

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Election Day is Nov. 7



The 2023 municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Four ward council seats are on the 2023 ballot, and there is a ballot question on whether to keep ranked choice voting or return Minnetonka municipal elections to a primary and general election.

The Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata school districts also have school board positions on the back of the ballot.

What to know

- **Hours:** 7 a.m.–8 p.m. If you're in line at 8 p.m. you're allowed to vote.
- **Locations and ballot:** Find your polling place and view a sample ballot at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us
- **Registration:** Voters can register at the polls with proper identification. Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/elections.
- **Ranked choice voting:** The municipal election will use RCV to indicate your candidates in order of preference. (School board elections do not use RCV.) Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/rankedchoicevoting.
- **Results** will be available once tabulated at minnetonkamn.gov.

Last chance to vote early

You can also vote absentee in person at city hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) through Nov. 6. Special extended voting hours will be offered:

- Saturday, Nov. 4 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 6 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Mail-in ballots will also be accepted at city hall up until 8 p.m. on election night.

More information

- Visit minnetonkamn.gov/elections
- Call 952-939-8200
- Email elections@minnetonkamn.gov

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City embraces opportunity to add affordable housing

The city is looking to convert two longtime city-owned properties into the next generation of affordable housing.

The city acquired the properties near Baker Road and Rowland Road more than 20 years ago as part of a larger planned development. Due to market realities, the project was set aside and the city rented out both homes for many years. Once the long-term tenants moved out, the city held neighborhood meetings to discuss the future and prepare the properties for new housing.

“ These properties offer a unique opportunity for the city to invest in affordable ownership housing in our community by working with home builders who haven’t worked in Minnetonka before. ”

Julie Wischnack
Community Development Director

In September, the city council rezoned the properties, and following a public request process, the city is finalizing a contract with Amani Construction & Development to construct a twinhome on the Rowland Road site.

Amani is local, female and BIPOC-owned company with experience working with cities to build new and renovate existing homes to create affordable home options for residents. Construction is anticipated to start next spring.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/planning-projects for more information about the Baker-Rowland City Properties project.

Sustainable deconstruction

Last spring, the city partnered with Better Futures Minnesota to deconstruct the 5432 Rowland Road house through a process known as deconstruction.

Deconstruction is a more sustainable process to reduce construction debris headed to landfills.

According to Better Futures, about half of what goes into landfills is construction debris, and of that,

90 percent is from demolition.

Deconstruction, however, diverts all but about 15-25 percent of the average home from going into the landfill.

Better Futures is a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to reintegrating high-risk adults, primarily African American men, into society by providing support and employment.



Watch our video to learn about the 5432 Rowland Road deconstruction process.

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.

Get ready for winter snow removal

Please keep the following items in mind as winter weather approaches:

Plowing operations typically begin between midnight and 4 a.m.

Above-average snowfalls may require a multi-day operation.

Crews work in the following order: streets, parking lots, sidewalks, trails and ice rinks. In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets within nine hours after the snowfall ends.

Snow removal takes place in three steps

A first pass to provide access, full-width plowing and clean up.

Snow cleared from your property must remain on your property.

Don't push it into the street, across the street or onto sidewalks and trails where it could interfere with traffic and plows.

The city will repair damage to curbs and lawns caused by city snowplows.

Report the damage to Public Works. Repairs typically take place in the spring.



Mark the edge of your lawn or driveway.

Free curb markers are available at city hall.

Plowing will result in snow at the end of your driveway.

Unfortunately, this is unavoidable. Plows will try to evenly distribute snow in cul-de-sacs.

Set garbage and recycling cans behind the curb line

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/snowplowing for full details or call Minnetonka

Public Works at 952-988-8400 to learn more or ask questions.



Winter parking

- Vehicles cannot be parked on a public street between 2 and 6 a.m., or in one place for more than six hours.
- Parked vehicles and trailers cannot interfere with the removal of snow, sleet, slush or ice and may be towed at the owner's expense.

Leaf and yard site hours through November

Get your yard prepped for winter. Bring your leaves to the Public Works yard waste site through Nov. 18. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/yardwaste for more information.

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 7** Election Day, 7 a.m.
- 9** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Veterans Day Holiday, city offices closed
- 11** Winter Farmers Market, 10 a.m.
- 13** City Council & Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 14** Charter Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 16** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 20** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 21** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 23-24** Thanksgiving Holiday, city offices closed
- 27** City Council & Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 30** Planning Commission, 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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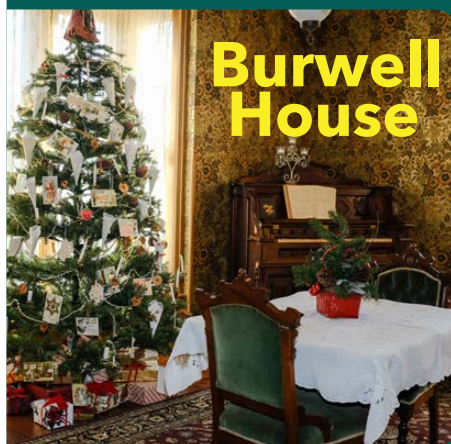
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Burwell House

Stroll through a Victorian home decorated for the holidays. Admission is free; donations appreciated.

Burwell House Holiday Tours

Sundays, Nov. 12-26 | 1-4 p.m.

Burwell Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 3 | 1-4 p.m.

Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road

Winter FARMERS MARKET

The winter market features vendors selling local, fresh and canned produce, meats, honey, breads, desserts, jams, jellies, sauces, soaps, cards, crafts and gifts. Plus, live music!

We accept SNAP/EBT and match the first \$10 with Market Bucks, and Produce Market Bucks.

For more information or to become a vendor, visit minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket or email farmersmarket@minnetonkamn.gov.

Saturdays
Nov. 11, Dec. 9 & Feb. 10
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

City of Minnetonka Community Center
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

