

City explores updating police and fire facilities

It's been 30 years since the Minnetonka Police Station was constructed, and even longer (45 years) since the Minnetonka Central Fire Station was built. In the decades since, both departments have evolved to address Minnetonka's safety and security needs. While the current facilities have served Minnetonka well throughout these changes, the time has come to ensure both departments and their facilities are well-positioned for the future.



At their April 17 study session, the Minnetonka City Council reviewed a concept to construct a brand new fire station on the city's campus, and to repurpose the existing police and fire facilities into a remodeled police station. The council will decide whether or not to take the first step in pursuing these projects at the June 12 city council meeting when they vote on the city's 2018-22 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

"Between the growth of our force and the dramatic changes to how we do our job, our current facility isn't meeting our needs," said Minnetonka Police Chief Scott Boerboom. "A facility upgrade is needed to ensure we have the space and tools we need to perform our duties."

"Our fire department has doubled in size since the current station was built 45 years ago," said Minnetonka Fire Chief John Vance. "A new facility would significantly improve emergency response times and enable us to implement vital health and safety improvements."

Financial impacts and next steps

Building a new fire station and renovating the existing stations is expected to cost approximately \$25 million. To fund the project, the city would likely sell General Obligation capital improvement bonds, which would result in a less-than-one-percent levy increase, starting in 2020 and sustained for 30 years.

If the CIP is approved, architects will begin to develop designs for the new and updated facilities. From there, the project will experience multiple approval processes over the course of two years before construction could begin. Minnetonka residents will have opportunities to provide input and feedback all along the way.

Stay informed

More details about the potential Police and Fire facility improvement project 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.

Why police and fire facility improvements are needed

- The fire department has more than **doubled**, from **40** members in 1975 to **86** members today.
- The police force has grown by **20 percent** since 1989 and female employment is up **25 percent**.
- Annual police service calls have risen from **25,000 in 1989** to more than **42,000 in 2016**.



- Annual fire service calls have risen from **200 in 1975** to more than **3,000 in 2016**.
- Both police and fire lack adequate garage and storage space for emergency vehicles, evidence and equipment.
- Improved garages and better-designed facilities will result in more efficient action.

City hall improvements also under consideration

The Capital Improvements Plan also calls for an upgrade to office spaces in Minnetonka City Hall to ensure city staff remains well-equipped to provide excellent customer service. While the building's exterior and main lobby have received facelifts in recent years, the rest of the building has received only minor updates since the city first furnished the office spaces 35 years ago. Stay tuned for more information as plans are developed.

Entertainment in the Park

Theater, Music, Movie Events Begin June 17

Enjoy theater, music and movies in the picturesque setting of the outdoor amphitheater on the civic center campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. All events are free; be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Music in the Park

Enjoy a wide variety of music for the whole family every Tuesday evening from June 13 to Aug. 22 (except July 4) from 7-8:30 p.m. Concessions are available at each concert.

June 13

Music Association of Minnetonka
(Orchestra, choir,
audience sing-a-long)

*Rain backup: Minnetonka Arts
Center on 7, 18285 Highway 7*

June 20

Dirty Shorts
(8-piece, New Orleans Style Band)

June 27

Salsabrosa
(6-piece, Cuban Salsa Band)
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July 4

No Concert due to
Fourth of July Holiday

July 11

Flyin' A's Trio
(Country/Southern Blues)

July 18

Hopkins Community Band
(65-piece band)

July 25

Jazz on the Prairie Big Band
(19-piece band)

Aug. 1

Eden Prairie Community Band
(45-piece band)

Aug. 8*

The Backyard Band
(Danceable rock and roll,
5-member band)

Aug. 15*

ShakeDown
(Country variety,
5-member band)

Aug. 22*

Minneapolis Commodores
(60-member barbershop choir)

**Concert time 6:30-8 p.m. due to earlier sunset*

Theater in the Park Once Upon a Mattress

Will Winnifred pass all the wacky tests put forth by the meddling queen, or will she prove to be the princess Dauntless has been waiting for?

Fourth and fifth graders from Minnetonka Public Schools present their 35-minute musical rendition of this classic production.

Friday, June 16

10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Movies in the Park

Bring your family and friends for a fun night of cinema under the stars! Movies take place at dusk.

Wednesday, Aug. 16
Sing

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Moana

Wednesday, Aug. 30
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Drop off unwanted items June 3

**Saturday, June 3
8 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**Public Works Facility
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
East entrance by recycling center**

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below.

Appliances

Fee: \$10 each

Accepted: Washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, ovens, microwaves, freezers, refrigerators, water heaters, home furnaces, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners and water softeners

Batteries

Free

All car, truck, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile and garden tractor batteries are accepted, as well as household batteries (D, C, AA, AAA, 6- and 9-volt cells, button batteries and rechargeable batteries).

Bicycles

Free

Bicycles will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-216-2072).

Carpet and Padding

Fee: \$1/sq. yd. for carpet and padding

Determine the square yards of carpet. Roll carpet or pad and tape or tie rolls. Rolls must not exceed six feet in length and/or up to 12 inches in diameter.

Copier or Fax Machine

Fee: \$35; higher fee for larger items



Doors

Fee: \$2 and up, depending on size

Electronics

Not Accepted

Fluorescent Lamps

Free

Up to 10 fluorescent bulbs are accepted per vehicle. No lamps are accepted from business or commercial use. Don't tape bulbs.

Furniture

Fee: Chairs \$5 – small, \$10 – large; loveseat \$15; couch/sofa \$20; hide-a-bed \$30; sectionals, dressers, chests, tables and other furniture \$5 and up, depending on size

Lumber

Fee: \$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard
No railroad ties, concrete or shingles.

Mattresses and Box Springs

Fee: \$15 per piece for all sizes
Mattresses will be dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by the PPL Industries mattress recycling program.

Propane Tanks

**Fee: Small \$1;
Large (more than 2-lb. tank) \$5**

Scrap Metal

Dirty scrap metal fee: \$5

Includes: lawn chairs with webbing, barbecues or lawn mower with wheels and/or non-metal parts still attached. All engines must be drained of oil and gas. Additional charges apply for riding mowers, garden tractors, snow blowers or other large items.

Clean scrap metal fee: Free

Includes pipes, gutters, swing sets, barbecues, ducting, fencing, etc. All plastic, rubber, wood, concrete and hazardous materials must be removed.

Tires

Fee: Car, trailer or light truck \$4 each; tires on rim \$8; tractor or truck tire on split rim \$30

Toilets and Non-Metal Sinks

Fee: \$5 each

Windows

Fee: \$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard

PAYMENT

Payment is accepted in cash or checks payable to the City of Minnetonka. Charitable organizations will not be at this event accepting clothing and household goods. Garbage or household hazardous waste is not accepted.

Park Board to review mountain biking trails at Civic Center, Big Willow Park

A desire for mountain biking trails was a common theme discovered by the *Imagine Minnetonka* community-wide visioning process. In an effort to make the vision a reality, Minnetonka High School VANTAGE program students researched options to add trails as part of their business class curriculum, and presented their findings to the park board earlier this year. Those findings included a recommendation to add mountain biking trails to the city's civic center campus and Big Willow Park.

Following the students' presentation, the park board directed staff to complete a feasibility study to assess the proposed trail routes and identify maintenance plans, use assessments and costs.

Offer feedback at a public meeting

The park board is holding a public meeting to review the feasibility study on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Residents are invited to attend and offer feedback.

For more information, visit eminnetonka.com/mountainbiking or contact Recreation Services Director Kelly O'Dea at kodea@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8360.

Register kids for June 20 police and fire safety camp

Minnetonka Police and Fire are offering a hands-on, interactive safety camp for kids entering third, fourth or fifth grades Tuesday, June 20 from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. This one-day program will give kids an opportunity to observe K9 demonstrations and learn from firefighters and police officers about bike safety, personal safety, fire safety and more. The fee for participation is \$25.

Register and learn more at eminnetonka.com/register using activity number 3151901-01.

New organics recycling customers get first year free

The City of Minnetonka has once again received grant funds from Hennepin County to continue encouraging participation in organics recycling. The grant funds will provide one free year of curbside organics recycling to the first 60 Minnetonka residents who sign up in 2017.

There are many benefits to recycling organic waste. Not only is it more cost-effective and environmentally friendly than using the trash or a garbage disposal, it also plays an important part in diverting waste from landfills. Approximately 30 percent of items thrown into the trash can be recycled.

Both food and food-soiled paper products can be recycled as organic waste, including fruits, vegetables, meat, bread, pasta, egg shells, paper towels and plates, paper cups, pizza boxes, coffee filters and more.



Recycling organics is easy:

- Use a small bucket to collect food scraps in your kitchen.
- Line collection containers with a paper or compostable bag (available at local retailers) to help keep it clean.
- Empty bagged organics into the blue organics bag provided by the waste hauler.
- Put the blue organics bag in the trash cart on trash collection day.

Follow these steps to get a free year of service:

- Contact Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335.
- Randy's will invoice the City of Minnetonka for the organics collection service. The city pays the hauler directly. Residents will not be billed.
- Please note, a free year of service is only available to first-time organics customers, and is only available for residents with curbside garbage collection. To qualify for the offer, service must begin before the end of 2017.

More information

To learn more about the benefits of organics recycling and to find a full list of recyclable items, visit Hennepin County's website at hennepin.us and search "organics recycling." Call Public Works at 952-988-8414 with questions about the program.

Free compostable bags and containers available

Existing organics customers, don't feel left out! As part of the grant program, the city is providing a limited supply of compostable bags and kitchen containers to both new and existing organics customers for no charge. Stop by the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard to get a container and 25 bags.



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Programs and services for those 55+
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Minnehaha Creek Canoe Trip Steve Pieh

Wednesday or Thursday, June 7 or 8,
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing two-mile canoe paddle between Grays Bay Dam and I-494, with a picnic stop at Jidana Park. Relax in front of a campfire and roast hot dogs. Canoeing experience and ability to enter and exit safely independently recommended. Meet at Community Center.

Cost: \$10

(June 7 Course #3190101-01)

(June 8 course #3190101-02)

Balance Screenings Dr. Eva Norman

Monday, June 12, 10 a.m.–noon

Are you feeling unsteady? Are you fearful of falling? You can take action to reduce your risk of falling. Appointments required for 15-minute time block.

Cost: Free! (Course #3180801-06)

Monthly Programs

Monthly Party: Bingo Bash

Thursday, June 15, noon

Celebrate with us! Enjoy a meal and play bingo after lunch.

Menu: Brats, beans, chips, watermelon and root beer floats

Sponsored by: The Glenn - Minnetonka

Bingo Prizes Sponsored by: WestRidge

Cost: \$7 due Monday, June 12

(Course #3100103-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

Hidden Figures

Friday, June 23, noon

In the race to space between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War, three black female mathematicians play a key role in launching astronaut John Glenn into outer space, making him the first American to orbit Earth.

Menu: Submarine sandwiches, pasta salad, chips and a treat

Sponsored by: Nothing Bundt Cakes

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, June 20

(Course #3100202-01)

iPhones and iPads: Capabilities and How to Use Them

Abbey Key

Thursday, June 22,

10 a.m.–noon

This class will go over the basics of how to use your device. Learn how to access and manage apps, emails, phone contacts and photos.

Bring your device(s) and questions.

Cost: \$7 (Course #3180602-01)

One-on-One Electronics Workshop: Click and Conquer

Abbey Key

Friday, June 23,

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

Cost: \$12 (Course #3180601-01)



Al and Alma's Boat Trip

Monday, July 24 or Aug. 14,

11:15 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing cruise and a light lunch on Lake Minnetonka. Transportation is not provided, meet at Al and Alma's, 5201 Piper Road, Mound, MN 55364.

Menu: Sandwich, salad, chips, dessert, and water or coffee, cash bar available

Cost: \$22 due Thursday prior

(July 24 Course #3110105-01)

(Aug. 14 Course #3110105-02)

Email Updates

Stay up-to-date on the latest events!

Receive weekly email updates on senior happenings! Send your email address to spieh@eminnetonka.com.

Save the Dates: Garden and Plant Sale

Tuesdays, July 11 and July 18

More information to come!

The DNA Side of Genealogy

Alice Eichholz, Ph.D.

Thursday, June 1, 10–11 a.m.

You took a DNA test, now what? The excitement of DNA testing leads to a sized learning curve about what to do with the results. Learn how DNA is used to solve genealogical problems.

Provided by the Genealogy Club.

Cost: Free! (Course #3180901-01)

Community Connections: Gardening

Monday, June 26, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Join us for a presentation about gardening provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Cost: Free! (Course #3180414-01)

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

Benefits of Exercise

Tuesday, June 27, 10–11 a.m.

Exercise is medicine. Review the physical and mental benefits of exercise. Learn how to implement exercise into your life, no matter your ability level. Learn different types of exercise for strength, stretching and balance. Presented by Dr. Maria Ryan.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180801-02)

Heart Failure 101

Tuesday, July 25, 10–11 a.m.

Find out the signs and symptoms of heart failure. Explore different treatment options available. Learn how and when to get assistance for worsening symptoms. Presented by Dr. Niemczyk, North Memorial Medical Center.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180801-03)

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 (annually)	4090702-02
Basic Mat Pilates	Elizabeth Kelly	July 12–Aug. 30	W	6:15–7:15 p.m.	\$48	3090904-02
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	July 11–Aug. 29	TU	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$48	3090101-03
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	July 12–Aug. 30	W	5–6 p.m.	\$48	3090101-06
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	July 13–Aug. 31	TH	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$48	3090101-04
Dance Series: Wedding	Tricia Wood	June 3–July 1 (no class June 17)	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$52	3091001-03
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	June 3–July 1 (no class June 17)	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$52	3091001-04
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	July 11–Aug. 29	TU	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	3090201-03
Intermediate Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	July 12–Aug. 30	W	7:30–8:30 p.m.	\$48	3090201-06
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	July 13–Aug. 31	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	3090201-04
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	June 1–22	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$32	3090601-04
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	July 6–27	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$32	3090601-05
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	June 1–22	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$32	3090602-02
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	July 6–27	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$32	3090602-03
T'ai Chi Chih: Workshop	Susan Sobelson	June 12	M	10–11:45 a.m.	\$5	3090301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Workshop	Susan Sobelson	June 26	M	10–11:45 a.m.	\$5	3090301-02
T'ai Chi Chih: Workshop	Susan Sobelson	July 10	M	10–11:45 a.m.	\$5	3090301-03
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	June 1–July 13 (no class June 15)	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	3090401-01
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petrich	June 5–July 10 (no class July 3)	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$50	3090901-02
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	June 5–July 31 (no class July 3)	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$36	3090501-01
Zumba Gold Toning	Renee Rahimi	June 7–Aug. 2	W	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$36	3090501-02

Fitness Highlights

Dance Series: Ballroom and Latin—Tricia Wood

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

Dance Series: Wedding—Tricia Wood

Learn waltz, rumba and swing for dances that cover a variety of music played at receptions and galas.

Intermediate Yoga—Elizabeth Kelly and Nancy Holasek

Class includes standing and balance postures, guided breath work and visualization.

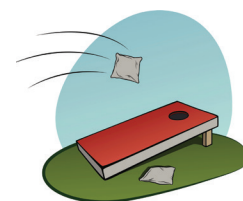
T'ai Chi Chih Workshop—Susan Sobelson

First 30 minutes are instruction, followed by an hour of practice. All levels welcome.

Therapeutic Pilates—Dr. Sarah Petrich

Focus on re-balancing typical asymmetries that lead to more torque, tension and compression.

Detailed descriptions found online, in the summer brochure or by phone.



Bean Bags

Friday, June 9,
10:15 a.m.–noon

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

Free! No reservation needed.

Athletic Activities



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

Minnetonka Pickleball Club plays at Meadow Park on Oakland Road, where a total of eight courts are available. All ability levels welcome.

Cost: Free!

Softball 70+

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



Slow pitch

softball is played at Big Willow Park, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Modified rules allow for competitive play without the risk of serious injury. Registration will be accepted throughout the season and takes place at the field. Cash or check accepted.

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

Bike Club

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

Looking for a great co-ed senior group to bike at various scenic metro locations? Bike as often as your schedule permits. For more info visit mtkabikers.org

Cost: \$10 (annually)

(Course #4120103-01)



Art Programs

Art Series: Artist Sketchbook Draw and Paint

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, June 21–July 12, 1–3 p.m.

Explore a variety of drawing exercises, color and texture choices, idea creation and subjective expression. Experiment with drawing or painting your favorite subject. Supplies provided, but you may bring your own. No class Wednesday, July 5.

Cost: \$60 (Course #3130101-01)

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:

- \$22, Tuesday, June 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Tuesday, June 20, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

History Programs

British History: A Short History of Ireland

Terry Kubista

Thursday, June 1, 1–3 p.m.

A summarized history of Ireland in just two hours, with apologies to all involved.

Cost: \$7 (Course #3180101-02)

History: Minnesota Iron Range

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, June 14,

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Iron Range refers to a number of iron ore mining districts around Lake Superior. Natural ores were produced 1848 until the mid-1950s when taconites and jaspers started to become the major source of iron production.

Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-02)

History: The Black Death in Europe

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, June 28,

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Black Death was one of the most devastating pandemics in human history, resulting in the deaths of up to 200 million people, learn how the plague created a series of religious, social and economic upheavals.

Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-03)

History: French and Indian War

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, July 12,

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Learn about the French and Indian War and the role that 22-year-old George Washington played in the event.

Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-04)

Day Trips*

Afton House Inn & Cruise



Tuesday, July 18

Tour the Afton House Inn overlooking the St. Croix River Valley and enjoy dining in the Wheel Room or Pennington Room. After lunch, relax or visit a few shops near the inn. Then walk a couple blocks down a paved pathway to the boat dock where you'll board the Afton Cruise Lines. You'll enjoy an hour and a half cruise along the shores of the St. Croix River. The scenery is ever-changing, from rugged to woodlands, and majestic views with wildlife abound. The boat has a cash bar available.

Menu: Chicken crepes served with rice pilaf, fresh veggies, rolls, coffee or tea, pound cake with blueberries and whipped cream

Cost: \$69 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course# 3110102-01)

Estimated trip time: 9:45 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Friday, June 16

New Prague Murals and Music



Wednesday, Aug. 9

Listen to a presentation from a New Prague Historical Society and Library guide. Then take a riding tour to see the murals and other projects in New Prague. Highlights will include the New Prague Library and Log House, Czech/Slovak Sculpture, Lekarna Mural, New Prague Schoolhouse Mural and the Czechoslovakia Mural. Eat lunch at Etlin's Cafe. New Prague's Czech Singers will fill the dining room with ethnic tunes. After lunch, explore the downtown district shops, including Czech Bakery, boutiques, cafes and consignment shops.

Menu: Roast pork with salad, dumplings, sauerkraut, beverage and kolacky

Cost: \$68 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #3110103-01)

Estimated trip time: 8:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Friday, July 7

Upcoming: Taylors Falls Boat Cruise Sept. 7

*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.

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 go to eminnetonka.com/interestgroups.

Book Club

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Planning for plant sale

Geneology Club

1st Thursday, 10 a.m.

DNA Speaker Alice Eichholz (See page 1 for more information)

Crafting for a Cause

2nd Friday, 9 a.m.

New members welcome!

Cribbage

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Bring cribbage board and a deck of cards.

Dominoes

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

New members welcome!

Duplicate Bridge

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Join in! Partners needed!

500 Card Club

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

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

New members welcome!

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.



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.,
Thursdays until 8 p.m.

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.

Burwell House opens June 3

The Charles H. Burwell House, located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, opens for the 2017 tour season Saturday, June 3 and remains open through Aug. 29. Tours are available Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. In September, the house is open Saturdays and Sundays only from 1-4 p.m.

The Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Tours are free, but donations are accepted. The main floor of the house is handicapped-accessible, and the entire house is air-conditioned. To schedule special tours for groups of seven or more, or for more information about the Burwell site, call 952-939-8219 or email mdammann@eminnetonka.com.

Student election judges needed

The City of Minnetonka is seeking motivated high school students, ages 16 and older, to serve as student election judges in the upcoming municipal primary and general elections.

Student election judges provide key support on Election Day. Tasks include opening and closing the polls, assisting voters, checking in voters with electronic poll books and upholding the laws regarding voting. This is a paid opportunity and training is provided.

Find more information and apply online at eminnetonka.com/elections/election-judges. Contact Moranda Dammann at mdammann@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8219 with questions.

2017 municipal election update

Filing for the fall 2017 municipal election closes May 30. Three seats are on the ballot – the mayor and the two city council at-large seats.

If more than two candidates file for any of the open seats, a primary will be held Tuesday, Aug. 8. If two or fewer candidates file for any given seat, there will not be a primary and all candidates will go directly on the November ballot.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7.



Absentee voting

Absentee voting for the August primary, if needed, will begin Friday, June 23. Absentee ballots for the general election will be available beginning Friday, Sept. 22.

Follow these steps to vote absentee:

- Visit eminnetonka.com/absentee to download an application
- Submit the completed application to Hennepin County, 300 South 6th St., 012 Skyway Level, Government Center, Minneapolis, MN 55487
- Once an application is submitted, Hennepin County will mail a ballot and instructions

Absentee voting may also be done in person at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Hennepin County must receive absentee ballots by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

Polling places

Please note, the location of three of the city's polling places has changed since the last election.

- **Ward 1 Precinct D will vote at Mzizi International Church, 13207 Lake St. Extension.** If your polling location was Grace Apostolic Lutheran Church, 4215 Fairview Ave, you will now be voting at Mzizi International Church.
- **Ward 1 Precinct E will vote at Bet Shalom Congregation, 13613 Orchard Rd.** If your polling location was St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 13207 Lake St. Ext., you will now be voting at Bet Shalom Congregation.
- **Ward 2 Precinct D will vote at Ridgedale YMCA, 12301 Ridgedale Dr.** If your polling location was Ridgedale Hennepin County Library, you will temporarily be voting at Ridgedale YMCA.

Visit eminnetonka.com/elections or contact city staff at 952-939-8200 or elections@eminnetonka.com for more information.



Pollinator Field Day

Includes annual native plant sale

Wednesday, July 12 – 4–6 p.m. – Lone Lake Park

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

Enjoy a live orchestra or choir performance in June

The Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) offers two outstanding opportunities to enjoy a live orchestra or choir performance in June. Visit musicassociation.org to learn more.

MAM Night at Minnetonka Music in the Park

Featuring the Minnetonka's combined Symphony and Civic Orchestras, Chorus à la Carte and the Minnetonka Youth Choirs.

Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.
 Minnetonka Outdoor Amphitheater
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
 Rain location: Minnetonka High School Arts Center
 Admission: Free

Summer Joy at the Arboretum

Featuring favorites for orchestra from Mozart to John Williams by the Minnetonka Symphony and Civic Orchestras.

Sunday, June 18 at 1 p.m.
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chanhassen
 Admission: Free with Arboretum admission

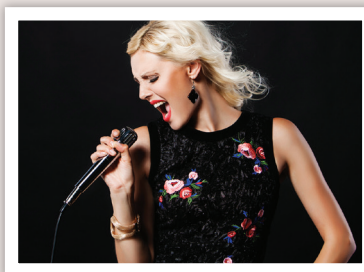
Register to participate in the Minnetonka Sings contest

The Glen Lake Optimist Club is searching for two outstanding voices to represent Minnetonka in the 2017 Minnesota Sings statewide amateur vocal competition. Minnesota Sings is seeking the top voices from 100 Minnesota cities.

This year, the Minnetonka Sings competition will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) as part of the annual Summer Festival event Saturday, June 24. Each singer will sing one song and provide their own song track. No other instruments will be allowed. Solo acts only.

The singing competition is open to anyone who will be 15-to-25 years old on Sept. 24, 2017 and lives, works or attends school in Minnetonka. Hopkins Junior and Senior High School students are also eligible to compete. The first- and second-place winners will earn a spot in the 2017 Minnesota Sings contest on Sept. 24, 2017, with a chance to share \$10,000 in cash prizes.

For more information, or to register, visit glenlakeoptimists.org or minnetonkasings.com. Email questions to dr.arthoffman@gmail.com.



Bike helmets save lives

Very few people carry their cell phone without a protective case, yet there are thousands of people injured each year because they didn't protect their head with a helmet. A head injury can be devastating, resulting in a long recuperation, lifelong disability and the inability to work or go to school.

As the weather warms up and more people hit the trails and roads on bikes and motorcycles, the Minnetonka Fire Department reminds residents about the importance of helmet use.



Fast facts:

- According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 818 bicyclists died on U.S. roads and 45,000 bicyclists were injured in 2015 alone.
- In 2014, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that 86 percent of bicyclist deaths were people age 20 and older.
- In a majority of bicyclist deaths, the most serious injuries are to the head.
- A helmet can reduce the odds of head injury by up to 50 percent.

Adults are quick to remind children of the importance of helmet use, but often forego that same protection. As a result, they are at the highest risk for bike accident-related head injuries and death. Parents can help support their children's safety by being a positive role model and wearing a helmet.

In fact, everyone should offer their head the same protection they give their cell phone. Putting on a helmet before taking a ride could prevent an injury, lessen the damage, or even save a life.

Keep an eye out for emerald ash borer

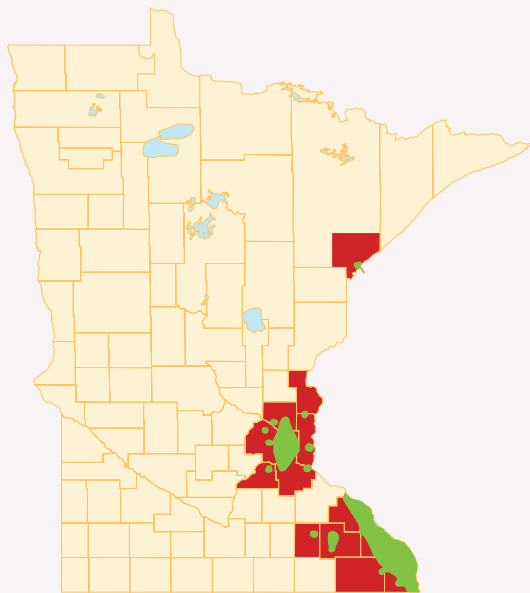
Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a non-native beetle that kills ash trees, and it has recently been discovered in neighboring communities, including Plymouth and Eden Prairie. More than likely, EAB has also found its way into Minnetonka. However, because the damage is gradual, it may be a while before the insect's presence can be confirmed.

In the meantime, forestry staff are working to mitigate the risks of EAB on public property through targeted removals and treatment of park trees.

Follow these tips to combat the spread of EAB in Minnetonka:

- Remove ash trees smaller than 10 inches in diameter, and those with poor structure or decaying wounds
- Gradually replace removed trees with diverse species
- Inject healthy, structurally sound large ash trees to protect them over time

Visit eminnetonka.com and search "hiring tree care" for a list of local tree care contractors and their services.



Don't move firewood

Emerald ash borers don't fly long distances, so EAB most often spreads through the transportation of firewood. Please follow the state of Minnesota's firewood rules and don't take ash and other hardwood out of quarantined counties (see map). Visit mda.state.mn.us and search "EAB" for updates.

Counties affected by EAB

Anoka	Olmsted
Chisago	Ramsey
Dakota	Saint Louis
Dodge	Scott
Fillmore	Wabasha
Hennepin	Winona
Houston	

EAB Generally Infested Areas
 EAB County Quarantines

Does my tree have EAB?

Contact forestry staff if you notice the following symptoms:

- An increase in woodpecker activity on the branches and trunk
- Blonde-colored patches on the bark (most easily seen in winter, when the tree has no leaves)
- Dying leaves in the upper third of the tree's crown, becoming more obvious over a period of two or more years

Visit eminnetonka.com/eab to find images and resources to identify ash trees and EAB.

Help keep the right-of-way clear and visible

The right-of-way (ROW) is any portion of property that borders the road. To keep the roadway safe, the city removes hazardous trees in the ROW, and prunes trees or shrubs that hamper road visibility.

Residents can help keep the ROW clear and visible by maintaining the height and overhang of vegetation in the ROW. Property owners are also asked to follow some basic guidelines when adding new plants and trees:

- Plant shrubs, wildflowers, and ornamental grasses at least six feet from the curb
- Deciduous trees – trees that lose their leaves – should be planted at least 15 feet from the street
- Conifers (trees with needles) need to be planted 20 feet or more from the street

Questions? Contact Natural Resources at 952-988-8407.

Why is the water green?

Is your pond or lake covered in green? Look closely before you assume the worst. Algae is often confused with duckweed, a native plant with tiny leaves that grows in a thin, brilliantly green carpet over the water's surface. Duckweed helps to capture excess nutrients from the water that would otherwise promote algal growth.



You can help preserve the water quality of our lakes and ponds. Consider installing raingardens, planting beds, or buffer strips of native vegetation along shorelines to capture runoff and improve absorption of water into the soil.



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

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



Farmers market opens June 13 with new vendors, musicians and kids activities

The Minnetonka Farmers Market will kick off the new season Tuesday, June 13 from 3-7 p.m. on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. In addition to locally grown fruits and vegetables, the farmers market will also offer 100 percent natural grass-fed beef, eggs, bread, fresh flowers, salsa, olive oil and other local products.

New in 2017, kids ages 4-12 can join the “Power of Produce” program and earn tokens to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at the market. Kids can also enjoy free face-painting, activities and music.

The 2017 market runs each Tuesday (except July 4) through Sept. 26. For more information, and to subscribe to receive weekly email updates, visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket.