

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
August 2016

Vote Tuesday, Aug. 9 in the state primary election

The state primary election is Aug. 9. In Minnesota, voters receive a ballot that lists candidates for all eligible major parties. In a primary, voters may vote only for candidates within one party.

For partisan races, the purpose of the state primary is to determine the candidate from each party who will advance to the state general election Nov. 8. For nonpartisan races, the primary will determine the two candidates who will be placed on the November ballot.

There are two races on the Minnetonka primary ballot this year: voters who live in state representative district 48A will vote on the race for that district, and all voters will cast a ballot for a state Supreme Court justice. Voting for the presidential election will not occur until November.

A sample ballot is posted at eminnetonka.com/elections and in the Minnetonka City Hall lobby.



Polling places

Please note, two of the city's polling places have changed since the last election:

- **Ward 1 Precinct A** voters who previously voted at Glen Lake Elementary will now vote at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (13505 Excelsior Blvd.)
- **Ward 1 Precinct D** voters who previously voted at Faith Presbyterian will now vote at Grace Apostolic Church (4215 Fairview Ave.)



Absentee Voting

Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail, but the first step is to complete an application to receive a ballot. Visit the Minnesota Office of Secretary of State's website at mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us to apply. Applications may also be obtained by calling City Hall at 952-939-8200 or by emailing elections@eminnetonka.com.

In Person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended absentee voting hours will be available at both locations Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 8 until 5 p.m.

Direct Balloting

Due to a state law change, in-person absentee voters may place their ballot directly into the ballot tabulator at city hall from Aug. 2-8. Absentee ballots completed before Aug. 2 will be counted prior to the election.

By Mail

Upon receipt of an application, Hennepin County will mail the ballot materials.

Questions? Call 952-939-8200 or email elections@eminnetonka.com.

Your voice is needed to imagine the Minnetonka of the future



To ensure Minnetonka remains vibrant and successful for years to come, the city is coordinating a community visioning process – *Imagine Minnetonka*.

If you are a resident, your input is needed! It doesn't matter if you're 5, 105 or any age in-between, the city wants to hear your dreams, fears and hopes for the Minnetonka of the future.

The information gathered throughout the process will guide city leaders as they develop long-term strategic plans.

There are a variety of ways to join the discussion:

In Person

Stop by one of the following locations to share your thoughts on an *Imagine Minnetonka* chalkboard:

- Wednesday, Aug. 10:
Purgatory Park
(8–11 a.m.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 4:
Fire Department and City Open House
(5–7 p.m.)

Participate in a special Town Hall Meeting:

- Wednesday, Aug. 24:
Minnetonka Community Center
(7 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Oct. 12:
Minnetonka Community Center
(7 p.m.)



Via Social Media

Use #imagineMTKA to share your thoughts on the city's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages. A new question is posted every Thursday.

Online

Share your ideas with city leaders at minnetonkamatters.com or participate in a virtual town hall meeting at eminnetonka.com on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive email and/or text updates at eminnetonka.com/imagine to learn about additional opportunities to participate.

Music and movies in the park continue

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music and movies in the picturesque setting of the outdoor amphitheater on the Civic Center Campus at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. It's a perfect way to spend a summer evening with the family!

Music in the Park

Music begins at 7 p.m.

Aug. 2: Eden Prairie Community Band

Music begins at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 9: Salsa del Soul

Aug. 16: Minneapolis Commodores

Aug. 23: Bend in the River Big Band

Movies in the Park

Movies take place at dusk.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: *Minions*

Wednesday, Aug. 24: *Inside Out*

Wednesday, Aug. 31: *Jurassic World*

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for weather-related updates. Visit eminnetonka.com for more information.

Visit the Farmers Market Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.

Visit the Minnetonka Farmers Market every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, Ice Arena B parking lot at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

The weekly market not only offers locally grown fruits and vegetables – you can also find fresh flowers, eggs, salsa, jam, maple syrup, bread, olive oils, and a variety of other local products. In addition to shopping, you'll enjoy live music, face painting and prepared food items.

The 2016 Farmers Market runs until Sept. 27. For more information, and to subscribe to receive weekly email updates about the market, visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket.



Make way for monarchs

It's no wonder the monarch is Minnesota's official state butterfly. Between May and September, you have a good chance of spotting these large, flame-colored butterflies almost anywhere in the state—sipping nectar in urban gardens, crossing highways or sitting lazily between flowers in farm fields and prairies. Here in Minnetonka, monarchs are often found around the grasslands at Purgatory Park and in the rain gardens near the Lone Lake Park playground. These areas have been restored to offer exactly what monarchs and other wildlife need to survive in summer: sources of food in the form of various nectar-producing plants and places to raise their young.

Female monarchs use their feet to taste plants, and will only lay eggs on milkweed.

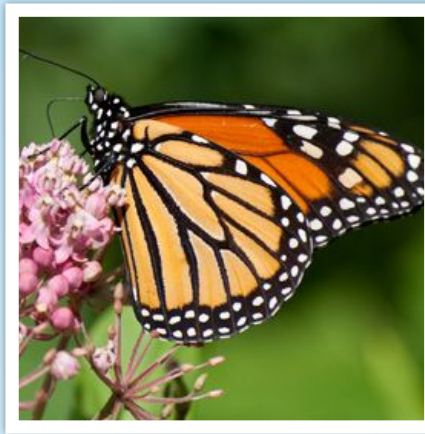
The caterpillars eat almost nonstop after hatching. Milkweed is more than a food source for these voracious young creatures; toxic chemicals in milkweed plant tissues are stored in the monarch's body. Its coloration—a boldly striped caterpillar that becomes an adult with black-striped orange wings—warns predators that the monarch makes a dangerous meal.

As pollinators, monarch butterflies play key roles in nature, but these beautiful creatures are also in serious trouble. Since the mid-1990s, North American monarch populations have declined by a staggering 80 percent. The main culprits are loss of milkweed in monarch breeding areas and nectar sources along their migratory pathways, logging in the mountains of Mexico where all eastern monarchs overwinter, climate change, and the widespread use of herbicides.

Consider taking some of these simple steps to help these majestic insects thrive:

- **Plant milkweed species native to Minnesota.** Many nurseries now carry a variety of milkweeds, and some specialize in these and other native plants.
- **Plant native wildflowers** so your garden is continuously in bloom between late spring and early autumn.
- **Avoid applying pesticides in your garden.** While these chemicals reduce pest insects, they can also kill monarchs and other pollinators.
- **Tell a friend.** Sharing your knowledge about monarchs will help others appreciate and take steps to protect these insects.

What helps monarchs also benefits bees and other pollinators, which play key roles in agriculture and the natural environment.



Natural Resources Happenings

Bee and Pollinator Walk

Saturday, Aug. 6
11 a.m.-noon
Lone Lake Park
(meet at main parking lot)

Join author Heather Holm to learn about the diversity, characteristics and behavior of wild bees. See native rain garden plants and learn how they are pollinated and by which types of pollinators. Attendees will have an opportunity to catch and release pollinators during class. Children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to 952-988-8400 or online at eminnetonka.com/NRevents.

Bat Walk and Talk

Saturday, Aug. 13
7:30-9 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center
(meet in the Shady Oak Room)

Join naturalist and author Christine Petersen to learn about Minnesota's native bat species. The night will start with an indoor presentation, followed by a walk to look and listen for bats near the Community Center. Wear comfortable shoes. Dress in clothing that will protect from mosquitoes; a hat and insect repellent are also recommended.

Stay informed of city projects

The city regularly receives applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these projects, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's website.

Visit eminnetonka.com/projects to stay informed and subscribe to receive email updates about the projects that matter to you most.

Park Board to discuss pickleball options

In August, the Minnetonka Park Board will review options for adding courts for the sport of pickleball to the city's park system. The board's regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., with the pickleball item scheduled on the agenda for review at 8 p.m. The park board meets in the Minnehaha Room located on the lower level of City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.



Possible options the board is considering include the addition of new courts at Lone Lake Park, the conversion of tennis courts at Meadow Park, or working cooperatively with one of the area school districts. Both Lone Lake Park and Meadow Park are community parks which have the parking and restroom amenities in place to accommodate growth. The park board will provide an open forum for interested residents to provide their input. The meeting packet will be available for review at eminnetonka.com/parkboard by 4 p.m. Friday, July 29.

For more information, or if you are unable to attend and would like to provide feedback, please contact Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 or email Sara Woeste at swoeste@eminnetonka.com.

A reminder about recreational fires in Minnetonka

Enjoying a recreational fire is a great way to spend a summer evening, but even a small fire can quickly get out of control if precautions aren't taken.

That's why the city requires residents to follow a number of guidelines to ensure recreational fires stay safe and secure.

Please keep the following in mind before you start a recreational fire:

- All recreational fires within Minnetonka require a burning permit. Visit eminnetonka.com/repermit to obtain a free permit before starting a fire on your property.
- All recreational fires should be built inside a fire-safe pit or container.
 - Even a slight wind will carry smoke away from your property, potentially causing breathing problems for your neighbors with asthma, emphysema and other health conditions.
 - Weather plays a significant role in fire safety, and high winds or dry conditions can cause a fire to spread out of control.
 - Burning leaves or debris is prohibited. Instead, compost yard waste or bring it to the leaf drop-off site at Minnetonka Public Works (open every spring and fall).
 - A recreational fire permit does not relieve the applicant from liability due to fire or smoke damage.
- Recreational fires are prohibited in city parks unless it is part of a city-sponsored event. If you come across remnants of a recreational fire in a city park, please notify Assistant Fire Chief Luke Berscheid at 952-939-8332. If the fire is lit or smoldering, immediately call 952-939-8510 to have it extinguished.

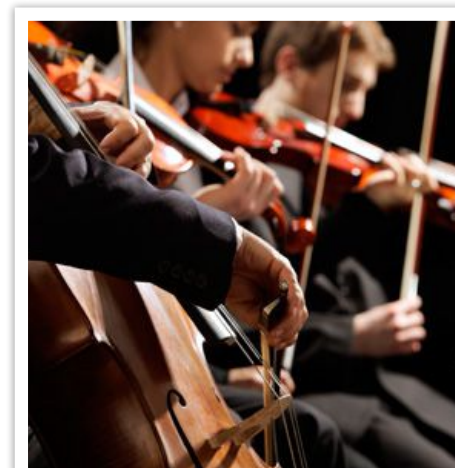


Visit eminnetonka.com/repermit to obtain a permit and learn more. Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe!

Calling all string players: The Minnetonka Civic Orchestra is for you

Whether you participated in orchestra in high school or college, or just picked up a string instrument as an adult, the Minnetonka Civic Orchestra offers a relaxed and supportive musical environment for players of all ages and experience levels. Part of the Music Association of Minnetonka, the orchestra is a non-auditioned ensemble that performs high-quality classical literature.

Interested players are invited to any rehearsal on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. in the orchestra room at Minnetonka High School beginning Sept. 12. Visit musicassociation.org for more information.





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Programs and services for those 55+
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Fall Registration

(August–December)

Tuesday, Aug. 2

- Register online, over the phone, by mail or in person.
- Online: eminnetonka.com/register; first-time users can call for username and password.
- Phone: 952-939-8393; payments can be made with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.
- Mail: 14600 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345
- In person: Monday–Friday,
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Scholarships Available

- Limited scholarships are available for Minnetonka residents age 55+.
- Scholarships are kept confidential.
- No questions are asked regarding details of finances.
- Up to three scholarships per brochure; total of nine per year.
- Up to 50 percent for programs.
- Up to 50 percent on one day trip per year.

Mobility Alignment and Stability 101

Brenda Higgins

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.

How your body moves and how it is aligned affects the strength of your muscles. Stress on your joints from misalignment and lack of motion can create stiffness and pain in your body. Learning the essentials of mobility, alignment, pain and stability (MAPS), this program will get you moving again with less pain, discomfort, limitation, and with more grace.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180415-01)

Monthly Party: Pork Chop Dinner

Wednesday, Aug. 17,

5:30 p.m.

Join us for one of the biggest events of the year!

Menu: Pork chop, broccoli, applesauce, roll, cheesy potato and dessert.

Sponsored by: Scandinavian Home Care

Cost: \$5 due Friday, August 12
(Course #3100105-01)



Community Connections: State Fair Tiny Home Sneak Peek John Louiselle

Monday, Aug. 22, 10:15 a.m.

The Minnesota State Fair is just around the corner! Get a sneak peek at one of the neatest new fair exhibitors: the “Tiny Home” designed for accessibility by Minnesota’s Next Door Housing. Learn about the Tiny Home movement, considerations for determining if this assisted living solution is right for the area and questions regarding local zoning restrictions. The newest model will be on site for tours. A state fair-inspired snack may be offered, too! Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Free! (Course #318417-01)



Lunch and a Movie: Race

Friday, Aug. 26, noon

Follow Jesse Owens’ quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in the face of Adolf Hitler’s vision of Aryan supremacy during the 1936 Olympics.

Menu: Hot dog, french fries, fruit and a treat.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, Aug. 23
(Course #3100204-01)

Travel Showcase

Mike Lyons

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Join us as Landmark Tours presents an array of unforgettable North American travel opportunities. A local, family-owned tour operator, Landmark’s inclusive packages feature roundtrip airfare, quality accommodations, motor coach, a professional tour manager, many meals and more!

Free! (Course #1180405-01)



University of Minnesota Sporting Event Research Study

Professor Yuhei Inoue

Kick-off meeting: Friday, Sept. 16

You are invited to participate in a research study assessing the well-being benefits of sporting event attendance. This study is conducted by Professor Yuhei Inoue at the University of Minnesota, School of Kinesiology. Participating in this study could involve attending three University of Minnesota Women’s Volleyball games on Sept. 24, Oct. 9 and Oct. 29. Participants must be able to attend all three games and answer two surveys. Participants must be ages 65–85. Transportation and tickets provided as well as a \$50 Visa gift card upon completion of the study. Please visit or call for more information.

Register by Friday, Aug. 5

Free! (Course #1180408-01)

Fitness Programs

Over 50 and Fit

Volunteer Instructors

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.
Join this social group and enjoy music and fitness three days a week!

- Annual Fee: \$12
(Course #4090702-01)

Ballroom Dances: Waltz, Rumba, Swing

Tricia Wood

Learn the basics of the most useful dances, which is the widest variety of music played at wedding receptions, galas, restaurants, and on cruises. No partner needed. A "Studio Night Out" will be planned to go out dancing as a class.

Saturdays, 10-10:50 a.m.

- Sept. 24-Oct. 15
\$52 (Course #1091003-01)

Latin Dances: Merengue, Salsa, Cha-Cha

Tricia Wood

Get a workout while learning the social Latin dances you'll need for your tropical vacation, or local venues! No partner needed. A "Studio Night Out" will be planned to go out dancing as a class.

Saturdays, 11-11:50 a.m.

- Sept. 24-Oct. 15
\$52 (Course #1091001-01)

Therapeutic Pilates

Dr. Sarah Petich

**Mondays, Sept. 12-Oct. 24
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

Pilates is a great low-impact, gentle, but challenging, full-body workout that focuses on improving posture, flexibility and core strength. Work on posture alignment techniques, core-strengthening exercises, flexibility, balance and breathing techniques.

- \$63 (Course #1090902-01)

Tai Chi Chih v

Susan Sobelson

Workshops offer a 30-minute instruction followed by a hour practice. All levels of Tai Chi Chih students are welcome. Attend the instruction, the practice or both. No admittance after practice has started.

Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m.

- Aug. 8, \$4 (Course #3090301-05)
- Aug. 22, \$4 (Course #3090301-06)

Senior Yoga

	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Chair-Supported	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 6-Oct. 25	T	9:45-10:45 a.m.	\$48	1090101-01
	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 8-Oct. 27	TH	9:45-10:45 a.m.	\$48	1090101-02
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 1-Dec. 13	T	9:45-10:45 a.m.	\$42	1090101-03
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 3-Dec. 15 (No class Nov. 24)	TH	9:45-10:45 a.m.	\$36	1090101-04
	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 7-Oct. 26	W	5-6 p.m.	\$48	1090101-05
Intermediate	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 6-Oct. 25	T	11 a.m. - noon	\$48	1090201-01
	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 8-Oct. 27	TH	11 a.m. - noon	\$48	1090201-02
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 1-Dec. 13	T	11 a.m. - noon	\$42	1090201-03
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 3-Dec. 15 (No class Nov. 24)	TH	11 a.m. - noon	\$36	1090201-04
	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 7-Oct. 26	W	7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$48	1090201-05

New! Basic Mat Pilates

Elizabeth Kelly

**Wednesdays, Sept. 7-Oct. 26
6:15-7:15 p.m.**

Pilates is a method of exercise that consists of low-impact flexibility, muscular strength and endurance movements. Pilates emphasizes the core with the use of the abdominals, lower back, hips and thighs. By practicing Pilates regularly, you can achieve a number of health benefits, including improved core strength and stability, posture, balance and flexibility.

- \$48 (Course #1090904-01)



Zumba Gold

Renee Rahimi

Ditch the workout and join the party! Zumba Gold is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness program featuring easy-to-follow rhythms and a variety of upbeat music. It is a low-impact, less-intense form of Zumba designed for beginners and active older adults. Working out has never been so much fun!

Mondays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

- Sept. 12-Oct. 24
\$42 (Course #1090501-01)

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

- Sept. 14-Oct. 26
\$42 (Course #1090501-02)

Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

Ron Erdman-Luntz

Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13, 6-7 p.m.

Tai Chi short-form movements have many health benefits and are fun to learn. The slow, circular movements help to improve balance and relaxation. Must be able to walk comfortably for an hour.

- \$54 (Course #1090401-01)



Register Early

Programs can fill well in advance or may be canceled due to low enrollment. Registering early is the best way to secure a spot.

Sips & Songs

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

ShowStoppers! starring Rachael Kroog

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Laugh, clap your hands and tap your toes during this musical, comedy and variety show featuring songs you're sure to know!

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

**Sponsored by:
WestRidge of Minnetonka**

Athletic Activities

55+ Softball

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.–noon
Sept.–Oct.*

Slow pitch softball is played at Big Willow Fields #5-6, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Modified rules allow for competitive play without the risk of serious injury. Registration is accepted throughout the season.

- \$10 (Course #1120301-01)

Minnetonka Bike Club

The goal of the club is to provide moderate exercise under safe conditions and encourage social interaction and friendship. Recreational groups accommodate different levels of ability. More information at mtkabikers.org

- \$8 (Course #4120102-01)

Pickleball

Monday–Friday, 8–11 a.m.

Meadow Park

Pickleball is played on tennis courts and pickleball courts within hockey rinks during league time. Four permanent pickleball courts within the hockey rinks can be used anytime outside of this designated league time. Season runs through October.

Education Programs

Healthy Living: Comprehensive Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m.

Learn about new surgical solutions, technology advances and other solutions for sleep apnea.

- **Cost:** \$2 (Course #3180409-03)

Defensive Driving

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

4-hour renewal sessions:

- \$22, Thursday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Thursday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Thursday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

History Programs

Major Battles of the American Civil War

Dan Hartman

Wednesdays, Aug. 3–31, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Join military historian Dan Hartman for a five week series discussing the major battles of the American Civil War. Each week will examine different battles and how they progressed to the conclusion of the war.

- \$25 (Course #3180203-01)

British History: Sir Francis Drake

Terry Kubista

Thursday, August 25, 1–3 p.m.

Learn the story of the sea-faring privateer and adventurer whose name has become synonymous with one of English history's most celebrated episodes, the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

- \$3 (Course #3180103-01)

American Presidents

Dan Hartman



Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Explore each president and discuss what occurred while they were in office from a historical point of view. Presidents will be presented in order, highlighted accomplishments and factors surrounding their terms in office. The final seminar will look at the newly elected president and what the future may hold for their term in office. Series is offered in four parts.

- \$15, Sept. 14–28 (Course #1180202-01)
- \$15, Oct. 12–26 (Course #1180202-02)
- \$20, Nov. 9–30 (Course #1180202-03)
- \$15, Dec. 14–28 (Course #1180202-04)

Art Programs

Homage to Floral and Plant Art *Gin Weidenfeller*

*Wednesdays, Aug. 17–24
1–3 p.m.*

Pay tribute to the summer flower with creative expressions. Create graphite drawings or watercolor paintings from live floral specimens. View works from major artists and explore techniques and styles to expand artistic skill.

- \$40 (Course #3130104-01)

Senior Day Trips*

Pearl of the Lake

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Lunch at the Chickadee Cottage Café before boarding the Pearl of the Lake Riverboat. Cruise Lake Pepin and Mississippi River while taking in the views and learning about the history. (Water levels determine the incline of the gangplank from the pier to the boat.) On the way home stop and shop for apple products and gifts at Pepin Heights Apple Orchard.

Menu: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, cole slaw and dessert.

(Course# 1110101-01)

- **Cost:** \$65 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, Aug. 26

Great Mississippi River Cruise

Friday, Oct. 7

Stroll through the unique LARK Toys in Kellogg, MN before embarking on the Great Mississippi River Road, one of the most scenic byways in America. Board the La Crosse Queen and cruise the Mississippi River while enjoying a buffet luncheon. Popular sites include one of the oldest swing bridges still in operation, the lock and dam system and wildlife.

Menu: Swedish meatballs, ham, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert.

(Course# 1110101-02)

- **Cost:** \$77 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 8:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, Sept. 2

*For a complete listing of trips and extended trips offered by Landmark Tours visit the Minnetonka Community Center.

Interest Groups

Interest groups are coordinated and led by seniors in the community. All groups meet at the Minnetonka Community Center (MCC), unless noted otherwise.

AA/Al-Anon

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
All ages welcome.

Art Drop In

Mondays, 9 a.m. – noon
Informal, drop in and create!

Billiards

Monday - Friday
Time varies, please see calendar page.

Bingo

Tuesdays, 12:40 p.m.
Join in the fun!

Computer Club

Fridays, 10 a.m.
All levels of computer users invited.

Cribbage

ursdays, 10 a.m.
Bring your cribbage board and cards.

Duplicate Bridge

ursdays, 6 p.m.
New members welcome!

Games and Cards

Mondays, 1 p.m.
1st & 3rd is Rummikub. 2nd & 4th is Hand and Foot.

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.
Member garden tours, meet at MCC.

Genealogy Club

1st ursdays, 10 a.m.
Compiling family history.

Shutterbugs

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.
All levels of photographers welcome!

Tale Spinners

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
New members welcome!

Tonka Tale Tellers

2nd Monday, 10 a.m.
Tell tales at elementary schools.

Our mission: To develop and promote programs and services in our community to meet the diverse needs of those 55+.

Contact and Registration Information

Register in person, over the phone, online or by mail.

Minnetonka Senior Services

952-939-8393
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345
eminnetonka.com

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Staff

Kate Egert, kegert@eminnetonka.com
Sue Svec, ssvec@eminnetonka.com

Senior Services and Activities Manager

Steve Pieh
952-939-8366
spieh@eminnetonka.com

Senior and General Programs Manager

Janelle Cross **eld**
952-939-8369
jcross_eld@eminnetonka.com

Program Locations

Meet at Minnetonka Senior Services unless otherwise noted.

Registration 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**
Full refund requires canceling prior to advertised deadline. Cancellations after deadline are refunded after a \$5 fee per registration, only in the event a participant is found to fill the space.



Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older.



Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
ursdays until 8 p.m.
11280 Wayzata Blvd. 763-591-4868

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. For appointment call 952-939-8393.

Health Insurance Counseling

1st and 3rd Mondays, Free!
Discuss Medicare, Social Security, long-term care, resources and more! For appointment call 952-939-8393.

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.

Extended Trips

For information, call Senior Community Services at 952-767-7899 or visit seniorcommunity.org

Dispose of unwanted items at the community drop-off event Sept. 10

Saturday, Sept. 10
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 (residential)

Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven, cooktop, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, home furnace, trash compactor, garbage disposer, humidifier, dehumidifier, air conditioner, water softener (commercial appliances can be dropped off for an additional fee).

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 brought to the special drop-off will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-216-2072).



Carpet and Padding

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

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



Copier or Fax Machine

Fee: \$35, higher fee for larger items

Doors

Fee: \$2 and up, depending on size

Electronics – Not Accepted

Fluorescent Lamps

Free

Up to ten fluorescent bulbs are accepted per vehicle. No lamps are accepted from business or commercial use. *Please don't tape bulbs!*

Furniture

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

Lumber

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

No railroad ties, concrete or shingles.

Mattresses and Box Springs

Fee: \$15 per piece for all sizes

Mattresses are dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by non-profit Second Chance Recycling – a program of EMERGE.

Propane Tanks

Fee: Small \$1; Large—over a 2-lb. tank \$5

Scrap Metal

Dirty scrap metal fee: \$5

Dirty scrap metal 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, snowblowers, or other large items.

Clean scrap metal fee: Free

All plastic, rubber, wood, concrete and hazardous materials have been removed. Clean scrap metal includes pipe, gutters, swing sets, barbecues, ducting, fencing, etc.

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

Labor Day holiday delays blue week recycling

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, will delay the blue week recycling collection areas by one day. Monday's area will be collected Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Tuesday's areas will be collected Wednesday, Sept. 7. Houses in the grey collection area will not be affected.

Visit eminnetonka.com/subscribe to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling.

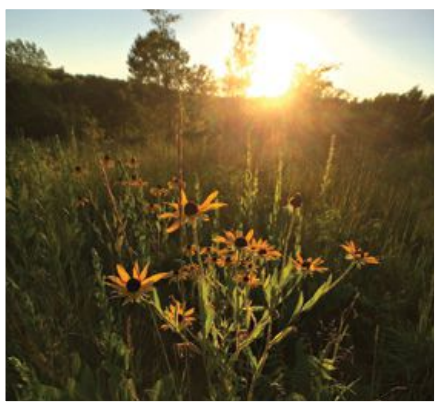
Annual city photo contest entries due Sept. 30

It's time for the annual photo contest! Enter your best photo in one of the following three categories for a chance to win:

- Lifestyle Minnetonka (cityscapes, people, activities)
- Natural Minnetonka (landscapes, plants)
- Wild Minnetonka (animals, pets)



2015 Second Place:
Jennifer Hyland, "Barred Owl"



2015 Third Place:
Jennifer Hyland, "Black Eyed Susans"



2015 First Place: Eric Raarup, "Three Sisters"



Rules and Instructions

All photos must be taken in Minnetonka. Photographers may enter one photo in each category.

To enter, email your photo and the name of the category to Communications Specialist Jessi Ebben at jebben@eminnetonka.com. All photos must be submitted by Friday, Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Facebook Fans to Choose Winners Oct. 3–10

All entries will be posted to the city's Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofminnetonka the week of Oct. 3 and fans will be asked to choose a winner in each of the three categories.

Here's how it will work:

- The city will create an album for each category and post it to Facebook by noon Monday, Oct. 3.
- The three photos with the most "likes" in each category by noon Monday, Oct. 10 will win.
- Winners will be announced Tuesday, Oct. 11.

In addition to each category winner, an overall winner will be chosen by the Minnetonka Park Board. 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*, and a certificate of appreciation will be presented to the winners 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.

Volunteer for the Minnetonka Police Reserves

Are you a law enforcement student who would like to gain experience with a large suburban police agency, or a Minnetonka citizen who would like to give back to the community in a fun and meaningful way? The Minnetonka Police Reserves could be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you.

Police reserve officers are non-sworn volunteers who do not carry firearms. This unit of 15-20 men and women assist licensed, sworn officers by performing community service tasks and non-criminal police functions such as traffic control at large events, police station tours, and crime scene protection. Police reservists are also called on to assist with natural disasters and other emergency situations when additional personnel are required.



No experience is required to join the police reserves unit; however, individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement may find the program especially rewarding. Reservists gain exposure to the day-to-day operations of a large police agency and have the unique opportunity to drive a squad car, learn how to use the squad computer, get to know the geography of a large city, and occasionally ride along with sworn officers.

Volunteering for the reserves is not only fun, it may also lead to full-time employment for law enforcement students. It's a great way to be a part of the community and play an important role in keeping it safe.

Police reserve candidates must:

- Be 21 years old and a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization
- Have a valid driver's license and a clean driving history
- Be in good physical condition
- Pass a background check
- Attend approximately 30 hours of training provided by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
- Attend a monthly training and volunteer 10 hours per month



Minnetonka is currently accepting applications for the police reserve program. For more information, visit eminnetonka.com/reserves. Applications may be picked up at the Minnetonka Police Station, or you may contact Sergeant Rachel Meehan at 952-939-8500 or rmeehan@eminnetonka.com with questions or to request an application.

Burwell House open for tours

The Charles H. Burwell House, located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, is open for the 2016 tour season. Tours are available Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon-3 p.m. until Aug. 28. Special tours for groups of seven or more may be arranged by contacting Moranda Zimmer at 952-939-8219 or mzimmer@eminnetonka.com.



Tours are free, but donations are accepted. The main floor of the house is handicap accessible, and the entire house is air-conditioned. Visit eminnetonka.com/burwell to learn more.

Fall recreation program registration begins Aug. 2

Registration for Fall recreation programs begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, and continues throughout the fall.

Visit eminnetonka.com/recreation to browse the brochure online and choose from numerous programs to stay active. There is something for everyone!

Ready to register? Use the new and improved online registration system at eminnetonka.com/register or contact recreation services at 952-939-8203 or recservices@eminnetonka.com.

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

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.

Take the Clean Water survey before Aug. 19

Minnesotans have a reputation for leading the charge in protecting lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. That's why staff from local cities, watershed districts and the U of MN want to hear your ideas for improving educational programming.

What clean water issues are important to you? Are there specific topics you would like to explore? Visit surveymonkey.com/r/cleanwatermatters before Aug. 19 to take a brief survey and share your thoughts.

Each respondent is eligible to win a prize!

