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*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
August 2017*

Mayor Terry Schneider receives C.C. Ludwig Award

Mayor Terry Schneider was recently recognized as the 2017 recipient of the League of Minnesota Cities' prestigious C.C. Ludwig Award, which recognizes vision, statesmanship and unwavering commitment to the public good.

The award recognizes Mayor Schneider's life of public service in Minnetonka, which began in 1977. In the past four decades, Mayor Schneider has served on Minnetonka's Park Board (1977-81), Planning Commission (1981-89), City Council (1992-2008) and as Mayor since 2009. He has also served on countless boards and committees, and has held other leadership positions throughout his distinguished career.

Mayor Schneider's leadership, service and vision has made an immeasurable impact on the Minnetonka community, in Hennepin County and beyond. The Ludwig award is a fitting exclamation point on his career as a public servant, as he has announced that he will not seek re-election.

"There isn't a more fitting send-off for Mayor Schneider than this prestigious and extremely well-deserved honor," said City Manager Geralyn Barone. "We are eternally grateful for his dedicated service and leadership to the Minnetonka community."

The Minnetonka City Council formally recognized Mayor Schneider's award at the Monday, June 26, 2017 city council meeting. He was nominated for the award by the City of Minnetonka with supporting endorsements from the Minnetonka City Council and 14 other individuals, including government colleagues and Minnetonka residents, school officials and business owners.



Mayor Terry Schneider (center) accepts the C.C. Ludwig Award with his family at the awards ceremony in June.

Meet Community Engagement Officer Scott Marks

From new outreach efforts, to increased communications, to attending special events, the Minnetonka Police Department is on a mission to engage residents like never before.

While community outreach has always been a priority, the department's efforts to take engagement to the next level began with the creation of a new position – community engagement officer. Earlier this year, Officer Scott Marks was assigned to this new role, and is a natural fit due to his ability to connect with people, his established contacts throughout the community and his education in social work.



"Now more than ever, it's crucial for police to build strong ties and relationships to the community we serve," said Minnetonka Chief of Police Scott Boerboom. "The addition of a community engagement position combined with our emphasis on outreach will help strengthen our ties to the

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community, and allow us to better serve the residents of Minnetonka."

In his role, Marks has already made an impact. He's developed relationships with clergy in Minnetonka's faith communities, reformed established relationships with social service agencies, assisted in officer trainings and initiated outreach opportunities for police to engage with residents. Marks, along with other Minnetonka officers have already attended more than 50 community events in 2017, including Coffee with a Cop, Cone with a Cop, numerous visits to area schools and weekly appearances at the Minnetonka Farmers Market.

Would you like an opportunity to connect with Minnetonka police officers? To suggest a community engagement idea or event, or to connect with Officer Marks, call 952-939-8546 or email engageMPD@eminnetonka.com.



A look back at Summer Fest 2017

The City of Minnetonka's annual Summer Festival was held Saturday, June 24. The celebration began with the Tri Tonka Youth Triathlon and ended with fireworks, with a day full of family-friendly activities in-between. People of all ages enjoyed a mini-parade, games, music, food, demonstrations from Minnetonka Police and Fire and much more.

Police and Fire 2020 Facility Project UPDATE

The City of Minnetonka's proposal to construct a new fire station and repurpose the existing police and fire facility into a remodeled police station is taking its first steps following the city council's approval of the 2018-22 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Prior to its Aug. 28 meeting, the council will hold a special study session to review preliminary site concepts for the project. The architect will present the concepts and use the council's feedback to continue design work on the new and remodeled facilities. Currently, the plan calls for the architect to present more detailed design concepts to the council later in 2017.

Take a tour of existing facilities and learn more

Stop by the Minnetonka Farmers Market Aug. 15, 22 or 29 for a chance to chat with police officers and firefighters and learn more about the project. To schedule a tour of existing facilities and get a first-hand look at why improvements are needed, contact the police department at 952-939-8551 or the fire department at 952-939-8598.

More information

The project will experience multiple approval processes over the course of two years before construction could begin. More details can be found at eminnetonka.com/policefire2020. Text "mtka pf2020" to 468-311 to subscribe to project updates, or sign up for email updates on the website. To provide feedback or ask questions, contact Assistant City Manager Perry Vetter at 952-939-8216 or pvetter@eminnetonka.com.



Music and movies in the park continue this month

Enjoy music and movies in the picturesque setting of the outdoor amphitheater on the civic center campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. In August, there is a Music in the Park concert every Tuesday, and Movies in the Park will be held Aug. 16, 23 and 30.

All events are free; be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket. For complete details and a schedule of events, visit eminnetonka.com/summerevents2017. Call 952-939-8355 or visit eminnetonka.com for weather-related updates.

Donate to ICA Food Shelf at Aug. 22 concert

On Tuesday, Aug. 22, the Music in the Park concert will double as a benefit for ICA Food Shelf. Attendees are encouraged to bring a food donation to benefit the food shelf, which works to provide assistance to neighbors in need in Minnetonka and surrounding communities.

The Aug. 22 artist – the Minneapolis Commodores – is a 60-member barbershop choir, and they always ask their audiences to bring donations. Learn more about the ICA Food Shelf at icafoodshelf.org. To see a list of ICA's most-needed food items, visit icafoodshelf.org/current-needs.



August at the Minnetonka Farmers Market

This month, stop by the Minnetonka Farmers Market to visit with police officers and firefighters and check out the Hennepin County Library's tent to sign up for a library card, check out books and discover fun activities for kids.

In addition to locally grown fruits and vegetables, the market also offers fresh meat, eggs, honey, bread, hand-made items, live music, free face painting and kids' activities, including the Power of Produce (PoP) Club.



The market runs each Tuesday through Sept. 26 from 3-7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. For more information, and to receive weekly email updates, visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket.

National Farmers Market Week August 7-13

Stop by the Minnetonka Farmers Market Tuesday, Aug. 8 to celebrate National Farmers Market Week!

Farmers markets make a difference by:

- Creating an entry point for beginning farmers
- Generating jobs
- Increasing access to fresh, nutritious foods at lower prices
- Providing nutrition information and food preparation ideas

In 2016, Minnetonka Farmers Market vendors and guests donated more than 2,500 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables to ICA Food Shelf, truly benefitting the whole community.



Minnetonka youth star at 'Theater in the Park'

Fourth and fifth graders from Minnetonka Public Schools performed the classic musical "Once Upon a Mattress" June 16-17 at the Minnetonka Civic Center outdoor amphitheater. More than 600 people attended the performances.

Charles H.
Burwell
 **House**

13209 E. McGinty Road
 Listed on National Register
 of Historic Places



**Tour Schedule
 and Information**

August

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

September

Saturdays and Sundays
 1-4 p.m.

- Free, but donations are accepted
- Air conditioned, main floor is handicapped-accessible
- For special group tours (seven or more) call 952-939-8219

eminnetonka.com/burwell

City considers change to 911 dispatch operations

The City of Minnetonka is considering changes to its police and fire emergency dispatch operations, based on the results of an independent study conducted earlier this year. At a special study session June 26, the city council reviewed the study and directed staff to explore outsourcing dispatch operations to Hennepin County.



The study identified three challenges that will hamper the city's ability to provide exceptional service into the future: staffing levels, resource depth and cost. Scenarios to address these challenges within the current operational structure were explored, and ultimately, outsourcing to Hennepin County emerged as the best overall option. Hennepin County currently provides 911 dispatch services for 37 other communities, including Plymouth, Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park.

The final decision will be made at an upcoming city council meeting, date yet to be determined. Conversations are ongoing with Hennepin County. Should Minnetonka decide to move 911 dispatch operations, the city will work closely with the county to ensure a seamless transition. Regardless of the outcome, Minnetonka residents will continue to receive outstanding 911 and emergency response service.

The complete results of the study are available in the June 26 City Council Study Session packet at eminnetonka.com/councilmeetings. For more information, contact Police Chief Scott Boerboom at 952-939-8551 or sboerboom@eminnetonka.com.

City Honored for Wellness, Environmental Efforts

The City of Minnetonka recently received a prestigious honor for its work in the areas of employee wellness and environmental impact. Minnetonka was recognized as a 2017 Wellness by Design Platinum +Green winner by Hennepin County.



The Wellness designation was achieved by making "employee health a priority through creative and effective wellness initiatives," and recognized "management support, wellness infrastructure, communication and programming directed at improving employee health." The +Green designation was added for "efforts to minimize impact on the environment."

Minnetonka was one of 73 organizations honored, and one of only two city governments to earn Platinum honors. Just 30 organizations earned both wellness and environmental distinction.

No municipal primary election

Minnetonka will not have a primary election, as only two individuals filed for each of the three seats on the 2017 ballot – mayor and two city council at-large seats. All candidates who filed will appear on the November general election ballot.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7. Absentee ballots for the general election will be available beginning Friday, Sept. 22.

Visit eminnetonka.com/elections for more information – including mayor and city council candidate names – and to view polling place changes.



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Wellness Series presented by Minnetonka Medical Center and North Memorial Medical Center

Grief and Loss

Tuesday, Aug 1, 10-11 a.m.

Learn about the many types of grief and the process of grieving, as well as coping and living with grief.

Presented by Beth Paterson, LICSW (Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker).

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180801-04)

Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee

Monday, Sept. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nearly 40 million people in the United States currently suffer from the effects of arthritis. As science and research continue to advance, so do many of the treatment options that are now offered to our patients. Come learn about the current advances related to osteoarthritis of the hip and knee—what's old, what's new and what is better than ever. Presented by Dr. Arthur, of Twin Cities Orthopedics.

Cost: \$2 (Course #1180802-01)

ICA Foodshelf Tour

Tuesday, Aug 15, 10-11 a.m.

Ever wanted to learn more about this important local non-profit that serves 800 families per month in our community? Join us for a tour and learn what ICA does to support local families who need food. Transportation not provided, meet at 11588 K-Tel Drive, Minnetonka.

Cost: Free! (Course #3110108-01)

Caregiver Support Tips

Wednesday, Aug 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn tips for caring for loved ones as they age so you can support them with dignity and respect. This includes tips for dealing with dementia. Presented by Amy House of Sunrise Senior Living.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180402-01)

Eclipse Patio Social

Monday, Aug. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This will be the first total solar eclipse of the sun visible from the contiguous United States since 1979. The last time it was visible from coast to coast was 1918. Come watch and enjoy an ice cream sundae!

Minnetonka will experience 83 percent coverage of the sun, so those attending who are 83 and older attend for free!

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180403-01)



Monthly Programs

Monthly Party: Pork Chop Dinner

Thursday, Aug 17, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate with us!

Menu: Pork chops, applesauce, potatoes, broccoli, roll and dessert

Sponsored by: Nothing Bundt Cakes

Cost: \$7 due Monday, Aug. 14
(Course #3100105-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

The Zookeepers Wife

Friday, Aug 25, noon

After the Nazis invade Poland, Warsaw Zoo caretakers Antonina and Jan Zabinski place themselves in grave danger when they begin collaborating with the Resistance in an effort to save Jews from the horrors of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Menu: Brat, beans, fruit and a treat

Sponsored by: The Glenn Minnetonka

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, Aug. 22
(Course #3100204-01)

Full Heart Living

Wednesday, Aug 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Psychologist and author Tom Glaser will discuss how he set out to find how nine of the happiest people he knows became so happy. In his book he uncovers what's behind the simple, everyday choices truly happy people make, and breaks them down into easy to follow steps.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180404-04)

Fall Registration Opens Aug. 2

(Programs and classes that run
September-December)

Register

- Online: eminnetonka.com/register
- Phone: 952-939-8393
- In person: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Limited scholarships are available for Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older

Community Connections: Nutrition

Monday, Aug 28, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Looking for new ideas for breakfast, quick meals and snacks? Jill Holter from Lakewinds will offer ideas and demonstrate suggestions. Join us for a presentation and try some samples. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Cost: Free! (Course #3180417-01)



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

The Riverside Trio

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to swing! The Riverside Trio brings an edge to the sounds of the 1930s and 40s. These cats will swing, jump, shuffle, jive, croon and rock all day.

Sponsored by Deephaven Woods
Cost: \$3 (Course #1100301-01)

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. 1–Dec. 31	M, W, F	9–10 a.m.	\$12 <i>(annually)</i>	4090702-02
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 20–Nov. 1	W	6:45–7:45 p.m.	\$42	1091201-01
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 19–Oct. 31	TU	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$42	1090101-01
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 20–Nov. 1	W	5:30–6:30 p.m.	\$42	1090101-03
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 21–Oct. 26	TH	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$36	1090101-02
Dance Series: Ballroom	Tricia Wood	Sept. 16–Oct. 7	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-01
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	Sept. 16–Oct. 7	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-02
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 19–Oct. 31	TU	11 a.m.–noon	\$42	1090201-01
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 21–Oct. 26	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$36	1090201-02
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	Aug. 10–31	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$32	3090601-06
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	Sept. 14–Oct. 19	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$48	1090601-01
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	Aug. 10–31	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$32	3090602-04
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	Sept. 14–Oct. 19	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$48	1090602-01
Mindfulness Meditation (*New)	Dar Kleberg	Sept. 8–Oct. 27 <i>(No Class Oct. 6)</i>	F	9–10 a.m.	\$14	1091101-01
Strength and Mobility (*New)	Dr. Jessica Berglund	Sept. 12–Oct. 3	T	1–2 p.m.	\$52	1091301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Workshop	Susan Sobelson	Aug. 7	M	10–11:45 a.m.	\$5	3090301-05
T'ai Chi Chih: Beginning	Susan Sobelson	Sept. 11–Nov. 6 <i>(No class Oct. 16)</i>	M	10–11 a.m.	\$40	1090301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	Sept. 11–Nov. 6 <i>(No class Oct. 16)</i>	M	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$40	1090302-01
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Aug. 3–24	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$36	3090401-02
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Sept. 7–Oct. 12	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	1090401-01
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petrich	Sept. 11–Oct. 16	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$66	1090902-01
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Sept. 11–Oct. 30	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$48	1090501-01

Fitness Descriptions

Dance Series: Ballroom and Latin–Tricia Wood

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

(NEW!) Mindfulness Meditation–Dar Kleberg

Focus on beginning meditation. Learn importance of meditation, why and how to meditate.

(NEW!) Strength and Mobility–Dr. Jessica Berglund

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

(NEW!) Yogilates–Elizabeth Kelly

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



Outdoor Pickleball

Mondays–Fridays, May–October

- Monday–Fridays, 7:30–11 a.m.
- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 4 p.m.–dusk
- Saturdays, 9 a.m.–noon

Plays at Meadow Park on Oakland Road. All ability levels welcome.

Cost: Free!

Athletic Activities

Bean Bags

Monday, Aug. 14, 10:15 a.m.

Socialize with your peers and join in a game of bean bags after the monthly party!

Free! No reservation needed.



Bike Club

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, April–October, 9 a.m.

Visit mtkbikers.org for more information.

Cost: \$10 (annually)
(Course #4120103-01)



Softball 70+

Mondays and Wednesdays, April–October, 9 a.m.–noon

Slow pitch softball is played at Big Willow Park,

11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Registrations are accepted throughout the season at the field. Cash or check accepted.

Cost: \$25 (Course #3120201-01)



Art Programs

Art Series: Color Enrichment and Watercolor

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, Aug. 16 and 23, 1–3 p.m.

Discuss the role of color in creating impact, mood, space and dimensionality in painting. Learn how to use color wheel to apply color integration and schemes. Explore the summer color palette. Supplies provided, but you may bring your own.

Cost: \$40 (Course #3130103-01)

Vikings Stadium Tour



Thursday, Sept. 28, 9:15 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

A guided behind-the-scenes look at the US Bank Stadium. The 90-minute tour features clubs and suites, the press box and the Minnesota Vikings Locker Room. Lunch at Jax Cafe.

Menu: Choice of polish sausage and Sauerkraut with potato cheese pierogis, oven roasted chicken with mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables, or swedish meatballs with potatoes and vegetables, chocolate mousse, coffee, tea or milk.

Register or cancel by: Monday, Aug. 28

Cost: \$77 (Course# 1110101-09)

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:

- Aug. 3, 15, 24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., \$22

History Programs

British History: Terry Kubista Filthy Old City of London

Thursday, Aug. 17, 1–3 p.m.

The sanitation problems of a city the size of London today are immense, but what about the 14th century? Find out how the problem was attacked and made safe for inhabitants.

Cost: \$7 (Course #3180101-03)

e Great Fire of London

Thursday, Sept. 7–28, 1–3 p.m.

In 1666, Charles II suffered his first major challenge as the new King of England.

The burning of his capital city of London became his breaking point. If he handled the situation poorly he would not only lose his city, but his life.

Cost: \$28 (Course #1180101-01)

History: Dan Hartman

Immigration in America

**Wednesday, Aug. 16,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Immigration to the United States is a demographic phenomenon that has been a major source of population growth and cultural change throughout much of the history of the United States.

Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-06)

Washington at Valley Forge

**Wednesday, Aug. 30,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Valley Forge was the military camp 18 miles northwest of Philadelphia where the American Continental Army spent the winter of 1777-78 during the American Revolutionary War. Starvation, disease, malnutrition and exposure killed more than 2,500 American soldiers.

Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-07)

History: Tom Troy

Cold War Spies

Tuesdays, Sept. 5–26, 1–2:30 p.m.

Discuss real-life Cold War spies who worked for the United States or the United Kingdom, or betrayed those countries. Learn about the "Cambridge Five."

Cost: \$12 (Course #1180201-01)

Day Trips*



Taylor Falls Boat Cruise

Thursday, Sept. 7

Board the authentic paddlewheel boat where visitors have enjoyed the beauty of the Dalles of the St. Croix river since 1906 (accessibility is determined by water level). Depart on the luncheon cruise aboard the Taylor Falls Scenic Boat Tours. Lunch is served buffet style. Enjoy views of unique rock formations the river carved through volcanic rock.

Menu: Boneless chicken breast, coleslaw, garlic mashed potatoes, baked beans, coffee and cookies

Cost: \$67 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #3110107-01)

Estimated trip time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Monday, Aug. 14.



Old Spicer Castle Mystery Lunch

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Arrive at Old Spicer Castle and receive your part in the murder mystery play written for the group. As you remove suspicion from yourself, you'll question or point to others with motive and opportunity. Enjoy lunch as the story unfolds. After the mystery is solved, take a few minutes to look around the property.

Menu: Herb roasted pork loin, harvest greens salad, rolls with butter, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea.

Cost: \$78 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #1110101-02)

Estimated trip time: 9 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Monday, Aug. 28

Upcoming:

Oct. 5 Winona Fall Color Tour

Oct. 17 Cranberry Country

Nov. 1 Old Log Theatre: Life Could Be a Dream Musical

*For a complete listing of day trips search trips on our website or pick up a flyer at the community center. Trips meet in the community center lobby. Accessibility needs, please contact senior services for accommodations.



Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older.

11280 Wayzata Blvd.
763-591-4868

Hours: Wednesday–Saturday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
ursdays until 8 p.m.

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/Al-Anon

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Art Drop-In

Mondays, 9 a.m.–noon

Billiards

Every afternoon, time varies

Bingo

Tuesdays, 12:40 p.m.

Bulls and Bears

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

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 12:45 p.m.

Bunco

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

Cargiver Conversations

2nd ursday, 10 a.m.

Computer Club

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Tour Maple Grove garden

Crafting for a Cause

2nd Friday, 9 a.m.

Woodcarvers

ursdays, 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.

Medicare Counseling

1st and 3rd Mondays, Free!

Discuss Medicare, supplemental insurance, Part D coverage, billing issues, resources and more. Call 952-939-8393 to schedule 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:

- Yard mowing and clean up
- Painting
- 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.

False alarm!

Important information regarding fire alarm systems, false alarms and service fees

It's easy to set off a smoke or fire alarm with smoke from cooking, steam from the shower or dust from home renovations. However, if the alarm is monitored by an outside company, those false alarms can result in an unnecessary visit from the fire department, and a significant service fee for the homeowner.

The Minnetonka Fire Department responds to approximately 275 false alarms each year. Over the past decade, less than one percent of fire alarms triggered by home fire alarm systems in Minnetonka were due to an actual fire. As a result, the department is aiming to raise awareness about false and unwanted alarm responses, and ultimately reduce the number to ensure Minnetonka firefighters are ready and available to respond to actual emergencies.

False alarm service fees

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

How to avoid false alarms

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

More information

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

Metro Transit to improve Minnetonka bus routes

Metro Transit announced two changes to its bus services that will benefit Minnetonka and its residents, and will improve the city's connectivity to downtown Minneapolis, St. Louis Park and other surrounding communities.

Beginning in August, Route 9N will improve with later service and more trips. Route 9N operates between downtown Minneapolis, the West End area in St. Louis Park, and Greenbrier/Hopkins High School. Previously, the final Route 9N bus left downtown at 9 p.m. on weekdays and 6:30 p.m. on weekends. Now, the route will operate with trips leaving downtown through 11:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and through 10:30 p.m. on Sunday.



Also, Route 675 will be re-numbered to Route 645 and will provide direct service between Ridgedale, the West End and downtown Minneapolis. This change will provide a quick, all-day, seven days-a-week connection between downtown and the western suburbs.

Visit metrotransit.org for complete details and maps. Maps of bus service routes are also available at Minnetonka City Hall. For Metro Transit's automated bus schedule information line, call 612-373-3333.

Practice solicitor safety this summer

During summer months, the number of solicitors, canvassers and door-to-door sales representatives increases throughout the city. These are allowed in Minnetonka, but every resident and business has the right to prohibit solicitors from their property.



Here are some helpful facts and tips about solicitors:

- For-profit sale of products or services requires a license from the city. Licensed for-profit solicitors will have a photo ID issued by the city. Ask for ID before making a purchase, and always ask for receipts and the cancellation policy.
- Charitable organizations do not need a license, but are requested to register with the city. It's always best to make donations directly to an organization.
- Any residence or business may post a sign prohibiting solicitation.
- The city has a list of approved/registered solicitors online at eminnetonka.com/solicitors.

Contact the Minnetonka Police Department at 952-939-8500 with complaints about door-to-door salespeople or solicitors.

Help fireflies light the night sky

Summer has arrived in Minnetonka, along with one of nature's most charming spectacles — the flickering of fireflies. Several different insects can produce light, but only fireflies can turn their lights on and off at will.

The flash pattern is different for each kind of firefly, helping mates of the same species locate each other in the dark. Some adult fireflies also benefit the surrounding environment by acting as pollinators, feeding on pollen and nectar.



Fireflies live in warm, damp environments such as meadows, wetlands and fields, but their spectacular impact on the summer night sky is diminishing. Experts report that firefly populations are declining in the face of development and chemical use.

Consider these tips to help fireflies:

- Mow less frequently, to avoid disturbing firefly eggs and larvae.
- Turn off the porch and other exterior lights at night; light pollution in urban environments can prevent fireflies from seeing each other, reducing mating success.
- Limit or eliminate the use of pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides. These chemicals can harm fireflies, even if they are not the intended targets.

Reduce water consumption

Minnetonka residents use approximately three times more water in summer than in winter. Water consumption can be greatly reduced by following a few simple tips:

- Routinely inspect home irrigation systems to avoid clogged sprinkler heads and misdirected spray. Water should fall on lawn and planted areas, not on hard surfaces.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and other hard surfaces rather than hosing them off.
- Wash vehicles at a car wash, where water may be reclaimed, or hand wash on the lawn to prevent runoff.

Remember, lawn watering is not allowed between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from May 1 to Sept. 30, and city restrictions limit watering to odd/even calendar days for odd/even house numbers. Visit eminnetonka.com/lawnwatering for complete information.



Minnetonka named 'Tree City USA'

The City of Minnetonka's commitment to forestry has resulted in "Tree City USA" recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. This marks the 23rd consecutive year the city has earned this distinction. To earn "Tree City" status, a city must meet four standards: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day. Minnetonka's commitment to forestry not only meets these four requirements, but exceeds them in a number of areas.

Two years ago, the city received the Arbor Day Foundation's Growth Award for its proactive approach to preparing for emerald ash borer.

The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 and is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. Learn more about the Tree City USA program at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Natural Resources Happenings

Bat Walk and Talk

Saturday, Aug. 19
7:30 – 9 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
(meet in Shady Oak Room)

Join naturalist and author Christine Petersen to learn about Minnesota's native bat species. The program begins with an indoor presentation, followed by a walk to look and listen for bats near the Community Center.

Wear comfortable shoes for walking and dress in clothing that will protect from mosquitoes. A hat and insect repellent are recommended.

RSVP to 952-988-8400 or online at eminnetonka.com/NRevents.



Fall recreation program registration begins Aug. 2

Registration for Fall recreation programs begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, and continues throughout the fall.

Visit eminnetonka.com/recreation to browse the brochure online and choose from numerous programs to stay active. To register, visit eminnetonka.com/register or contact recreation services at 952-939-8203 or recservices@eminnetonka.com.

Opportunities to make music in Minnetonka

The Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) is seeking singers and musicians of all ages to join its various programs for the 2017-18 season. Visit musicassociation.org for full details.

Youth Choirs

- Grades 2-12
- No auditions
- Begins Sept. 7
- Thursday evenings at Minnetonka High School

Chorus à la Carte

- Flexible and fun choral ensembles for adults
- Winter Series rehearsals begin in October

Senior Chorale

- Free for seniors from all communities
- No auditions
- Begins Sept. 13
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center

Civic Orchestra

- Chamber-size community orchestra
- No auditions
- Begins Sept. 11
- Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Minnetonka High School orchestra room

Symphony Orchestra

- Openings for string players by audition
- Begins Sept. 10
- Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Minnetonka High School orchestra room



Growing business through 'Economic Gardening'

Hennepin County is currently recruiting growing businesses for mentorship through the 2017-18 Economic Gardening program. The program – which is a partnership with Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey and Scott counties – provides owners or CEOs with an opportunity to receive specialized research and information related to their business, and the chance to participate in monthly peer-education forums and roundtables.

Economic Gardening services are specifically designed to help growing companies make better decisions while navigating the challenges associated with growth. The program is offered at no cost to selected companies that meet the following criteria:

- For-profit, privately held businesses
- Annual revenues of \$1 million to \$50 million
- Between 10 and 99 full-time employees

Any businesses that meet the criteria and are interested in participating in the program – or receiving more information – are encouraged to contact Hennepin County's Elise Durbin at Elise.Durbin@hennepin.us or 612-348-4191.



Special Community Drop-o Day

Saturday, Sept. 9
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Minnetonka Public Works

eminnetonka.com/special-drop-o-day

Full details coming in the September edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*.



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call 952-939-8200 for meeting locations.
		1	2	3	4	5	2 Park Board, 7 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3 Joint Planning Commission/ Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	10 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31			14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							17 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
							21 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
							24 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							28 City Council, 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.

Registration for antiques appraisal event begins Sept. 5

The Minnetonka Historical Society will host its popular Antiques Appraisal event Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Minnetonka Community Room, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Modeled after the popular TV show “Antiques Roadshow,” the appraisal event offers residents a chance to have family heirlooms and antiques professionally appraised.

Two professional appraisers will provide oral appraisals of all objects. Each exhibitor will be able to present their items for appraisal, and individually tell the story of each antique. Assessments will be projected on the big screen to give the audience an up-close view.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5. Registration forms will be available on the Historical Society’s website (minnetonka-history.org) Aug. 31. Interested exhibitors should print, complete and return the form by mail. Detailed registration information will be available in the September edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*.

