

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
January 2018

A new look for Minnetonka

The City of Minnetonka takes pride in its reputation as a fully developed suburban community in a spectacular, naturally beautiful landscape. Now, the city has a stunning new visual identity to match.



On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Minnetonka officially rolled out its refreshed brand – including a new logo and visual identity – to unite the city under a strong, consistent look, and position itself to clearly and articulately share its mission, vision, goals and values.

“We’re proud to unveil the city’s new look,” said Mayor Terry Schneider. “The refreshed brand will help improve the city’s visibility and position us to effectively communicate everything that makes Minnetonka a great place to live, work and visit.”

While the refreshed look is the visual center point of the city’s strategic branding efforts, the project was about much more than a logo and colors. The city worked with a local consulting firm – Deb Garvey Communications – to conduct extensive research to define its brand, and now has the foundation to clearly and consistently promote Minnetonka. Going forward, the city will be able to unite its diverse array of departments, facilities and programs under one consistent look, with a logo that will lend itself well to all forms of communications.

Logo symbolism

The new logo – designed by Tim Pakkala of RightLine Design – includes a lower-case “m” interwoven with a cattail and leaves. It is influenced by the city’s previous logo and demonstrates the city’s strong relationship with and commitment to its natural surroundings. The updated color scheme includes blue and gray to give the brand a sophisticated look that represents both the city’s ties to water (blue) and its strength and stability (gray).



Phased rollout

The city plans to incorporate the refreshed brand in a multiphase, fiscally responsible manner. The city’s website, social media accounts, emails and business collateral will be updated immediately. The *Minnetonka Memo* and other printed materials will change in early 2018. Uniforms, vehicles and welcome signs will be updated throughout 2018, and big items – such as water towers – will be updated along with scheduled maintenance.

More information

Visit eminnetonka.com/branding to learn more about the process, the logo design and meaning, the phased rollout plan and the project budget.

New mayor and councilmembers take office

The 2017 Municipal General Election was held Tuesday, Nov. 7, with three city council seats up for election – mayor and the two at-large seats. The winner of each seat is listed below.

Mayor:

Brad Wiersum

City Council At-Large Seat A:

Deb Calvert

City Council At-Large Seat B:

Patty Acomb

The new members will be sworn into office Monday, Jan. 8.

Brad Wiersum, currently the Ward 3 council member, replaces Mayor Terry Schneider who did not seek re-election. Schneider, who has been Minnetonka’s mayor since 2009, concluded a 40-year career as a public servant in the city.

Acomb was re-elected to At-Large Seat B for the second time. She was first elected in a February 2012 special election and was re-elected in 2013. Acomb served on the Park Board from 2009 until her election to the city council.

Deb Calvert replaces Dick Allendorf in At-Large Seat A, who also did not seek re-election after serving on the city council in Ward 1 from 1992 to 2003 and At-Large Seat A from 2005 to present.

Special election in 2018

The city council is expected to call for a special election in 2018 to fill the Ward 3 seat Wiersum is vacating. The council will make the official decision at its meeting Monday, Jan. 22. Stay tuned for more information.

Keep your mail safe

The Minnetonka Police Department responded to multiple reports of mail theft in 2017, with thieves specifically targeting residential mailboxes with the flag up. Thieves use account numbers from stolen checks to create forged checks.

Police ask residents to exercise caution when mailing items from residences and unsecured mailboxes, and advise residents to take the following precautions, especially when mailing checks:

- Mail items from a post office
- Mail items from a secure blue postal service box
- Give sensitive items directly to your mail carrier

Stay Alert

Call 911 to report any suspicious activity to the Minnetonka Police Department.



Join our team!

Check out employment opportunities with the City of Minnetonka at eminnetonka.com/employment.

Recreational fire permits require annual renewal

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, residents will be required to renew recreational fire permits annually. These permits, which can be renewed online, are free and issued by the Minnetonka Fire Department. Going forward, permits will be valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year.

Natural gas and propane fire pits and fireplaces do not require a recreational fire permit.

Visit eminnetonka.com/firepermit to renew permits and find complete information, including regulations, recommendations, safety tips and educational materials. Contact the Minnetonka Fire Department at 952-939-8598 for questions or more information.



Attend a meeting to discuss prospective mountain bike trails

The city will hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of mountain bike trails in Minnetonka on Monday, Jan. 8 from 7–9 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center. Attend this meeting to learn about the potential project and provide feedback.

Residents may also share feedback online at minnetonkamatters.com through Jan. 31. Visit eminnetonka.com/mountainbiking to learn more about the mountain biking trails study.

City utility fees increase to maintain water, sewer infrastructure

Due to aging infrastructure, the city experiences an average of 75-100 water main breaks a year – each costing as much as \$10,000 to repair – and the number of breaks is climbing. Not only do water main breaks result in expensive repairs, they can also cause extensive damage for homeowners and businesses, not to mention inconvenient interruptions to a vital service. That's why Minnetonka Public Works is working to proactively rehabilitate and replace this important infrastructure whenever necessary.



In an effort to ensure enough resources are available to cover the cost of rehabilitating the system without having to do special assessments, the Minnetonka City Council adjusted city utility rates at a December meeting. Recycling and storm water fees were also adjusted.

Changes in these rates are effective on bills dated after Jan. 1, 2018 and are as follows:

- Under the adopted rates reflected in the table, the average residential water and sewer utility customer (using 15,000 gallons per quarter) will experience a rate increase of around \$2 per month in 2018. Commercial meter maintenance fees will increase proportionally. Account fees and state of Minnesota testing fees remain the same.
- Storm sewer rate increases will help fund local street reconstruction projects, upgrades to county road projects and the cost of federal water quality mandates related to water runoff. The increases will also help to maintain the health of Minnetonka's many wetlands and ponds.
- The recycling fee was raised to \$4.15 per month from \$4.10. The new fee rate will allow the city to eventually recover the full costs of its recycling programs while adjusting to a significant market loss in the price of recycled materials.

The adjacent table shows the complete rate changes for 2018. Nearly 75 percent of all residential customers fall in the 0 to 18,000 gallons range of water used per quarter.

For more information regarding 2018 rates, contact Finance Director Merrill King at mking@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8200.

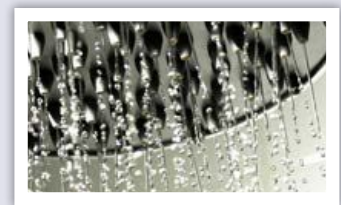
Rate Changes

	Rate per 1,000 gallons	
	Old	New
Residential Water Rate		
Tier 1 (0-18,000 gallons)	\$2.85	\$2.96
Tier 2 (18,001-40,000 gallons)	\$3.25	\$3.37
Tier 3 (40,001-70,000 gallons)	\$4.07	\$4.22
Tier 4 (70,001+ gallons)	\$5.65	\$5.86
Sewer Rate		
	\$2.26	\$2.34
Base fee - residential	\$63.56/quarter	\$65.94/quarter
Base fee - commercial	\$21.19/month	\$21.98/month
Special class base fee*	\$23.47/quarter	\$24.35/quarter
Commercial/Industrial Water		
Base rate	\$2.85	\$2.96
Summer surcharge (May-Sept.)	\$3.22	\$3.34
Commercial/Industrial Sprinkler Accounts		
Sprinkler I (0-75,000 gallons)	\$3.25	\$3.37
Sprinkler II (75,001-175,000 gallons)	\$4.07	\$4.22
Sprinkler III (175,001+ gallons)	\$5.65	\$5.86
Stormwater		
Open space, undeveloped (acre/month)	\$3.00	\$3.09
Single family, 2-3 family, residential (unit/month)	\$6.67	\$6.87
Churches, schools, government (acre/month)	\$18.02	\$18.56
Apartment, condos (acre/month)	\$20.02	\$20.62
Commercial, industrial (acre/month)	\$50.46	\$51.97

*** Discontinued for new entrants into the program*

Reduce your water consumption

The city's tiered water and sewer fee structures ensure every customer benefits by their own conservation. All customers share in the fixed costs of the system through the base fee; additional charges are directly related to usage. Check out these ideas to reduce water consumption and save on utility bills.



- Don't let water run when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Use a dishwasher instead of handwashing dishes, and only run the dishwasher when it's full.
- Install a low-flow shower head. This can reduce up to 50 percent of water used while showering.
- Take shorter showers – showers account for 30 percent of home water use.
- Fix leaks. A constantly dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons a day.
- Don't use running water to thaw foods.

Visit groundwater.org to find more ideas for conserving water.

Christmas tree disposal options

Minnetonka residents have two options for live Christmas tree disposal.

- Check with residential refuse haulers for tree pick up and recycling. Haulers have a specific time or limited days they collect trees from customers. Check the most recent bill received or call the hauler for more information. There may be an additional fee depending on the company and level of service.
- Trees are accepted at the city's brush drop-off site, open five Saturdays in March, 7 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Public Works facility (11522 Minnetonka Blvd.). Until then, plant Christmas trees in a snowbank as a habitat for birds.



City receives award for excellence in financial reporting

For the 34th year, the City of Minnetonka was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award was given to the city for demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” in its comprehensive annual financial report (CARF).

To qualify for this award, cities must meet the rigorous standards set forth by the GFOA. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.



Home Remodeling Fair



Feb. 11
10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

A free Home Remodeling Fair featuring more than 75 contractor exhibits, seminars and an “Ask the Pro” booth is set for Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins. For more information visit homeremodelingfair.com.



Enter Remodeling Contest by Feb. 5 to win \$1,000



Enter the Operation Rescue Room contest for a chance to win \$1,000 to use toward remodeling a room if it is voted most in need of a makeover by visitors to the fair. Please note, the application deadline is Monday, Feb. 5 – get the details on how to enter at homeremodelingfair.com.



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*Programs and services for those 55+
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Reminders

The Minnetonka Community Center will be closed due to the holidays on Mondays, Jan. 1 and 15.

Annual fees programs:

- Bird Club, \$20
(Course #4190502-02)
- Over 50 and Fit, \$12
(Course #4090702-02)

Fearless Aging

Mary O'Brien

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

This class explores the normal, natural processes of aging—physical and lifestyle—and what you can do to improve the quality of your life. Discover what to expect and learn lifestyle choices that will help you make the most of life.

Cost: \$5 (Course #2180413-01)

Memory Café

First Tuesday of every month, Jan. 16, 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. This café experience is 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



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

The Lone Arranger

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m.

Come hear a variety of music from country, big band, '50s and '60s. Sponsored by Elder Homestead.

Cost: \$3 (Course #2100301-01)

Tax Review and Update

Steven Benjamin

Friday, Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m.

Attend this seminar to review tax basics and get an update on recent changes made to federal and state tax rules.

Cost: \$2 (Course #2180416-01)

Shared Stories: Arts Experiences for Individuals with Dementia

Tuesdays, Jan. 23–Feb. 13, 10–11:30 a.m.

Work on a "book" of shared stories and create a keepsake. This poetry and visual arts class led by an artist experienced in arts and aging has a focus on the process of art-making. Fail-proof projects will explore media and techniques such as watercolor, drawing, printing, weaving, clay and collage. Caregivers will not be "doing the art" for the person with dementia, but will be working alongside co-creating their book of shared stories.

Minnetonka Center for the Arts is pleased to bring you this program in partnership with the City of Minnetonka's dementia-friendly city initiative. Learn more about the city's efforts at eminnetonka.com/dementiafriendly.

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

Cost: \$60, (Course #2180702-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

Dunkirk

Friday, Jan. 26, noon

This historical drama chronicles the epic battle to evacuate more than 300,000 Allied soldiers who find themselves trapped on the beaches of Northern France during the 1940 invasion by Adolf Hitler's Nazi forces. Rated PG-13 for intense war experience and some language.

Menu: Soup, breadstick and dessert

Sponsored by: The Glenn—Minnetonka

Cost: \$6 due Tuesday, Jan. 23

(Course #2100201-01)

One-on-One Electronics Workshop: Click and Conquer

Abbey Key

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 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.

Cost: \$13 (Course #3180601-01)

Income Tax Assistance

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

Starting Jan. 2, appointments can be made at Senior Services or by calling 952-939-8393. Appointments are required and no walk-ins are allowed.

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

Community Connections: Strength and Balance

Monday, Jan. 29, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Aegis Therapies will provide information on ways to minimize the risk of falls in your home and demonstrate several simple exercises that will improve the balance. In addition, a free balance screen will be available for those that wish to know if they are a high/moderate/low level risk of falls.

Cost: Free! (Course #2180407-01)



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.

Fitness Programs

For a complete listing and program descriptions please visit 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 <i>(annually)</i>	4090702-03
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	Jan. 3–Feb. 21	W	6:45–7:45 p.m.	\$48	2091201-01
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Jan. 3–Feb. 21	W	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$48	2090101-03
Dance Series: Wedding	Tricia Wood	Jan. 13–Feb. 3	S	11–11:55 a.m.	\$56	2091002-01
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	Jan. 13–Feb. 3	S	10–10:55 a.m.	\$56	2091001-01
Line Dance: Beginner	Tricia Wood	Jan. 4–25	TH	2–3 p.m.	\$38	2090601-01
Line Dance: Beginner	Tricia Wood	Feb. 1–March 1 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	TH	2–3 p.m.	\$38	2090601-02
Line Dance: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	Jan. 4–25	TH	1–2 p.m.	\$38	2090602-01
Line Dance: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	Feb. 1–March 1 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	TH	1–2 p.m.	\$38	2090602-02
Strength and Mobility	Dr. Anna Hagens	Jan. 9–Feb. 13	T	1–2 p.m.	\$74	2091301-01
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	Jan. 22–March 19 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	M	10–11 a.m.	\$40	2090301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Beginner	Monica Campbell	Jan. 24–March 14	W	1–2 p.m.	\$40	2090301-03
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	Jan. 22–March 19 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	M	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$40	2090302-01
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Jan. 4–Feb. 8	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	2090401-01
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	Jan. 22–March 5 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$66	2090901-01

Fitness Descriptions

Dance Series: Ballroom and Latin– Tricia Wood

Learn waltz, rumba, salsa and a variety of social dances for different musical styles

Strength and Mobility– Dr. Anna Hagens

Exercises that will help to improve your arm and leg strength, balance, flexibility and walking

Yogilates– Elizabeth Kelly

Integrates the yogic focus on enhanced mind/body awareness, and incorporates Pilates core strengthening techniques

T'ai Chi Health and Wellness– Ron Erdman-Lutz

Tai Chi short-form movements have many health benefits and are fun to learn. Slower circular movements help to improve balance and relaxation.

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, Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m.

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



British History Series

Vikings

Terry Kubista

ursdays, Jan. 4-18, 1-3 p.m.

While infamous for their fearsome conquests, the Vikings were also expert seafarers, skilled traders and courageous explorers, traveling far and wide. They dominated northern Scotland and reshaped attitudes in the early Christian Church. What were they hoping to achieve?
Cost: \$21 (Course #2180101-01)

Battle of Largs

Terry Kubista

ursday, Jan. 25, 1-3 p.m.

The last battle fought by the Vikings against the Scots was in 1263. Why did the Vikings then disappear? What happened to those valiant warriors?

Cost: \$7 (Course #2180101-02)

History Programs

History: 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The 1918 flu pandemic (January 1918-December 1920) was an unusually deadly pandemic. It infected 500 million people across the world and resulted in the deaths of 50 to 100 million (three to five percent of the world's population), making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history.

Cost: \$5 (Course #2180201-01)

Leatherstocking Tales and James Fenimore Cooper

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The presentation will discuss the complete Leatherstocking Tales (The Deerslayer, The Last of the Mohicans, The Pathfinder, The Pioneers and The Prairie) during the French and Indian War and the life of James Fenimore Cooper.

Cost: \$5 (Course #2180202-01)

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 #2180203-01)

Day Trips

Cool Mystery Trip



ursday, Feb. 8

Board the bus for this cool mystery tour. Meet the tour guide and enjoy a riding tour, a great meal and a Super Bowl surprise! Lunch is at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room in West St. Paul.

Menu: Small sirloin or chicken entrée with tossed salad, baked potato with sour cream, rolls, beverage and dessert

Cost: \$70 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #2110101-01)

Estimated trip time: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Tuesday, Jan. 9

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 to view the brochure online.

Education Programs

Defensive Driving

Register through MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit mnsafetycenter.org for all classes.

4-hour renewal sessions:

- Jan. 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$22
- Jan. 30, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$22

Dementia Friendly Training

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 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! (4180702-01)

Hands-only CPR

Monday, Jan. 22, 10:15-11 a.m.

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

Cost: Free! (Course #2180401-01)

Tastes of Germany

Friday, March 9

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 #2110102-01)

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

Register or cancel by: Monday, Feb. 5

Upcoming, Registration Open:

- April 27, Phipps Center "Favorites with Organist Zach Frame"
- May 9, Old Log Theater: *Guys and Dolls*
- May 22, Gangster Tour

Art Programs

e Basics of Pastel Drawing

Sara Mittelstaedt

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:30-4 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 #2130101-01)

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.

AA.AI-Anon

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Art Drop In

Mondays, 9 a.m.

Billiards

Every afternoon, time varies

Bingo

Tuesdays, 12:40 p.m.

Bird Club

1st Friday, 10 a.m.

Backyard Birds, Blooms and Bugs Sher Curry,
Nature Photographer

Book Club

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

e Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro

Bucket List Book Club

4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

e House of Mirth, by Edith Wharton

Bulls and Bears Investment Club

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

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 12:45 p.m.

Bunco

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Caregiver Conversations

2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Crafting for a Cause
2nd Friday, 9 a.m.

Chorale

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Computer Club

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Website: mscig.wordpress.com

500 Card Club

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.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.

Shutterbugs

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Tonka Tale Tellers

2nd Monday, 10 a.m.

Tale Spinners

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Woodcarvers

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

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.

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



Minnetonka
Senior Services

Connections. Activities. Lifelong Learning.

Contact and Registration Information

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

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.,
Minnetonka, MN 55345



eminnetonka.com/register



952-939-8393

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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. Partial credit will be considered if injury or serious illness occurs. In such case, a physician's verification may be required.

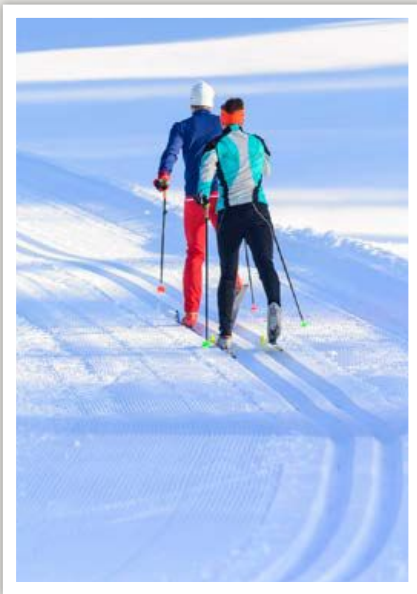
Trip Cancellations

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

Ski Glen Lake Golf Course

The City of Minnetonka partners with Three Rivers Park District and Hennepin County to provide a cross-country ski trail each winter at Glen Lake Golf Course. Using the golf course's natural landscape, the 2.5 kilometer cross-country trail provides skiers of all levels and abilities a dedicated trail groomed for both ski skating and traditional cross-country skiing.

Snow is not made at this location, so the planned dates for the course – Dec. 15 through March 8 – are weather dependent. Ski trails are not lit. The golf center will be open for ski rental, concession sales and restrooms. Ski trails and the golf center will be open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A season or daily pass is required for use of the Glen Lake trail. Season ski passes may be purchased for \$30 for the first family member and \$15 for each additional family member. Daily ski passes may be purchased on-site for \$4. Three Rivers Park District season passes will be honored at the Glen Lake location. Visit threeriversparkdistrict.org for more information on season passes.

For more information, or to purchase a ski pass, call Minnetonka Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 or the Glen Lake Golf Course at 763-694-7824.

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest

Sunday, Feb. 11
Noon–3:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka, Blvd.)

Save the date for the annual Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Kids' Fest! This free event will include live music, dog sled rides, magic shows, face painting and much more. Look for complete details and a schedule of events in the February *Minnetonka Memo* and on eminnetonka.com.



FEATURED RECREATION PROGRAMS

Father Daughter Dance

Friday, Feb. 16
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center

Fathers and daughters – it's time to dust off those dancing shoes and create lasting memories at the Minnetonka Father Daughter Dance. Dance the night away, enjoy pizza and dessert and enjoy the photo booth and caricature artist. Dads, grandpas, uncles or other important role models are all welcome to accompany their special girl, ages 5-11, to this event. Semi-formal attire is recommended.

The cost is \$40 per pair, and \$10 for each additional daughter. To register, call 952-939-8203 or visit eminnetonka.com/register. For online registration, use activity numbers 2200301 (pair) and 2200302 (additional daughter).



'Mommy, can you fix my hair?'

Monday, Jan. 15
6–8 p.m.

Cost: \$50
New Reflections Salon
Ridgedale Center

To register: Call 952-939-8203
Visit eminnetonka.com/register

Professional local hairstylists teach mothers and mother-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. At least one parent or guardian must attend with each child, no exceptions. Participants will receive a take-home kit. There will be another class for moms and daughters on March 19, and two similar opportunities for daughters and dads on Feb. 26 and April 16. Visit eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure for more details.



Join the Minnetonka Civic Orchestra

The Minnetonka Civic Orchestra, a chamber-size ensemble, offers members a musical community in which to play their instrument, perform and have fun.

Conducted by Dr. William Mayson, the group plays repertoire ranging from light overtures like Bizet's "Carmen" to full classical symphonies by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Members enjoy challenging music in a relaxed and supportive environment. Free performances around the southwest metro area provide opportunities to showcase great music and give back to the community.

The Minnetonka Civic Orchestra is a non-auditioned ensemble. Attend a rehearsal free of charge to see if the orchestra is a good fit.



Rehearsals

Monday nights from 7–9 p.m. at the Arts Center on 7 at Minnetonka High School.

Next performance

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 3 p.m.

Minnetonka United Methodist Church
17611 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka
Free and open to all ages

Caring Youth award nominations due Jan. 12

If you know a young person in grades 7-12 who shows an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering or other activities, consider nominating him or her for a 2018 Caring Youth Award.

Each year the cities of Minnetonka, Hopkins and Golden Valley; the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts; and the Glen Lake Optimists host a Caring Youth Recognition event to honor the contributions of caring young people. The 2018 event is Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center: 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

To qualify for the award, a Caring Youth must meet at least one of the following criteria: live in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley; attend school in Hopkins or Minnetonka; and/or volunteer (unpaid and not as a requirement for a class or co-curricular program) in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley.

Young people may only be nominated by the organization they are serving. For more information, including nomination guidelines and forms, visit <https://goo.gl/WWTd99> or call Hopkins Schools Youth Programs Coordinator Lisa Walker at 952-988-4098. Nominations for the 2018 Caring Youth awards are due by Friday, Jan. 12.



Enjoy outdoor ice skating in Minnetonka parks

Skating rinks with warming houses are available at six Minnetonka park locations. Weather permitting, rinks will remain open until Monday, Feb. 19. Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates.

Minnetonka Rink Hours

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Boulder Creek	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Covington	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Gro Tonka	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
McKenzie	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Meadow	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Spring Hill	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.

| Winter Break (12/25-1/5), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/15), President's Day (2/19) Hours: Noon–9 p.m. |

| Christmas Eve (12/24) Hours: Noon–5 p.m. | Christmas Day (12/25): All sites closed | New Year's Eve (12/31) Hours: Noon–7 p.m. |

Balancing winter safety with reduced road salt use

Two of Minnetonka's three major waterways – Minnehaha and Nine Mile creeks – are impaired by chloride, which is a persistent and damaging water pollutant found in the most common types of road salt. That's why the Minnetonka Public Works Department continues to seek new ways to reduce the use of road salt without compromising winter road maintenance best practices.

Minnetonka is considered a leader in salt reduction practices because of strategies including:

Electronic monitoring

In plow trucks, a calibration system meters the salt as it is applied. This allows the city to use the right amount of salt for specific weather conditions.

Expanding anti-ice techniques

A salt brine solution is applied to Minnetonka's highest-traffic streets before a snowfall, which helps prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement.

Pretreating salt

Dry salt is only effective at or above 15 degrees Fahrenheit, but salt that is pre-wetted with additives works down to -15 degrees F. This wet salt works faster and doesn't bounce or scatter across the pavement, reducing the city's annual salt use by 30 to 60 percent.

New in 2018

In addition to these strategies, the city will equip all plow trucks with air and road temperature sensors. Road surface temperature helps snowplow operators determine the rate of salt application and which liquids to apply. Sensors also provide the dew point, indicating conditions when frost might develop and cause slippery road conditions.

Learn more

To learn more about the city's effort to keep streets and sidewalks safe throughout the winter, contact the Public Works Department at 952-988-8400.

Thank you to 2017 natural resources volunteers

The Natural Resources staff at Minnetonka Public Works sincerely thanks the many volunteers who contributed hundreds of hours in 2017 to assist with habitat restoration, water quality monitoring and city events.

In 2017, restoration volunteers assisted with invasive species removal, Arbor Day planting at Jidana Park and wildflower plantings in Big Willow Park. Adopt-A-Spot volunteers worked independently to maintain specific public landscapes. Volunteers gathered data on the health of Minnetonka's wetland ecosystems and assisted with programming at Pollinator Field Day.

Two groups – the "Minnetonka Mountain Bike Trail Advocates" and "Geocachers" – deserve a special thank you.

The trail advocates donated 135 hours of labor over seven summer and fall evenings. They bagged invasive species, planted wildflowers, spread mulch, cut buckthorn—and endured bee stings.

Geocache volunteers returned for their fourth year, donating 57 hours over five evenings and Saturdays. Look for evidence of their work at Lone Lake Park, where the group pulled garlic mustard, removed vines and disease from choke cherry thickets and planted a pollinator-friendly buxus along the lakeshore.



Want to help?

Call 952-988-8423 if you or your group is interested in volunteering, or visit eminnetonka.com/subscribe to sign up to receive email notifications about upcoming opportunities.

Prepare for the city's annual tree sale

A diverse community forest significantly reduces the spread of epidemic-level diseases and pests including Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, and emerald ash borer (which has been found in several communities near Minnetonka). That's why the city offers a wide variety of trees during its annual sale, and varies the selection from year-to-year. Minnetonka homeowners and businesses can buy up to two trees per property.

Save these important dates to learn more and participate in the 2018 tree sale:

- **Late January** Look for details in the February *Minnetonka Memo* or at eminnetonka.com. Details include available species and how to order online. Pricing will be available when the sale begins.
- **Jan. 31** Tree Sale Preview, 6:30–8 p.m. (*see below for details*)
- **Feb. 5** The online tree sale begins at eminnetonka.com and will remain open through February, or until stock is sold. Buy early for the best selection.
- **May 18-19** Pick up trees at Minnetonka Public Works. (*Please note: pickup only, no trees available for purchase*)

Tree Sale Preview

Jan. 31, 2018 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Community Room | Minnetonka Community Center

Before online tree sale ordering opens Feb. 5, learn about each tree species offered, determine which would do best in your yard and receive expert tips from the city forester. **Space is limited and advance registration is required at 952-988-8400 or eminnetonka.com/NRevents.**

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call 952-939-8200 for meeting locations.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1 New Year's Day, city offices closed
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3 Park Board, 7 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	4 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	8 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
28	29	30	31				9 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, city offices closed
							18 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							22 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							25 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
							29 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change – visit eminnetonka.com for the latest information.

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16 and can be viewed live and on-demand at eminnetonka.com. e meetings are rebroadcast on channel 16 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at noon.

Agendas for council meetings are available at eminnetonka.com by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

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 new Mayor Brad Wiersum Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30–9 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Jan. 31 to Pat Schutrop at pschutrop@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8211.

