

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



Apply to temporarily serve as at-large city council member

Minnetonka At-Large City Council Member Patty Acomb was elected to the District 44B seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives, which resulted in her resignation from the city council.

In January, the city council voted to temporarily fill the vacancy via appointment process, and hold a special election on Nov. 5, 2019 to fill the remainder of the term (through December 2021).

Applicants must be a Minnetonka resident, age 21 or older and be a qualified voter. Applications must be submitted by noon on Monday, Feb. 4.



Learn more and apply online at eminnetonka.com/2019atlarge or pick up a paper application at city hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.). Contact Assistant City Manager Perry Vetter at pvetter@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8216 with questions.



State of the City Address

Wednesday, Feb. 6 | 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Minnetonka Community Center

Join Mayor Brad Wiersum for the 2019 State of the City Address. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Jan. 31 to Perry Vetter at pvetter@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8216.

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Kids' Fest

Sunday, Feb. 10
11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

FREE

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.



Join friends and family for our annual Kids' Fest. All activities are free. There are both indoor and outdoor activities – please dress accordingly.

Please bring canned goods for the ICA Food Shelf to help area families in need.

Schedule of Events

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Dog sled rides

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

- Kidsdance DJ

1:15–2:30 p.m.

- Dog sled rides

1:45–2:30 p.m.

- Amazing Nathan Magic Show



11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

- Balloon artists
- Horse-drawn trolley rides
- Face painting
- Ice carving demonstration
- Bonfire and s'mores
- Caricature artists
- Henna artist
- Fat bike demo provided by Tonka Ski and Cycle
- Strolling magician
- Funtime Funktions Spin Zone
- Snapology STEM activities
- Early Childhood Sensory Activities with Hopkins ECFE
- Fire Department hazard house
- Great Harvest samples
- Hennepin County Library book check-out and activities
- Concessions: hot dogs, chips, snacks, beverages
- Shady Oak Beach pass sales





Burwell House Tour Guides Needed

Do you like local history and giving back to your community? Volunteer to be a tour guide at the historic Burwell House!

Volunteer guidelines

- Must be high-school-aged or older
- Guides can work as little or as often as they like, but typically volunteer for two three-hour shifts each month.

To apply or learn more, visit eminnetonka.com/Burwell or contact Moranda Dammann at mdammann@eminnetonka.com.

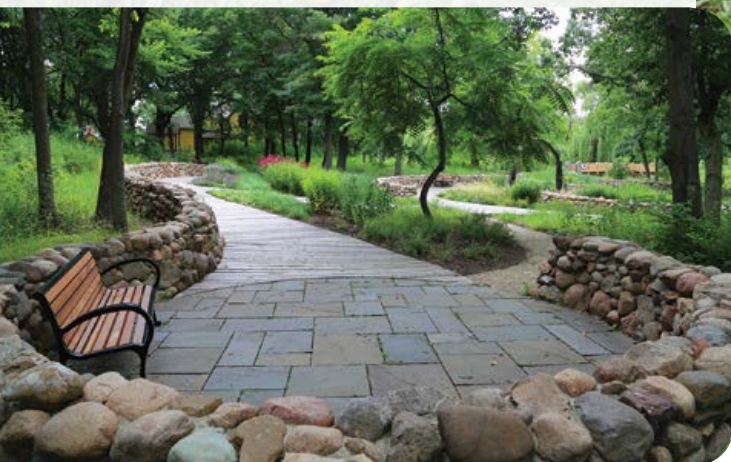
2019 tour schedule

June-August

- Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays
- 1-4 p.m.

September

- Saturdays and Sundays
- 1-4 p.m.



West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sunday, Feb. 10
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Highway 7, Hopkins

Free admission

Are you planning a home remodeling project or interested in learning more about renovating your home? Visit the West Metro Home Remodeling Fair to:



- Gather remodeling ideas, information and resources
- Connect with more than 75 exhibitors, including remodeling contractors, architects, landscapers and financial lenders
- Discuss your project with city staff and inspectors
- Visit the Idea Center and Ask the Pro booth
- Attend a seminar or demonstration
- Bring your kids (ages 3 and up) to the children's activity center for face painting, crafts and activities

Learn more at homeremodelingfair.com and follow the fair on Facebook and Twitter at [@westmetrohrf](https://twitter.com/westmetrohrf).

Operation Rescue Room

The Operation Rescue Room contest awards \$1,000 to the room most in need of a remodel. Nominate your room by Monday, Feb. 5, and stop by to see the entries and vote for the winner at the fair. Enter online, learn more and see previous winners at homeremodelingfair.com.



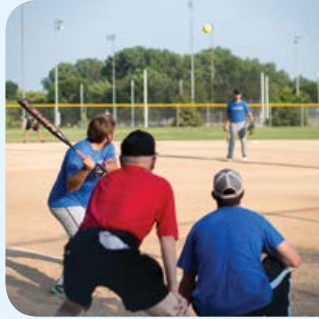
Register for adult softball

Registration for the city's many adult softball leagues begins in February. Leagues begin in April and include co-rec, men's single games, men's doubleheaders and women's league.

Registration dates

- Returning teams: **Feb. 4**
- Returning teams who want to change leagues: **Feb. 7**
- New teams: **Feb. 11**
- Deadline: **March 15**

Visit eminnetonka.com/sports/softball for more information.



2019 official newspaper

The *Lakeshore Weekly News* has been selected as Minnetonka's official newspaper for 2019.



It will publish the city's legal notices, ordinance titles and summaries, and other official information. Legal notices and full ordinances are also available at eminnetonka.com. The newspaper is published weekly on Tuesdays and is available for direct-mailing to homeowners who request the publication. The newspaper may also be picked up at many public locations, including Minnetonka City Hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).



MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 16 | 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Minnetonka Community Center | \$5

Enjoy live choral and instrumental music and a delicious breakfast in support of the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM). All proceeds support free performances and music scholarships. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and gluten-free options.



Ask a city planner

In each issue of the *Minnetonka Memo*, our planners answer a common question to help residents and businesses learn more about the planning process and available city resources.

Question:

I want to build a detached structure (shed, garage, etc.). Where can I build it and what city approvals do I need?

Answer:

There are different rules depending on the size and height of the detached structure.



• 200 square feet or less and 12 feet tall or less

- **Location:** Must be completely on your property and in your back yard
- **Approvals:** None

• 201-1,000 square feet and 12 feet tall or less

- **Location:** Behind the front line of the house, at least 10 feet from property lines and must meet front yard setback requirements
- **Approvals:** Building permit

• Larger than 1,000 square feet or taller than 12 feet

- **Location:** Depends on the height
- **Approvals:** Building permit and special city council approval (conditional use permit)
- **Please contact a city planner** at 952-939-8290 to discuss this type of structure.

Contact a planner to discuss your accessory structure project if your property contains easements or natural features, such as lakes, creeks, wetlands, floodplains and steep slopes.

Have a question?

Do you have a planning or zoning question? Email us at zoning@eminnetonka.com, call 952-939-8290 or visit eminnetonka.com/planning for more information.

Fire offers free hands-only CPR training

Properly administered hands-only CPR can make all the difference during cardiac arrest. There are more than 1,000 heart attacks in the U.S. every day, and 44 percent of those who receive immediate CPR survive.

What is hands-only CPR?

Hands-only CPR is a simple, two-step process. First, call 911. Then, perform compressions, hard and fast, in the center of the chest. Most cardiac arrests take place at home or in public, so learning this skill and how to act fast could make all the difference.

Attend a training session

In honor of February being "Heart Safe Month," Minnetonka Fire will host the following free hands-only CPR classes. You can learn this life-saving skill in just 5-10 minutes at one of our drop-in sessions, or attend our one-hour class for more detail.



Williston Fitness Center sessions

- Feb. 11, 15, 18, 22
- Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Williston membership not needed to attend

One-hour class

- Feb. 20, 10:15 a.m., Community Center
- Classroom session followed by hand-on practice with mannequins

More information

Call 952-939-8331 to learn more or to schedule a free hands-only CPR lesson for your group.

2019 city tree sale begins online Feb. 4 at 8 a.m.

Once again, the city is partnering with the local nonprofit Tree Trust to offer exclusive online ordering for the annual tree sale. Check out the table on page 7 for this year's list of trees and their characteristics.

The sale begins at 8 a.m., Monday, Feb. 4 and continues until the end of the month, or when stock sells out.

Ordering trees

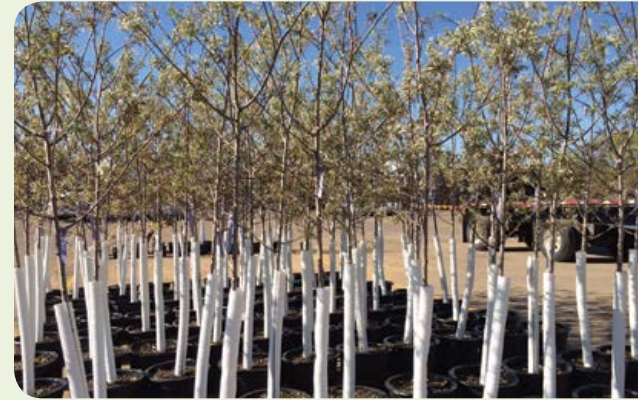
To place your order, visit eminnetonka.com. Prices will be listed when the sale begins on Feb. 4. **Quantities are limited - order early!** Beginning Jan. 30, residents can go online to set up or check their account settings and preview the sale.

Please note:

- This offer is only open to Minnetonka residents.
- Residents may order up to two trees for each Minnetonka property. There is no limit on the purchase of tree guards and watering bags.
- Contact the forestry office (952-988-8407) before purchasing if you:
 - own multiple properties in Minnetonka and want to buy trees for more than one.
 - want to purchase as representative of an apartment complex or townhome/condo association.
 - will be ordering from outside the United States.
- Do not use your account to purchase trees for other Minnetonka residents (even if you have done so in the past).

Planting tips

- Not all trees are suitable for planting under power lines. Plan for the mature height of the tree(s) you purchase.
- To prevent future sightline and utility conflicts, plant broad leaf trees at least 15 feet behind the curb and conifers more than 20 feet back.
- These trees do not have a warranty.



Tree pick-up

Friday, May 17

9 a.m. - noon

Saturday, May 18

9 a.m. - noon

Public Works, East Driveway

11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

Trees that are not collected on the designated dates will be planted in Minnetonka parks. No refunds will be given.

Also available for purchase

Plastic tree guard

Protect young tree stems from deer, rodents and rabbits. Use on trees up to 3" in diameter. On larger trees and those with thin bark, you can attach several guards using white duct tape or zip ties. (Not suitable for conifers or clump/multi-stem trees, which should be protected with welded wire caging.)

Tree watering bag (gator bag)

Zip this heavy-duty plastic bag around your young tree and fill it once every five to seven days to ensure proper watering. The bag holds about 20 gallons of water, which is slowly released into the soil over a period of hours. Zip two bags together to water larger, more established trees.

2019 Tree Sale Options

Species	Mature height and width (maximum)	Sun or shade?	Flowers and Fruit	Fall Color	Wildlife Value
LARGE SHADE TREES (6-8' tall at purchase)					
American Elm 'Valley Forge'	60' x 60'	full sun to part shade	small green flowers, round papery fruits	yellow-gold	birds, small mammals, beneficial insects
Sugar Maple 'Fall Fiesta'	60' x 50'	full sun to part shade	small greenish flowers, paired papery fruits	yellow, orange, red	birds, small mammals, beneficial insects
River Birch (clump)	40' x 40'	full sun to part shade	catkins (like pussy willow)	golden yellow	birds, small mammals, beneficial insects
Yellowwood	40' x 40'	full sun to part shade	fragrant white flowers, seed pods in fall	yellow	pollinators
Red Maple 'Brandywine'	25' x 12'	full sun to part shade	seedless	purple-red	songbirds
FRUIT TREES (6-8' tall at purchase)					
Apple 'Hat Trick'	18' x 18'	full sun	Honeycrisp, Sweet Sixteen and Zestar	insignificant	insect pollinators
Apple 'Honeycrisp'	15' x 15'	full sun	pale pink flowers, fruit ripens in late September	insignificant	insect pollinators
SMALL ORNAMENTAL OR UNDERSTORY WOODLAND TREES/SHRUBS (6-8' tall at purchase)					
Ironwood	40' x 25'	full sun to part shade	catkins (like pussy willow), clusters of small, nutlike fruits	yellow to orange	small mammals, diverse birds
Blue Beech	30' x 20'	full sun to full shade	catkins (like pussy willow)	orange	songbirds
Eastern Redbud (MN strain)	20' x 20'	full sun to part shade	pink flowers	yellow	butterflies
Thornless Hawthorn	20' x 20'	full sun	white flowers, reddish mini-apples	orange	birds, small mammals, deer
Japanese Tree Lilac 'Snowdance'	20' x 18'	full sun	fragrant white flowers	insignificant	butterflies, hummingbirds
Magnolia 'Royal Star'	10' x 10'	full sun to part shade	white flowers, purple berries	red-orange	insect pollinators
CONIFERS (3-8' tall at purchase)					
White Pine	60' x 30'	full sun to full shade	cones	evergreen	birds, small mammals, deer
Norway Spruce	60' x 30'	full sun to part shade	cones	evergreen	birds, small mammals, deer
Bald-Cypress	60' x 30'	full sun	cones	reddish-brown, drop in fall	birds, small mammals, deer
Tamarack	50' x 30'	full sun	cones	yellow, drop in fall	birds, small mammals, deer

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City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 4** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 6** State of the City Address, 7:30 a.m.
- 6** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 7** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Winter Farmers Market, 9 a.m.
- 10** Kids' Fest, 11 a.m.
- 11** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 18** Presidents Day, city offices closed
- 21** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 25** City Council, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Visit eminnetonka.com or call **952-939-8200** for the latest information. Meetings are available live and on-demand at eminnetonka.com/tv.



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Winter FARMERS MARKET

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

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

- Find unique gifts for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day
- Purchase local foods and shop for locally-made items
- Listen to live music and explore the Hennepin County Library booth

For more details, or to apply to be a vendor, visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket or email farmersmarket@eminnetonka.com.

Apply to be part of the summer farmers market

The summer Minnetonka Farmers Market will begin Tuesday, June 11 on the city's civic center campus. We're accepting applications for vendors who grow food or make items, including vegetables, cheese, desserts, soap, art, handmade jewelry and more.

More information and application materials for the 2019 farmers market are available at eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket. Vendors can commit to participate for the full season, one week or anything in between. Call 952-939-8203 with questions.