

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
September 2017

Capture the best of Minnetonka



Annual city photo contest begins Sept. 8



It's time for the City of Minnetonka's annual photo contest. Enter your best photo to compete for votes and recognition. Facebook fans will vote for First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention honors. One photo will also receive the Minnetonka Award, which will be chosen by the park board. The contest will not include categories this year.

Rules and instructions

All photos must be taken in Minnetonka. Photographers may submit one photo.

To enter, email your photo to Communications Coordinator Jessi Ebben at jebben@eminnetonka.com.

The city will begin to accept submissions Friday, Sept. 8. All entries must be received by Friday, Sept. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Visit eminnetonka.com/photocontest to view complete contest rules.



Facebook fans to choose winners Oct. 6-13



- The contest voting will take place the week of Oct. 6-13 on the city's Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofminnetonka.
- 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, both 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 and seven Honorable Mention photos from the Facebook voting will be considered.

Follow the city at 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.

Absentee voting begins Sept. 22

This year's municipal general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Absentee ballots will be available beginning Sept. 22. There are three seats up for election – mayor and the two city council at-large seats.

Absentee voting in person

Beginning Sept. 22, 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. Complete an application at hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting. Once an application is received, Hennepin County will mail a ballot and instructions.

Absentee ballots must be received at Hennepin County by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

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 Rd.)

Ward 2 Precinct D voters who previously voted at Ridgedale Hennepin County Library will temporarily vote at Ridgedale YMCA (12301 Ridgedale Dr.) for the 2017 election due to library construction.

If you have any questions about this election please call 952-939-8200 or email elections@eminnetonka.com.

Minnetonka prepares to update its comprehensive guide plan

The Metropolitan Council requires every city in the seven-county metro area to have a comprehensive guide plan and state law requires cities to update their plans – which look 20 years into the future – every 10 years. It was 2008 when Minnetonka’s “2030” comprehensive plan was developed, which is why the city is embarking on a process to create the “2040” version of the plan in 2018.

A comprehensive guide plan provides a framework for development, public services and programs. Simply stated, the plan guides decisions and policies regarding land use, transportation, parks, open space and infrastructure. Like other Twin Cities communities, Minnetonka’s plan update will need to be consistent with regional policies outlined by the Metropolitan Council. Accommodating the city’s share of the region’s population and employment growth projections is also a requirement.

Of course, the plan update will also aim to reflect the desires of the community. The city council has already expressed interest in incorporating sustainability and resiliency themes as a result of residents’ stated value of sustainable environmental resources, infrastructure and economic stability.

Steering committee

The city council appointed a group of 15 citizens to serve on a steering committee to guide the preparation of the 2040 plan. The committee first met in June and will continue to meet monthly through 2018. All steering committee meetings are open to the public; visit eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan to find a tentative meeting schedule.

Stay connected

Throughout the preparation of the plan, broad community input will be sought prior to review and adoption by the city’s planning commission and city council in 2018. Residents can follow updates and progress of the Comprehensive Guide Plan update and sign up for email/text notifications on eminnetonka.com/2040guideplan. For more information or questions, contact the planning division at 952-939-8290.



Fall bounty available at the farmers market

As fall approaches, visit the Minnetonka Farmers Market to stock up fruits and vegetables for winter. The recent harvest includes sweet corn, apples, winter squash, fresh-cut flowers, pumpkins and decorative gourds, as well as 100 percent grass-fed beef from Willow Creek Ag and whole chickens from MuttVille Farms, which are perfect for winter soups and stews.



Master Gardeners from the Hennepin County Master Gardener program will be on hand to answer questions about preparing yards and gardens for fall and winter.

The Minnetonka Police Department will have bike patrol, police explorers and police reserves at the market weekly, and the Minnetonka Fire Department will have fire safety tips and truck tours Sept. 12 and 26.



The market runs from 3-7 p.m. every Tuesday through September at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.). For more information or to sign-up for the weekly farmers market email, visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket.



Drop off unwanted items Sept. 9

Saturday, Sept. 9
8 a.m.–3 p.m.

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

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below.

Appliances

Fee: \$10 each

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

Batteries

Free

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

Bicycles

Free

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

Carpet and Padding

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

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

Copier or Fax Machine

**Fee: Less than 30 pounds—\$35;
30-50 pounds—\$60;
More than 50 pounds—\$135**



Doors

Fee: \$4 and up, depending on size

Electronics

Not Accepted

Fluorescent Lamps

Free

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

Furniture

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

Lumber

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

No railroad ties, concrete or shingles.

Mattresses and Box Springs

Fee: \$20 per piece for all sizes
Mattresses will be dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by the PPL Industries mattress recycling program.

Propane Tanks

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

Scrap Metal

Dirty scrap metal fee: \$5

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

Clean scrap metal fee: Free

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

Tires

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

Toilets and Non-Metal Sinks

Fee: \$5 each

Windows

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

PAYMENT

Cash or checks (payable to the City of Minnetonka) will be accepted.

MORE INFORMATION

Charitable organizations will not be at this event to accept clothing and household goods. Garbage or household hazardous waste is not accepted.

Register now for fall recreation programs

Visit eminnetonka.com/recreation to browse the fall recreation brochure and choose from numerous programs to stay active. There is something for everyone, from fitness classes, to kids programs, to craft classes and athletic leagues. To register for programs, call 952-939-8203 during business hours, or register online at eminnetonka.com/register.

Youth Basketball League: Grades 2-6; Early bird deadline is Sept. 15

Join the Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League and be part of a local tradition. The 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 2nd 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. Register before Sept. 15 to qualify for early-bird registration fees. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. To register and learn more visit eminnetonka.com/register.

Parent's Night Out: Oct. 6 and Nov. 17

Need a night away from the kids? Bring 4-to-10 year olds to the Williston Fitness Center for a night of fun, including pizza dinner, swimming, games, arts and crafts, the Williston Treehouse and a movie.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Drop kids off at 5:30 p.m. and pick them up by 10 p.m. Make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel. Children must be potty trained and 4- and 5-year-old children will be restricted to the zero depth splash pad pool. Cost is \$27 per night for one child and \$22 per child per night for families with multiple children attending. To register and learn more, visit eminnetonka.com/register.

Fall leaf drop-off site opens Sept. 11

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.

SEPTEMBER LEAF DROP OFF SITE HOURS

The leaf drop-off site is open between Sept. 11 and Nov. 18. Friday and Sunday hours aren't offered until November.

Mondays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Sept. 11, 18, 25
Tuesdays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Sept. 12, 19, 26
Saturdays:	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Sept. 16, 23

LEAF DROP OFF SITE GUIDELINES

- A driver's license, state ID or utility bill must be presented to verify residency.
- Leaves and yard waste such as grass, weeds, pine cones, needles, straw, plants, and garden materials are accepted.
- Sticks and branches smaller than 1/2 inch in diameter are also accepted; larger materials must go into the separate brush pile.
- Bags of any kind cannot be left at the drop-off site. Residents must take all bags home (including compostable bags) after depositing leaves and yard waste.
- Leaves are not accepted from commercial tree or lawn services without proof of Minnetonka origin.
- Remember to bring proper equipment, like a stout pitch fork, for unloading leaves
- Loads of leaves must be covered during transport.

BRUSH DROP OFF SITE HOURS

The brush drop-off site is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Nov. 18.

BRUSH DROP OFF SITE GUIDELINES

- A driver's license, state ID or Minnetonka utility bill must be presented to verify residency.
- Branches up to eight feet in length (any diameter) are accepted.
- Stumps, dirt, sod, trash, metal, plastics, concrete, lumber, fences or wood scraps are not accepted.
- Brush is not accepted from commercial tree or lawn services without proof of Minnetonka origin.
- All yard waste must be disposed of in the leaf drop-off area. The brush drop-off and leaf drop-off programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials; it is important they stay separate.

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Programs and services for those 55+
September 2017 Newsletter

Monthly Programs

Monthly Party: Italian Night

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate with us!

Menu: Ravioli, salad, bread and a treat

Sponsored by: Home Care Assistance

Cost: \$7 due Friday, Sept. 8

(Course #1100101-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

Fences

Friday, Sept. 29, noon

Working as a trash collector in 1950s Pittsburgh, Troy Maxson struggles to raise his family while trying to transcend the bitter experience of being a talented baseball player denied the opportunity to play in the majors because of his race.

Menu: Tossed green chicken salad, bread and a treat

Sponsored by: Meridian Manor

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, Sept. 26

(Course #1100201-01)

Dementia Friendly Training

Tuesday, Sept. 5, noon

Learn what is normal aging and the 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease. Learn helpful communication, everyday task tips and conversation hints.

Cost: Free! (4180701-09)

Balance and Fall Prevention Presentation and Screenings

Dr. Eva Norman

Monday, Sept. 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discuss balance and fall prevention, learn ways to maintain, improve and restore ease of movement, activity levels and health. Limited appointments are available for balance screenings following the presentation. Registration required for appointments.

Cost: \$2 presentation (Course #1180801-01)

Cost: Free screening

(Course #1180801-02/05)

Coffee with the Cops

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8:30-10 a.m.

Enjoy an informal gathering, talking with some Minnetonka officers over a cup of coffee and treats.

Cost: Free! (Course #1180406-01)

Online Selling A-Z

Abbey Key

Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m.

This class examines the various aspects of online selling. Learn how to research a sellable item, marketplace, selling process, online listings and professional packaging of your product. Basic computer skills required. Personal laptops are recommended for optimal learning experience.

Cost: \$28 (1180601-01)



Charles Lindbergh: Triumph, Tragedy and Controversy

David Jones

Wednesday, Sept. 27,

10:30-noon

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first pilot to fly nonstop from New York to Paris. His feat made him one of the biggest celebrities of his time. However, his life after the flight was filled with tragedy and controversy.

Cost: \$4 (Course #1180203-01)

Volunteer: Adopt a Highway

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m.

Help pick up trash along Minnetonka Boulevard between I-494 and County Road 73. Meet at Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Cost: Free! (1190601-01)

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

Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee

Monday, Sept. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nearly 40 million people in the United States currently suffer from the effects of arthritis.

As science and research continue to advance, so do many of the treatment options that are now offered to patients. Come learn about the current advances related to osteoarthritis of the hip and knee—what's old, what's new and what is better than ever. Presented by Dr. Arthur of Twin Cities Orthopedics.

Cost: \$2 (Course #1180802-01)



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

The Riverside Trio

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to swing dance! The Riverside Trio brings an edge to the sounds of the 1930s and 40s. These cats will swing, jump, shuffle, jive and rock all day.

Sponsored by Deephaven Woods

Cost: \$3 (Course #1100301-01)

Community Connections: Keeping the Keys

Monday, Sept. 25, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Have family conversations about when is it still safe to drive. Taught by AAA. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Cost: Free! (Course #1180414-01)

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)

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. Doug will take you on a journey through photographs.

Cost: \$4 (1180203-02)



Fitness Programs

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

Program	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Over 50 and Fit	Jean McSwiggen John Nally Julie Fleischhacker	Jan. 1–Dec. 31	M, W, F	9–10 a.m.	\$12 (annually)	4090702-02
Yogilates (*New)	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 20–Nov. 1	W	6:45–7:45 p.m.	\$42	1091201-01
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 19–Oct. 31	TU	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$42	1090101-01
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 20–Nov. 1	W	5:30–6:30 p.m.	\$42	1090101-03
Chair Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 21–Oct. 26	TH	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$36	1090101-02
Dance Series: Ballroom	Tricia Wood	Sept. 16–Oct. 7	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-01
Dance Series: Ballroom & Latin	Tricia Wood	Oct. 14–Nov. 4	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-03
Dance Series: Latin	Tricia Wood	Sept. 16–Oct. 7	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-02
Dance Series: Swing	Tricia Wood	Oct. 14–Nov. 4	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$56	1091001-04
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 19–Oct. 31	TU	11 a.m.–noon	\$42	1090201-01
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 21–Oct. 26	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$36	1090201-02
Line Dance: Beginner	Eileen Ronning	Sept. 14–Oct. 19	TH	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$48	1090601-01
Line Dance: Intermediate	Eileen Ronning	Sept. 14–Oct. 19	TH	1:45–2:45 p.m.	\$48	1090602-01
Mindfulness Meditation (*New)	Dar Kleberg	Sept. 8–Oct. 27 (No class Oct. 6)	F	9–10 a.m.	\$14	1091101-01
Strength and Mobility (*New)	Dr. Jessica Berglund	Sept. 12–Oct. 3	T	1–2 p.m.	\$52	1091301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Beginning	Susan Sobelson	Sept. 11–Nov. 6 (No class Oct. 16)	M	10–11 a.m.	\$40	1090301-01
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	Sept. 11–Nov. 6 (No class Oct. 16)	M	11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	\$40	1090302-01
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman- Luntz	Sept. 7–Oct. 12	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$54	1090401-01
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petrich	Sept. 11–Oct. 16	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$66	1090902-01
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Sept. 11–Oct. 30	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$48	1090501-01

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)



Art Programs

Basic Watercolor Painting Methods

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, Sept. 13–27, 1–3 p.m.

Learn or refine basic watercolor techniques to enhance your artistic skill. Explore a variety of washes, brush work and color schemes. Supplies provided, but you may bring your own.

Cost: \$60 (Course #1130101-01)

Education Programs

Defensive Driving

Register through MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit mnsafetycenter.org for all classes.

4-hour renewal sessions:

- Sept. 7, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., \$22
- Sept. 14, 5:30–9:30 p.m., \$22

8-hour renewal sessions:

- Sept. 18 and 27, 5:30–9:30 p.m., \$26

Navigating Medicare

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1–3:30 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 #110407-01)

Leisure Programs

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 hopkinsschools.org/dance.

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

Beginning Bridge

Lee Solee

Mondays, Sept. 18–Oct. 23, 1–3 p.m.

Learn bidding, scoring and playing the challenging game of bridge. Bring a deck of cards, pen and notepad.

Cost: \$42 (Course #1190301-01)

Mahjongg

Carole Harris

**Wednesdays,
Oct. 4–Nov. 15
10 a.m.–noon**

Learn to play the ancient Chinese American game of Mahjongg, 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)



History Programs

British History: The Great Fire of London

Terry Kubista

Wednesdays, Sept. 7–28, 1–3 p.m.

In 1666, Charles II suffered his first major challenge as the new King of England.

The burning of his capital city of London became his breaking point. If he handled the situation poorly he would not only lose his city, but his life.

Cost: \$28 (Course #1180101-01)

British History: London's War

Terry Kubista

Wednesdays, Oct. 5–26, 1–3 p.m.

In 1939, the impending war transforms Londoners' lives. Petrol rationing 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)

History: Hundred Year War: England and France

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Sept. 13,

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

From 1337 to 1453, conflicts arose between England and France over the succession of the French throne. The introduction of weapons and tactics ousted the feudal armies where heavy cavalry previously dominated.

Cost: \$5 (Course #1180202-01)

History: Joan of Arc in France

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, Sept. 20,

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Maid of Orleans is considered a heroine of France for her role during the Hundred Years' War and was canonized as a Roman Catholic saint. She received visions instructing her to support Charles VII and recover France from English.

Cost: \$5 (Course #1180202-02)

History: Cold War Spies

Tom Troy

Tuesdays, Sept. 5–26, 1–2:30 p.m.

Discuss real-life Cold War spies who worked for the United States or the United Kingdom, or betrayed those countries. Learn about the "Cambridge Five."

Cost: \$12 (Course #1180201-01)

Athletic Activities

Bean Bags

Friday, Sept. 15, 10:15 a.m.

Socialize with your peers and join in a game of bean bags after the monthly party!

Free! No reservation needed.

Day Trips*



Winona Fall Color Tour

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Enjoy a colorful drive along the Great Mississippi River Route and arrive at Pepin Height Apple Orchard in Lake City. Lunch at Signatures Restaurant in Winona, after lunch arrive at the Watkins building and look through the museum and gift shop. On the way home, travel through riverside towns and stop at the Nelson Cheese Store in Wisconsin.

Menu: Herb-marinated grilled chicken topped with citrus beurre blanc, served with a garden salad, wild rice medley, chef choice of vegetable, warm baguette with butter, coffee and tea.

Cost: \$70 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #1110101-03)

Estimated trip time: 8 a.m.–6:15 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Tuesday, Sept. 12.



Cranberry Country

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Begin with breakfast at Norske Noon in Osseo, Wis., then head to the Wetherby Cranberry Company for a tour. Visit the packing facility, and then tour the museum at the Wisconsin Cranberry Discover Center in Warrens and learn about the history of cranberry production. Purchase ice cream after in the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor. Comfort stop on ride home. Breakfast at 10 a.m.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, toast, coffee, pie.

Cost: \$73 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide (Course #1110101-04)

Estimated trip time: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Register or cancel by: Monday, Sept. 18

Upcoming, Registration Open:

- Nov. 1, *Old Log Eater: Life Could Be a Dream Musical*
- Nov. 14, *State Capitol and Ordway Tour*
- Dec. 5, *Lights Tour of St. Paul*

*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.
ursdays 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 *ursday, 1 p.m.*

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Bucket List Book Club

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

e Master Butchers Singing Club by Louise Erdrich

Bird Club

1st *Friday, 10 a.m.*

Birds in Love by Steve Weston, with the MN River Valley Audubon Chapter

Choral

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. (Starts Sept. 13)

Cribbage

ursdays, 10 a.m.

Dominos

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

Duplicate Bridge

ursdays, 6 p.m.

500 Card Club

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

Genealogy Club

1st *ursday, 10 a.m.*

Ham Radio

2nd *Monday, 10 a.m.*

Hand, Foot and Toe

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

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

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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.

2017 Fire Department and City Open House

**Tuesday, Oct. 10
5-8 p.m.**

**Minnetonka Civic Center Campus
(14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)**

Join the city for an informative glimpse into what it takes to operate a community of more than 50,000 residents. See the October edition of the *Minnetonka Memo* for full details.



Put burs and sticky seeds in the trash

It's the time of year when outdoor activity could result in burs and seeds stuck to clothing or pet fur. The automatic reaction is to pick them off and toss them outdoors, but this inadvertently helps spread the seeds and defeats efforts to reduce the number of these invasive species.

Help prevent the spread of burs and stickseed – throw them in the trash and not on the ground!

FAST FACT

Stickseed is the toughest to remove from clothing, hair and fur. It sometimes needs to be cut out.



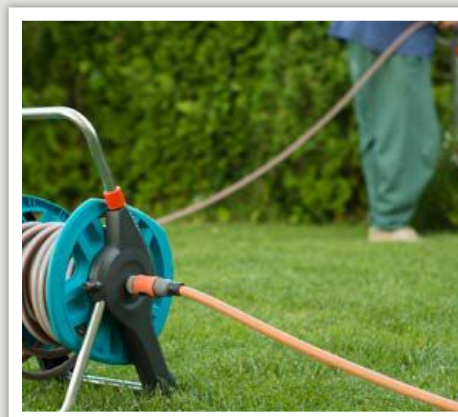
Burdock bur-balls contain many dark seeds

Keep watering trees and shrubs

Trees and shrubs need to start winter with adequate water levels, or the following spring may bring browning needles, dead branches and insect or disease attacks. Sometimes a lack of water can cause aesthetic damage, but it can also prove deadly to plants.

To ensure trees and shrubs grow vigorously through autumn and are prepared for winter, follow these guidelines:

- In Minnesota, woody plants can be watered as late as November (depending on temperatures).
- If less than one inch of rain falls in a week, supplement by watering.
- Instead of a sprinkler, use soaker hoses or a regular hose set to low flow. Trees need roughly one gallon of water per diameter inch. Ideally, watering will moisten the top 6-8 inches of soil.
- Provide water all the way out to the drip line, which falls directly below the outermost branches.
- To conserve water, prevent runoff and follow the city's odd/even watering regulations. It's best to water in the morning and evening.
- Install Gator bags on young trees planted over the past 4-5 years. Each bag holds about 15 gallons of water that slowly infiltrates the soil. (Be sure to remove the bag when winter arrives.)
- Avoid getting water on a tree's open wounds, leaves or needles, and don't over-water. Too much moisture can lead to fungal growth.



Natural Resources Happenings

Buckthorn Workshop

**Wednesday, Sept. 27
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).

Practice fire safety this fall

The most common causes of structure fires in Minnesota are cooking, electrical systems, appliances, open flames and heating. These five causes are responsible for 73 percent of all structure fires, many of which could be prevented by practicing fire safety and routine inspection and maintenance. Here are some helpful tips to practice this fall.

Cooking

- Use a timer (cell phone timers work great) and don't leave cooking items unattended.
- Keep cooking surfaces clean and free of clutter.
- Wear tight-fitting clothing when cooking.
- Never use water on a fire involving grease or cooking oil. Instead, cover it with a lid and turn off the stove.



Heating and open flames

- Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that could burn.
- Have chimneys inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Use screens on fireplaces.
- Clean ashes into a metal container and store outside, away from the home.
- Battery-operated candles and flashlights during power outages are great alternatives to candles.
- Remember to blow out candles when leaving the room or falling asleep.

- Use sturdy, fireproof candle holders and keep away from flammable materials.

In addition to the home, remember to practice fire safety in cabins, boats and neighborhoods. Install smoke detectors on every floor and in every bedroom, and remember to test monthly and replace the batteries twice a year.

For more information or questions, contact the Minnetonka Fire Department at 952-939-8331.

Minnetonka Police win \$1,000 in national grant contest

Minnetonka Community Engagement Officer Scott Marks was the runner-up in a national law enforcement contest and received a \$1,000 grant to benefit the community. Marks was selected as just one of four finalists from around the country in the Aftermath "Why We Serve" contest thanks to a video submission, and finished second in the online voting that determined the winner.



In his video, Marks explained why he became an officer, including his desire to help those in crisis and mental illness situations. It also detailed how Minnetonka could use grant funding for supplemental mental health programs to benefit the community and the police department. These programs – which will benefit from the \$1,000 grant – include an aftercare program for mental health and suicide calls, and an officer wellness program that includes specialized counseling opportunities for officers.

Lieutenant Andy Wilburn from Radford, Va., won the online vote – which ran from July 31 to Aug. 11 – and a \$5,000 grant. However, once voting concluded Aftermath announced it would award an additional \$2,000 to the other finalists – \$1,000 to the runner-up and \$500 each to those in third and fourth. Officers from Florida and Kentucky joined Marks and Wilburn in the finals.

Thanks to everyone in Minnetonka and the surrounding communities who voted for Officer Marks and helped spread the word about the contest.

Join our team!

Check out employment opportunities with the City of Minnetonka at eminnetonka.com/employment.

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**Tour Schedule
and Information**

September

Saturdays and Sundays
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

Music in Minnetonka

**Minnetonka Concert Band
Fall Performance – “Windsipiration”**

**Sunday, Sept. 24
3 p.m.**

**Arts Center on 7
Minnetonka High School
Free, accessible and open to all ages**

The concert will be directed by former Minnetonka High School Director of Bands Daniel Geldert and features Jenni Volby (Class of 1995) performing the beautiful and moving solo violin theme from “Schindler’s List.” Learn more at musicassociation.org.



Daniel Geldert

Opportunities to make music in Minnetonka

The Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) seeks singers and musicians of all ages to join its various programs for the 2017-18 season. Visit musicassociation.org for full details.

Youth Choirs

- Grades 2-12, no auditions, Thursdays beginning Sept. 7 at Minnetonka High School

Chorus à la Carte

- Flexible and fun adult choral ensembles, rehearsals begin in October

Senior Chorale

- Free for seniors from all communities, no auditions, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center beginning Sept. 13

Civic Orchestra

- Chamber-size community orchestra, no auditions, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Minnetonka High School beginning Sept. 11

Symphony Orchestra

- Openings for string players by audition, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Minnetonka High School beginning Sept. 10

Looking to GROW your new business?

The City of Minnetonka participates in the Open to Business program to provide small business owners with services to help them succeed. This is a great opportunity for those looking to expand or start a business. Free services include: business advisor consultations, business plan development, feasibility studies, financial projections, marketing, loan preparation and more.



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Calendar

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

Registration for antiques appraisal event begins Sept. 5

The Minnetonka Historical Society will host its popular Antiques Appraisal event Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Minnetonka Community Room, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Modeled after the popular TV show “Antiques Roadshow,” the appraisal event offers residents a chance to have family heirlooms and antiques professionally appraised.



Registration begins Sept. 5 and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register:

Print, complete and mail in the registration form (available at minnetonka-history.org on Sept. 5) along with a check for \$12 per item.

Include name, phone, email and a description or photo of each item.

Mail completed forms and checks to: Minnetonka Historical Society Antiques Appraisal c/o City of Minnetonka, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Appraisers cannot review stamps, sports cards, weapons, coins, dolls or jewelry, and the historical society does not assist with transport.

The historical society will confirm all registrations prior to Oct. 3.