

# MINNETONKA MEMO

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## Winter farmers market returns, summer applications available

If you missed the first-ever Minnetonka Winters Farmers Market in December, there is one more opportunity to attend! Another winter market will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).

Find unique gifts for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Available products include bread, salsa, beef, chicken, granola, honey, olive oil and hand-craft paper and jewelry. To find a full list of vendors and more information, visit [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket).

### Apply to be part of the summer market

The summer Minnetonka Farmers Market will begin Tuesday, June 12, on the Minnetonka Civic Center campus. The city is now accepting applications for vendors who make or grow items that would be a good fit at the market, including: vegetables, sweet treats, cheese, soap, art, handmade jewelry and other items.

The city hopes to expand the selection of food, other items and food trucks available at the market in 2018.

More information and application materials for the 2018 farmers market are available at [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket). Vendors can commit to participate for the full season, just one week, or anything in between. Contact recreation services with questions at 952-939-8203.

## State of the City Address

**Wednesday, Feb. 7 | 7:30-9:30 a.m.**  
**Minnetonka Community Center**

Attend the 2018 State of the City Address by Mayor Brad Wiersum Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30-9 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center (14600 Minnetonka Blvd). A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Jan. 31 to Pat Schutrop at [pschutrop@eminnetonka.com](mailto:pschutrop@eminnetonka.com) or 952-939-8211.

## Special election expected in 2018

The election of Brad Wiersum to mayor creates a vacancy in the Ward 3 city council seat. State law and the city's charter allows the council to either call for a special election or to fill the vacancy through appointment.



The city council is expected to call for a special election to fill the Ward 3 seat. The likely date for the Ward 3 special election is April 10, 2018. Stay tuned to [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) and the March edition of the *Minnetonka Memo* for more information.

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# Kids' Fest



## Visit Minnetonka Kids' Fest Sunday, Feb. 11

Join friends and family for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest from noon-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Minnetonka Community Center (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).



All activities are free. The event includes both indoor and outdoor activities - please dress accordingly.

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

Activities and performances are subject to change without notice. Stay tuned to [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) for details.

## Schedule of Events

### Noon-1:30 p.m.

- ☐ Dog Sled Rides

### 12:30-1:15 p.m.

- ☐ Juggling Show

### 2:15-3:30 p.m.

- ☐ Amazing Nathan Magic Show

### 2:30-3:15 p.m.

- ☐ Teddy Bear Band

### 2:30-3:30 p.m.

- ☐ Free Ice Skating and Rentals (Ice Arena, limited quantity of skates available)

### Noon-3:30 p.m.

- ☐ Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides
- ☐ Face Painting
- ☐ Ice Carving Demonstration
- Bonfire and S'mores
- ☐ Caricature Artists
- ☐ Kiddance DJ
- ☐ Amazing Nathan Strolling Magician
- ☐ Arts and Crafts with Kidcreate Studio
- ☐ Early Childhood Sensory Activities (Hopkins ECFE)
- ☐ Fire Department Hazard House
- ☐ Great Harvest wheat grass gardens/bread samples
- ☐ Funtime Funktions Spin Zone
- ☐ Dazzling Dave the Yo-Yo Master
- ☐ Balloon Artist
- ☐ Hennepin County Library Book Check-Out and Activities
- ☐ Concession ☐ hot dogs, chips, snacks, beverages
- ☐ Shady Oak Beach pass sales



# Visit the Home Remodeling Fair Feb. 11

Minnetonka residents are invited to the West Metro Home Remodeling Fair Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins. Admission is free.



Sponsored by the cities of Minnetonka, Golden Valley, Hopkins and St. Louis Park, and Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka community education, the Home Remodeling Fair is designed to provide residents with ideas, information and resources to promote improvements to housing in each community.

Fairgoers can visit more than 75 exhibitors, including remodeling contractors, architects, landscapers and financial lenders. Get ideas for your kitchen, bathroom, landscaping, windows and siding. City of Minnetonka staff and inspectors will also be at the fair.

Visit the Idea Center or Ask the Pro booth for free, no-obligation consultations from volunteer architects, interior designers, landscape designers, arborists, master gardeners and more. Bring your photos, sketches and questions. Attend a free seminar or demonstration to learn about the latest trends in home décor, kitchens and bathrooms, flooring, plumbing, landscaping and more.

Plus, check out the Operation Rescue Room contest, where you could win \$1,000 to use toward remodeling a room if it is voted most in need of a makeover. Please note, the contest application deadline is Monday, Feb. 5 - get the details at [homeremodelingfair.com](http://homeremodelingfair.com).

A children's activity center is available for parent/child crafts and activities for ages three and up, including face painting.

Join the fun and use the hashtag [#westmetrohrf/projects](https://twitter.com/westmetrohrf/projects) to share pictures of your home remodeling projects via social media.

For more information, visit [homeremodelingfair.com](http://homeremodelingfair.com).

## 2018 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER SELECTED

The *Lakeshore Weekly News* has been selected as Minnetonka's official newspaper for 2018.



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](http://eminnetonka.com). The newspaper is published weekly on Tuesdays and is available for pickup at many public locations, including Minnetonka City Hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).



MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 24 | 8 - 11 a.m.  
Minnetonka Community Center | \$5

Enjoy live entertainment and a delicious breakfast in support of the Music Association of Minnetonka's Scholarship and Music Fund. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and gluten-free options.

## Burwell House tour guides needed

Minnetonka's Historic Charles H. Burwell House at 13209 E. McGinty Road is a treasured city resource, and tours led by volunteers play a critical role in bringing this site to life for visitors of all ages.

2018 tours begin June 2 and continue through Aug. 26. Tours are available Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. In September, the house is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. High school students are welcome to volunteer at the house.

Tour guides typically volunteer for three hour shifts twice each month, but can volunteer as little or as often as they like.

To apply, or for more information, visit [eminnetonka.com/Burwell](http://eminnetonka.com/Burwell) or contact Moranda Dammann at [mdammann@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mdammann@eminnetonka.com).

## Election judges needed

The City of Minnetonka seeks election judges for both the Aug. 7 state primary election and the Nov. 6 state general election.

Election judges provide key support on Election Day and ensure the voting process runs smoothly and honestly. Tasks include opening and closing the polls, assisting voters, checking in voters with electronic poll books and upholding the laws regarding voting. This is a paid opportunity, and training is provided, and it's a great way to meet neighbors and protect the right to vote.

Election judges must be at least 18 years old; able to read, write and speak English; attend a required training session and declare party affiliation. Also, 16- and 17-year-old high school students are allowed to serve as student election judges. Those not eligible include a candidate in the election, anyone living with a candidate on the ballot, or a spouse, parent, child or sibling of another election judge at the same polling location.

Find more information and apply online at [eminnetonka.com/elections/election-judges](http://eminnetonka.com/elections/election-judges) or email [elections@eminnetonka.com](mailto:elections@eminnetonka.com) for more information.

## FEATURED RECREATION PROGRAMS

### 'Daddy, can you fix my hair?'

**Monday, Feb. 26**

**6-8 p.m.**

**Cost: \$50**

**New Reflections Salon  
Ridgedale Center**



Professional local hairstylists teach fathers and father-figures how to care for and fix their daughters' hair. Learn, in detail, easy, hands-on styling tips and tricks for all hair types. Practice braiding, ponytails, buns, easy up-dos and flat ironing. Participants will receive a take-home kit. There must be one parent per child, no exceptions. There will be another class for dads and daughters on April 16, and a similar opportunity for moms and daughters on March 19.

### Intro to T-ball: Sports Unlimited

**Ages 4-6**

**Saturdays, Feb. 3-24**

**9:30-11 a.m.**

**Cost: \$54**

**Williston Fitness Center**



This camp is designed to introduce the young athlete to the sport of T-ball through skill development and small group games. Children will learn the rules of baseball while working on team play and sportsmanship. Individual skills taught include: throwing, catching, hitting, base running and fielding. Children will be divided by age and skill level when appropriate. Please bring a baseball glove and water bottle.

### Science Explorers: Wheels, Wings, Sails and Rails

**Ages 3.5-6**

**Thursdays, Feb. 8-22**

**9:30-11 a.m.**

**Cost: \$39**

**Glen Lake Activity Center**



Discover how cars, planes and trains work and why they are important. With fun and engaging experiments and Lego activities, learn how boats can cruise over water without sinking, how planes and rockets fly, how steam engines and train signals work and more.

**To register call 952-939-8203 or visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register).**

## Reminder

The Minnetonka Community Center will be closed due to the holiday on Monday, Feb. 19.

## Plan Your Perfect Move

*Renee Miller*

**Friday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m.**

An expert panel guides you through planning your perfect move! A licensed realtor will present market statistics for perfect timing to maximize your profit. The program will also feature an experienced move manager and home inspector.

**Cost: \$2** (Course #2180415201)

## Wellness Series: Exercise is Medicine

*Dr. Ryan from North Memorial and Twin Cities Orthopedics*

**Monday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m.**

Ever wonder how to begin an exercise program that includes cardio, strength, balance or stretching? Join Dr. Ryan from North Memorial and Twin Cities Orthopedics for information regarding the total body benefits of exercise.

**Cost: \$2** (Course #2180801201)

## Travel Showcase Landmark Tours

**Friday, Feb. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Attend a presentation of several exciting upcoming national and international travel opportunities. If you can't attend the showcase please call 651-490-5408 for a catalog or visit [gowithlandmark.com](http://gowithlandmark.com).

**Cost: Free!** (Course #2110301201)

## Sips & Songs

Enjoy light refreshments and socializing before taking in local entertainment. Live it up, reserve your seat today!

### Chris Kalogerson

**Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.**

Their specialty is music from a variety of genres and a great variety for dancing!

**Sponsored by WestRidge.**

**Cost: \$3** (Course #2100301202)

## Memory Café

**Third Tuesday of every month, Feb. 20, 10-11:30 a.m.**

A memory café is a welcoming place for people living with dementia and their caregivers to socialize and share experiences. Facilitated by a licensed social worker from Senior Community Services. Participants stay in the moment by participating in an art activity led by an instructor experienced working with seniors and dementia from the Minnetonka Center for the Arts.

This activity is made possible through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Cost: Free, call 952-939-8393 to sign up**

## Winter Hike to Jidana Park

*Steve Pieh*

**Thursday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Take a two-mile, round-trip excursion from the Minnetonka Community Center to Jidana Park and back. Enjoy roasting brats and sipping coffee by the campfire.

**Cost: \$4** (Course #2190802201)

## Monthly Programs

### Monthly Party: Valentine's Day

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, noon**

Celebrate with us!

**Menu:** Swedish meatballs, mashed potato, broccoli and cheese, roll and dessert

**Sponsored by: Nothing Bundt Cakes**

**Cost: \$7** register by Feb. 8

(Course #2100102201)

### Lunch and a Movie:

**A Dog's Purpose**

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, noon**

Unfolding through the prospect of a reincarnated dog, this family tale follows the faithful canine as he learns the purpose of his existence through the lives of his numerous owners.

**Menu:** Sloppy Joe, fruit, and chips, dessert

**Sponsored by: Meridian Manor**

**Cost: \$6** register by Feb. 15

(Course #2100202201)

## Income Tax Assistance

This free tax program is designed to help moderate-to-low income individuals with basic taxes.

Appointments can be made at Senior Services or by calling 952-939-8393. Appointments are required and no walk-ins are allowed. Spots are filling up!

- Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 5–April 16
- Appointment times: 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m. and 3 p.m.

## Community Connections: Gadgets for Making Life Easier

**Monday, Feb. 26, 10:15-11:15 a.m.**

Learn about all the amazing gadgets to make life easier as we age! Mary Rempfer from Liberty Medical will stop by to demonstrate some pretty nifty things that will fill some real needs – none of which involve any technology! Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #2180408201)

## Building Personal Resilience

*Lynne Jensen*

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-noon**

This is a practical, focused program, combining group coaching with tools to help you. Regulate your body's response to stress and build resilience. Learn life-long skills to use anytime to increase your sense of well-being and quality of life.

**Cost: \$12** (Course #2180414-01)

## Ceramic Art Experiences

**Tuesdays, Feb. 27-March 20, 1-3 p.m.**

Inspire your creativity, decrease stress and strengthen your hands, wrists and arms by working with clay. This is a project-based ceramic experience. Clay firing included.

Minnetonka Center for the Arts is pleased to bring you this program in partnership with the City of Minnetonka's dementia-friendly city initiative. This activity is made possible through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**Cost: \$70** (Course #2180703201)



## Fitness Programs

For a complete listing and program descriptions please visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) or pick up a fitness flyer at the community center.

Program	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Over 50 and Fit	Jean McSwiggen John Nally Julie Fleischhacker	Jan. 3–Dec. 31	M, W, F	9–10 a.m.	\$12 (annually)	4090702-03
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	March 7–April 25	W	6:45–7:45 p.m.	\$48	2091201-02
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	March 7–April 25	W	5:30–6:30 p.m.	\$48	2090101–06
Dance Series: Wedding	Tricia Wood	March 3–24	S	11–11:55 a.m.	\$56	2091002–02
Dance Series: Ballroom	Tricia Wood	March 3–24	S	10–10:55 a.m.	\$56	2091003–01
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	March 6–April 24	T	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	2090201–04
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	March 8–April 26	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	2090201–05
Line Dance: Beginner	Tricia Wood	Feb. 1–March 1 (No class Feb. 22)	TH	2–2:55 p.m.	\$38	2090601–02
Line Dance: Beginner	Tricia Wood	March 8–29	TH	2–2:55 p.m.	\$38	2090601–03
Line Dance: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	Feb. 1–March 1 (No class Feb. 22)	TH	1–1:55 p.m.	\$38	2090602–02
Line Dance: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	March 8–29	TH	1–1:55 p.m.	\$38	2090602–03
Strength and Mobility	Dr. Anna Hagens	Feb. 20–March 27	T	1–2 p.m.	\$74	2091301–02
T'ai Chi Chih: Beginner	Susan Sobelson	March 26–May 14	M	10–11 a.m.	\$40	2090301–02
T'ai Chi Chih: Beginner	Monica Campbell	March 28–May 16	W	1–2 p.m.	\$40	2090301–04
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	March 26–May 14	M	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$40	2090302–02
T'ai Chi Chih: Open Practice	Monica Campbell	March 28–May 16	W	2:15–3:15 p.m.	\$40	209303–02
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Feb. 15–March 22	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	2090401–02
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petrich	March 26–April 30	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$66	2090901–02
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Feb. 5–March 26 (No class Feb. 19)	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$36	2090501–01

## Athletic Activities

### Indoor Pickleball

#### October–May

Try the fun and social game of pickleball. Limited racquets and balls are available.

- ☑ Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30–10 a.m.
- ☑ Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- ☑ Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.
- ☑ Free for Williston Fitness Center, Silversneakers and Silver and Fit members.  
\$4 per day for non-members.

**Williston Fitness Center, 14509 Minnetonka Drive**

### Bean Bags

#### Friday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Socialize with your peers and join in a game of bean bags!  
**Free!** No reservation needed.



## Fitness Descriptions

Can be found in the recreation brochure, online or in-person at the community center. Visit [eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure](http://eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure) to view the brochure online.

## Art Programs

### The Basics of Pastel Drawing

#### Sara Mittelstaedt

#### Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Soft pastels are a fun and inexpensive way to get creative. Learn how to apply soft pastels, what papers to use, mixing colors and protecting the finished project. Take home your masterpiece! The subject matter is provided. Supply list available at time of registration.

**Cost: \$20** (Course #2130101) (201)

## British History Series

### Wales

#### Terry Kubista

**Thursdays, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>22, 1<sup>st</sup>23 p.m.**

The story of Wales is packed with heroes, triumphs, grand dreams and great endeavors. From a land of storytellers, learn the history of the land itself and the people who have shaped it.

**Cost: \$28** (Course #2180101<sup>st</sup>23)

### Dig for the Past

#### Terry Kubista

**Thursday, March 1-15, 1<sup>st</sup>23 p.m.**

The need for a new subway tunnel opened a window to the past to reveal the filth of medieval Britain. Venture into underground London and explore the long-buried secrets.

**Cost: \$21** (Course #2180101<sup>st</sup>24)

## History Programs

### Chicago World's Columbian Exposition of 1893

#### Dan Hartman

**Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

The World's Columbian Exposition was a world's fair held in Chicago in 1893 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492. This event gave worldwide attention to Chicago and brought many people into the city, which was both good and bad.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #2180203<sup>st</sup>21)

### The Washington Monument: Centerpiece of the National Mall

#### David Jones

**Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.-noon**

The 555-foot Washington Monument stands proudly in the center of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Building the monument was dramatic and involved disagreements about the design, political infighting, inability to raise money and a 22-year interruption in the building phase.

**Cost: \$4** (Course #2180209<sup>st</sup>21)

### Russo-Japanese War of 1905

#### Dan Hartman

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

The Russo-Japanese War between the Russian Empire and the Empire of Japan, was fought over rival imperial ambitions in Manchuria and Korea. Russia sought a warm-water port on the Pacific Ocean. Japan feared Russian encroachment on its plans would create a sphere of influence in Korea and Manchuria.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #2180204<sup>st</sup>21)

## Education Programs

### Defensive Driving

Register through MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit [mnsafetycenter.org](http://mnsafetycenter.org) for all classes.

#### 4-hour renewal sessions:

• Feb. 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$22

• Feb. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$22

#### 8-hour renewal sessions:

• Feb. 5 and 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$26

### Dementia Friendly Training

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, noon**

Learn what is normal aging and the 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease. Learn helpful communication, everyday task tips and conversation hints for those living with dementia.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #4180702<sup>st</sup>21)

### One-on-One Electronics Workshop: Click and Conquer

#### Abbey Key

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.**

Sign up for a private 30-minute session. Ask questions about a laptop, camera, iPhone, iPad, Kindle or cell phone. By appointment only. Space limited.

**Cost: \$13** (Course #2180603<sup>st</sup>21)

### Device Capabilities and How to Use Them

#### Abbey Key

Review the basics of how to use your device. Learn how to access and manage apps, emails, phone contacts and photos. Bring device(s) and questions.

#### Android Devices

**Friday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-noon**

**Cost: \$7** (Course #2180605<sup>st</sup>21)

#### iPhones and iPads

**Thursday, March 15, 10 a.m.-noon**

**Cost: \$7** (Course #2180604<sup>st</sup>21)

### Hands-only CPR

**Thursday, Feb. 22, 10:15-11 a.m.**

Learn how to preform hands-only CPR from the Minnetonka Fire Department. Practice this easy-to-learn, lifesaving technique. This presentation is free.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #2180401<sup>st</sup>22)

## Day Trips

### Tastes of Germany II

**Thursday, March 15**

Begin the tastes of Germany at The Winzer Stube German Restaurant in downtown Hudson. Leave Hudson and arrive in Stillwater to visit the Kathe Wohlfahrt of America. Discover the unforgettable and charming trinkets that are reminiscent of Christmas stores in Germany. Lunch is at The Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter Restaurant in Stillwater. This family-owned German restaurant offers great food, atmosphere and Gemütlichkeit that guests have enjoyed over the past 40 years. Conclude the tasting tour at the Black Forest Inn, Minneapolis.

**Menu:** The Winzer Stube German Restaurant: 1.) Cup of Hühnersuppe (chicken, vegetables and tiny flour dumplings) or 2.) Cup of Pilzsuppe (cream of mushroom soup)

**Menu:** The Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter Restaurant: 1.) Bratwurst/Knackwurst Combo ☐one bratwurst sausage and one knackwurst sausage, served with hot potato salad and sauerkraut or 2.) Sauerbraten – marinated beef roasted with special seasonings, served in the traditional Bavarian style, with mashed potatoes and red cabbage

**Menu:** Black Forest Inn: Homemade Black Forest chocolate cake served with fresh-brewed coffee.

**Cost: \$73** includes tour, meal, transportation and guide (Course #2110102<sup>st</sup>21)

**Estimated trip time:** 10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Friday, Feb. 16

### Phipps Center Favorites with Organist Zach Frame

**Friday, April 27**

Enjoy a private luncheon at the historic Lake Elmo Inn. After lunch, arrive at The Phipps Center for the Arts overlooking the St. Croix River. Spend time in the art gallery before the show. Revel in exceptional entertainment from pop tunes to big band favorites on the Wurlitzer Theater organ.

**Menu:** Entrée, salad, vegetable, starch, cookie and beverage

**Cost: \$73** includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #2110103<sup>st</sup>21)

**Estimated trip time:** 10:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Tuesday, March 20

Day trips offered for the season can be found in the recreation brochure, online or in-person at the community center. Visit [eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure](http://eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure) to view the brochure online.

## Interest Groups

Interest groups are coordinated and led by seniors in the community. All groups meet at the Minnetonka Community Center, unless noted otherwise. For a complete list of groups, visit [eminnetonka.com/interestgroups](http://eminnetonka.com/interestgroups).

### Bird Club

**1st Friday, 10 a.m.**

*Birds of Minnesota River* Steve Brown,  
Bird Photographer

### Book Club

**3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.**

*Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear

### Bucket List Book Club

**4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.**

*Sins of Our Fathers*, by Sean Otto

### Crafting for a Cause

**2nd Friday, 9 a.m.**

### Cribbage

**Thursdays, 10 a.m.**

### Dominos

**1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m.**

### Duplicate Bridge

**Thursdays, 6 p.m.**

### 500 Card Club

**2nd and 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

### Garden Club

**2nd Monday, 1 p.m.**

### Genealogy Club

**1st Thursday, 10 a.m.**

### Ham Radio

**2nd Monday, 10 a.m.**

### Hand, Foot and Toe

**2nd and 4th Monday, 1 p.m.**

### Mahjongg

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

### Oil Painting Drop In

**Fridays, 1 p.m.**

### Poker

**1st and 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

### Rummikub

**1st and 3rd Monday, 1 p.m.**

### NEW! Guys, Lets Talk

**Starting Feb. 5**

**Mondays, 8:30 a.m.**

Join us for coffee and conversations, in this new weekly men's discussion group. Connect with, and meet new guys while discussing a variety of informal topics.

## Services

### Blood Pressure Screenings

**1st and 3rd Fridays; 2nd Wednesdays  
9:30-11:30 a.m., Free!**

Provided by volunteer nurses.

### Happy Feet

**1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday,  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$37**

Provided by nurses specializing in foot care. For appointment call 763-560-5136.

### Medicare Counseling

**Feb. 12th and 26th, Free!**

Discuss Medicare, supplemental insurance, Part D coverage, billing issues, resources and more. Call 952-939-8393 to schedule an appointment. Provided by Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.

## Senior Community Services

### Senior Outreach Social Worker

**Lisa Engdahl**

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Free!**

Discuss finances, transportation, personal care, medical care, home maintenance and more. Call 952-939-8393 for an appointment.

## HOME


Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) is available for Minnetonka residents 60 and older. For information call 952-746-4046 or visit the Community Center on Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon. Some of the chores HOME can help with include the following:


- Snow removal
- Housekeeping
- Household repairs





**Purchase items handcrafted by  
Minnetonka residents.**  
11280 Wayzata Blvd.  
763-591-4868  
**Hours:** Wednesday-Saturday,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.,  
Thursdays until 8 p.m.

## Register in person, over the phone, online or by mail

 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.,  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

 [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register)

 952-939-8393

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Mission

To develop and promote programs and services in our community to meet the diverse needs of those 55 and older.

### Program Locations

Meet at Minnetonka Senior Services at the Minnetonka Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

### Cancellation Information

#### Program Cancellations

Refunds will only be made if registration is withdrawn before the advertised deadline. If no deadline is given, registration must be withdrawn at least two business days prior to the start date of the program.

#### Trip Cancellations

Refunds only granted prior to the registration deadline or in the event that a replacement is found, minus a \$5 administrative fee.



# Learn hands-only CPR in as little as five minutes

In honor of February being Heart Safe Month, the Minnetonka Fire Department is offering drop-in hands-only CPR training to residents. Just five minutes of training can help save a life, as it did last spring when a Minnetonka resident saved her husband's life at home using the technique she learned at a hands-only CPR training session at Williston Fitness Center.



Drop-in sessions will be offered across the city throughout February to teach this simple, safe and effective technique. Each session can last as little as five minutes, but the fire department is happy to take as long as needed with each individual to ensure all questions are answered and each participant receives enough practice.

Interested residents can also set up a time to come to the fire station, or schedule a public educator to come to any location in the city to teach the class to any size group.

Contact Minnetonka Fire Public Educators Jim Flanders or Sara Ahlquist at 952-939-8331 to schedule a class, learn about upcoming drop-in sessions or to ask questions about hands-only CPR.

## Shop with a Cop

The Minnetonka Police Department partnered with Target, Minnetonka Schools and South Lake Minnetonka Police Department for Shop with a Cop to help spread holiday cheer on Dec. 15.



Police officers partnered with children to shop for holiday gifts for family members. Minnetonka Super Target donated \$100 per child, and the local police associations and Target also donated groceries for holiday meals. The event was a great success, and Minnetonka officers enjoyed bonding with the children over lunch and shopping.



## PLANT FOR THE FUTURE



Urban trees provide a wide range of benefits - not just in yards, but also to the wider community and environment. Beyond aesthetics, privacy and wildlife values, trees produce cooling shade. When they absorb storm water, trees reduce erosion and other harmful impacts of runoff. And trees take toxic carbon dioxide from the air, convert it to leaves and wood, and produce oxygen that benefits most living things.

A recent report from the U.S. Forest Service and Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science confirmed that average temperatures and rainfall have increased in the Twin Cities a trend that is predicted to continue in years to come. Living things adapt to survive in particular climates. That means the familiar tree species that currently grow in the Midwest might not tolerate future conditions, including more severe seasonal storms followed by dry periods, and changes in the timing of leaf-out or flowering.

One solution is to plant for the future, choosing trees that typically grow in slightly more southerly climates, and those that are more tolerant of stress. Almost half of the 17 varieties offered in the city's 2018 tree sale meet these criteria. Choose one of these species to help Minnetonka prepare for the future.

- Triumph elm
- Cathedral elm
- American basswood
- Redmond
- Heritage oak
- Blue beech
- Skyline honey locust
- Purple Prince crabapple
- Pagoda dogwood

See pages 6 and 7 for tree sale details.

# 2018 city tree sale begins online Feb. 5 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. 5 and continues until the end of the month, or when stock sells out.**

## ORDERING TREES

To place your order, visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com). Prices will be listed on the website when the sale begins on Feb. 5. Beginning Feb. 1, residents can preview the sale online to:

- ☑ Learn about the species that will be sold
- ☑ Set up a new account
- ☑ Check the status of an existing account or change a password

### Please note:

- ☑ This offer is only open to Minnetonka residents. The intent of the sale is to reforest the city of Minnetonka with a wider diversity of tree species that may be more tolerant of future environmental stress (such as diseases, pests and changing climate).
- ☑ Residents may order up to two trees for each Minnetonka property. There is no limit on the purchase of tree guards and tree gator bags.
- ☑ Do not use your account to purchase trees for other Minnetonka residents (even if you have done so in the past). Call if you have questions about this policy.
- ☑ The city reserves the right to limit tree species and quantities for associations, apartments and residents who own multiple properties.
  - If you own multiple properties and would like to buy trees for more than one parcel, please contact forestry staff at 952-988-8407 before placing your order.
  - If you represent an apartment complex or townhome/condo association, please contact forestry staff prior to placing your order.
- ☑ 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 deciduous (broadleaf) trees at least 15 feet behind the curb. Evergreens should be more than 20 feet back.
- ☑ In order to protect data privacy, absolutely no orders will be accepted over the phone or on city computers.
- ☑ These trees do not have a warranty.
- ☑ Quantities are limited ☑ order early!

## TREE PICK-UP

**Friday, May 18**

**9 a.m. ☑ noon**

**Saturday, May 19**

**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 instead should be protected with welded wire or hardware cloth.)

### Tree watering bag (gator bag)

Zip this heavy-duty plastic bag around your young tree and fill it once every 5-7 days to ensure proper watering. The bag holds about 15 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.

# 2018 Tree Sale Options

Species	Approximate Height at Purchase	Height at Maturity	Mature Spread (width)	Sun or Shade?	Flowers and Fruit	Wildlife Value	Fall Color
<b>LARGE SHADE TREES</b>							
<b>Maple</b> Sienna Glen	6-8	50	30	full sun to part shade	red flowers; no seeds	songbirds	yellow to red
Triumph Elm	6-8	50-60	35-40	full sun to part shade	small oval seed	migratory birds	yellow
Cathedral Elm	6-8	40-50	40-60	full sun	small oval seed	migratory birds	yellow
<b>American Basswood</b> Redmond	6-8	50-70	30-45	full sun to part shade	pale yellow flower clusters; pea-sized fruits	butterflies, bees	pale yellow-green
Quaking Aspen	6-8	30-50	10-30	full sun to part shade	catkins	deer, small game, birds	yellow-gold
Skyline Honey Locust	6-8	40-45	25-35	full sun	fruitless	mammals, birds, pollinators	yellow
Heritage Oak	6-8	60	45	full sun	acorns	birds, deer, squirrels	gold, scarlet, russet
<b>FRUIT TREES</b>							
Contender Peach	4-6	12-15	10-15	full sun	self-fertile; sweet fruit ripens late summer	insect pollinators	yellow, orange, red
Triple Play Apple	4-6	10-14	8-10	full sun	sweet fruit ripens early fall	insect pollinators	insignificant
<b>SMALL ORNAMENTAL OR UNDERSTORY WOODLAND TREES/SHRUBS</b>							
Blue Beech	6-8	30	20	full sun to shade	catkins	songbirds	orange
Magnolia Royal Star	6-8	10-20	8-15	full sun to part shade	star-shaped white flowers	insect pollinators	yellow to rust
Serviceberry Autumn Brilliance	5-6	20-25	15	full sun	white flowers; purple berries	songbirds	red-orange
Crabapple Purple Prince	4-6	18	18	full sun	rose-red flowers; maroon fruit	songbirds, pollinators	bronze, gold
Pagoda Dogwood	4-6	15-20	20-25	full sun to shade	cream-colored flowers; dark blue fruit	butterflies, songbirds	red
<b>CONIFERS</b>							
Balsam Fir	2-4	50-75	20-35	full sun to full shade	cones	songbirds, squirrels	evergreen
White Pine	2-4	50-80	20-40	full sun to part shade	cones	songbirds, game birds, small mammals	evergreen
Tamarack	2-4	40-80	15-30	full sun	cones	red squirrel, songbirds	yellow; drop off in fall



# MINNETONKA MEMO

## City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 1** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 5** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 7** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 12** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 13** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 15** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 19** Presidents' Day, city offices closed
- 22** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 26** City Council, 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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## Be a good neighbor in 2018

Common neighborhood complaints expressed by Minnetonka residents include trash and recycling bin storage, outside storage, brush piles and lawn debris, noise and barking dogs. Please be considerate of neighbors in 2018 by complying with the following city ordinances.

### Trash and recycling bins

City ordinance requires that all garbage and recycling containers must be stored completely out of public view, either inside a garage or behind a screened enclosure, except the evening before and the day of collection.



### Outside storage

Outside storage of personal property is not allowed in Minnetonka, unless the items are used for normal outdoor recreational activities on the property, such as outdoor furniture, cooking equipment and recreational equipment.

### Brush piles and lawn debris

Piles of brush and/or other organic material are prohibited, except for properly maintained compost piles. Leaves and grass may not be left in the street, right-of-way, in wetlands or on public or other people's property. Trash, rubbish or refuse must be removed from any property.

### Noise

Minnetonka's quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week, all year.

### Barking dogs

City ordinance defines excessive barking as continuous barking in excess of 10 minutes. The ordinance is enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

### More information

To learn more about city ordinances, or to report a nuisance, visit [eminnetonka.com/minnetonkamike](http://eminnetonka.com/minnetonkamike) or leave a message at 952-939-8586.