at Glen Lake Golf Course is a 2.5-kilometer groomed course for all ages and ski levels. Open through March 12, weather permitting.

### Hours

Trails and golf center (rentals and restrooms)

**Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day**

### Passes

Season (\$35) or daily (\$6) passes are required and sold on-site or at city hall. Visit [threeriversparkdistrict.org](https://threeriversparkdistrict.org) to learn more.