

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



Tuesday, Oct. 9

5-8 p.m.

Civic Center Campus
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Visit eminnetonka.com/openhouse2018 for a complete schedule of events.

Highlights include:

- ☑ Fire truck rides (ages 4 and over)
- ☑ Free hot dogs, pop and other refreshments
- ☑ Fire Department and Police Department tours
- ☑ Interactive demonstrations
- ☑ Face painting
- ☑ Community organization displays
- ☑ Woodcarving demonstrations
- ☑ Live burn/sprinkler system demonstration (7:30 p.m.)
- ☑ Sit inside heavy equipment such as squad cars, snow plow trucks and street maintenance vehicles

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Know the rules about election signs

Election season is here, and it's important for residents to be aware of rules regarding political campaign signs.

Temporary political campaign signs of any size and number are allowed during the 2018 state general election and must be removed by Nov. 16, 2018.

Signs may not be posted on publicly owned land. On private land, the following rules apply. Signs must:

- ☑ Have consent of the property owner.
- ☑ Not be attached to fences, trees or utility poles.
- ☑ Not be painted on rocks or other natural features.
- ☑ Not be located within the right-of-way of city streets, county roads or state highways.

On election days, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places.

- ☑ On private property, signs must be 100 feet from the door where voters enter.
- ☑ For public property, signs must not be within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or anywhere on the property.

If you have questions or complaints about campaign signs, please call 952-939-8290.

Vote early for the 2018 state general election

The 2018 state general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Two U.S. Senate seats, District 3 U.S. Representative, governor and state attorney general are among the offices on the ballot.

Visit the Secretary of State's website sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot to view a sample ballot and list of candidates.

Absentee voting in-person

Cast your ballot in person at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. at the following dates, times and locations:

- ☑ Sept. 21-28, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., city hall, absentee voting
- ☑ Oct. 1-29, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., council chambers, absentee voting
- ☑ Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., council chambers, direct balloting
- ☑ Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., council chambers, direct balloting
- ☑ Nov. 5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., community center, direct balloting

Absentee voting by mail

Hennepin County oversees all absentee voting by mail. Complete an application at hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting to receive a ballot and instructions.

Change to Ward 2 Precinct D polling location

Ward 2 Precinct D voters who previously voted at Ridgedale Hennepin County Library will now vote at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

Learn more

For questions or more information about the state general election, call 952-939-8200 or email elections@eminnetonka.com.



City Council to set limit for 2019 property tax levy

Each September, in accordance with Minnesota state law, the Minnetonka City Council is required to set a maximum preliminary tax levy before approving the following year's budget. This year, the city council set the preliminary tax levy for the 2019 budget at its Sept. 17 meeting. In November, Hennepin County will send property owners notices of proposed 2019 taxes from all government jurisdictions. The council will continue its deliberation of 2019 city property taxes and finances prior to final adoption in December.



Learn More and Provide Your Input

To review the Sept. 17 city council meeting materials and find out more about the 2019 city budget, visit eminnetonka.com/budget. View the Sept. 17 council meeting online at eminnetonka.com/tv.

To provide feedback on the 2019 budget:

- ☑ Submit feedback online at eminnetonka.com/minnetonkamike
- ☑ Attend the public hearing Monday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
- ☑ Contact Finance Director Merrill King at mking@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8200

2019 Budget Process

Aug. 20, 2018
Council Discussed Levy Proposal

Sept. 17, 2018
Council Sets Preliminary Levy

Nov. 19, 2018
Council to Discuss Budget Proposal

Dec. 3, 2018
Public Hearing and Final Adoption

City council to review mountain bike trail concept

At its Monday, Oct. 22 meeting, the Minnetonka City Council is tentatively scheduled to review and take action on a concept plan to add mountain bike trails to Lone Lake Park. If the council approves the plan, a timeline and next steps will be established. If the council does not approve the plan, trails will not be added to Lone Lake Park.

More information

Visit eminnetonka.com/mountainbiking to view the concept plan and find more details - including park selection criteria, background information, public meeting recaps, frequently asked questions and more.







Vote for your favorite Minnetonka photo on Facebook

The 2018 City of Minnetonka Photo Contest submissions are in, and now we need your help to choose the winners!

 Voting will take place Oct. 5-12 on the city's Facebook page. Follow us at facebook.com/cityofminnetonka for your chance to vote!

We'll post an album of all the submissions on Friday, Oct. 5. To vote, simply  your favorites by Friday, Oct. 12. The photos with the most  will earn First, Second and Third Place and Honorable Mention honors.



Awards

Winning photos will be featured on the city's website, social media accounts and in the *Minnetonka Memo*.

Please note, all entries become the property of the City of Minnetonka and may be used in city publications.



Safe Driving Class

Provided by the Minnetonka Police Department

Saturday, Oct. 13
9 a.m. - noon



City Hall
Minnehaha Room
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Size: Max. 40
Cost: Free
Age: 15 and older

Attend this class to learn more about:

- Traffic laws
- Traffic stop do's and don'ts
- Child seat/seat belt setup information

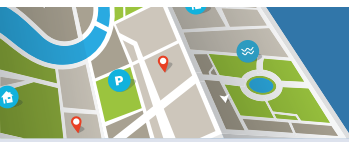
Also, learn the dangers of:

-  Aggressive driving
-  Distracted driving
- Impaired driving
- Speeding



This class does NOT qualify for the AAA senior insurance discount.

To register, or for more information, contact Officer Trevor Johnson at tjohnson@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-7613.



Ask a city planner

The City of Minnetonka's community development department is responsible for the review and management of new developments, subdivisions and redevelopment. 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 are the most important things a property owner should know?

Answer:

First and foremost, you should know where your property lines are located. Owners are sometimes surprised that lot lines aren't always where they expect—including where there's a fence or where they've mowed for a long time.

To determine your property lines, you can hire a surveyor—which is often required when requesting city permits—or use a metal detector to locate property corners. The city has two metal detectors residents can borrow for free for up to 24 hours to complete this task.

Other important items property owners should know include zoning, easement locations, regulated natural features (floodplains, wetlands, woodland preservation areas and more) and general setback information.

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

Apply now for boards, commissions

Get involved in local government!

Apply for a volunteer position on a city board or commission.

The city is seeking applicants for the following groups.

- ☐ Planning Commission (one opening)
- ☐ Park Board (one student and two regular openings)
- ☐ Senior Citizen Advisory Board (three openings)
- ☐ Economic Development Advisory Commission

Applicants are interviewed by the city council and appointed by the mayor. Boards and commissions members must have a desire to serve our community and are required to attend and prepare for meetings.

Submit your application by Dec. 3, 2018. Visit eminnetonka.com/boards-commissions for an application and more information, or contact Pat Schutrop at pschutrop@eminnetonka.com with questions.

Fall leaf drop-off site open throughout October

Each fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Visit eminnetonka.com/subscribe to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling and yard waste. Call 952-988-8430 with questions.



OCTOBER LEAF DROP-OFF SITE HOURS

The leaf drop-off site is open until Nov. 17. Friday and Sunday hours aren't offered until November.

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| Mondays: | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
| Tuesdays: | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| Saturdays: | 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 |

Hit the court this winter with our adult basketball league

Looking for a fun way to stay in shape or to show off your skills? Join the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services adult basketball league!

- ☑ Wednesday nights, Oct. 24–Jan. 23
- ☑ \$525 per team
- ☑ Three divisions: Gold, Silver and Bronze
- ☑ Locations: Hopkins High School, Hopkins West Junior High School, Lindbergh Center
- ☑ Register by Oct. 5 at eminnetonka.com/register, course number 1010101

Visit eminnetonka.com/sports/basketball-adult for more information.



Celebrate Halloween with a Spooktacular Symphony

Come in costume and join the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra for its not-too-spooky Spooktacular fall concerts! There are two great opportunities to see this Halloween-themed show.

- ☑ Sunday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m.,
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska,
Free with Arboretum admission
- ☑ Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m.,
Minnetonka Community Center, *Free*

1ST ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL

AGES 12 AND OLDER RECOMMENDED

Saturday, Nov. 17
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Civic Center Park and Hopkins High School

Fee: \$60 per team

Course: 1212001-01

Move over 5K Turkey Trot! Say “hello” to the first annual Football Turkey Bowl. Teams of five will compete in this fun, laid-back, non-officiated, touch football tournament. Games will run 50 minutes on half-sized fields. All teams are guaranteed two games and must have a minimum of two players 16 or younger and two players 17 or older. Subs are allowed. For more details, please visit eminnetonka.com/sports/football. Registration closes Nov. 9 or until full. Space is limited.



NATURAL RESOURCES HAPPENINGS

October 2018

Buckthorn Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 11

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
Community Room

Learn best practices to control buckthorn and improve the ecological health of your property. Native replacement plant information and handouts will be included. RSVP is required at 952-988-8400 or online at eminnetonka.com/NRevents.



Properly dispose of fall yard waste

Fall yardwork inevitably results in piles of leaves, twigs and grass clippings. Here are do's and don'ts to properly dispose of your yard waste this fall.

- ☑ Compost leaves, grass and native plant cuttings and re-use as mulch next year as a slow-release fertilizer.
- ☑ Mow dry grass clippings and leaves back onto the lawn.
- ☑ Bag yard waste for collection by curbside garbage haulers, or bring yard waste and brush to the city's seasonal leaf and brush drop-off site ☑ **see Page 5** for details.
- ☑ Don't burn yard waste or brush.
- ☑ Don't dump yard waste or brush in streets, in wetlands or into bodies of water ☑ it's illegal and creates countless problems for our environment.



Fall yard care tips for success next spring

Fall yard care is important, both to protect your landscape during the winter, and to set up for success next spring. Follow these suggestions to remedy small problems, begin needed changes or get your landscape looking great.



- ☑ Seed (or over-seed) bare spots to prevent erosion. Try fine fescue in shady spots if typical grass seed hasn't worked.
- ☑ Pull weeds when the ground is moist. Bag the weeds and dispose in the trash.
- ☑ If herbicide is needed, spot-spray rather than applying to the whole yard.
- ☑ Many native plant seeds will not sprout unless frozen and then exposed to wet spring conditions. To spread these plants in your yard, collect seeds and distribute them over the soil with a thin covering of compost or leaves.
- ☑ Trees and shrubs can be planted in fall if they are properly mulched and watered until the ground freezes.
- ☑ Choose a spot to add a new tree or shrub next spring. Stay tuned for information about the city's annual tree sale (typically held in February) for planting ideas.

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City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 3** Park Board, 7 p.m.
- 4** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 8** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
- 9** City and Fire Department Open House, 5 p.m.
- 11** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 15** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 18** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 22** City Council, 6:30 p.m.

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



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Help shape Minnetonka's future

Every 10 years the city is required to update its comprehensive guide plan, which looks 20 years into the future and provides a framework for development, public services and programs.

As the city works on its latest version which looks ahead to 2040 we'd like your help. Help shape Minnetonka's future by attending a meeting in October to learn more about the plan and provide feedback. Public hearings to adopt the plan will likely take place in November and December.

Visit eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan for meeting dates, times and locations, and to learn more.

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