

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
October 2017



Enjoy free family fun at the open house Oct. 10

The 2017 City and Fire Department Open House is Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)

Highlights of this year's event include:

Fire Department

- Fire truck rides (ages 4 and over)
- Free hot dogs and pop
- Tours
- Interactive demonstrations
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- Live entertainment
- Learn more about the Police and Fire 2020 Facility Project



City Hall

- Get your election questions answered
- Face painting
- Live music by David Grams

Community Center – Lower Level

- Browse displays from community organizations, city departments and boards and commissions
- Visit the “House of Germs”
- Get moving with activities sponsored by Recreation Services
- Enjoy live musical entertainment from the Minnetonka Music Association
- Learn about the city's natural resources and conservation efforts

Community Center – Upper Level

- Snack on free refreshments including cookies, popcorn and lemonade
- See woodcarving demonstrations

Police Department

- Jail tours
- Sit in a squad car
- Meet McGru – the Crime Dog
- Learn more about the Police and Fire 2020 Facility Project

Public Works

- Sit inside heavy equipment such as snow plow trucks and street maintenance equipment (*Community Center parking lot*)

Visit eminnetonka.com for complete details.

Minnetonka 2020 Police and Fire Facility Project

The city is embarking on a project to construct a new fire station on the civic center campus, and to repurpose the existing police and fire facilities into a remodeled police station. Stop by the current police and fire facilities at the open house to learn more and ask questions.

eminnetonka.com/policefire2020

Know the rules about election signs

Now that election season is upon us, it's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of rules regarding political campaign signs, which are considered "temporary freestanding noncommercial signs" under Minnetonka ordinances. Temporary political campaign signs must be removed by Nov. 17, 2017.

Signs may not be posted on publicly owned land. On private land, the following rules apply. Signs must:

- Have consent of the property owner.
- Be located at least 10 feet from all lot lines.
- Be no larger than six square feet. (A maximum of 18 square feet or signage is allowed per property.)
- Not be attached to fences, trees or utility poles.
- Not be painted on rocks or other natural features.
- Not be located within the right-of-way of city streets, county roads or state highways.



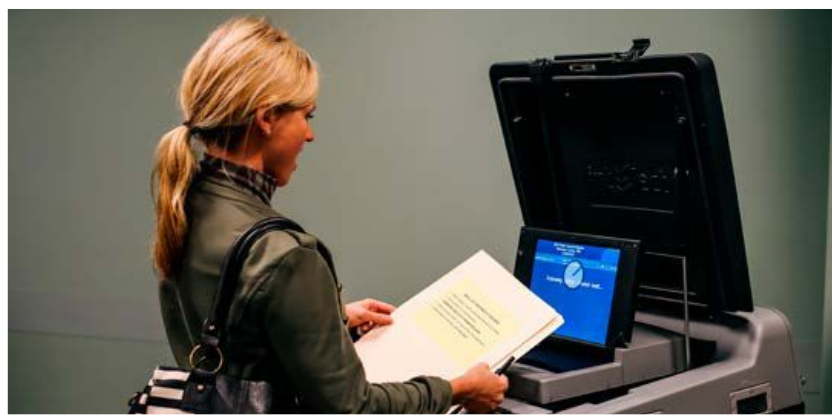
On election days, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places:

- On private property, signs must be 100 feet from the door where voters will enter.
- For public property, signs must not be within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or anywhere on the public property.

If you have questions or complaints about campaign signs, please call 952-939-8290.

Cast your absentee ballot

Election Day is Nov. 7 and there are three city council seats up for election – mayor and the two at-large seats. Here are the various ways to cast an absentee ballot:



Absentee voting in person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Absentee voting by mail

Hennepin County oversees all absentee voting by mail. Visit hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting 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 postal service delivery.

Take advantage of direct balloting

Due to state law change, in-person absentee voters may place their ballot directly into the ballot tabulator at Minnetonka City Hall Oct. 31-Nov. 6. Absentee ballots completed before Oct. 31 will be counted at the county days prior to the election.

Polling places

Please note, three of the city's polling locations have changed:

- **Ward 1 Precinct D**
Voters who previously voted at Grace Apostolic Lutheran 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.

More information

Visit eminnetonka.com/elections for more information. For questions, call 952-939-8200 or email elections@eminnetonka.com.

City Council sets limit for 2018 property tax levy

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. This year, the city council set the preliminary tax levy for the 2018 budget at its Sept. 25 meeting.

Learn more and provide your input

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

To provide feedback on the 2018 budget:

- Submit feedback online at 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 or 952-939-8200

Next steps

In November, Hennepin County will send property owners notices of proposed 2018 taxes from all government jurisdictions. The council will continue its deliberation of 2018 city property taxes and finances prior to final adoption in December.

2018 Budget Process

Aug. 21, 2017
Council discussed levy proposal

Sept. 25, 2017
Council sets preliminary levy

Nov. 20, 2017
Council to discuss budget proposal

Dec. 4, 2017
Public hearing

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 Noon–3 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.

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

eminnetonka.com/burwell

Hit the court this winter

First Grade Little Dribblers

Kids receive an engaging introduction to basketball through group games with a focus on skill development and fun. This program prepares young players for Youth Basketball League, which begins in second grade. Sessions take place on six Saturdays (Dec. 9 and 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27) at Hopkins West Junior High School at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 and includes a Little Dribblers T-shirt. To register and learn more visit eminnetonka.com/register.

Youth Basketball League

Grades 2-6; Registration deadline is Oct. 6.

This program is an in-house recreational league for students in grades 2-6, with separate boys' and girls' teams formed by school and grade. Games will be played at Hopkins West Junior High Saturdays starting Dec. 2 and concluding Jan. 27 for second graders, and Feb. 10 for grades 3-6. Grades 3-6 will have one weeknight practice starting the week of Nov. 6. For second grade only, practice will be held Saturdays before each game starting Dec. 3. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. To register and learn more visit eminnetonka.com/register.



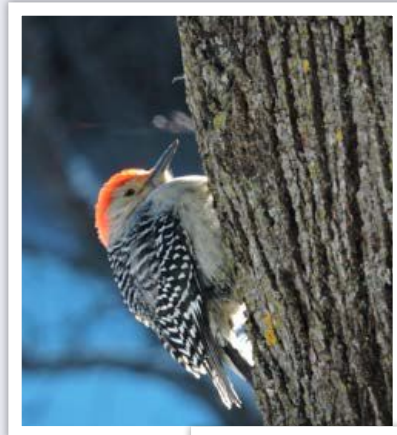
Vote for your favorite Minnetonka photo

The deadline to enter the 2017 City of Minnetonka Photo Contest is Sept. 29. Submissions have been rolling in since Sept. 8 – and now the city needs your help to choose the winners!

The contest will take place Oct. 6-13 on the city’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/cityofminnetonka](https://www.facebook.com/cityofminnetonka).

Here’s how it works

- The city will create a Facebook album featuring all submissions by Friday, Oct. 6 at noon.
- Facebook fans will be asked to vote for their favorite photo by “liking” it.
- The top three photos with the most “likes” will earn First, Second and Third Place, and the next seven will receive Honorable Mention. If two (or more) photos receive the same number of votes, all those tied will receive recognition.
- Winners will be announced Friday, Oct. 13 after voting ends.
- The Minnetonka Park Board will select the Minnetonka Award winner, which will be announced the week of Oct. 16. The top three winners and seven Honorable Mention photos from the Facebook voting will be considered.



Follow the city at [facebook.com/cityofminnetonka](https://www.facebook.com/cityofminnetonka) for your chance to vote!

Awards

Winning photos will be featured on the city’s social media accounts, on the city website and in the *Minnetonka Memo*. Winners will also receive a certificate and recognition at a city council meeting.

Please note, all entries will become the property of the City of Minnetonka and may be used in city publications.

Still want to participate in the contest?

The city is accepting photo submissions until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. To enter your photo, email your photo to Communications Coordinator Jessi Ebben at jebben@eminnetonka.com. Visit [eminnetonka.com/photocontest](https://www.eminnetonka.com/photocontest) for complete contest rules.



Ridgedale Drive Reconstruction Project Open House

Monday, Oct. 16
5–7 p.m.

Minnetonka City Hall
(14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)

The city is preparing for a 2019 street reconstruction project on Ridgedale Drive, between Plymouth Road and Interstate Highway 394. Learn more about the project at this open house event.





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Programs and services for those 55+
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Save the Dates

• **Veterans Week, Nov. 6-9**

A variety of programs free for Veterans and their spouses

• **Winter/Spring Program Registration, Dec. 5**

Historic Churches of Minnesota

Doug Ohman

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Journey around Minnesota exploring the history of many of the state's oldest churches. Meet many of the people that Doug met in his quest of photographing nearly 3,000 churches. Take a journey through photographs.

Cost: \$4 (1180203-02)



Estate Planning Beyond Basics

Attorney Mary Price

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This session will explore common errors (and how to avoid them) in powers of attorney forms, wills, revocable living trusts and health care directives that result in unintended consequences.

Cost: \$2 (1180408-01)

Community Ballroom Dance

Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m.

Dance the night away to the lively sounds of the Rod Cerar Orchestra. Enjoy a free dance lesson at 6:15 p.m. To register call 952-988-4070 or visit hopkinsschools.org/dance.

Cost: \$15 (\$20 at the door)

Travel Showcase

Landmark Tours

Monday, Oct. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Attend a presentation of several exciting upcoming 2017 and 2018 national and international travel opportunities. Trip locations include Alaska, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Iceland, Ireland, New England, Nova Scotia and many more. If you can't attend the showcase please call 651-490-5408 for a catalog or visit gowithlandmark.com.

Cost: Free! (Course #1180405-01)

Community Connections: Explore the Unruly and Fascinating History of Lake Minnetonka

ursday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Eric Dregni, who grew up in Minnetonka, sheds light on intriguing aspects of Lake Minnetonka's history. He will re-visit challenging myths and elements of the past that have been forgotten, including the opulent, glamorous and sometimes raucous moments that made Lake Minnetonka an icon of splendid resort living over the years. Eric is an associate professor of English and journalism at Concordia University. Author of *By the Waters of Minnetonka*. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Cost: Free! (Course #1180414-02)



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)

Monthly Programs

Monthly Party: Oktoberfest

Tuesday, Oct. 31, noon

Celebrate with us!

Menu: Brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, keg root beer

Sponsored by: Joyful Companions Home Care

Cost: \$7 due ursday, Oct. 26

(Course #1100101-02)

Lunch and a Movie:

Going in Style

Friday, Oct. 27, noon

Cheated out of their pensions, three elderly friends decide to extract justice from the system by robbing a bank and then heading for Las Vegas. But their grand plan starts to fall apart when a dogged FBI agent picks up their trail.

Menu: Baked potato bar and a treat

Sponsored by: Meridian Manor

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, Oct. 24

(Course #1100201-02)

Fraud

Monday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn about ongoing scams, and what to be aware of and look out for. Citizen analyst speakers from the Minnesota Attorney Generals Office and Minnetonka Police Department will be present to share information on what an individual might encounter.

Cost: \$2 (1180409-01)

Book and Pie Sale

Minnetonka Senior Services, in coordination with the Senior Advisory Board, hosts the annual book and pie sale. Most books are \$1. Purchase pie by-the-slice, sloppy joes, ice cream and coffee. Stop by for steep discounts at the blow-out sale, 4-5 p.m., to pay \$2.50 for all you can fit into a bag!

Donate books for the sale Friday, Oct. 20 and Monday Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center Banquet Room



Fitness Programs

For a complete listing and program descriptions please visit eminnetonka.com/register or pick up a fitness flyer at the community center.

Program	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Over 50 and Fit	Jean McSwiggen John Nally Julie Fleischhacker	Jan. 1–Dec. 31	M, W, F	9–10 a.m.	\$12 <i>(annually)</i>	4090702-02
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	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: Ballroom & Latin	Tricia Wood	Oct. 14–Nov. 4	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-03
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	Nov. 18–Dec. 16 <i>(No class Nov. 25)</i>	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-06
Dance Series: Swing	Tricia Wood	Oct. 14–Nov. 4	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-04
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
Mindfulness Meditation (*New)	Dar Kleberg	Dec. 8–29	F	9–10 a.m.	\$8	1091101-02
Strength and Mobility (*New)	Dr. Jessica Berglund	Oct. 10–31	T	1–2 p.m.	\$52	1091301-02
Strength and Mobility (*New)	Dr. Jessica Berglund	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: 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 and salsa, a variety of social dances for different musical styles

(NEW!) Mindfulness Meditation–Dar Kleberg

Focus on beginning meditation; learn importance of meditation, why and how to meditate

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

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

(NEW!) Yogilates–Elizabeth Kelly

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

Softball 55+

Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 5–Oct. 26, 9 a.m.–noon

Slow pitch softball is played at Big Willow Park, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Registrations are accepted throughout the season at the field.

Cash or check accepted.

Cost: \$25 (Course #1120301-01)

Outdoor Pickleball

Mondays–Fridays, May–October

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

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

Cost: Free!



Bike Club

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

Visit mtkabikers.org for more information.

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

Athletic Activities

Bean Bags

Friday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.

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

Free! No reservation needed.



Art Programs

Line and Wash Painting

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, Oct. 18 and 25, 1-3 p.m.

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

Cost: \$40 (Course #1130101-02)

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:

- Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$22
- Oct. 19, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$22

Dementia Friendly Training

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 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)

Hopkins ProPEL Technology: One-on-One

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1:20 p.m.

Hopkins High School seniors will offer free one-on-one training on cell phones, iPads, iPods, etc. This is a great way to learn about technology from helpful students. Reservations required.

Cost: Free! (1180411-01)

History Programs

British History: London's War

Terry Kubista

ursdays, Oct. 5-26, 1-3 p.m.

In 1939, the impending war transforms Londoners' lives, Petrol ration empties the street, lights are blacked out and children are evacuated to the countryside. In 1944, Hitler launches the Flying Bomb.

Cost: \$28 (Course #1180101-02)

British History: Irish Secrets Part 2

Terry Kubista

ursdays, Nov. 2-16, 1-3 p.m.

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

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

History: Boer War

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Oct. 11,

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Great Britain defeated two Boer nations in South Africa. Both former republics were incorporated into the Union of South Africa in 1910, which Boers controlled.

Cost: \$5 (Course #1180202-03)

History: Crimean War

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Oct. 25,

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Crimean War was a conflict in which Russia lost to an alliance of France, the United Kingdom, the Ottoman Empire and Sardinia. The "Charge of the Light Brigade" demonstrates that the war quickly became an iconic symbol of logistical, medical and tactical failures. Florence Nightingale gained worldwide attention for pioneering modern nursing while treating the wounded.

Cost: \$5 (Course #1180202-04)

Leisure Programs

Mahjonn

Carole Harris

Wednesdays,

Oct. 4-Nov. 15

10 a.m.-noon

Learn to play the ancient Chinese American game of Mahjonn, a game of chance and skill. If you have played previously, this is a great class for refreshing your skills.

Cost: \$63 (Course #1190201-01)



Day Trips*



Old Log eater

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Visit the Old Log eater for lunch and a show. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. with the doors opening to the theater at 1 p.m. The Life Could Be A Dream musical is about a doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time! Register or cancel by Monday, Oct. 2. Transportation not provided, meet at theater.

Menu: Choice of entrée: braised boneless short rib and gravy, seared pork chop and bacon port demi glaze, dill roasted tilapia with lemon, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables or angel hair pasta with garden marinara, dinner rolls, coffee or tea and dessert

Cost: \$55 includes meal and show (Course #1110101-08)

Time: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Monday, Oct. 2.

So you know....

Day Trips offered for the season can be found in our Recreation Brochure (published three times a year), online, or in-person at the Community Center. Visit eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure to view the brochure online. Day Trips fill very fast, and seats are limited due to bus size, and venue capacities. As of publication date, there were limited spots left in the following:

- Dec. 5, Lights Tour of St. Paul
- Dec. 15, Christmas in Duluth
- Jan. 18, Artwork at the Capitol

Early registration is always encouraged for all programs. Many programs include preparing handouts, ordering food, setting up rooms, preparing treats and more. We often communicate attendance numbers days in advance to presenters, sponsors and caterers that provide wonderful opportunities for our community. We offer our best programs when we are prepared. Please help us by registering early. Thank you!

*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.

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.

Book Club

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.
The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

Bucket List Book Club

4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.
Far From the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

Bird Club

1st Friday, 10 a.m.
Millennial's Guide to Birding Bob Dunlap,
with MBS Zoologist and Minnesota DNR

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.
Disease and Bugs on the Plants, Twin
Orchards Nursery

Mahjongg

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Oil Painting Drop In

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Poker

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Rummikub

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

Shutterbugs

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Tonka Tale Tellers

2nd Monday, 10 a.m.

Services

Blood Pressure Screenings

1st and 3rd Fridays; 2nd Wednesdays
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Free!
Provided by volunteer nurses.

Happy Feet

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday,
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$37
Provided by nurses specializing in foot care.
For appointment call 763-560-5136.

Senior Community Services

Senior Outreach Social Worker

Lisa Engdahl
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Free!
Discuss finances, transportation, personal
care, medical care, home maintenance
and more. Call 952-939-8393 for an
appointment.

Medicare Counseling

1st and 3rd Mondays, Free!
Discuss Medicare, supplemental insurance,
Part D coverage, billing issues, resources
and more. Call 952-939-8393 to schedule
an appointment.

HOME

Household and Outside Maintenance for
Elderly (HOME) is available for Minnetonka
residents 60 and older. For information
call 952-746-4046 or visit the Community
Center on Fridays, 9 a.m. – noon. Some of
the chores HOME can help with include
the following:

- 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



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.

Fall leaf drop-off site open throughout October

Each fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Visit eminnetonka.com/subscribe to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling and yard waste. Call 952-988-8430 with questions.

OCTOBER LEAF DROP OFF SITE HOURS

The leaf drop-off site is open until Nov. 19. Friday and Sunday hours aren't offered until November.

Mondays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tuesdays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Saturdays:	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28



Properly dispose of yard waste

Fallen leaves and grass clippings are a minor yard maintenance nuisance, but they can become a major problem if they aren't disposed properly. If left on hard surfaces, they wash into storm sewers and can lead to overgrowth of weeds and algae in local streams, lakes and wetlands. That's why dumping yard waste is illegal in Minnetonka.



Follow these steps to properly dispose of yard waste and protect water quality:

- Remove yard waste from driveways, sidewalks and the street.
- Compost leaves and grass at home.
- Reuse as mulch in gardens, or bag the material for collection by curbside garbage haulers.
 - ▶ Contact the company directly to learn if it offers organic collection service.
 - ▶ Minnetonka offers a seasonal leaf and brush drop-off site – **see above** for more information.

Fall yard care tips

A little yard care this fall can make a big difference next spring. Follow these yard care suggestions to prepare for a successful spring season.

- Pull weeds immediately after it rains, when the soil is still soft. Remove and dispose of the part of the plant that holds the seeds (often referred to as “seed heads”) to prevent regrowth.
- Want a plant to spread? Scatter or leave the seed heads intact. Birds continue to forage on seeds through the winter, and many beneficial insects – including pollinators – spend the winter in hollow plant stems.
- Cover exposed soil with sod, mulch or something similar. Dormant seed can be applied in the fall, but needs a layer of straw or an erosion control blanket to help hold the seed in place through spring.
- Unless it rains one inch or more (total) per week, continue to water trees and recent plantings until the ground freezes. If plants freeze with dry roots, they struggle to survive the winter.





Safe Driving Class

Provided by the Minnetonka Police Department

Saturday, Oct. 28

9 a.m.–noon

City Hall
Minnehaha Room
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Size: Max. 40
Cost: Free
Ages: 15 and up

Attend this class to learn more about:

- Traffic laws
- Traffic stop do's and don'ts
- Child seat/seat belt setup information

Also, learn the dangers of:

- Aggressive driving
- Distracted driving
- Impaired driving
- Speeding

To register, or for more information, contact Officer Trevor Johnson at tjohnson@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-7613.

Fire safety for seniors

Of the 57 deaths related to fire in Minnesota in 2015, 26 of those – or 46 percent – were age 60 and over. Older adults are one of the highest-risk groups when it comes to fire, so a few helpful reminders can go a long way to ensure people practice fire safety as they enter their golden years.



Smoke alarms

Install smoke alarms on every level and in each bedroom; test the batteries frequently and replace every 10 years.

Carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide detectors should be within 10 feet of each bedroom and in good working condition. Their sensors wear out quicker than smoke alarms, so replace every five years.

Kitchen safety

Ensure combustibles – including dish towels and pot holders – are not kept near cooking surfaces and always monitor anything cooking, even boiling water.



Smoking

Always smoke outdoors and never smoke near an oxygen supply. Use a sturdy container filled with sand or water to discard cigarette butts, and never discard in a potted plant.

Be prepared

In case of fire – or other emergencies – be prepared and have a plan. Know the quickest and safest exits on each level of the home. Have a fire extinguisher, know where it is and learn how to use it. Get outside to safety before calling 911.

Learn more

To learn more about the Minnetonka Fire Department and fire safety, visit eminnetonka.com/fire.

The Minnetonka Fire Department also has a public education program designed to be personal, interactive and age appropriate. The program covers the following topics: fire safety, hands only CPR, electrical safety, cooking safety, carbon monoxide and severe weather. To learn more or schedule an individual or group presentation, call the Minnetonka Fire Public Educators at 952-939-8331.

City of Minnetonka joins Nextdoor

The City of Minnetonka has joined Nextdoor – a free, private social network designed to facilitate communication between neighbors – as part of a continued effort to improve citywide communication.

Nextdoor will give the city the ability to deliver information directly to specific neighborhoods, such as construction notices, public safety updates and local event details.

Visit nextdoor.com or download the Nextdoor smartphone app to set up an account and find your neighborhood.



Minnetonka recognized for financial planning excellence

The City of Minnetonka recently ranked third in the state for healthy financial planning by the Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence (MCFE). The report ranked Minnesota's 30 largest cities according to best practices in fiscal management.

Minnetonka stands out from its peers for three main reasons:

- Excellent long-term financial planning
- A healthy and consistent general fund balance
- A history of a manageable debt

"We work very hard each year to be responsible stewards of the city's resources," said City Manager GERALYN BARONE. "We are proud to be included near the top of this list and will continue to strive for financial excellence."

MCFE exists to educate and inform Minnesotans about sound fiscal policy; provides state and local policy makers with objective, non-partisan research about the impacts of tax and spending policies; and advocates for the adoption of policies reflecting principles of fiscal excellence. Learn more about the MCFE at fiscalexcellence.org.

Read the full results of the report at eminnetonka.com/budget.

Farmers Market continues to grow in 2017

The Minnetonka Farmers Market is putting the finishing touches on a spectacular 2017 season. This summer and fall, 50 vendors and community groups participated in the market, and a new focus on kid-friendly activities made for a lively, family-friendly atmosphere throughout the season.

New kids programming included the Power of Produce program (sponsored in part by South Lake Pediatrics), which encouraged kids to make healthy choices on their own, and Hennepin County Library operated an interactive kids area that reinforced the fun and importance of reading.



In addition to the locally grown fruits and vegetables, 2017 vendors also featured 100 percent grass-fed beef, granola, fresh chickens, coffee, organic vegetables, a variety of metro-area food trucks and handmade crafts from local artisans. The market continued to diversify its available products by adding to the offerings of farm-fresh eggs, olive oil, salsa, bread, gorgeous flower bouquets, jams and kettle corn.

Thanks to the Falderals, Four Legg Fish, Mark Grim, Mike Keyes, Nick Jordan and Jim Krans for their musical performances. Special thanks to Sue Leizinger for sharing her face painting talents with kids of all ages, and to Dee Sunder for her assistance with the Power of Produce program.

Provide farmers market feedback

Once again, the city is conducting a short survey to identify opportunities for improvement in 2018 and beyond. Visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket to take the survey and share feedback and suggestions.

Looking ahead

Vendor applications for 2018 will be available in January on 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 on Dec. 16 and Feb. 10. The Winter Market vendor applications are available at eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket and due by Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Minnetonka Winter Markets

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

Minnetonka Community Center

Natural Resources Happenings

Buckthorn Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 11

6:30–8:30 p.m.

**Minnetonka Community Center
 Dining Room**

Learn best practices to control buckthorn and improve the ecological health of your property. Native replacement plant information and handouts will be included. RSVP is required by phone (952-988-8400) or online (eminnetonka.com/NRevents).

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

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change – visit eminnetonka.com for the latest information. Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16 and can be viewed live and on-demand at eminnetonka.com. e meetings are rebroadcast on channel 16 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at noon. Agendas for council meetings are available at eminnetonka.com by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Celebrate Halloween with the Music Association of Minnetonka

Music Association of Minnetonka “Spooktacular”
Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

e Music Association of Minnetonka will host its family-friendly “Spooktacular” on Oct. 29, and this year’s theme is “ e Great Pumpkin.” Dress up in a spooky or silly costume, make a craft and enjoy a performance by the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra. Halloween music rounds out the popular annual event that truly is... Spooktacular!

e performance is sensory-friendly and will last one hour. Enjoy crafts and activities 30 minutes prior to the concert.

