

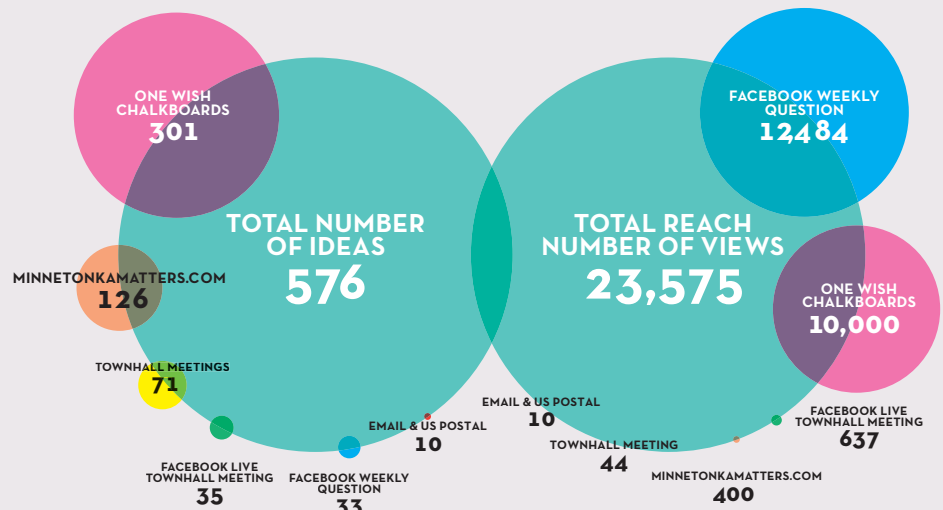


# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
May 2017

## Imagine Minnetonka recommendations presented to City Council

“How do you want your city to look and feel in the next 20 years?” “What was your one wish for Minnetonka?” Those were the questions on everyone’s mind last summer and fall, as the city sought feedback for its Imagine Minnetonka community visioning and strategic planning project.



During the 12-week community engagement period, more than 20,000 people generated 576 ideas. Three strong themes emerged from the feedback:

- **Character:** Participants stressed the importance of maintaining and preserving the features that give Minnetonka its unique character, including wetlands, parks and open spaces.
- **Connection:** Residents expressed an interest in the creation of more trails and sidewalks to safely connect the city, as well as more opportunities to connect with others and build relationships in the community.
- **Citizens:** The city received lots of feedback about the importance of protecting and preserving the outstanding quality of life currently enjoyed in Minnetonka, and the desire to ensure the same quality of life is available for all citizens in the years to come.

Working with Rebecca Ryan of Next Generation Consulting, who was hired to spearhead the Imagine Minnetonka effort, the city tabulated the data and facilitated a steering committee to analyze trends that will have an impact on Minnetonka’s future.

Based on these findings, Ryan formulated nine recommendations to help Minnetonka best navigate the future. These recommendations, which Ryan presented at the March 6 City Council meeting, complement the city’s current strategic planning as well as the desires residents expressed during the community engagement segment of the project.

In addition to providing the city with five important metrics to monitor in preparation for the future, Ryan gave recommendations to bolster green infrastructure, focus on woods and wetlands, address changing

demographics, improve transportation connections, diversify housing options, increase community engagement, strengthen city village centers and more.

The Imagine Minnetonka recommendations will be used to guide city leaders as they embark on long-term strategic planning and day-to-day decision-making. This shared vision will ensure a more resilient, vibrant and future-ready community.

The project summary and detailed recommendations, as well as Ryan’s City Council presentation, can be viewed at [eminnetonka.com/imagine](http://eminnetonka.com/imagine).

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and assistance during the process!

## Dispose of unwanted items at June 3 drop-off event

Mark your calendar for Minnetonka’s special one-day drop-off event Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Dispose of appliances, fluorescent lights, carpet, lumber, mattresses, scrap metal and more. Visit [eminnetonka.com/dropoff](http://eminnetonka.com/dropoff) for details or watch for more information in the June issue of the *Minnetonka Memo*.

## Learn more about becoming a Burwell House tour guide

Are you thinking about becoming a Burwell House tour guide? Join city staff at Burwell House (13209 E. McGinty Rd.) for an open house Tuesday, May 9 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Participants will receive a tour of the house and learn what it takes to become a guide.

The 2017 tour season starts Saturday, June 3 and continues through Sunday, Aug. 27. Tours are offered Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. In September, the house is open Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Special tours are available to be scheduled with groups larger than seven during the regular season, depending on tour guide availability.



For more information, or to RSVP for the open house event, contact Moranda Dammann at [mdammann@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mdammann@eminnetonka.com).

To learn more about the history of Burwell House, visit [eminnetonka.com/burwell](http://eminnetonka.com/burwell).

## Join the effort to make Minnetonka a dementia-friendly community

In an effort to understand how to be respectful, welcoming and supportive of those living with Alzheimer's, the City of Minnetonka is working with community members to make Minnetonka a dementia-friendly community.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, a dementia-friendly community is informed, safe and respectful of individuals with dementia and their families; provides supportive options; and fosters quality of life.

### Register for a free one-hour training

More than 200 community members have already been certified to facilitate Dementia Friends Training Sessions. Thanks to these certified individuals, free one-hour training sessions are available for residents, businesses or organizations each month at the following times:

1st Tuesday of each month  
Noon–1 p.m.  
Minnetonka Community Center  
Call 952-939-8393 to register

2nd Thursday of each month  
6:30–7:30 p.m.  
Ridgedale YMCA  
Call 952-582-8245 to register

Participate in a training session to learn more about the symptoms of dementia and to receive tips for how to care for someone living with it.

### More Information

To learn more about this effort, visit [eminnetonka.com/dementiafriendly](http://eminnetonka.com/dementiafriendly) or contact Steve Pich at 952-939-8366 or [spich@eminnetonka.com](mailto:spich@eminnetonka.com).

## Filings open May 16 for 2017 municipal election

The City of Minnetonka is holding a municipal election Nov. 7, 2017. City seats on the ballot will include the mayor and two at-large council seats. Filings for these offices open Tuesday, May 16 and will remain open through Tuesday, May 30.

Interested persons may file for these offices during regular city hall hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The filing fee is \$5. Please note city offices will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. The hours to file Tuesday, May 30 are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A primary election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 if more than two people file for any of these offices.

### School Board Election

The Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata school districts will also have school board positions on the fall ballot. Those interested in filing for school district offices must contact the district offices.

### More Information

For questions or more information contact the city clerk's office at 952-939-8200 or [elections@eminnetonka.com](mailto:elections@eminnetonka.com).



# Dispose of household hazardous waste at Hennepin County's collection event

**Friday, May 12**  
**Saturday, May 13**

**9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

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



This event is open to any Hennepin County resident. Items are not accepted from businesses, including home businesses or non-profit organizations.

## Materials accepted free of charge:

### Auto and fuel wastes

- Diesel fuel, fuel additives, gasoline (containers will not be returned), kerosene, starter fluid, vehicle lead-acid batteries, waxes
- No motor oil or oil filters

### Gas cylinders

- Acceptable: Propane tanks less than 40 lbs., specialty gases on a case-by-case basis if less than 59 lbs.
- Unacceptable: Propane tanks greater than 40 lbs., gases requiring special management, all gases greater than 59 lbs., and all gas cylinders from a business

### Household, lawn and garden products

- Adhesives, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fire extinguishers, flammable products, paint (limit three 5-gallon pails; no limit on 1-gallon pails or smaller), paint thinners, solvents and strippers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, photographic and hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, rechargeable tools, PCB ballasts, wood preservatives

### Mercury-containing items

- Fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps (maximum 25), thermometers, thermostats

## Electronics not accepted

Options for disposing electronics include the year-round Hennepin Co. drop-off sites as well as Best Buy or Staples stores (for a fee).

## The following items are not accepted:

Appliances, asbestos, photocopiers, motor oil and motor oil filters, tires, empty paint cans, some compressed gas cylinders (see above), explosives, radioactive materials (i.e. smoke detectors), infectious waste, unused medicines or household garbage

## More Information

For more information, call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.

## Utilize Year-Round Drop-off Sites

Hennepin County residents may bring household hazardous waste to either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities at 1400 W. 96<sup>th</sup> St. in Bloomington or 8100 Jefferson Hwy. in Brooklyn Park.

Facilities are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dispose of household appliances for a \$15 fee. Dispose of TVs, laptops and computer monitors for a \$10 fee. Other electronics are accepted at no charge.

Find a complete list of acceptable materials at [hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/drop-off-facilities](http://hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/drop-off-facilities). Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 with questions.

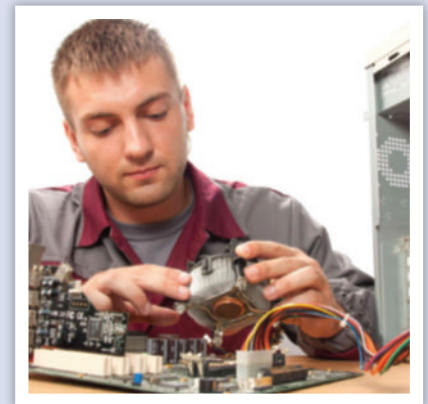
## Hennepin County's new website makes reusing easier than ever

Visit Hennepin County's new-and-improved "Choose to Reuse" website for easy ways to keep usable items out of the trash and find quality belongings without buying new.



- Browse through more than 600 places to sell, donate, buy, repair, rent and share items
- Locate reuse resources near your house
- Learn more about topics such as cloth diapering and the drawbacks of fast fashion
- Find local events including Fix-It Clinics, neighborhood garage sales, classes and more

Visit [hennepin.us/choose-to-reuse](http://hennepin.us/choose-to-reuse) to get started.



## Memorial Day delays blue week recycling

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 will delay the blue week recycling collection areas by one day. Monday's area will be collected Tuesday, May 30 and Tuesday's area will be collected Wednesday, May 31. Houses in the grey collection area are not affected.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/subscribe](http://eminnetonka.com/subscribe) to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling.

## Enjoy a live orchestra or choir performance this spring

Choose from a number of Minnetonka Music Association (MAM) performances this spring.

All performances are free. Visit [musicassociation.org](http://musicassociation.org) to learn more.

### CHORUS À LA CARTE

*Enjoy fun, contemporary choral favorites.*

Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Arts Center on 7 at Minnetonka High School  
18285 Hwy. 7

### VAREN

*Featuring the Minnetonka Youth Choirs.*

Saturday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Minnetonka United Methodist Church  
17611 Lake Street Extension



### MINNETONKA CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Featuring Beethoven's 3rd Symphony and special guest Joseph Caswell, age 13, performing Haydn's Piano Concerto in D.

Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka

605 Rice St E, Wayzata

Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

Minnetonka United Methodist Church  
17611 Lake Street Extension

## 2017 farmers market features new vendors, program

Now that spring has arrived, it is time to start thinking about the 2017 Minnetonka Farmers Market!

In addition to many returning vendors, the city is excited to welcome several new vendors and artisans to the market this year, including meat, BBQ sauces, gluten-free granola and more. Find a complete list of what to expect at [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket).



### Introducing the POP Club

The Power of Produce (POP) Club offers a fun opportunity for kids to learn about new fruits and vegetables. Kids ages 3-12 are encouraged to stop by the information booth to sample a fruit or vegetable each week. In exchange for tasting, they will receive a \$2 token for purchasing produce at the market. This program is made possible through a partnership with South Lake Pediatrics.

### More Information

The first market of the season is set for Tuesday, June 13 on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus near Ice Arena B. Sign up to receive a weekly farmers market email at [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](mailto:eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket).



## Register for the second annual Tri Tonka Youth Triathlon

Do you know a child ages 6-12 who likes to swim, bike and run? Register them for the second annual Tri Tonka Youth Triathlon! Participants will swim in the Williston Fitness Center pool and bike and run on the surrounding roads and trails.



Saturday, June 24

\$25 fee through May 31

\$30 fee June 1-9

*No same day registration*

Distances and start times vary by age.

Use activity code 3161501-01 to register and learn more at [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register). Call Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 with questions.

## Registration for police and fire safety camp now open

Minnetonka Police and Fire are offering a hands-on, interactive safety camp for kids entering third, fourth or fifth grades Tuesday, June 20, 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](http://eminnetonka.com/register) using activity number 3151901-01.



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## SENIORS

# Expo

**Thursday, May 4, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Minnetonka Community Center

The expo features exhibitors, presentations, health screenings, activities, fitness demonstrations, refreshments and prizes. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

### **Presentations:**

"Escape to the Lake-Cabins of Minnesota" Doug Ohman, Storyteller and Photographer—10 a.m.

"Planters for Pollinators" Bre Bauerly, Minnesota Native Landscapes—noon

### **Sponsored by:**

Cherrywood Pointe, Emerald Crest, Healing Hands for Feet, Landmark Tours, Legacy Care Home, Meals on Wheels-South Shore, Minnetonka Family Chiropractic, Nerium International, North Memorial-Minnetonka Medical

**Fitness for the Mind and Heart:**  
*Jackie Mielke*

**Journeying Through Grief and Loss**

**Tuesday, May 9, 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

How can we remember the deceased and still keep balance in body, mind and heart? Examine ways of grieving successfully and staying fit in the process. Register by Tuesday, May 2.

**Cost: \$12** (Course #3180401-01)

**Holistic Aging**

**Wednesday, May 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

We will consider and discuss the elements of the whole person aging. We will define "whole person" and discover whether there is any value in practicing being whole as we grow older. Register by Tuesday, May 17.

**Cost: \$12** (Course #3180401-02)

### **Lunch and a Movie: La La Land**

**Friday, May 12, noon**

Winner of six academy awards! While pursuing showbiz fame, jazz pianist Sebastian falls for aspiring actress Mia, and the two embark on an intense love affair. But as their separate paths of ambition force them to make tough choices, their relationship starts to fray.

**Menu:** Pizza, salad, and a treat

**Sponsored by: The Glen Minnetonka**

**Cost: \$5** due Tuesday, April 25

(Course #3100201-01)

### **Monthly Party: Golden Gala**

**Tuesday, May 16, noon**

Celebrate with us! Participants 85+ receive a flower, 90+ receive a free meal and flower.

**Menu:** Meatloaf, mixed veggies, potato and gravy, roll

**Flowers by: Ridgepointe of Minnetonka**

**Cost: \$7** due Thursday, May 11

(Course #3100102-01)

### **Community Connections: Local Senior Housing Options**

**Monday, May 22, 10:15–11:15 a.m.**

Join us for a presentation about senior housing in the Minnetonka area. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #3180412-01)

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

#### **Stroke Awareness**

**Tuesday, May 23, 10–11 a.m.**

Learn the signs and symptoms of a stroke. Identify your personal risk factors and what action to take if a stroke occurs. Presented by Darcy Ellis, North Memorial RN and stroke coordinator.

**Cost: \$2** (Course #3180801-01)

#### **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)

### **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 are required for a 15-minute time block.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #3180801-06)

### **Minnehaha Creek Canoe Trip**

**Steve Pieh**

**Wednesday or Thursday, June 7–8,**

**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 at Jidana and roast hot dogs. The trip is intended for people who have canoeing experience and can enter and exit safely on their own. Meet at Community Center.

**Cost: \$10** (June 7 Course #3190101-01)

(June 8 course #3190101-02)



**...to register early!**

Help us give you the best programming we can! Programs can fill in advance or may be canceled due to low enrollment. Registering early is the best way to secure a spot.

## Fitness Programs

For a complete listing and program descriptions please visit [eminnetonka.com/register](http://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	May 10–June 28	W	6:15–7:15 p.m.	\$48	3090904-01
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	May 9–June 27	TU	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$48	3090101-01
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	May 10–June 28	W	5–6 p.m.	\$48	3090101-05
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	May 11–June 29	TH	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$48	3090101-02
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	May 9–June 27	TU	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	3090201-01
Intermediate Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	May 10–June 28	W	7:30–8:30 p.m.	\$48	3090201-05
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	May 11–June 29	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$48	3090201-02
Line Dance: Beginner	Tricia Wood	May 4–25	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$32	2090601-04
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	June 1–22	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$32	3090601-04
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	June 1–22	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$32	3090602-02
Line Dance: Intermediate	Tricia Wood	May 4–25	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$32	2090602-04
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 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	May 1–8	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$20	3090901-01
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. Variety of social dances for different music types.

### Dance Series: Wedding—Tricia Wood

Learn waltz, rumba and swing. Dances cover variety of music played at receptions and galas.

### Intermediate Yoga—Elizabeth Kelly and Nancy Holasek

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: May Session—Dr. Sarah Petrich

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

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

### Bean Bags

Friday, May 5,

10:15 a.m.–noon

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

**Free!** No reservation needed.



### Save the Date!

Garden Club plant sale

July 11 and July 18

## 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 [mtkabikers.org](http://mtkabikers.org)



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

## 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:

- \$22, Thursday, May 11, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Wednesday, May 17, 5:30–9:30 p.m.
- \$22, Tuesday, May 23, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

#### 8-hour renewal sessions:

- \$26, Wednesday, May 3 and 10, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

## 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/texture choices, idea creation and subjective expression. Experiment with drawing or painting your favorite subject or object.

Supplies provided, but you may bring your own. No class Wednesday, July 5.

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

## History Programs

### British History Ireland's Secret Sights

**Terry Kubista**

**Thursdays, May 4–25, 1–3 p.m.**

Learn about The Beginning, The Invaders, The Years of the Sword and The Ruthless Change.

**Cost: \$28 (Course #3180101-01)**

### History: Minneapolis Teamsters Strike of 1934

**Dan Hartman**

**Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

The Minneapolis General Strike of 1934 grew out of a strike by Teamsters against most of the trucking companies operating in Minneapolis. Lasting most of the summer, the strike paved the way for organization of over the road drivers and growth of teamsters labor unions.

**Cost: \$5 (Course #3180201-01)**

### 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 from 1848 until the mid 1950s, when taconites and jaspers started to become the major source of iron production.

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

## Day Trips\*

### St. Croix River Cruise



**Thursday, June 15**

Travel to the birthplace of Minnesota—Stillwater. This distinctive community has a wealth of architecture and offers a blend of history, scenery, shopping and culture. Board the climate-controlled, fully-accessible cruise and relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the St. Croix River. Bring cards, games and bingo along for the ride. Deli luncheon served while you cruise. Boat returns to the docks and travel to Pedestrian Plaza on North Water Street where you can walk the streets to shop or relax along the waterfront.

**Menu:** Deli luncheon has a variety of meats and cheeses, salads and dessert bars, coffee and soft drinks

**Cost: \$62** includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #3110101-01)

**Estimated trip time:** 9:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Friday, May 12

### 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

### Upcoming: New Prague Murals and Music Aug. 9

\*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](http://eminnetonka.com/interestgroups).

### Bird Club

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

"Bird Language" with Jon Poppele, Minnesota Wildlife Tracking Project

### Book Club

**3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.**

*Red Notice* by Bill Browder

### Literary Book Club

**4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

by James Baldwin

### Garden Club

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

Trip to organic recycling center in Shakopee, leave Community Center at 11:45 a.m. Tour at 1 p.m.

### Ham Radio

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

New members welcome!

### Hand, Foot and Toe

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

We'll teach you how to play!

### Mahjongg

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

New members welcome!

### Oil Painting Drop-In

**Fridays, 1 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](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.



# Annual tree inspections begin June 1

Elm and oak tree inspections are part of the city's ongoing effort to keep epidemic-level tree diseases such as Dutch elm disease (DED) and oak wilt (OW) at bay. Beginning June 1 and continuing throughout the summer, the city's tree inspectors will survey Minnetonka, looking for diseased trees on public and private property.

Prompt action is necessary to control the spread of DED and OW. If a tree is marked on your property, please comply with the removal directions and timeline provided in the paperwork.

Keep an eye out for these symptoms that suggest infection:

## DED Symptoms

- Wilting leaves that turn yellow or brown
- Death of whole branches, usually beginning in the upper canopy then spreading downward

## OW (in red oaks)

- Rapid wilting from the top down
- Individual leaves wilt and lose their green color from the tip and edges inward



If you notice any of these symptoms on a tree that is not already marked, please call 952-988-8407. To learn more about the city's efforts, visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) and search: "shade tree disease control."

## Natural Resources Happenings

### Garlic Mustard Workshop #2\*

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30–8 p.m.  
Minnetonka Community Center  
(14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)

Learn why this plant is so hard to control, plus the best timing and methods to reduce frustration.

### Garlic Mustard Control Volunteer Opportunities\*

Assist with removal of garlic mustard and other invasive species in city parks, and see wildflowers that are being restored. Wear work clothes and sturdy footwear. Bring hand towel, pruners, garden gloves, insect repellent and water; knee pads are helpful. Volunteers are required to sign a release form.

#### Minnetonka Mills Park

Thursday, May 4, 5–7 p.m.

Meet at Burwell House parking lot, 13207 McGinty Rd E.

#### Jidana Park

Wednesday, May 10, 5–7 p.m.

Meet at parking lot, 3333 Jidana La.

#### Victoria-Evergreen Park

Wednesday, May 17, 5–7 p.m.

Meet at parking lot at 3801 Victoria St.

#### Hillway Park

Wednesday, May 24, 5–7 p.m.

Meet at trail entrances, 12415 Hillway Rd. Park on south side of the street.

#### Tower Hill Park

Wednesday, May 31, 5–7 p.m.

Meet at south end of Famous Dave's parking lot, 14601 State Hwy 7.

### Spring Bird Walk\*

Saturday, June 3, 8:30–11 a.m.

Lone Lake Park  
(starts at lower parking lot near the lake)

Celebrate spring with a morning bird walk around Lone Lake Park. Open to all skill and age levels; will be held rain or shine. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them (some binoculars will be available to borrow).

\*RSVP is required for each event.  
Call 952-988-8400 or register online at [eminnetonka.com/NRevents](http://eminnetonka.com/NRevents).

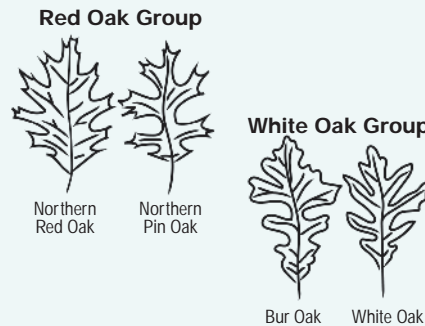
## Who's that on my property?

State statute authorizes certified tree inspectors to, "enter and inspect any public or private property that might harbor forest pests or shade tree pests." You will recognize Minnetonka's forestry staff by their bright orange vests with the city logo and: "Minnetonka Tree Inspector."

## Red vs. white oaks

When foresters talk about red oaks, they are referring to a group of closely related species: northern red, pin and black oaks. Similarly, the white oak group consists of bur, white and swamp oaks.

Not sure which kind of oak is growing in your yard? Check the leaves. Both white and red oaks have finger-like projections around the edge, but a white oak's are smooth and rounded, while a red oak's are sharply-pointed.



## Milkweed: If you plant it, they will come

When planning this spring or summer's planting projects, strongly consider adding a few milkweed plants.

Female monarch butterflies fly far and wide in search of milkweeds on which to lay their eggs—and monarch caterpillars cannot eat any other kind of food. Bees, honeybees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds stop by to sip from the large and fragrant flower heads. Dozens of other small creatures also live in or visit milkweed; many of these play beneficial roles in gardens and farm fields by eating pests that can damage plants.

When deciding what to feature in your garden this season, keep milkweed in mind. Local monarch butterflies will thank you!

# 2016 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



The city of Minnetonka is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2016. Each of the past 18 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. This report fulfills an obligation the city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water or for information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Jim Malone at [jmalone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jmalone@eminnetonka.com) or 952-988-8400.

## Water source

The City of Minnetonka provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging in depth from 405 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

Generally, sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the City of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. The report may also be viewed online at [health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

## Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Lawn watering schedule

To conserve the community's water resources, City of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar day before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call 952-988-8400.



# Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2016

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2016. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Water Testing Terms and Definitions

### MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

### MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

### MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

### MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

### AL — Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

### 90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average

of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

### pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

### ppb — Parts per billion

This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

### ppm — Parts per million

This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

### nd — No Detection

### N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

### Average/result

This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2016)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	3.1–9.5	9.5	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (3/14/2012)	ppm	2	2	N/A	.15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	1.4–4.1	4.1	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.64–.89	.95	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	ppm	0	60	nd–3	3	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10.4	10.4	nd–.26	.26	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	0	80	.6–26	26	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	.3 (Lowest)–.6 (Highest)	.49	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	1.28	2 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	ppb	15	0	1	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Minnetonka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If there are concerns about lead in the water, consider having the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

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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	3	4	5	6	1 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3 Park Board, 7 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	4 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	8 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
28	29	30	31				9 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							15 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
							18 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							22 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							25 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
							29 City Offices Closed, Memorial Day
							31 Joint City Council/Boards and Commission Meeting, 6:15 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). 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](http://eminnetonka.com) by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

## Take the 2017 Step To It Challenge May 1–28

**D**o you want a fun and easy way to get in shape this spring? If so, Hennepin County's four-week Step To It Challenge is for you.

The Step To It Challenge is a fun, free, lighthearted way to connect with family, friends and neighbors. During this four-week challenge, local communities compete with one another to see who takes the most steps. Trophies are awarded to the three most active communities, and individual participants have a chance to win Twins tickets and Step to It T-shirts. Anyone who lives or works in Minnetonka can join the fun!

### How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you will keep an ongoing count of the steps you take during the challenge, and record them on the Step To It website at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org). Using an activity conversion chart, other activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi, or even mowing the lawn can count toward overall steps. Participation is free.

Learn more and register online at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org).

