

# MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



## Join The Marsh

Wellness facility to offer aquatics, fitness amenities

Minnetonka resident Shirley Gareffa was elated when the City of Minnetonka acquired The Marsh earlier this year.

The former longtime member says The Marsh is a vital recreational facility, in particular for residents who rely on the health and wellness facility's unique amenities and adaptive accommodations.

"I'm eager to get back into the rare and treasured therapy pool and resume my exercise routine," Gareffa said.

This month, the city will partially open The Marsh, offering a variety of aquatics and fitness opportunities. Amenities include two pools, group fitness studios and classes, fitness equipment, walking track, locker rooms with steam rooms and saunas and rentable meeting rooms.

Visitors may choose from a variety of membership options or daily guest fees. Membership is open to Minnetonka residents and nonresidents.

The city continues to explore potential opportunities for the restaurant and spa areas of the building, but those remain closed at this time.

Find more information or subscribe for updates at [minnetonkamn.gov/themarsh](http://minnetonkamn.gov/themarsh).

### Community Facilities Study

The city will conduct a Community Facilities Study to explore future use of The Marsh and the city's other indoor recreation facilities. The study will include opportunities for community engagement as it looks at long-term future uses of the facility and property.

Keep informed of the facilities study by subscribing to Community Facilities Study updates at [minnetonkamn.gov/subscribe](http://minnetonkamn.gov/subscribe).



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#### Hours

Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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## BIKE MONTH

Get rolling this month and discover Minnetonka's trail system with these Bike Month events:

<b>Bike &amp; Roll to School</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Bike to Work Week</b>	<b>May 15-21</b>
<b>Bike to Work Day</b>	<b>May 19</b>

### Bike Scavenger Hunt

Search by bike for various landmarks in Hopkins and Minnetonka throughout the month of May. Submit a photo of yourself for a chance to win prizes from local businesses.



### Mountain Bike Opener

Celebrate the start of mountain bike season at Lone Lake Park. Plan on riding to the event on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 5624 Shady Oak Road. Visit with bike vendors, demo mountain bikes and participate in group rides and clinics.

Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/bikemonth](http://minnetonkamn.gov/bikemonth) for more information.

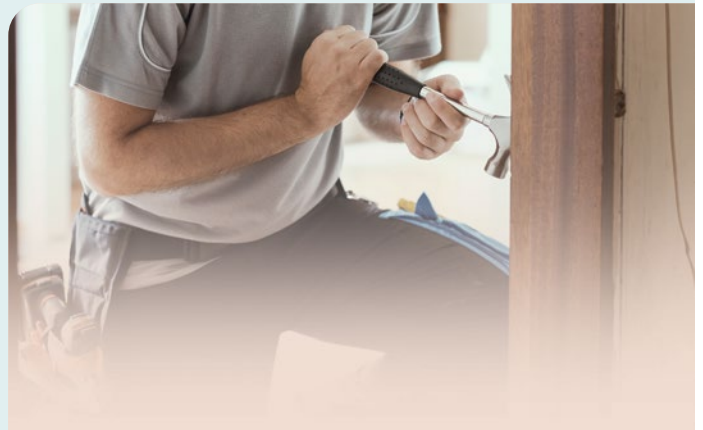
# Apply for home improvement and purchasing loans

Are you looking to buy your first home or planning a home improvement project? The city has three low-interest loan programs to help eligible applicants. Income and asset limits apply.



## First-time home buyers

The Welcome to Minnetonka loan program offers loans up to \$15,000 to help with down payments and closing costs. Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/welcometominnetonka](http://minnetonkamn.gov/welcometominnetonka) to learn more.



## Home improvements

The Minnetonka Home Loan Enhancement and Housing Rehabilitation programs offer loans up to \$15,000 to help with qualified enhancements. Visit [minnetonkamn.gov/homeloans](http://minnetonkamn.gov/homeloans) to learn more.

## Drop-in, hands-only CPR classes at Central Fire Station



Minnetonka Fire Department is offering free drop-in, hands-only CPR classes the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Minnetonka Fire Department staff will teach this life-saving skill in an informal setting. No need to sign-up; just stop by the Central Fire Station at 14550 Minnetonka Blvd.



## Serve on the Sustainability Commission

Help Minnetonka move toward a more sustainable future. The Sustainability Commission provides input regarding sustainability issues and promotes initiatives that protect and enhance our environment. Apply now at [minnetonkamn.gov/boards-commissions](http://minnetonkamn.gov/boards-commissions).



## Become a certified lifeguard

The City of Minnetonka is offering multiple opportunities to become lifeguard certified and work this summer at Shady Oak Beach.

"As a lifeguard, you'll learn skills that are super applicable to other situations and areas of your life," said Bea Durham, a Minnetonka lifeguard and swim instructor. "You get to be part of a team and have fun while giving back to the community at the same time."

The city offers full tuition reimbursement to those who meet our lifeguard employment requirements:

- Pass the American Red Cross lifeguard certification course
- Complete the city's job application and onboarding process
- Work a minimum of 230 hours throughout the 2023 summer season

To view certification course dates and register, visit [minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register) and search for course #2031301.



## Jump start your fitness with the Step to it Challenge!

Join Minnetonka for a friendly competition across Hennepin County. This free four-week challenge invites you to track your activities and convert them into steps. The top stepper in each age group wins Minnesota Twins tickets.



## Step to it CHALLENGE

Challenge runs May 1-28.

Sign up online at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org).

## Make your yard resilient this summer

Your yard can become a resilient landscape: lovely to look at, lively with pollinators and more adaptable to climate stress.

Take advantage of education, resources and technical assistance to set and achieve goals.

### EDUCATION



Attend a workshop, watch learning modules and videos, and find other resources about building resilience in your home landscape.

### NATIVE PLANT SALE



Purchase native plant plugs or seed mixes to replace turf or add habitat on your property. Minnetonka property owners are eligible for a \$20 discount.

### SITE CONSULTATION



Request a FREE one-hour consultation with an expert on your property and receive guidance on next steps to achieve your goals.

### BUCKTHORN PICK-UP



Clear buckthorn from your property and request a FREE curbside pick-up of buckthorn debris.

### FUNDING



Discover options to help pay for resilience projects.

Programs available while funding lasts. Learn more at [minnetonkamatters.com/resilient-minnetonka](http://minnetonkamatters.com/resilient-minnetonka)



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### City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 1** Local Board of Appeal, City Council & EDA, 6 p.m.
- 3** Park Board, 6:30 p.m.
- 4** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 15** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 16** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 18** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 22** City Council & EDA, 6:30 p.m.
- 29** Memorial Day Holiday, City Offices Closed

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

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



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## Register for these popular programs



**Safety Camp**  
 Thursday, June 15



**Shady Oak Beach Pass**  
 2023 Season

[minnetonkamn.gov/register](http://minnetonkamn.gov/register)

### SAVE THE DATE

<b>Park Grand Opening</b>	June 1	Ridgedale Commons
<b>Drop-Off Day</b>	June 3	Minnetonka Public Works
<b>Farmers Market</b>	Tuesdays beginning June 6	Ridgedale Commons
<b>Music in the Park</b>	Tuesdays beginning June 20	Civic Center Park
<b>Summer Fest</b>	June 24	Civic Center Park
<b>Night to Unite</b>	August 1	Registration opens in June

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