



# minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
November 2017*

## Municipal General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 7

**T**he 2017 Municipal General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7. Three city council seats – mayor and both at-large seats – are up for election. To vote in Minnesota, one must be registered, a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day and a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.

### Candidates

- **Mayor:** Ashwin Patel, Brad Wiersum
- **City Council At-Large Seat A:** Deb Calvert, Brian J. Kirk
- **City Council At-Large Seat B:** Patty Acomb, Derrick Banks

### Voter Registration

Registration is required for those who have never voted or registered, or have changed their name or address. Verify registration status online at: [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

### Register on Election Day

Voters are allowed to register at the polls on Election Day with proper identification. Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for a list of acceptable forms of identification.

### When and Where to Vote

Voting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters in line by 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

There are 23 precincts in Minnetonka, each with a designated polling location. Voters must vote in the precinct where they live. Polling locations can be found at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org), or call city hall at 952-939-8200.

Please note, three of the city's polling places have changed location and one has a new name:

- **Ward 1 Precinct D**  
Voters who previously voted at Grace Apostolic Church will now vote at Destiny Hill Church (13207 Lake St.).
- **Ward 1 Precinct E**  
Voters who previously voted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will now vote at Bet Shalom Congregation (13613 Orchard Road).
- **Ward 2 Precinct D**  
Voters who previously voted at Ridgedale Hennepin County Library will temporarily vote at Ridgedale YMCA (12301 Ridgedale Drive) due to library construction.
- **Ward 3 Precinct E**  
Minnetonka Lutheran Church is now Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Voters will continue to vote at this location (16023 Minnetonka Blvd.).



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## Minnetonka named one of 'Best Places to Live'

**T**he city of Minnetonka was named one of 2017's "100 Best Places to Live in America" by Money magazine in September. Money prepares the annual list to identify, "100 spots that offer a healthy economy, affordable homes and a high quality of life."

"This is great recognition for our city, and it confirms what we've always known about Minnetonka," said Mayor Terry Schneider. "The city's economic stability, diverse housing market, excellent education options, city amenities and natural beauty all combine to make our community a desirable fit for people of all ages."

"We're honored to be included as one of the best places to live in America," said Minnetonka City Manager Geralyn Barone. "We're very happy Money recognized all our community has to offer."

The list was limited to four cities per state and two cities per county. Minnetonka (No. 85) was joined on the list by fellow Minnesota cities Eagan (No. 61), Woodbury (No. 67) and Burnsville (No. 84).

For complete details, visit  
[eminnetonka.com/100BestPlaces](http://eminnetonka.com/100BestPlaces)

# 2017 Minnetonka Photo Contest winners

Nearly 150 entries were submitted for the 2017 photo contest. First-, second- and third- place winners were chosen by the city's Facebook fans, with nearly 3,000 total votes cast. The Minnetonka Park Board selected the "Minnetonka Award" winner from the 10 photos that received the most votes on Facebook.

## Congratulations to the winners!



**Minnetonka Award:**

Larry Baill – "Super Moon Over Big Willow"



**First Place:**

Andrew Brust – "Treehouse Guests"



**Second Place:**

Samantha Carlson – "Dragonfly in Flight"



**Third Place:**

Steve Olson – "Mille Rose Having Fun at Libb's Lake"

In addition to the top three and Minnetonka Award winners, the other seven photos with the most votes on Facebook received Honorable Mention. To see all the winning and submitted photos, visit [facebook.com/cityofminnetonka](https://www.facebook.com/cityofminnetonka).

The winning photos are featured on the city's social media accounts and displayed at [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com). Winners will also be recognized at the Minnetonka City Council's Nov. 13 meeting.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo or cast a vote on Facebook!

# City council sets 2018 property tax levy limit

Each September, in accordance with Minnesota state law, the Minnetonka City Council is required to set a maximum preliminary tax levy before approving the following year's budget.

At its meeting Monday, Sept. 25, the city council adopted a preliminary property tax increase of no more than 3.6 percent for the 2018 budget.

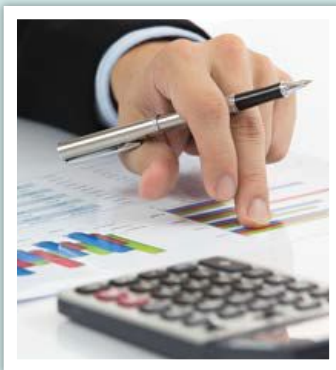
## What does this mean for the average homeowner?

City property taxes for the median valued home in Minnetonka (\$332,800 in 2017) will increase by approximately \$4\* next year.

## How does the 2018 budget differ from the current budget?

The proposed 2018 budget will allow the city to continue to deliver high quality services to Minnetonka residents. The budget reflects a reduction in some areas, but it will also make it possible to address new initiatives and needs:

- **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 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.



## Learn more and provide input

To review the Sept. 25 city council meeting materials and find out more about the 2018 city budget, visit [eminnetonka.com/budget](http://eminnetonka.com/budget). View the Sept. 25 council meeting online at [eminnetonka.com/tv](http://eminnetonka.com/tv).

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

\* 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.

## 2018 Budget Process

**Aug. 21, 2017**  
Council discussed  
levy proposal

**Sept. 25, 2017**  
Council set  
preliminary levy

**Nov. 20, 2017**  
Council to discuss  
budget proposal

**Dec. 4, 2017**  
Public hearing

## Minnetonka to transition 911 dispatch operations to Hennepin County

Following an independent study and a series of follow-up discussions, Hennepin County will become the city of Minnetonka's 911 public safety dispatch provider in mid-December.

The Hennepin County Board approved the addition of Minnetonka to the Sherri's Office dispatch services at a Sept. 26 meeting.

"Our current dispatch operations have served Minnetonka extremely well," said Minnetonka Police Chief Scott Boerboom. "However, the need for updated technology and increased service demands have led us to consider other options. Transitioning dispatch operations to the county will allow residents to benefit from significant cost savings without compromising the exceptional customer service always provided."

The study conducted earlier this year identified three challenges that would hamper the city's ability to provide exceptional service into the future: expanding staffing levels, resource depth and long-term cost. Scenarios to address these challenges were explored, and ultimately, collaborating with the Hennepin County Sherri's Office emerged as the best overall option. The Minnetonka City Council formally voted to request the county to assume dispatch services at its Aug. 28 meeting.

## About Hennepin County Dispatch

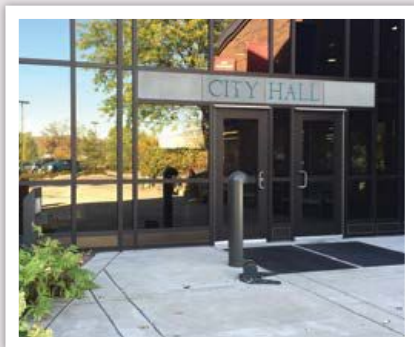
Hennepin County currently provides dispatch services for 37 other communities, including 24 law enforcement agencies, 23 fire departments and four emergency medical service providers. The facility handles more than 600,000 calls per year, with an average of one emergency call every two minutes. Plymouth, Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park are among the cities that utilize Hennepin County dispatch services. Hennepin County will not charge the City of Minnetonka to provide 911 dispatch services.

## More Information

For more information, contact Minnetonka Police Chief Scott Boerboom at 952-939-8551 or [sboerboom@eminnetonka.com](mailto:sboerboom@eminnetonka.com).

# 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.

Registration for the 2018 Minnetonka Citizen Academy will begin in December. Full registration details will be available on [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) and in the December edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*.

## Join our team!

Check out employment opportunities with the City of Minnetonka at [eminnetonka.com/employment](http://eminnetonka.com/employment).

# Farmers Market continues to grow in 2017

The 2017 farmers market season was an exciting one in Minnetonka, with 50 vendors and community groups represented at the weekly market. The market offered several new opportunities for participation, including the Power of Produce program, a partnership with Hennepin County Library and a variety of new vendors, musicians and food trucks.



**Farmers Market gives back**  
Vendors and community members extended the reach of the market by generously donating more than 1,800 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to help stock the ICA Food Shelf.

“What a gift to be able to offer such fresh produce to our clients,” said Ron Kamps, an ICA Food Shelf board member and volunteer.



## Looking ahead to 2018

Vendor applications for 2018 will be available in January at [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket). Subscribe to farmers market email/text notifications to receive updates when the 2018 application materials and calendar are available online.

# Minnetonka Winter Farmers Market set to debut

This winter, the first-ever Minnetonka Winter Farmers Market will make its debut on two Saturdays at the Minnetonka Community Center. Save the dates to visit favorite summer vendors and meet new ones. The winter market vendor applications are available at [eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket](http://eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket) and due by Wednesday, Nov. 15.

## Minnetonka Winter Farmers Market

**Saturday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 10**  
**9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Minnetonka Community Center**



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Programs and services for those 55+  
November 2017 Newsletter

## Reminder

The Minnetonka Community Center will be closed on the following dates due to holidays:

- Fridays, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24
- Thursday, Nov. 23

Senior Services programs will not take place these days.

## Monthly Party: Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, Nov. 21, noon**

Celebrate with us!

**Menu:** Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, roll

**Sponsored by: Home Care Assistance**

**Cost: \$7** due Thursday, Nov. 16

(Course #1100101-03)



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

## Mark Kreitzer

**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.**

The award winning multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, has been entertaining audiences small and large since 1968. Performances include pop standards, folk, classic country, fiddle tunes and maybe even some Beatles!

Sponsored by Deephaven Woods

**Cost: \$3** (Course #1100301-02)

## Community Connections: Dementia, Data, Research – Hope for the Future

**Monday, Nov. 27, 10:15 a.m.**

Attend this presentation by Katie Roberg from Alzheimer's Association of MN to understand the basics of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, be familiar with current facts and figures and recent research studies. Learn the importance of clinical trials and becoming familiar with programs and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association.

Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #1180414-03)

## Veterans Week

*\*Free for veterans and spouses of veterans.*

### The Minneapolis Connection to the Doolittle Raid

**James Johns**

**Monday, Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m.**

Learn about the first bombing of mainland Japan in WWII and how the residents of Minneapolis made it possible. Speaker James Johns has over 50 years of aviation experience and is a leading authority in Minnesota on Pearl Harbor.

**Cost: \$2\*** (Course #1180403-01)

### Veterans Benefits You Didn't Know You Had

**Mary Price, Elder Law and VA Accredited Attorney**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.**

This session will explore state and federal benefits for those who served in the armed forces and their spouses with a particular emphasis on benefits for those 65 and older for home care, assisted living, memory care, and nursing home care. Attendees learn about the eligibility factors for different benefits, how to access benefits and how this can be an alternative to Medical Assistance.

**Cost: \$2\*** (Course #1180401-01)

### Veterans Portraits

**By the Shutterbugs**

**Thursday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. - noon**

Minnetonka Shutterbugs is offering complimentary studio photos for active duty military, veterans, police officers and firefighters. Take single photos, family, or both, in honor of Veterans Day. First come, first served.

### National Memory Screening Day

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Providing optimal care and services is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation. Emerald Crest is offering free, confidential memory screenings, as well as follow-up resources and educational materials to those concerned about memory loss. Appointments last 15 minutes.

**Cost: Free screening, by appointment only**  
(Course #1180415-01/24)

### My Sicily: A Place of Many Places, Histories and Selves

**Joseph Amato**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1-3 p.m.**

Sicily is referred to as "Garden of the Mediterranean." The instructor discusses the importance of places as the ground of experience and the substance of memory. Joseph will show slides of the ancient Sicilian garden of the Mediterranean and land of contrasts. He will read from his recent book of stories, poems and family histories.

**Cost: \$2\*** (Course #1180402-01)

### Lunch and a Movie:

**Churchill**

**Thursday, Nov. 9, noon**

Focusing on British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the hours before the June 1944 D-Day landings, this World War II drama chronicles the growing tensions between Churchill and the Allied leaders as they prepare to retake Nazi-occupied Europe.

**Menu:** Fried chicken, potato wedges, coleslaw, dinner roll and a treat

**Cost: \$5\*** (Course #1100201-03)

### Registration Information

Registrations for Veterans Week programs are due **Monday, Nov. 6**, even if attending for free.

**Veterans Week is supported by:**

Hillcrest of Wayzata, Westridge of Minnetonka, The Glenn Minnetonka, Meridian Manor, Elder Homestead

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

*Signup for programs and classes that run January-April*

## 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 <i>(annually)</i>	4090702-02
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 8–Dec. 20	W	6:45–7:45 p.m.	\$42	1091201-02
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 8–Dec. 20	W	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$42	1090101-06
Dance Series: Wedding	Tricia Wood	Nov. 18–Dec. 16 <i>(No class Nov. 25)</i>	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-05
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	Nov. 18–Dec. 16 <i>(No class Nov. 25)</i>	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-06
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	Nov. 2–Dec. 7 <i>(No class Nov. 23)</i>	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$40	1090601-02
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	Nov. 2–Dec. 7 <i>(No class Nov. 23)</i>	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$40	1090602-02
Strength and Mobility	Dr. Eva Norman	Nov. 7–Dec. 12 <i>(No class Nov. 21)</i>	T	1–2 p.m.	\$65	1091301-03
T'ai Chi Chih: Sampler	Susan Sobelson	Nov. 13–Dec. 11	M	10–11 a.m.	\$25	1090301-02
T'ai Chi Chih: Sampler	Susan Sobelson	Nov. 15–Dec. 11	W	1–2 p.m.	\$25	1090301-04
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	Nov. 13–Dec. 11	M	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$25	1090302-02
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Oct. 26–Nov. 30 <i>(No class Nov. 23)</i>	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	1090401-02
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petrich	Oct. 30–Dec. 11 <i>(No class Nov. 20)</i>	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$66	1090902-02
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Nov. 6–Dec. 18	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$42	1090501-02

## 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. Eva Norman

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, Silver Sneaker and Silver and Fit members. \$4 per day for non-members.

**Williston Fitness Center, 14509 Minnetonka Drive**

### Bean Bags

#### Friday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m.

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

**Free!** No reservation needed.



## Art Programs

### Expressive Floral Watercolor

*Gin Weidenfeller*

**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1–3 p.m.**

Draw or paint the subject matter of real flowers. Apply individual style to capture a likeness or symbolic essence. Supplies provided, but you may bring your own.

**Cost: \$20** (Course #1130101-03)

## 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:**

- Nov. 2 or 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., \$22

### Dementia Friendly Training

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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.

**Cost: Free!** (4180701-10)

### Digital Photo Editing, Organizing and Sharing

*Abbey Key*

**Mondays, Nov. 13–27, 1–2 p.m.**

Learn how to professionally crop, enhance, straighten, retouch, add text and organize your memories with an online digital editing program. Learn how to create a slide presentation, burn a movie to a CD and upload/share photos via Google Drive. Basic computer skills required. Windows only operating system. Laptops are recommended for optimal learning experience.

**Cost: \$15** (1180601-02)

### Genealogy Workshop

**ursday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.–noon**

Work with others as you build your family tree online and research your family history. Bring laptops, birth/death dates, or just come to observe. Registration recommended.

**Cost: Free!** (1180412-01)

### Navigating Medicare

**ursday, Nov. 16, 6:30–9 p.m.**

Learn to navigate Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, supplemental plans and Part D plans. This is not a sales pitch, it is an independent presentation offered by Senior Community Services, a Minnetonka non-profit.

**Cost: \$10** (Course #1180407-02)

## History Programs

### British History: Irish Secrets Part 2

*Terry Kubista*

**ursdays, Nov. 2–16, 1–3 p.m.**

Look deep into the dark corners of Irish history to better understand the issues that continue to beset Ireland and the United Kingdom. The years of the Sword, the fairer sex and ruthless change round out this group of topics.

**Cost: \$21** (Course #1180101-03)

### 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)

### History: French Revolution and the Reign of Terror

*Dan Hartman*

**Wednesday, Nov. 15,  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

The French Revolution overthrew the monarchy, established a republic, created violent periods of political turmoil and rapidly brought many of its principles to Western Europe and beyond. The Reign of Terror took place and 16,594 death sentences were issued in France. The guillotine, called the "National Razor," became the symbol of the movement.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #1180202-05)

### History: Panama Canal, then and Now

*Dan Hartman*

**Wednesday, Nov. 29,  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

The Panama Canal shortcut greatly reduced the amount of time for ships to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, enabling them to avoid the Cape Horn route around the Strait of Magellan. The Panama Canal expansion project of 2016, also called the Third Set of Locks Project, doubled the capacity of the Panama Canal allowing larger ships to pass.

**Cost: \$5** (Course #1180202-06)

## Day Trips\*

### Lights Tour of St. Paul

**ursday, Dec. 20**

Enjoy dinner at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room in West St. Paul before viewing the Christmas lights of St. Paul. The riding tour includes popular destinations in the Rice Park area and the neighborhood mansions of Mears Park.

**Menu:** Small sirloin or chicken entrée with tossed salad, baked potato with sour cream, rolls, beverage and dessert

**Cost:** \$67 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide

(Course# 1110101-12)

**Estimated trip time:** 3:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Monday, Nov. 20



### Christmas in Duluth

**ursday, Dec. 18**

On this popular trip, enjoy lunch at Fitger's Inn, the 185-year-old renovated historic brewery built on the shores of Lake Superior. After lunch, explore holiday decor in the Glensheen Mansion on a guided tour. Lastly, arrive at Byfront Festival Park to experience the Bentleyville Tour of Lights. Walk through the remarkable display with millions of lights, Christmas trees and music.

**Menu:** Herb-crusted, oven-roasted chicken breast served with a creamy rosemary and garlic cream sauce, salad, potato, petite desserts, coffee and tea

**Cost:** \$79 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide

(Course# 1110101-11)

**Estimated trip time:** 9:45 a.m.–9:30 p.m.

**Register or cancel by:** Monday, Nov. 20

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



*Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older.*

11280 Wayzata Blvd.  
763-591-4868

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

*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.

## 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 Tuesday, 1 p.m.*

*Good Night* by Mr. Wodehouse-Faith Sullivan

### Bucket List Book Club

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

*A High Wind in Jamaica* by Richard Hughes

### Bird Club

*1st Friday, 10 a.m.*

Raptors of Westwood (with live bird) by  
Debbie Cohn, Westwood Hills Nature Center

### AA/Al-Anon

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

### Art Drop-In

*Mondays, 9 a.m.–noon*

### Billiards

*Every afternoon, time varies*

### Bingo

*Tuesdays, 12:40 p.m.*

### Bulls and Bears Investment Club

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

### Hand, Foot, and Toe

*Tuesdays, 12:40 p.m.*

### Tale Spinners

*Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*

### Woodcarvers

*Tuesdays, 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:

- Fall yard clean-up
- 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)



952-939-8393

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Administrative Staff

Kate Egert, [kegert@eminnetonka.com](mailto:kegert@eminnetonka.com)

Sue Svec, [ssvec@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ssvec@eminnetonka.com)

### Senior Services and Activities Manager

Steve Pieh, 952-939-8366

[spieh@eminnetonka.com](mailto:spieh@eminnetonka.com)

### Senior and General Programs Manager

Alicia Watts, 952-939-8369

[awatts@eminnetonka.com](mailto:awatts@eminnetonka.com)

### 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

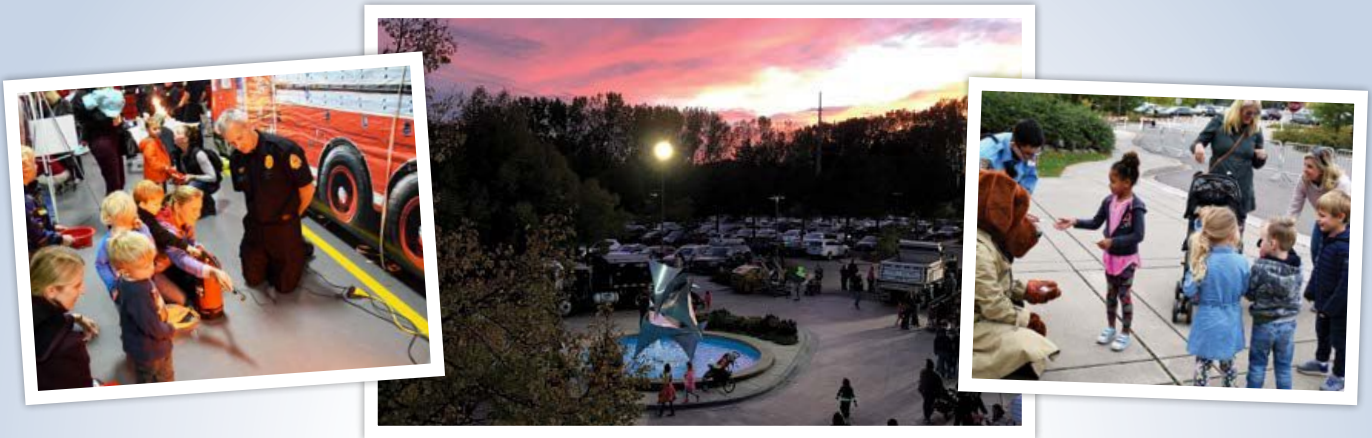
Refunds will only be made if registration is withdrawn before the advertised deadline. If no deadline is given, registration must be withdrawn at least two business days prior to the start date of the program. Partial credit will be considered if injury or serious illness occurs. In such case, a physician's 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.



# CITY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE 2017



The City of Minnetonka opened its doors to the community on Tuesday, Oct. 10 for the popular City and Fire Department Open House. The event offered residents a free “behind-the-scenes” look at how the city operates, and included food and snacks, musical entertainment, city and community organization exhibits and plenty of hands-on opportunities with city vehicles and equipment.



## Help conserve water this winter

In the summer, water conservation focuses on big outdoor uses – watering lawns, filling swimming pools, washing cars and more. When the calendar flips to winter, there are still plenty of ways to conserve water in the home. These minor suggestions go a long way toward water conservation:

- Take shorter showers
- Switch to low-flow showerheads and toilets
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth
- Fix leaky faucets

## Did you know?

Beyond water use in the home, many common household purchases require a lot of water in manufacturing or agriculture before they ever reach consumers. Here are some common items and the amount of water needed to produce them, according to *National Geographic*:

Item	Water required for production
One pound of beef	1,799 gallons
500 sheets of paper	1,321 gallons
Cotton for one T-shirt	713 gallons
One pound of soybeans	216 gallons



Rough small changes in water use and everyday purchases, each person can help conserve a lot of water.

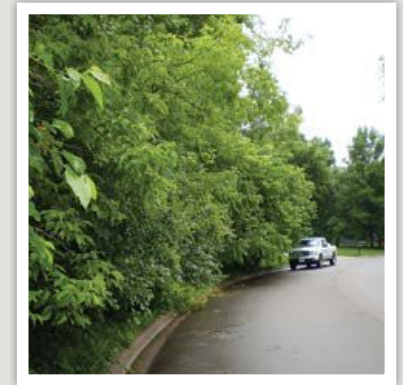
## Right-of-way tree pruning begins later this month

In November, the city will begin pruning trees along the right-of-way (ROW) to improve sightlines and ensure safe streets, and to prepare for 2018 street construction projects. Crews will continue to prune ROW trees through March 2018.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT TREE PRUNING

#### Why prune during the winter?

Winter is the best time to prune because trees – along with potentially harmful insects and diseases – are dormant. Winter pruning also promotes healthy regrowth in spring.



#### Who performs the work, and what does it entail?

The city or a contractor prunes ROW trees at no cost to property owners. Goals are:

- Raise tree canopies 18-to-20 feet above the road to avoid damage by the 17-foot-tall mill machine used in road construction.
- Create a safe work zone for street construction crews and equipment.
- Remove dead or broken branches that may become a future hazard.
- Remove shrubs or small trees that block sightlines or signs at intersections.

#### How does the city determine to remove a tree in advance of a road project?

ROW trees must be removed if they are a street hazard. Trees also may be removed if they can't be properly pruned to allow for safe passage of construction equipment.

#### How can ROW tree conflicts be avoided?

- Plant evergreen trees (pine, spruce, etc.) more than 20 feet from the street.
- Plant deciduous trees (those that drop leaves in the fall) at least 15 feet from the street.
- Don't plant anything within six feet of the street.
- On corner lots, ensure that intersection signs and sightlines are clear and visible.

## Prepare now for emerald ash borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a destructive, non-native beetle that feeds on and kills the living tissue of ash trees. EAB has not yet been identified in Minnetonka, but it moves closer every year. After discovering EAB in Plymouth in 2016, it was found in Eden Prairie this spring, near Minnetonka's southeast border.

Minnesota has the nation's largest population of ash trees, numbering almost one billion, and all untreated ash trees will be at-risk when EAB makes its way into Minnetonka. EAB will infest and kill 99 percent of untreated trees, resulting in dead, brittle trees that will create a hazard to roads and buildings.



#### How to help

To reduce EAB's impact in Minnetonka, homeowners are encouraged to treat healthy ash trees (at least 10 inches in diameter). The city has a bulk discount for EAB treatments with Rainbow Treecare (952-767-6920), or homeowners can contact their preferred company for information about treatment.

## Apply now for boards, commissions

Get involved in local government and consider applying for a volunteer position on a city board or commission.

Applicants must have a desire to serve their community and be willing to contribute the number of hours necessary for the particular group to which they are applying.

The city is seeking applicants for the following:

- Economic Development Advisory Commission
- Senior Citizen Advisory Board

Applicants are interviewed by the city council and appointed by the mayor.

Applications should be submitted no later than Dec. 1, 2017. Find an application and more information about each board and commission at [eminnetonka.com/boards-commissions](http://eminnetonka.com/boards-commissions), or email [pschutrop@eminnetonka.com](mailto:pschutrop@eminnetonka.com).

## Cocoa, Coffee and Carols

A concert fundraiser for the Music Association of Minnetonka featuring Chorus a la Carte, the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra and the Minnetonka Youth Choir

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

**Minnetonka Community Center**

**Tickets available at [musicassociation.org](http://musicassociation.org)**

The Music Association of Minnetonka's "Cocoa, Coffee and Carols" program is formatted after the popular "Lessons and Carols" heard by millions around the world on Christmas Eve from King's College, Cambridge, England. The delightful musical vignettes, familiar carols, festive gift shop and hot cocoa all combine to create a storybook holiday celebration.

## Election information *(Continued from page 1)*

### Absentee Voting

#### In-Person

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in-person at Minnetonka City Hall (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City hall will offer extended hours for absentee voting Saturday, Nov. 4 (10 a.m.–3 p.m.) and Monday, Nov. 6 (8 a.m.–5 p.m.).

#### Take Advantage of Direct Balloting

Absentee voters can take advantage of direct balloting and place their ballot directly into the tabulator Oct. 31–Nov. 6 at city hall. Absentee ballots completed before Nov. 1 will be counted at the county days prior to the election.

#### By Mail

Hennepin County oversees all absentee voting by mail. Visit [hennepin.us](http://hennepin.us) to download an application and find instructions. Hennepin County must receive absentee ballots by Election Day for the vote to count; please allow sufficient time for delivery.

### Election Results

Election results will be available on Hennepin County's website at [hennepin.us](http://hennepin.us) and at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

### More Information

For more information and links to voter registration, polling places and more, visit [eminnetonka.com/election2017](http://eminnetonka.com/election2017). For questions, email [elections@eminnetonka.com](mailto:elections@eminnetonka.com) or call 952-939-8200.

## Charles H. Burwell House



13209 E. McGinty Road

Listed on National Register  
of Historic Places



## Tour Schedule and Information

### November

Tours will be conducted Sundays from 1–4 p.m. by the Minnetonka Historical Society.

The house will be decorated in traditional Victorian style for the holiday season.

### 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 November tours or the Holiday Open House, contact the Minnetonka Historical Society at 952-930-3962.

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

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## Calendar

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### November 2017

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

## Recreation gift cards make a perfect holiday gift

Looking for a gift idea for the holidays? A City of Minnetonka recreation gift card offers a wide variety of uses, from fitness center memberships and classes to community programs and events.

Gift cards can be used for the following programs, services and facilities:

- Williston Fitness Center
- Minnetonka Ice Arena
- Minnetonka Community Center
- Recreation Programs

Purchase a gift card at the Minnetonka Recreation Department (located on the lower level of city hall – 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.) or at any of the above locations.

