

MINNETONKA MEMO

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SPECIAL COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY



Drop off unwanted items June 1

Did your spring cleaning result in unwanted appliances, tires or other household items? Bring them to the city's Special Community Drop-off Day!

Saturday, June 1
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Minnetonka Public Works
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

Accepted items: appliances, batteries, bicycles, carpet and padding, copiers, fax machines, doors, fluorescent bulbs, furniture, lumber, mattresses and box springs, propane tanks, scrap metal, tires, toilets, non-metal sinks and windows.

New in 2019: Used clothing, shoes, towels and bedding will be accepted this year!

Not accepted: electronics, garbage, hazardous waste

Payment: There is a charge for all items except batteries, bicycles, fluorescent bulbs, clean scrap metal and clothing. Cash and checks payable to "City of Minnetonka" are accepted.

More Information: For complete details, including a more detailed list of accepted items and prices, visit eminnetonka.com/special-drop-off-day. There will also be another opportunity dispose of unwanted items this fall on Sept. 7.

Run for city council in 2019

There will be five Minnetonka City Council seats up for election in 2019 - all four Ward seats, and a special election for one at-large seat. Here's what you need to know to run for any of these seats:



- Candidate filing period: Ends June 4
- File in-person at city hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., extended hours until 5 p.m. on June 4
- Fee: \$5
- Candidates must be a Minnetonka resident, age 21 or older and a qualified voter. Ward candidates must live in that ward.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. If more than two candidates file for any seat, there will be a primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Visit eminnetonka.com/elections for more information. Call 952-939-8200 or email elections@eminnetonka.com with questions.

School board election

The Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata school districts will have school board positions on the ballot. Contact your school district office for more information or questions about filing.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK

Enjoy theater, music and movies in the picturesque setting of the outdoor amphitheater on the civic center campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.! All events are free; bring a blanket or lawn chair.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy a wide variety of music for the whole family every Tuesday evening this summer.

June 18-Aug. 27
7-8:30 p.m.

June 18

Geoff Elvee Quintet
(5-piece country band)

June 25

Eden Prairie Community Band
(50-piece concert band)

July 9

City of Lakes Concert Band
(60-piece concert band)

July 16

Salsa del Soul
(9-piece Latin/salsa band)

sponsored by
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July 23

Jazz on the Prairie
(19-piece big band)

July 30

Backyard Band
(danceable light Rock & Roll, 5-piece band)

Aug. 6*

Hornucopia
(A tribute to the horns of Rock & Roll, 11-piece band)

Aug. 13*

Southside Big Band
(Swing big band, 18-piece)

sponsored by
 Shorewood
Landing
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Aug. 20*

Jack Brass Band
(9-piece New Orleans style band)

Aug. 27*

Dirty Shorts Brass Band
(8-piece New Orleans style band)

*Concert time is 6:30-8 p.m. due to earlier sunsets.

THEATER IN THE PARK



Featuring the talented 4th and 5th graders from Minnetonka Schools, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." is a fantastic story of transformation and acceptance. It's the legendary tale of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. Enjoy favorite songs such as "Belle," "Gaston," and "Be Our Guest."

Thursday, June 13
10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Friday, June 14
10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

MOVIES IN THE PARK



Bring your family and friends for a fun night of cinema under the stars! Movies take place at dusk.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Incredibles 2

Thursday, Aug. 15

Small Foot

Friday, Aug. 23

Peter Rabbit

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 or visit eminnetonka.com for weather-related updates.



Get fit at outdoor boot camp

Monday-Friday
June 10-21 or July 8-19
7-8 a.m.

Williston Fitness Center
\$40 member/\$60 non-member
Course: 3060401

Jump-start your fitness with this two-week class that combines cardio, strength and plyometric drills in a fun environment.

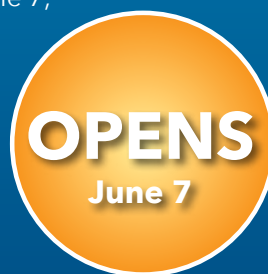
SHADY OAK BEACH

5200 SHADY OAK ROAD

Purchase your season pass!

Renew or purchase your 2019 Shady Oak Beach season pass and enjoy unlimited entry to the beach at great rates!

- Call 952-939-8203, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 2018 pass holders can renew online at eminnetonka.com/register. Existing cards will be reactivated.
- Stop by Shady Oak Beach starting June 7, or at one of our preseason sales:
 - May 25 | Noon-5 p.m.
 - May 26 | 3-5 p.m.
 - June 1 | Noon-5 p.m.
 - June 3 | 3-5 p.m.



For rates and complete details, visit eminnetonka.com/shady-oak-beach.

Celebrate 45 years of Minnetonka music

Saturday, June 15 | 7 p.m.
Arts Center on 7
at Minnetonka High School



All ages are invited to join the Music Association of Minnetonka for a free concert to celebrate the group's 45th anniversary. Choral, orchestral and band pieces will be performed by all of our ensembles.



Farmers Market returns June 11

Tuesdays | 3-7 p.m. | June 11-Sept. 24
Civic Center Campus | Ice Arena B Parking Lot

The Minnetonka Farmers Market returns June 11 and will run each Tuesday through Sept. 24. In addition to the usual locally-sourced produce and products, new vendors will offer bubble tea, coffee, frozen custard, quail and goose eggs, microgreens and many other new additions.



The market also offers live music, food trucks, local artisans and community groups each week. Master Gardeners are on-hand to offer education about plants and a "Little Growers" program for the kids. Speaking of kids, ages 4-12 can join the Power of Produce program and receive a \$2 voucher each week to promote healthy eating habits.

Get more information - including weekly vendors and food trucks - and subscribe to email/text updates at eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket. Follow the city on social media for weekly highlights and updates.

Congratulations to our police academy graduates!

Minnetonka Police Academy participants graduated April 9 following completion of an eight-week academy. Graduates received an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at police operations, including patrol, special investigations, crime scenes, SWAT, K9 and more. This free academy is offered to Minnetonka residents every 18 months. Learn more at eminnetonka.com/policeacademy.



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'm preparing for a summer project. What should I know? How do I apply for a permit?

Answer:

- Determine where the project will be on your property.
- Find your property survey or hire a surveyor to identify your property lines.
- Find project zoning information and fees at eminnetonka.com/planningresources.
- Review permit requirements and apply for permits at eminnetonka.com/permits.
- If a contractor is doing the work, they should obtain the permit.
 - All permit applications must be submitted online. Once you've applied, you'll receive an email with instructions to upload project information.
 - Call 952-939-8394 or email permits@eminnetonka.com for questions or more information.

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.

Avoid false alarms

False smoke and fire alarms can result in an unnecessary visit from the fire department, and a significant service fee for the homeowner.

The Minnetonka Fire Department responds to approximately 275 false fire and smoke alarms each year. Over the past decade, less than one percent of alarms triggered by home fire alarm systems in Minnetonka were due to an actual fire.

False Alarm Service Fees

If a home fire alarm system requires a response from the fire department and is later determined to be a false or unwanted alarm, city ordinance allows the city to charge residents a \$250 service fee, which reflects the average cost incurred by the department for each false alarm response. **Please note: This fee does not apply to general 911 calls or alarm calls originated by an automatic fire sprinkler system.**

How to Avoid False Alarms

- Have systems inspected and tested annually.
- Do not install smoke detectors near kitchen cooktops, bathroom doors or dusty, humid areas.
- Know your system code, how it works and how to operate it.
- During home renovations, put the system into "test mode" and cover smoke detectors.
- Revise the calling tree that is set up with the monitoring company and consider moving the fire department lower on the list. Homeowners should be listed first to help intercept false alarms.

More Information

For questions or more information, contact Fire Marshal Luke Berscheit at 952-939-8332 or lberscheit@eminnetonka.com.

Keep an eye out for oak wilt

Oak wilt frequently occurs in red oak trees with fresh wounds from storm damage or pruning. Beetles carry the fungus to new locations, and it spreads through the shared root systems of neighboring trees. Here's how you can help protect Minnetonka's red oak trees.

Red or white oak?

- Red oak: leaves are sharply pointed
- White oak: leaves are smooth and rounded

Red Oak Group



Northern Red Oak Northern Pin Oak

White Oak Group



Bur Oak White Oak

Oak wilt symptoms

- Rapid wilting from the top down
- Individual leaves wilt and lose their green color from the tip and edges inward
- Leaves on the ground around the tree

Tips to prevent oak wilt

- Avoid pruning between April 1 and Oct. 31.
- If you must prune, immediately cover the wound with shellac or water-based paint.
- Have healthy adjacent trees injected to protect against disease.
- Remove diseased trees in a timely manner.

Call 952-988-8407 to report a diseased red oak tree anywhere in Minnetonka.

NATURAL RESOURCES HAPPENINGS

June 2019

Habitat Restoration Volunteer Opportunities

Help pull garlic mustard and learn how to safely compost plants on-site. Visit eminnetonka.com/NREvents or call 952-988-8400 to register (required).

Location	Date	Meeting Location
Hilloway Park	June 6	12415 Hilloway Road Park on south side of street
Victoria Evergreen Park	June 11	3801 Victoria St.
Tower Hill Park	June 18	14601 Hwy 7 Park at south end of parking lot
Cullen Preserve	June 20 and 27	2510 Oakland Road gate

Pollinator Field Day

July 10 | 4-7 p.m. | Lone Lake Park

Mark your calendar for Pollinator Field Day and join us for educational demonstrations, activities, a plant sale, snacks and more. Look for more information in the July Minnetonka Memo.



Tour Burwell House in June

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

13209 E. McGinty Road | Free (donations accepted)

The Charles H. Burwell House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is open for tours throughout June at the days and times listed above. The house is air-conditioned and the main floor is handicapped-accessible. To learn more or schedule a group tour (seven or more), visit eminnetonka.com/burwell.

2018 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report

The City of Minnetonka is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2018. Each of the past 19 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

This report fulfills an obligation the city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water or for information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Tom Pletcher at tpletcher@eminnetonka.com or 952-988-8427.

Water source

The City of Minnetonka provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging in depth from 444 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

Generally, sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the City of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. The report may also be viewed online at health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Visit eminnetonka.com/drinkingwater to view the full report.

Lawn watering schedule

To conserve the community's water resources, City of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call 952-988-8400.



Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2018

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2018. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Water Testing Terms and Definitions

MCLG – Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MRDLG – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

MRDL – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

AL – Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only five samples are taken, the

average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

pCi/l – PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

ppb – Parts per billion

This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

ppm – Parts per million

This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

nd – No Detection

N/A – Not Applicable

Does not apply.

Average/result

This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2018)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	4.1-5.0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	2.2-3.1	3.1	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.62-.78	.74	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	ppm	N/A	60	12.6-16	16	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	N/A	80	19.9 -26.1	26.1	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	.33-.53	.47	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of measure	Comparison Value	Range	Average/result
Manganese	ppb	100	3.76-86.6	86.6
Haloacetic Acids (HAA6Br)	ppb	N/A	4.27-4.80	4.53
Haloacetic Acids (HAA9)	ppb	N/A	7.81-20.87	14.34
Sodium	ppm	20	11.9-15	15
Sulfate	ppm	500	2.48-6.86	6.86

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (6/14/16)	ppb	100	0	1.28	3 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (6/14/16)	ppb	15	0	1	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Minnetonka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If there are concerns about lead in the water, consider having the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

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City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 3** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 5** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 11** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 13** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 17** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 20** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 22** Summer Fest, 4 p.m.
- 24** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 27** Planning Commission, 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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Register your Night to Unite event by July 22

Minnetonka Night to Unite is Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 6-9 p.m. Residents are encouraged to join this national celebration and schedule block parties, cookouts or get-togethers to get to know one another and promote community safety.

Register your neighborhood's Night to Unite event so Minnetonka Police and Fire, Public Works and other city officials can visit. *Please note: Visits are not guaranteed.*

Register your party by July 22 and learn more at eminnetonka.com/night-to-unite, or call Karen Hendrickson at 952-939-8543.

Free assistance for emerging Minnetonka businesses

The Open to Business program offers free, one-on-one, confidential business consulting to help new and early-stage businesses grow and prosper. The program also helps businesses access technical assistance and provides small business loans to emerging entrepreneurs who face challenges with the commercial banking system.



To learn more, visit opentobusinessmn.org or contact program advisor Rob Smolund at 612-789-7337. Smolund also holds office hours in the Minnetonka Community Center the second Monday of each month from 9-11 a.m.