



# minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
December 2017*

## Get ready for winter snow removal

Please keep the following items in mind as winter weather approaches:

- In most snowfalls, **plowing operations begin between midnight and 4 a.m.**, but the exact time depends on the predicted start, end and intensity of the snowfall.
- Heavy or above-average **snowfalls may require a multi-day operation** to clear (in this order) streets, parking lots, sidewalks, trails and ice rinks. In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets within nine hours.
- **Snow removal takes place in three steps.** The first pass provides an initial access path down the streets. Within a few hours, full-width plowing takes place. Final cleanup typically occurs the following day and includes intersection cleanup, salting and plowing where vehicles had been parked.

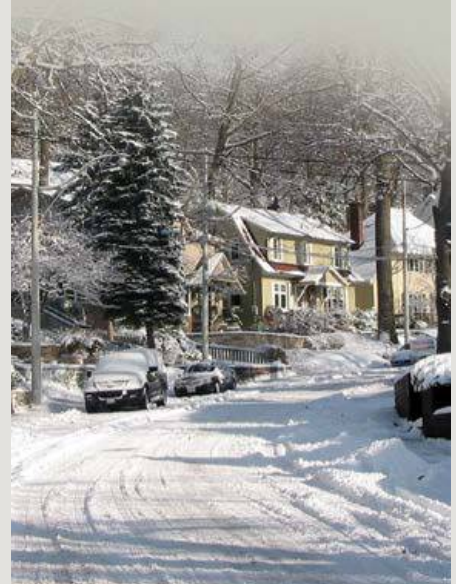


- After snowfalls of two inches or greater, **cul de sacs** will be plowed similarly to mainline streets. Plow trucks will make a first pass to clear the center of the circle, then will return later to clear the remaining snow curb-to-curb in conjunction with the second pass on mainline streets. The goal is to evenly distribute the snow from cul-de-sacs on the adjacent properties. However, depending on the number of obstructions (hydrants, mailboxes, driveways, etc.) it is not always possible to do so.

- **Clear snow from property**, but don't push it into or across the street, or onto sidewalks and trails. City ordinances require snow to be placed on the boulevard adjacent to property in a manner that doesn't interfere with traffic or city snowplowing operations. Please make contractors aware of city snow removal ordinances.
- **Mailboxes** damaged by direct impact from a city snowplow will be repaired, but mailboxes that break from the force of the snow coming off the snowplow will not. The city will conduct a review of each mailbox damage claim to determine whether the city is responsible for the damage and to repair, replace or provide reimbursement (up to \$200) for the mailbox. The deadline to report mailbox damage to the city is June 1.
- **The city will repair turf** damaged on the boulevard as a direct result of plowing beyond the road's edge. All other damage within the public right-of-way is the owner's responsibility (i.e. shrubs, bushes, rocks, trees, irrigation systems, driveways, etc.) Report snowplow damage to Minnetonka Public Works at 952-988-8400. Repairs are typically made in May and June.

## Winter parking reminders

- Vehicles can't be parked on a public street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and a vehicle must not be parked on a public street in one place more than six hours (continuous).
  - Vehicles and trailers can't remain on a street, road or highway in a manner that interferes with the removal of snow, sleet, slush or ice. In addition to any other penalties imposed for the violation of this section, the police department may order towing of the motor vehicle or trailer from the right-of-way at the owner's expense.
- Call Minnetonka Police at 952-939-8500 with any parking concerns. Thank you for your cooperation!



# 2018 budget summary and public hearing

In order to continue delivering the high level of service Minnetonka residents have come to expect, and to address new initiatives residents have requested, the Minnetonka City Council adopted a preliminary property tax increase in September of no more than 3.6 percent for the 2018 budget.



The city council is voting on adoption of the final 2018 budget and levy at its Dec. 4 meeting.

## What does this mean for the average homeowner?

With the proposed increase, city property taxes for the median valued home in Minnetonka (\$332,800 in 2017) are estimated to increase by approximately \$4 per year.\*

## Here's how the proposed increase will be put to use:

- Park and trail planning:** In an effort to improve connectivity of the city's trail system, a request expressed by many in the Imagine Minnetonka community engagement process, a new position will manage research, plan development, grant writing and public education campaigns for trails and parks.
- Technology support:** Growing and more complex information technology needs of the city will result in the hiring of an IT staff member.
- Public data compliance:** The city's efficiency in fulfilling legally mandated public information and data requests – a demand that has grown exponentially in recent years – will improve with the hiring of a records specialist.
- Finance administration:** A new financial analyst will coordinate administration of the city's capital program, which has grown substantially in both cost and complexity in the last decade.

\* The exact impact on specific properties will depend on the assessed market value of each home. These numbers do not include the proposed increase from other taxing jurisdictions such as the county and local school district.

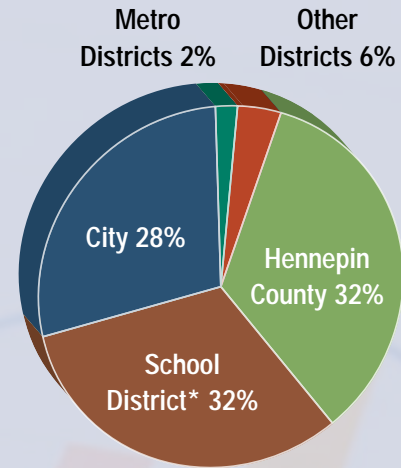
## Learn More and Provide Your Input

To provide feedback on the 2018 budget:

- Submit feedback via [eminnetonka.com/minnetonkamike](http://eminnetonka.com/minnetonkamike)
- Share comments on social media and tag the City of Minnetonka
- Attend the public hearing Monday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
- Contact Finance Director Merrill King at [mking@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mking@eminnetonka.com) or 952-939-8200

For more detailed information about the proposed budget, visit [eminnetonka.com/budget](http://eminnetonka.com/budget).

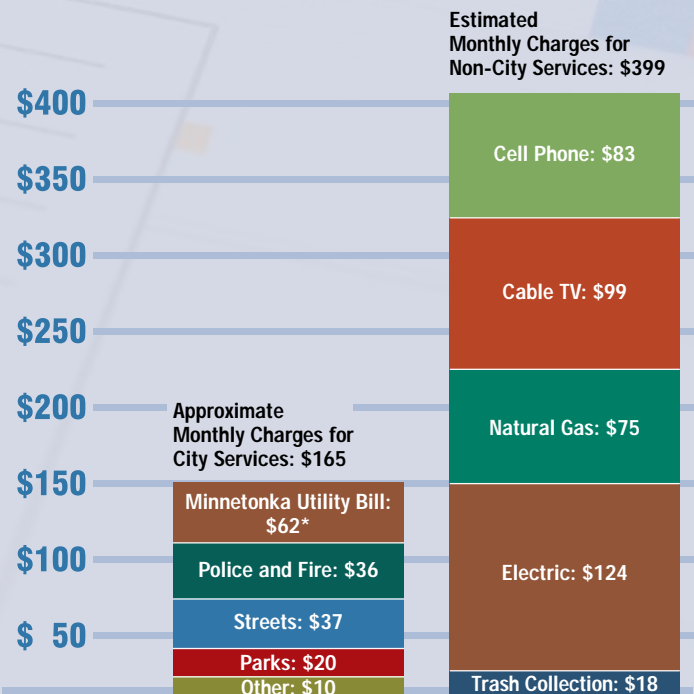
## Where Your Property Taxes Go



\*Based on Hopkins School District. Excludes any changes to voter-approved levies on the November ballot.

## How City Services Compare

The median single family homeowner in Minnetonka pays approximately \$165 per month for all city services. Compared with other monthly charges for the average household, city services remain a bargain.



\*Includes water, sewer, storm and recycling

## Attend a meeting to discuss prospective mountain bike trails

The city will hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of developing mountain bike trails in Minnetonka on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6–8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Interest in mountain bike trail development was first indicated during the Imagine Minnetonka visioning process in 2016. Since that time, the city has heard from many residents regarding the potential creation of trails – but more input is needed.

Attend this meeting to learn about the potential project. City staff and project consultants will gather feedback and share information about project impacts, the approval process and possible next steps.

### Other Opportunities to Share Feedback

Another public input meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Residents will also have an opportunity to share feedback online. Stay tuned for more information.

### More Information

To get more background about the city’s mountain biking trails study and find out what has already been done, visit [eminnetonka.com/mountainbiking](http://eminnetonka.com/mountainbiking). Contact Recreation Director Kelly O’Dea at [kodea@eminnetonka.com](mailto:kodea@eminnetonka.com) or 952-939-8360 with questions.

## Winter-Spring recreation program registration begins Dec. 5

Registration for winter-spring recreation programs begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Check out the program options at [eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure](http://eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure) and choose from hundreds of activities. From fitness classes to kids programs, craft opportunities or athletic leagues, there is something for everyone.



Visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) to register online, or call 952-939-8203 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Minnetonka and Hopkins residents who wish to request a hard copy of the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Winter-Spring Brochure may call 952-939-8203 or email [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com). Non-residents who request a hard copy will be charged \$3.

## Ski at 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](http://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.

## Outdoor skating rinks scheduled to open Dec. 16

Skating rinks with warming houses are available at six Minnetonka park locations. Weather permitting, rinks will open Saturday, Dec. 16 and remain open until Monday, Feb. 19. Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates.

### Minnetonka Rink Hours

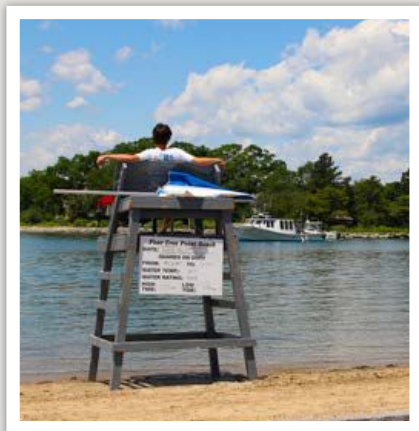
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Boulder Creek	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Covington	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Noon–9:45 p.m.
Gro Tonka	Noon–7 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.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

## Apply now for summer seasonal employment opportunities

It is already time for high school and college students – or anyone looking for a part-time job – to start thinking about summer employment! City of Minnetonka summer 2018 seasonal positions will be posted Dec. 1, with interviews beginning Jan. 4. These are great opportunities for anyone interested in gaining valuable experience and training.



### Recreation Positions:

- Swim Instructor
- Lifeguard
- Shady Oak Beach Sta
- Grays Bay Marina Attendant
- Preschool Program Leader
- Summer Adventure Leader
- Summer Kids Corner Leader and Coordinator
- Playgrounds Coordinator and Assistant
- Inclusion Specialist

### Public Works Positions:

- Parks, Streets and Utilities Maintenance
- Tree Inspector
- Restoration Technician

Visit [eminnetonka.com/employment](http://eminnetonka.com/employment) on or after Dec. 1 to apply online or for more information.

## Minnetonka Police participate in cultural awareness training

Cultural awareness is important in any line of work, but it is especially significant in law enforcement, as officers are tasked to serve and protect every single person in their jurisdiction. In order to better serve Minnetonka and its diverse community, officers participated in cultural awareness training in October and November, and challenged themselves to learn and grow in a difficult – and essential – area.



“The training provides officers with the knowledge to recognize subconscious biases,” said Minnetonka Police Chief Scott Boerboom. “As our community becomes more diverse, this training is increasingly important for our officers. This is an area where we can always continue to learn and grow.”

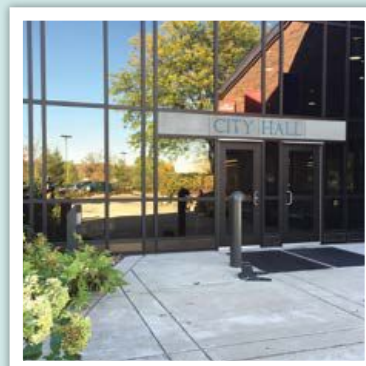
The entire Minnetonka department teamed up with Eden Prairie police for the joint in-service training in the areas of implicit bias and cultural awareness this fall. The training focused on the implicit biases that exist in one’s subconscious; understanding cultural awareness about the individual, interpersonal, institutional and inter-communal perspectives; and defining cultural competence to use as an ongoing developmental process.

The training was conducted by Robert O’Connor, an associate professor of social work at Metropolitan State University and founder of a consulting and training firm specializing in cultural diversity and inclusion, among other areas. O’Connor’s diversity and bias awareness training builds competencies at three levels: awareness, knowledge and application.

Minnetonka police continually seek out opportunities such as this to ensure officers never stop learning. This latest training will equip officers with enhanced perspective and understanding, as they aim to serve the Minnetonka community to the absolute best of their abilities.

## Learn more about Minnetonka at the 2018 Citizen Academy

The 2018 Minnetonka Citizen Academy is a great opportunity to get to know city staff and learn more about the city and how it operates. The academy – held every other year – is a free program that takes place over six Tuesdays this winter. The 2018 dates are: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, and March 6. Sessions are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Minnetonka City Hall.



The academy offers participants the opportunity to learn more about each city department, including police, fire, administration, community development, engineering, public works, recreation, legal and finance. Graduates – those who attend four or more sessions – receive special recognition from the Minnetonka City Council.

### Enroll by Jan. 10

To enroll, visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) and click on “Adult Programs” or use course number 2020201-01 to find the Citizen Academy

information. Log in to your user account (or create a new one) to register. Registration will begin Friday, Dec. 1, and the deadline to enroll is Wednesday, Jan. 10.



# minnetonka script

Programs and services for those 55+  
December 2017 Newsletter

## Reminder

The Minnetonka Community Center will be closed due to the holiday on Monday, Dec. 25.

Senior Services programs will not take place on this day.

## Funeral Pre-Planning Washburn-McReavy

**Monday, Dec. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

The true cost of your final arrangements depends on when you make them. Learn about the funeral arrangement process and the cost-saving benefits of planning in ahead.

**Cost: \$2** (Course #1180410-01)

## Memory Café

**Third Tuesday of every month,  
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. 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.

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

## Winter/Spring Registration Opens Dec. 5, at 8 a.m.

*Sign up for programs and classes that run January-April*

### Register

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

The *Script* highlights monthly upcoming programs. Refer to the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services Brochure or visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) for a complete listing of senior services offerings. The brochure can be picked up at the community center, viewed online or mailed to your home. To request a copy call 952-939-8203 or email [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com).

## Balance and Fall Prevention Screenings

**Dr. Eva Norman**

**Monday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.–noon**

Are you feeling unsteady and have a fear of falling? Take action to reduce your risk of falling by scheduling a 15-minute balance and fall prevention screening appointment. Conducted by Live Your Life Physical therapist.

**Cost: Free screening** (Course #1180801-06/13)

## Monthly Programs

### Monthly Party: Holiday Gala

**Thursday, Dec. 14, noon**

Celebrate with us!

**Menu:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert

**Sponsored by: Eldercare**

**Cost: \$7** due Friday, Dec. 8

(Course #1100101-04)

### Lunch and a Movie:

#### Gifted

**Friday, Dec. 8, noon**

When his sister dies, 30-something bachelor Frank Adler assumes the care of her 7-year-old daughter. But his plans to raise her are threatened when the child reveals herself to be a math prodigy, and his mom suddenly gets involved.

**Menu:** Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll and a treat

**Sponsored by: RidgePointe**

**Cost: \$5** due Tuesday, Dec. 5

(Course #1100201-02)



**Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents.**

**Seasonal items have arrived!**

**11280 Wayzata Blvd.  
763-591-4868**

**Hours:** Wednesday–Saturday,  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.,  
Tuesdays until 8 p.m.

**Holiday Hours: Nov. 27–Dec. 23**  
Monday–Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays until 8 p.m.

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: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	Jan. 4–25	TH	1–2 p.m.	\$38	2090602-01
Strength and Mobility	Dr. Anna Hagens	Jan. 9–Feb. 13	T	1–2 p.m.	\$74	2091301-01
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	Susan Sobelson	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-Lutz	Jan. 4–Feb. 8	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	2090401-01
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
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Feb. 5–March. 26 <i>(No class Feb. 19)</i>	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$36	2090501-01

## 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

### Over 50 and Fit

Join this social group and enjoy music and fitness three days a week.

### 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, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Socialize with your peers and join in a game of bean bags!

**Free!** No reservation needed.



## History Programs

### British History: Irish Secrets Part 3

*Terry Kubista*

*ursdays, Dec. 7-21, 1-3 p.m.*

Learn how attitudes and biases of the current population are firmly rooted in the past.

**Cost: \$21** (Course #1180101-04)

### British History: 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)

### History: Jack the Ripper

*Dan Hartman*

*Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

Jack the Ripper is the well-known name given to an unidentified serial killer generally believed to be active in the Whitechapel district of London in 1888. Attacks ascribed to Jack the Ripper typically involved female prostitutes in the slums of the East End of London whose throats were cut.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #1180202-07)

### History: Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes

*Dan Hartman*

*Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was a Scottish writer and physician, known for creating the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes and his friend Dr. Watson. The character's popularity was widespread after the first series of stories—totaling four novels and 56 short stories.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #1180202-08)

### 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 #1180202-08)

## Day Trips\*



### Artwork at the Capitol

*ursday, Jan. 18*

Take a specialized 90-minute "Art in the Capitol" tour with a Minnesota State Capitol tour guide. This tour presents a variety of artists and their works. The tour gives insight into the remarkable collection, from Civil War pieces to American Indian paintings. After the tour, take the time to explore the newly renovated spaces in the capitol building. Then, head to the St. Paul Hotel cafe for lunch.

**Menu:** Sideboard buffet, including hot entrées with side dishes, salad, soup, coffee or tea

**Cost: \$72** includes tour, meal, transportation and guide (Course #1110102-01)

**Estimated trip time:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Monday, Dec. 11

### 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

\*Trips meet in the community center lobby. Accessibility needs, please contact senior services for accommodations.

## Day Trips

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

Registration opens Dec. 5 for the following trips:

- *March 9, Tastes of Germany*
- *April 27, Phipps eater "Favorites with Organist Zach Frame"*
- *May 9, Old Log eater: Guys and Dolls*
- *May 22, Gangster Tour*

## Education Programs

### Defensive Driving

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

**4-hour renewal sessions:**

- Dec. 7 or 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., \$22

### Dementia Friendly Training

*Tuesday, Dec. 5, 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!** (4180701-10)

## Art Programs

### Line and Wash Painting Extension

*Gin Weidenfeller*

*Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1-3 p.m.*

Learn about line and wash painting. Free hand sketch a still life, nature subject or landscape or cabin-scape in graphite pencil or pen ink. Then paint washes of watercolor or ink over the sketches. Supplies provided, but you may bring your own. One session.

**Cost: \$20** (Course #1130101-05)

## Interest Groups

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

### Book Club

**3rd ursday, 1 p.m.**  
*Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haru

### Bucket List Book Club

**4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.**  
*Ivy Day in the Committee Room*, by James Joyce

### Bird Club

**1st Friday, 10 a.m.**  
Stan Tekiela, naturalist, author and Photographer

### Social Bridge

**Wednesdays, 12:45 p.m.**

### Bunco

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

### Caregiver Conversations

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

### Crafting for a Cause

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

### Cribbage

**ursdays, 10 a.m.**

### Dominos

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

### Duplicate Bridge

**ursdays, 6 p.m.**

### 500 Card Club

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

### Garden Club

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

### Genealogy Club

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

### Ham Radio

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

### Hand, Foot and Toe

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

### Mahjongg

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

### Oil Painting Drop In

**Fridays, 1 p.m.**

### Poker

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

### Shutterbugs

**3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.**

### Tonka Tale Tellers

**2nd Monday, 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:

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



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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.



# Comprehensive Guide Plan Spotlight:

# Housing



**W**hat do residents hope Minnetonka looks like in 25 years? How can the city accommodate population projections?

The city is asking these questions as it prepares to update its comprehensive guide plan – an important planning document that will guide future development decisions. As part of the effort to update the guide plan, the city commissioned a Housing and Demographics study to gain better insight into Minnetonka’s housing stock and population trends.

“We know growth is coming; preparing for it is our mission,” said Minnetonka Community Development Director Julie Wischnack. “Change will happen, and how we manage it is the whole point of the comprehensive plan. We can’t control everything, but we can control how we plan and prepare.”

## A growing city

Growth is nothing new in Minnetonka. The city was home to 36,000 residents in 1970 and grew modestly until the 1980s, when population surged by nearly 25 percent, to 48,000 residents in 1990. In the 27 years since, the city has grown by just eight percent, but the Met Council projects the city to grow by roughly 15 percent over the next 20 years – to 60,000 by 2036.



## Housing stock and characteristics

The study examined the city’s housing stock, including ownership trends, rental properties, age of housing and the health of the marketplace. The prevailing trend is that Minnetonka’s popularity continues to grow, and the demand for housing – all types – continually increases.

There is a strong demand for new rental housing, particularly apartments. The city has a very low vacancy rate across its 7,100 rental units.

The bulk of housing rentals are older, with few developments since the 1990s. Of those 7,100, 700 are age-restricted units for older adults. There has been recent growth in this area, with two new co-ops and three new developments for seniors with services, but population projections indicate there is still work to do to provide adequate housing for residents as they age.

Minnetonka’s strong ownership market revealed an average home sale price of \$380,000, which is higher than the metro area average of \$300,000. However, high-end housing in Minnetonka contributes to the discrepancy between the averages.

The strong ownership and rental markets have had a noticeable impact on the city’s affordable housing stock. Due to rising rental and home sale prices, the number of affordable housing units in Minnetonka dropped from 7,700 to 5,500 in the last five years, which makes this an area the city will need to assess as it moves forward.

## The importance of a diverse housing stock

Studies show that housing diversity helps a community withstand economic trends, and that a healthy housing stock provides a direct connection to economic vitality – and healthy employment rates – for the entire community.

“That is what makes the comprehensive guide plan so important,” said City Planner Loren Gordon. “Identifying a framework to provide diverse housing options for all residents into the future will keep Minnetonka strong for decades to come.”

## Looking ahead

The information from the housing study will be utilized by the 2040 Comprehensive Guide Plan Steering Committee as it continues to gather data as part of the effort to update the guide plan.

To learn more about the process to prepare the city’s 2040 Comprehensive Guide Plan, and to view the full results of the housing study, visit [eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan](http://eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan). Subscribe to receive email and/or text updates about the process and stay tuned for public meeting dates and opportunities to provide input.

# Charles H. Burwell House



13209 E. McGinty Road

Listed on National Register of Historic Places



## Tour Schedule and Information

December

The Minnetonka Historical Society's Victorian Holiday Open House will be held Sunday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. Parking is available at St. David's Center.

### More Information

For information regarding December tours or the Holiday Open House, contact the Minnetonka Historical Society at 952-930-3962.

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

# MINNETONKA MEMORY CAFE?

Third Tuesday of every month  
10-11:30 a.m.

**Free**

Starting Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Minnetonka Community Center  
Minnetonka Mills Room  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.



## Register

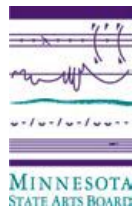
Call Senior Services at 952-939-8393. Special needs or barriers can be accommodated.

For more information, visit

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



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# Winter FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, Dec. 16 and Feb. 10  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Stroll through the winter market to purchase honey, olive oil, hand-stitched paper, winter vegetables, sweet treats, hand-made jewelry, wooden toys, cutting boards and more. A great stop for holiday shopping!

For more information or to become a vendor, visit [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket) or call 952-939-8301.

# Be smart with salt this winter

Beginning in the 1940s, road salt (also known as sodium chloride) was touted as the most effective way to slow ice formation and improve safety on roads, sidewalks and parking lots. However, salt isn't necessarily the cure-all it was once believed to be. For instance, it isn't effective when temperatures fall below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Unfortunately, decades of overuse has caused salt to accumulate in surface and groundwater, permanently harming aquatic ecosystems and drinking water.



It is possible to maintain safe surfaces in winter while reducing the use of road salt. This year, consider implementing at least one of these strategies:

- Apply a liquid deicer before snowstorms to reduce the build-up of ice and make shoveling easier.
- During snowstorms, shovel snow early and often.
- Use no more than four pounds of salt for every 1,000 square feet of surface. (One pound of salt fills an average-sized coffee mug.)
- On extremely cold days, instead of applying road salt that won't work, sprinkle sand on pavement to improve traction. You can sweep up the sand later and store it in an airtight container for reuse.
- Encourage snow removal contractors to learn about and adopt salt reduction strategies.



## A spotlight on Minnetonka's Shade Tree Disease Control program

In an ongoing effort to protect Minnetonka's community forest, the city's Shade Tree Disease Control program seeks to limit the spread of Dutch elm disease and oak wilt.

Private property owners, businesses and public agencies receive notification when diseased elms and red oak trees are identified on their property. Marked trees must be removed within a specified period of time. The city also marks diseased elms and red oaks in its parks, utility sites and campuses. A designated crew or contractor removes those trees.

The incidence of Dutch elm disease in Minnetonka has declined by more than 75 percent since 2004 thanks to consistent implementation of the Shade Tree Disease Control ordinance.

Oak wilt tends to flare up in years with strong storms, which promote new infestation sites. This disease is managed by removing diseased red oaks. Healthy adjacent trees can also be chemically treated, or trenches can be dug between healthy and diseased trees to prevent the disease from spreading through shared root systems. The city offers an oak wilt grant to help offset the cost of measures to prevent oak wilt.

Emerald ash borer has not yet been found in Minnetonka, but staff conducts selective inspections for early detection.

For more information on the Shade Tree Disease Control program, visit [eminnetonka.com/naturalresources](http://eminnetonka.com/naturalresources).



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## Calendar

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

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change – visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) 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](http://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](http://eminnetonka.com) by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

## Festive Fun with the Music Association of Minnetonka

### Cocoa, Co ee, and Carols

A fundraiser for the Music Association of Minnetonka

**Saturday, Dec. 2 | 6:30 p.m.**  
**Minnetonka Community Center**

**Tickets: \$5 at [musicassociation.org](http://musicassociation.org) or 952-401-5954**

Enjoy a dessert bar and holiday gift shop with live entertainment from Chorus a la Carte, the Minnetonka Youth Choir, Celebration Brass Quintet and Minnetonka Symphony and Civic Orchestra.

### Caroling at Burwell House

e Minnetonka Youth Choir will spread holiday cheer at the historic Burwell House on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2–3 p.m.

