

MINNETONKA MEMO

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Multi-year water meter replacement project begins

Impacted properties will receive notification prior to installation

Beginning in September, approximately 3,500 properties in the northwest portion of Minnetonka will receive new water meters.

Existing meters are nearing the end of useful life and many are failing to communicate with city equipment. New meters are installed free of charge and will offer residents and businesses the ability to monitor their water consumption through an online portal.



Preparing for new installation

- Impacted residents and businesses will receive a letter from the city or the project contractor, Ferguson Waterworks, prior to installation.
- Visit the scheduling website listed on your letter or call 1-877-860-7544. **Do not schedule a replacement unless you have received a confirmation letter.**
- Ensure your shut-off valve is in working order. If your shut-off valve is damaged or leaks, you must schedule a repair before the replacement begins.

All water meters in Minnetonka will be replaced over the next four years in several phases.

Election 2024

Absentee voting begins Sept. 20

Starting in September, Minnetonka voters can cast their ballots for the upcoming 2024 presidential election. County, state and federal races are also on the ballot.

How to vote absentee

- **In-person:** Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., during regular business hours, Sept. 20-Nov. 4
Watch for extended hours leading up to Election Day.
- **By mail:** Hennepin County oversees all absentee voting by mail. Residents can request a ballot at hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-early-voting.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/elections, call 952-939-8205 or email elections@minnetonkamn.gov.

Water efficiency rebate available to residents and businesses

In Minnetonka, it pays to replace old toilets, dishwashers, irrigation systems and more with new energy- and water-efficient products. Through 2026, residents and businesses can apply for a rebate on Certified Energy Star® clothes washers, WaterSense® showerheads and more.

Head to minnetonkamn.gov/water-rebate to see a list of qualifying products. Purchases must be made on or after July 1, 2024 to qualify. Rebates apply to replacement products, not new installations.

Share your feedback on city budget

Preparing Minnetonka’s city budget is an eight-month process in which city council and staff use data to ensure the budget aligns with the city’s strategic priorities. The goal is to provide innovative, responsive and quality city services while maintaining our Aaa bond rating.

This month, the council will set its maximum preliminary levy to fund the 2025 city budget.

Several drivers are expected to impact the 2025 budget, including continued implementation of the city’s public safety master plan, proposed community facilities improvements and personnel costs due to rising insurance, workers compensation and cost of living.

Learn more about the proposed 2025 levy and share your feedback at minnetonkamatters.com/minnetonka-budget and these future city council meetings.



Sept. 23

Public meeting

City council anticipated to set 2025 preliminary levy

Nov. 4

Study session

City council to discuss 2025 budget proposal

Dec. 2

Public meeting

City council anticipated to adopt final levy, budget

Latiné American HERITAGE MONTH
Celebration

Sept. 21, 4-6 p.m.
Civic Center Park
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

CITY OF MINNETONKA

Submit your photos to the 2024 Minnetonka Photo Contest

Think you have what it takes to snap a winning photo? Submit yours to the Minnetonka Photo Contest.

From Sept. 4-25, residents may submit one photo that celebrates and promotes the beauty of Minnetonka. Categories include: Uniquely Minnetonka, Animals, Lifestyle and Landscape.

Winning photos are featured on the city’s website, social media and Minnetonka Memo. Winners will also be recognized at a November city council meeting.

For rules, category details and photo submission, visit minnetonkamn.gov/photocontest.



2023 Uniquely Minnetonka winner
Mary Lynn Johnson
“Doubly Blessed Living in Minnetonka”

KEY DATES

Sept. 4-25
Photo submissions

Oct. 4-11
Community voting

Oct. 14
Winners announced

MOVIES

IN THE
PARK

Bring your family and friends for a fun night of cinema under the stars! Movies take place approximately 15 minutes after sunset.



Friday, Sept. 6

The Little Mermaid

Approximate start time: 7:55 p.m.

Run time 2 hours, 15 minutes

Friday, Sept. 13

Migration

Approximate start time: 7:40 p.m.

Run time 83 minutes



Civic Center Park, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Be a Music in the Park sponsor!

Sponsor applications are available for our 2025 Music in the Park series. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/entertainment to learn more and apply.

Register by Oct. 7 for youth basketball league

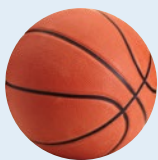
Join the recreation youth basketball league for ages 7-12 (grades 2-6).

Games begin in December and are on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Practices start in November.

- Ages 8-12 (Grades 3-6) practice once each week
- Ages 7-8 (Grade 2) practice on Saturdays before each game

This league is in partnership with Plymouth Parks and Recreation.



Volunteer coaches needed!

Visit the Recreation Services website or call 952-939-8203 to register for the league or volunteer to coach.

NATURAL RESOURCES HAPPENINGS

Volunteer with us!

Try out new skills you can apply on your property and work with others to reduce the impact of invasive species in our parks.

Managing buckthorn workshop

Thursday, Sept. 12 or Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nature journaling walk

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10-11:30 a.m. at Civic Center Park. Open to adults, teens and families with children over the age of seven.

Urban Habitat workshop

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8 p.m. at Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Drive.

"Empty Nesters" Bird Walk

Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:30-10 a.m. at Lone Lake Park. Open to adults, teens and families with children over the age of seven.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/NRevents for more information about each event. Advance registration is required online or call 952-988-8400.

JOIN THE MINNETONKA

POLICE EXPLORERS

Are you a young adult (age 14-21) interested in law enforcement and serving our community? The Minnetonka Police Explorers are recruiting new members for 2024-25.

Join us for an information session

Wednesday, Sept. 25
5:30 p.m.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/explorers for more information.



City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 2** Labor Day, city offices closed
- 3** Farmers Market, 2 p.m.
- 4** Joint City Council/Park Board, 5:30 p.m.
- 5** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 6** Movies in the Park, sunset
- 7** Community Drop-off Day, 8 a.m.
- 9** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Farmers Market, 2 p.m.
- 13** Movies in the Park, sunset
- 16** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 17** Farmers Market, 2 p.m.
- 17** Sustainability Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 23** City Council and Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
- 24** Farmers Market, 2 p.m.
- 24** DEI Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 26** EDAC, 6 p.m.

City meetings are held in person. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/participate to learn how to also participate 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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Fall leaf drop-off begins Sept. 21

Leaf drop-off at the Public Works Compost Site begins on Saturday, Sept. 21.

- Saturdays from 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Special expanded hours

- Fridays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 | Noon–6 p.m.
- Sundays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 | Noon–4 p.m.

More information is available at minnetonkamn.gov/yardwaste.



SPECIAL COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY

Get rid of all the junk you accumulated over the summer. Dispose of your unwanted appliances, carpet, furniture and more at Minnetonka Public Works.

Saturday, Sept. 7
8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Minnetonka Public Works
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

More information at minnetonkamn.gov/dropoffday



FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Oct. 8 | 5–8 p.m.
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

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DATE