

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



City council approves purchase of The Marsh

The Minnetonka City Council voted to approve the purchase of The Marsh at its Jan. 9 meeting. The fitness and wellness center, located at 15000 Minnetonka Blvd., closed at the end of 2022 following a decision by the YMCA of the North to sell the facility and adjacent land. The property is approximately 7 acres and is connected to both the Minnetonka Civic Center and Jidana Park.

“This property sits at the heart of our community and is historically, culturally and environmentally significant,” said Minnetonka City Manager Mike Funk. “The availability of this land represents a rare and unique opportunity to ensure public access well into the future, whether the city becomes the long-term owner or a temporary steward of the Marsh.”



More than 1,300 people provided comments on the proposal at **MinnetonkaMatters.com**. Once the real estate transaction is completed, the city will initiate a comprehensive review of its fitness and community center space to determine the most effective use of its facilities.

Next steps

- Purchase completion
- Facilities review

Stay Informed

Subscribe to The Marsh Project Page at **MinnetonkaMatters.com**.

Share your feedback

More than 2,000 people shared feedback in January at **MinnetonkaMatters.com**. Visit the page to offer your opinions on the following projects.

- Parking Ordinance
- Safe & Healthy Community



State of the City event will be March 10

Minnetonka’s State of the City event will move to a new format in 2023. Mayor Brad Wiersum will host a midday panel discussion focused on business in Minnetonka. The event will begin at noon on Friday, March 10 at the Minnetonka Community Center. It will also include samples from some of the city’s newest restaurants. Find more information at **minnetonkamn.gov/state-of-city**.



Get a free home energy audit

The Home Energy Squad program is offering promo codes for free home energy audits. Getting a home energy audit is a great way to learn more about your home, save energy and save money. Your home energy audit will include a customized report, programmable thermostat, LED lightbulbs, door and attic weather stripping and more.

Getting your audit is easy:

1. Contact Drew Ingvalson at dingvalson@minnetonkamn.gov or 952-939-8293 for the free promo code.
2. Sign up at **mncee.org/home-energy-squad** or 651-328-6220.

Pledge to be salt smart

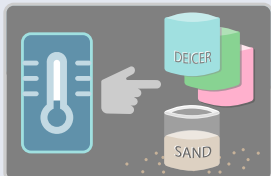


1. Shovel

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

Seeking summer farmers market vendors

The summer Minnetonka Farmers Market is on the move, and we're seeking vendors for our new location at Ridgedale Commons.

Beck's Greenhouse has been selling fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers at the farmers market since its inception in the mid-2000s.

"We've really liked meeting people in the local community over the years," said owner Jim Beck. "The new location will be exciting as it's near the mall and closer to a larger destination."

The Minnetonka Farmers Market runs Tuesdays, June 6 to Sept. 26. We're accepting applications for vendors who grow food or make handcrafted items, including fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, pickles, desserts, soap, art, handmade jewelry and more.

Details and application materials are available at minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket.



Just in time for Valentine's Day, visit the indoor Minnetonka Winter Farmers Market for delicious ingredients, sweet treats and beautiful handmade cards and gifts, as well as live music. SNAP/EBT and winter Market Bucks accepted.



Saturday, Feb. 11
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket

Make your dream home remodel a reality!

Are you contemplating a remodeling project for your home in 2023 but aren't sure where to start? Join us at the free West Metro Home Remodeling Fair.

More than 80 exhibitors will be showcasing the latest trends and available to answer questions as you ponder your next project. There are also free remodeling consultations, seminars and much more. Don't forget to bring photos. Learn more at homeremodelingfair.com.



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



Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Highway 7, Hopkins



Start the year with home improvements

The new year is the perfect time to start your next home improvement project, and the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) and the City of Minnetonka can help with easy financing programs designed specifically for Minnetonka residents.

From insulating your attic to new windows to a fresh coat of paint, whatever your home improvement needs might be, a variety of home improvement and energy loans are available.

Learn more about what loans are available for your city at minnetonkamn.gov/homeloans or check out our statewide loans at mncee.org/loans. All loans are subject to program guidelines. Make sure you review the guidelines before applying and reach out with any questions.

Sign up for adult softball

Registration for the city's many adult softball leagues begins in February.

- Returning teams: **Feb. 6**
- New teams: **Feb. 13**
- Deadline: **March 31**



League play begins in April and includes co-rec, co-rec doubleheaders, men's, men's doubleheaders and women's.

More info: minnetonkamn.gov/softball

GET READY FOR THE NEW MINNETONKA TREE AND SHRUB SALE

Are you used to seeing information about the tree and shrub sale in the February Memo? Big News! This year, we're flipping the script and changing how we conduct the sale.



Information can be found at minnetonkamn.gov/treesale

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 1 Park Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Minnetonka Contractor's Expo, 8 a.m.
- 2 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Kids Fest, 11 a.m.
- 6 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
- 13 City Council/EDA, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 16 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Presidents Day, city offices closed
- 23 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 26 West Metro Home Remodeling Fair, 10:30 a.m.
- 27 City Council/EDA, 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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Join us for an afternoon of **FREE** family fun

Kids' Fest

Indoor and outdoor activities

- Horse-drawn trolley rides
- Ice carving demonstration
- Ice skating (bring your own skates)
- Bonfires
- Kidsdance DJ
- Balloon artists
- Face painting
- Caricature artists
- Funtime Funktions Spin Zone
- Snapology STEM activities
- Kidcreate Studio arts & crafts
- Kicksledding
- Concessions available for purchase



Dog sled rides

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
1:15-2:30 p.m.

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

**NEW
LOCATION!**

Hopkins Pavilion
11000 Excelsior Blvd
Hopkins

Activities are subject to change without notice. Please dress accordingly.