

# MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



## SPECIAL COMMUNITY DROP-OFF DAY



### Drop off unwanted items Sept. 7

Do you need to get rid of unwanted appliances, tires or other household items? Bring them to the city's Special Community Drop-off Day!

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
**8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Minnetonka Public Works**  
**11522 Minnetonka Blvd.**

**Accepted items:** appliances, batteries, bicycles, carpet and padding, 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, liquids, copiers, fax machines

**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](http://eminnetonka.com/special-drop-off-day).

### 2019 election update

There are five city council seats up for election in 2019 - all four Ward seats and a special election for one at-large seat. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

#### Absentee voting begins Sept. 20

Absentee ballots will be available Sept. 20 at Minnetonka City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Hennepin County oversees all absentee voting by mail. Complete an application at [hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting](http://hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting).



#### Learn more

Visit [eminnetonka.com/elections](http://eminnetonka.com/elections) for complete 2019 election details, including candidates and polling location changes. Call 952-939-8200 or email [elections@eminnetonka.com](mailto:elections@eminnetonka.com) with questions.

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## Photo contest coming in October

There's still time to take a great Minnetonka photo before the city's annual photo contest!

This year's contest will be held in October. Check out the next issue of the Minnetonka Memo and stay tuned to **eminnetonka.com** and our social media accounts for the timeline and details.

Winning photos will be featured on the city's website, social media accounts and in the Minnetonka Memo. We can't wait to see the amazing images you've captured in 2019!



## 2019 open house canceled due to construction

Minnetonka's City and Fire Department Open House - typically held in early October each year - will not take place in 2019 due to construction on the civic center campus.

### Join us at the Burwell Spooktacular Oct. 25

We hope to see you at our new fall event - the Burwell Spooktacular - Friday, Oct. 25 instead! See the ad on this page for more details.



# BURWELL Spooktacular

**Wear your best costume and have a spooktacularly good time at this FREE fall event!**

**Friday, Oct. 25  
5:30-8 p.m.**

**Burwell House grounds  
13209 E. McGinty Road\***

\*Free parking is available at St. David's Family Center (3395 Plymouth Road) and Mills Church (13215 Minnetonka Drive).

- Ages 12 and under recommended
- Spooky scavenger hunt
- Storytellers
- Pumpkin carving demonstration
- Crafts
- Burwell House tours
- Warm up by the fire.
- Create a pirate ship and race it down the creek!
- Purchase hot dogs, brats and hamburgers at the Boy Scouts Troop 346 food stand.

# Sign up for Safe Driving Class



**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
**9 a.m.-noon**  
**Community Center**  
**14600 Minnetonka Blvd.**

Does not qualify for senior AAA insurance discount.

Attend this free class to become a safer driver! Learn about traffic laws (including the new hands-free law), the dangers of distracted driving, traffic stop do's and don'ts and much more.



All attendees will receive a free cell phone car mount to help you go hands-free.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/safedrivingclass2019](http://eminnetonka.com/safedrivingclass2019) to register or learn more.

## Join the Minnetonka Police Explorers

Are you a young adult (ages 14-21) interested in law enforcement and community involvement? The Minnetonka Police Explorers are currently recruiting new members for 2018-19!

Visit [eminnetonka.com/police-explorers](http://eminnetonka.com/police-explorers) for more information. Contact Officer Heather Olson at 952-939-8500 or [holson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:holson@eminnetonka.com) to ask questions or learn more.



# Fall leaf drop-off site opens Sept. 21

Each fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Residents must present a driver's license, state ID or Minnetonka utility bill. Commercial tree and lawn services must prove materials came from a Minnetonka address.

Keep leaves and yard waste separate from brush and drop off in their respective areas. Bags cannot be left at the drop-off site, including compostable bags.

## LEAF DROP-OFF SITE

The leaf drop-off site is open between Sept. 21 and Nov. 23. Friday and Sunday hours aren't offered until November.

<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>7 a.m.-3 p.m.</b>	<b>Sept. 21, 28</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>11 a.m. -7 p.m.</b>	<b>Sept. 23, 30</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>11 a.m. -7 p.m.</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>



## BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE

The brush drop-off site is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Nov. 23.

### Learn more

Visit [eminnetonka.com/yardwaste](http://eminnetonka.com/yardwaste) to learn more, or call 952-988-8400 with questions. See Page 7 for additional tips to manage fall yard waste.

## Register now for youth and adult basketball leagues!

Hit the court this winter to develop your skills, get some exercise, make friends and have fun! Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services offers an outstanding selection of youth and adult basketball leagues for ballers of all skill levels.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) or call 952-939-8203 to learn more or register for one of these great leagues.



### Youth basketball

#### Grades 2-6

**Register: Now through Friday, Oct. 4**

Boys and girls teams are formed by grade level. Games are on Saturdays at Hopkins West Junior High. Grades 3-6 will have one practice each week, and second graders will practice Saturdays before each game.

#### Volunteer coaches needed!

Call 952-939-8203 to learn more.



### Adult basketball

#### Registration begins:

- Returning teams: Sept. 3
- New teams: Sept. 10

This 10-week winter leagues plays on Wednesday evenings. Space is limited.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/adultbasketball](http://eminnetonka.com/adultbasketball) to learn more.



**ONE RUN**  
can change your day.  
**MANY RUNS**  
can change your life.

### Join Williston's Run Club

An experienced coaching staff leads runners of every pace and ability!

**Now through Nov. 2 - join anytime!**

**#3060502-1:** M/W (6 p.m.); Sa. (7:30 a.m.) - \$25

**#3060502-2:** Saturdays Only (8 a.m.) - \$12.50

For more info, email us at [willistonrunclub@gmail.com](mailto:willistonrunclub@gmail.com).



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WILLISTON FITNESS CENTER

## 'Let's Dance' with the Minnetonka Concert Band

The Minnetonka Concert Band's fall concert - "Let's Dance!" - will feature a variety of dance music, from Bach to Fiddler on the Roof.



**Sunday Sept. 29, 3 p.m.**

**Free for all ages**

**Arts Center on 7 at Minnetonka High School**  
**18285 Highway 7, Minnetonka**



## 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:

What permits have been approved for my home and where can I find them?



### Answer:

We keep records of approved city permits. To see a list of permits for your property from the last 20 years, follow these steps. To receive copies of actual approved permits, call us at 952-939-8394.

1. Visit [eminnetonka.com/permits](http://eminnetonka.com/permits)
2. Click "Search for property permit history"
3. Click "Search for Permit"
4. Search by address, date, contractor, permit type or permit number

For permits more than 20 years old, visit city hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) to search through our physical records.

To ask questions or learn more about finding permits for your home, call 952-939-8394 or email [permits@eminnetonka.com](mailto:permits@eminnetonka.com).

### Have a question?

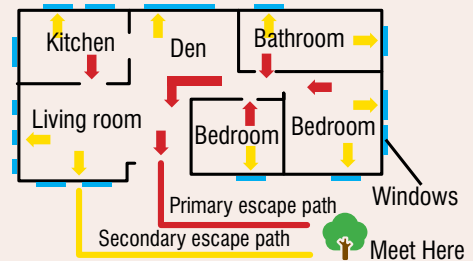
Do you have a planning or zoning question? Email us at [zoning@eminnetonka.com](mailto:zoning@eminnetonka.com), call 952-939-8290 or visit [eminnetonka.com/planning](http://eminnetonka.com/planning) for more information.

## Review your fire safety plan this fall

The start of a new school year is the perfect time to review your family's fire safety plan. In an average fire, you have only three minutes to safely escape, so it's important for everyone in the house to know the plan.

Follow these reminders to keep your family safe from fire:

- Have working smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom.
- Make sure your family has a fire escape plan in place and practice it.



- Know two exits from every room.
- Ensure windows can open and screens can be easily removed.
- Establish a safe family meeting place outside the home.
- Encourage children to know how and when to call 911.
- Have a fire extinguisher and ensure everyone knows how to use it.





## Adopt a storm drain



Adopt a storm drain in your neighborhood to benefit water quality and the environment. Sweep, rake and pick up debris to keep storm drains clean. Learn more and sign up at [adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org).

## Minnetonka Historical Society seeks volunteers

The Minnetonka Historical Society seeks volunteers to fill a variety of positions. These are perfect opportunities for anyone who enjoys history, wants to give back to the community or needs activities for their résumé. Positions include:

- Membership
- Website publishing
- Secretary
- Holiday open house coordinator
- Publicity and social media
- Collections
- Presentation coordinator
- Artifact inventory management

Training is provided, hours are flexible and vary by position.

Contact Jan Cook at 952-930-3962 or [jbcook220@gmail.com](mailto:jbcook220@gmail.com) to learn more and apply.



## Tour Burwell House through September

**September**  
Saturdays, Sundays | 1-4 p.m.

13209 E. McGinty Road  
Free (donations accepted)

The Charles H. Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is air-conditioned and the main floor is handicapped-accessible. No reservations required. For more information about tours, visit [eminnetonka.com/burwell](http://eminnetonka.com/burwell).

# NATURAL RESOURCES HAPPENINGS

September 2019

## Buckthorn Workshop

Managing Woodlands, Buckthorn and Beyond

Tuesday, Sept. 17 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center | Community Room

Learn best practices to control buckthorn and other invasive species - while saving time and money - to improve the ecological health of your property.

Registration is required at 952-988-8400 or [eminnetonka.com/NRevents](http://eminnetonka.com/NRevents).



## Tips to deal with yard waste this fall

Fall yard work inevitably results in piles of yard waste - leaves, twigs and grass clippings. Follow these tips to ensure yard waste is properly reused or disposed of to protect our environment.



- Compost leaves, grass and native plant clippings to make mulch.
- Mow grass clippings and leaves back onto the lawn.
- Bag waste for curbside collection or bring it to the city's leaf and brush drop-off site. See Page 3 for details.
- Don't burn yard waste or brush.
- Remember, it is illegal to dump yard waste or brush in streets, wetlands, woodlands or bodies of water.

## Prepare your trees and shrubs for winter

Trees and shrubs need extra care to survive the winter. Follow these tips to ensure a productive spring growing season.

- Water when there is less than one inch of rainfall per week until the ground freezes.
- Check soil moisture. If it's dry, water. If it's damp, wait.
- Use a low-flow or soaker hose instead of sprinklers, or install tree-watering bags.
- Ensure the entire root zone receives water - from the trunk to the farthest branch tips.



- Water around - not on - trees. Excess moisture on open wounds, leaves or needles can cause fungi to grow.
- Remove tree bags before winter and surround young trees with wire fencing to protect from deer, rabbits and rodents.

- Remember to avoid runoff onto paved surfaces.

## Watering restrictions in effect through Sept. 30

City watering restrictions are in effect through Sept. 30. Water before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Even-numbered houses can water on even-numbered days, and odd-numbered houses can water on odd-numbered days.

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## City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 2** City offices closed, Labor Day
- 4** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 5** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 12** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 16** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

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



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**Tuesdays through Sept. 24, 3-7 p.m.**

Minnetonka Civic Center Campus  
Ice Arena B Parking Lot  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

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## Provide feedback on potential development

The City of Minnetonka is beginning to analyze future development of the city-owned property at 5937 County Road 101. Attend a series of community workshops in September and October to learn more about potential development and provide valuable input.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/5937-CR101](http://eminnetonka.com/5937-CR101) to learn more.