

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
July 2016

Imagine the Minnetonka of the future

What sets Minnetonka apart from other communities? Where is there a need for the city to evolve? How can Minnetonka remain appealing to current and future residents?

Over the next few months, residents, visitors and business owners will be asked to answer these questions and more as part of a community-wide visioning process – *Imagine Minnetonka.*



There are multiple ways to participate in the discussion:

- Attend a community event such as Music in the Park or the Farmers Market
- Follow the City of Minnetonka on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
- Join the conversation at minnetonkamatters.com
- Stay tuned for details on community-wide meetings

The information gathered throughout the process will be used to guide city leaders as long-term strategic plans are developed.

Learn more and subscribe to receive email and/or text updates about opportunities to participate at eminnetonka.com/imagine – additional information will be also be shared in upcoming issues of the *Minnetonka Memo*. Think about it: How do you imagine the Minnetonka of the future?

Register your Minnetonka Night for Neighbors Event by July 15

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6-9 p.m., residents in Minnetonka and across the nation are invited to sit on their porch light and head outside to spend the evening conversing with neighbors. Not only is this a great chance to get to know the people who live close by, it is also an important way to strengthen your neighborhood's commitment to a safe community!

Neighborhood representatives are asked to register their Night for Neighbors event so representatives from Minnetonka Police, Fire, and Public Works, as well as other city officials, can stop by to visit. The first 100 neighborhoods to register are scheduled to receive a visit, which sometimes includes police and fire vehicles or big trucks. *Please note: Visits are not guaranteed.*

Register your party at eminnetonka.com/neighbors or call Crime Prevention Analyst Nicole Nelson at 952-939-8546 by July 15.

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.

Summer music and movies in the park

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music and movies at 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.

July 5

Geo Elvee Quintet

July 12

Salsabrosa

July 19

Je Dayton and Friends

July 26

Minnetonka Sings Vocal Contest

Aug. 2

Eden Prairie Community Band

Music begins at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 9

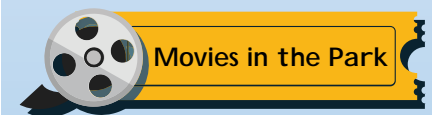
Salsa del Soul

Aug. 16

Minneapolis Commodores

Aug. 23

Bend in the River Big Band



Movies 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.

Important information about the state primary election on August 9

The state primary election is Aug. 9. 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. Federal, state, county and judicial offices may be included in the primary; however, no local issues will be on this year's ballot.

Casting Your Vote

In Minnesota, voters receive a ballot that lists candidates for all eligible major parties.

In a primary, you may vote only for candidates within one party. If you vote for a candidate from one party for one office, and a candidate from another party for a different office, the ballot is considered defective and will not count. If this mistake happens at the polling place, an election judge will offer a replacement ballot. If this happens with an absentee ballot, the voter will be sent a replacement ballot, if there is time to receive it back prior to Aug. 9.

A sample ballot will be posted on the city's website at eminnetonka.com and in the Minnetonka City Hall lobby as soon as it is available.

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 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.

By Mail

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

Pre-registering to Vote

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote on Election Day at the polls. However, long lines make it advantageous to register beforehand.

You must register if:

- You have never registered.
- You changed your name or address since you last voted.
- You have not voted in four years.

Pre-registration for the state primary closes July 19. Visit <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us> to register online.

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

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 mzimmer@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8219.

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.

Fireworks safety tips

While fireworks can be a fun Fourth of July tradition for many families, improper use can lead to devastating situations. Follow these safety tips to ensure a fun and safe celebration!



- Do not purchase, possess or use fireworks that fly or explode – they are illegal in Minnesota. Examples of legal fireworks include sparklers, cones, tubes that emit sparks, snakes and party poppers.
- Ensure children are supervised at all times.
- Remember, it is illegal to light fireworks on public property.
- Do not drink alcohol while using fireworks.
- Extinguish all fireworks by placing them in a metal bucket filled with water.
- Wear shoes to prevent burns to feet.

Enjoy your holiday and don't hesitate to call 911 if a fire ignites!



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Programs and services for those 55+
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Riley Tours Slideshow



Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.

Attend this free slideshow and learn about many upcoming motorcoach trips coordinated by Riley Tours.

Free! (Course #3180410-01)

Volunteer



Adopt a Highway

Thursday, July 14, 9 a.m.

Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center and help pick up along Minnetonka Blvd. Safety vest, pick-up sticks and bags provided. Join us for a picnic lunch along Minnehaha Creek following the pick-up. Please RSVP to the office in person or by calling 952-939-8393.

Lunch and a Movie: *The 33*

Friday, July 15, noon

One of the most compelling true-life tales of survival in the modern age, this drama chronicles the massive 69-day effort to rescue 33 Chilean miners who were trapped more than 2,000 feet underground.

Menu: Chilean empanada, chicken and rice.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, July 12
(Course #3100203-01)

Statue of Liberty: Two Decades of Effort, Almost Impossible Odds

David Jones

Monday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

The Statue of Liberty stands proudly in New York Harbor, but how did the statue come to be? What does it symbolize? Join us for a compelling look at the idea, the construction and the meaning behind one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Cost: \$2 (Course #3180403-04)

Monthly Party: Burger Bar

Wednesday, July 20, noon

Join us for a burger bar!

Menu: Burger, potato salad, bean salad and dessert.

Sponsored by: Legacy Care Home

Cost: \$5 due Friday, July 15

(Course #3100104-01)

Community Connections: Dialect Conversations

Jean McGill, CSA, CPC

Monday, July 25, 10:15 a.m.

Discover what stands between you and your responsibilities in planning for the future. Providing guidance in the gift of planning is Jean McGill's strength and life purpose. Join her as she reveals ways to start dialect conversations. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Free! (Course #3180416-01)

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 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)

Fall Registration

(August–December)

Tuesday, August 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

- 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 totalling nine per year.
- Up to 50 percent for programs.
- Up to 50 percent on one day trip per year.

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)



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)

New! Ballroom Dancing for Couples

Tricia Wood

Learn a variety of ballroom, Latin, swing and country dances to dance at any venue.

Wednesdays, 10- 10:50 a.m.

- June 29–July 27 (no class July 6)
\$52 (Course #3091004-02)

New! Ballroom Bootcamp Workout

Tricia Wood

Have fun working out to fun music, while learning the rhythms and movements of ballroom dancing. No partners needed!

Wednesdays, 11- 11:50 a.m.

- June 29–July 27 (no class July 6)
\$52 (Course #3091005-02)

Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

Ron Erdman-Luntz

Tuesdays, July 14–Aug. 18, 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. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

- \$54 (Course #3090401-02)



Line Dance

Eileen Ronning

Tuesdays, July 14–Aug. 25

Learn to hitch and vine and dance in a line! No partners needed. 50 previous lessons required for intermediate course.

- Intermediate, \$42, 1:45–2:45 p.m.
(Course #3090602-02)

Senior Yoga

	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Chair-Supported	Nancy Holasek	July 12–Aug. 16	T	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$36	3090101-03
	Nancy Holasek	July 14–Aug. 18	TH	9:45–10:45 a.m.	\$36	3090101-04
	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
	Elizabeth Kelly	July 13–Aug. 17	W	6:15–7:15 p.m.	\$36	3090101-06
Intermediate	Nancy Holasek	July 12–Aug. 16	T	11 a.m. – noon	\$36	3090201-03
	Nancy Holasek	July 14–Aug. 18	TH	11 a.m. – noon	\$36	3090201-04
	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
	Elizabeth Kelly	July 13–Aug. 17	W	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	\$36	3090201-06

Therapeutic Pilates

Dr. Sarah Petich

Mondays, July 25–Aug. 29

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. Taught by a physical therapist certified in Pilates and Postural Restoration. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat to class.

- \$54 (Course #3090901-02)

Tai Chi Chih Workshops

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.

- July 11, \$4 (Course #3090301-03)
- July 25, \$4 (Course #3090301-04)

Email Updates

Stay up-to-date on the latest events! Receive weekly email updates on senior happenings! Send your email address to spieh@eminnetonka.com.

Athletic Activities

70+ Softball

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–noon April–October

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.

- \$25 (Course #3120201-01)

Minnetonka Bike Club

The goal of the club is to provide moderate exercise under safe conditions and encourage social interaction and friendship. Free 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

Photo Editing with Picasa Abbey Key

Tuesdays, July 26–Aug. 16, 9–10 a.m.

Learn how to upload, retouch and print your summer photos with an easy to use program called Picasa.

- \$16 (Course #3180407-01)

Healthy Living: Dry Eyes, Dry Mouth

Monday, July 25, 1 p.m.

Learn awareness and symptoms of sjogrens, a common undiagnosed condition of the immune system. The two most common symptoms are dry eyes and dry mouth. Discuss treatment options and risks, including a connection with lymphoma cancer.

- **Cost: \$2** (Course #3180409-02)

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, July 7, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Tuesday, July 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Art Programs

Free Hand Sketching and Drawing Gin Weidenfeller

**Wednesdays, July 20–27
1–3 p.m.**

Explore a variety of methods to enhance drawing skills. Develop observation skills through contour and negative space exercises using guidelines, frames, grids and shapes.

- \$40 (Course #3130103-01)

History Programs

Great Depression and Dust Bowl in Minnesota

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Discover the varying impacts of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl in Minnesota and how Minnesota became stronger afterwards.

- \$3 (Course #3180202-01)

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 Summer School

Terry Kubista

Enjoy presentations on British History. Minnetonka Senior Services History Instructor, Terry Kubista, will highlight a special topic each month!

Wednesdays, 1–3 p.m.

Sir Walter Raleigh

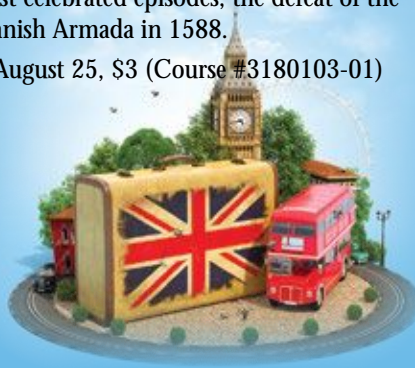
Discover the navigator, poet and favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, Raleigh's meteoric rise was followed by a slow and tragic fall from grace which would eventually end with the farce of the Orinoco disaster and his death.

- July 28, \$3 (Course #3180102-01)

Sir Francis Drake

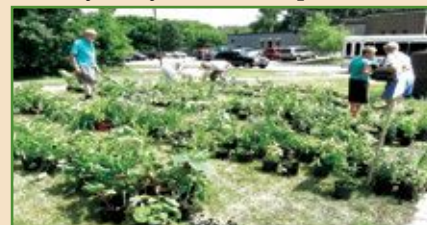
Learn the story of the sea-faring privateer and adventurer whose name has become synonymous with one of English history's most celebrated episodes, the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

- August 25, \$3 (Course #3180103-01)



Plant Sale

Tuesdays, July 12–19, 3–7 p.m.



Members of the Minnetonka Community Garden Club are selling a wide variety of perennials from home gardens at the Minnetonka Farmers Market. Proceeds benefit Minnetonka Community Garden Club and Minnetonka Senior Services Scholarship Fund. Located at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus (Ice Arena B parking lot) 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Senior Day Trips*

Spam Museum

Wednesday, Aug. 17

Visit downtown Austin, MN and visit the new SPAM®Museum, reopening in the spring of 2016. The museum features audios, videos and displays depicting the rich history of Hormel Food. The self-guided tour is interactive, educational and fun for all ages.

The gift store has collectible memorabilia and SPAM®products. After lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant tour the Artworks Center and Rydgor Bike Museum.

Menu: Grilled chicken breast, wild rice and a house salad.

(Course# 3110104-01)

- **Cost:** \$57 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 15

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

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.

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.

500

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Join in the fun! We'll teach you.

Bunco

2nd and 4th ursdays, 1 p.m.w
Join in the fun! We'll teach you!

Craft Committee

1st Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Create decor for monthly parties.

Dominos

1st and 3rd ursdays, 1 p.m.
New members welcome!

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.
No July meeting, visit us at the plant sale (pg. 3).

Genealogy Club

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

Ham Radio

2nd Monday, 10 a.m.
New members welcome!

Mahjongg

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
New members welcome!

Poker

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
New members welcome!

Single Mingle

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.
Monthly yers available at the Community Center.

Social Bridge

Wednesdays, 12:45 p.m.
Prizes awarded!

Wood Carvers

ursdays, 10 a.m.
Group members share ideas and work independently.

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.

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Senior and General Programs Manager

Janelle Cross eld
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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 nances, 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.

Preserving the beauty of Purgatory Park

What was named Purgatory Park by settlers many years ago due to its swampy land and plague of mosquitos is now an ideal place for visitors to enjoy outdoor activities. At 155 acres, Purgatory Park encompasses a variety of habitats native to east-central Minnesota, including tallgrass prairie, oak woodland, and marshland alongside Purgatory Creek. With 2.2 miles of formal (gravel or paved) trails and extensive informal trails, the park is enjoyed by many.

To help preserve the beauty of this natural environment, it must be treated gently. Here are three ways you can help keep Purgatory Park in its pristine state for many years to come:

- Bike only on the paved trails. Biking on the informal trails widens them and causes soil erosion, which degrades the natural environment and creates hazards for other trail users. City ordinance also forbids altering the terrain to create jumps and other features.
- Keep pets on a leash (6' or shorter) along formal trails and in maintained areas such as mowed turf and picnic shelters. Dogs may be off-leash in the unmaintained natural areas of Purgatory Park—but only if they are under voice command.
- Pick up and properly dispose of dog waste, even from unmaintained areas. Waste left on the ground washes into the creek, causing excess growth of algae and potentially spreading disease. Look for MuttMitt stations and trash receptacles near Purgatory's main entrances at Excelsior Boulevard and Stodola Road.



To find designated BMX and single-track parks in the Minnetonka area, visit usabmx.com and click "tracks."

Be on the lookout for oak tree diseases

Oak trees suffer from a variety of pests and diseases. The city routinely inspects for two diseases—oak wilt and bur oak blight (BOB)—because they can cause widespread damage. Symptoms of oak wilt and BOB tend to appear in mid to late summer.

Oak Tree Disease Causes and Symptoms



Red Oaks
(including pin oak)

Oak Wilt

White and
Bur Oaks

Occurs in all of the most common oak species in Minnetonka—red (including pin oak), white, and bur—but progresses much faster in red oaks. Spreads through the shared root systems of trees within 50-100' of each other or is carried overland by sap beetles that infect freshly pruned trees.

Leaves begin to brown at the tips and edges, and soon drop off.

Symptoms appear at the farthest branch tips and at the top of the tree, moving inward and downward as the infection progresses.

Red oaks typically die a few weeks after symptoms appear.



Bur Oak Blight

Bur Oaks

Occurs only in bur oaks and is spread by splashing raindrops.

Small, black spots form on the underside of the leaf; wedge-shaped areas of the leaf turn brown. Some leaves drop early.

Symptoms appear first on leaves in the lower branches and closer to the trunk, spreading to outer branches higher in the tree.

Diseased white and bur oaks can live for several years after becoming infected with either disease. Over time, the tree becomes stressed and is vulnerable to secondary infections or pests (like two-lined chestnut borer) that can eventually kill the tree.

What you can do

- Avoid pruning between April 1 and October 31 to prevent spread of oak wilt.
- Remove diseased red oaks before November 1 to prevent spread of the disease; infected white and bur oaks do not need to be removed.
- Treat healthy red oaks with fungicide before removing diseased trees; trenching can also be done to break up shared root systems between healthy and diseased oaks.
- Prolong the life of diseased white or bur oaks with properly timed fungicide treatments.

Call the forestry line at 952-988-8407 or visit eminnetonka.com and search "oak wilt" to learn about Minnetonka's grant program, which can help to offset the cost of injections and trenching.

Natural Resources Happenings

Bee and Pollinator Walk

Wednesday, July 13
Noon–1 p.m.
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. Attendees will have an opportunity to catch and release pollinators during class. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to 952-988-8400 or online at eminnetonka.com/NRevents.

Fishing Fun

Saturday, July 16
9–11 a.m.
Shady Oak Beach

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (NMCWD) and the DNR MinnAqua program are hosting this fun, family event. Fishing licenses are not needed; all fishing equipment and bait is provided.

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Calendar

City of
Minnetonka

July
2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call 952-939-8200 for meeting locations.
					1	2	4 Independence Day, City Offices Closed
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	25 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	11 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	12 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
31							21 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							28 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. The meetings are rebroadcast on channel 16 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at noon.

Agendas for council meetings are available at eminnetonka.com by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Reduce Your Water Consumption

Following a few simple tips can greatly reduce your water consumption this summer:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing them off.
- Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge rather than running the tap.
- Wash vehicles on the lawn to recycle the water and prevent runoff.
- Routinely inspect home irrigation systems to avoid clogged sprinkler heads and misdirected spray.



Remember, lawn watering is not allowed between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from May 1 to Sept. 30. City restrictions also limit watering to odd/even days for odd/even house numbers.

Visit epa.gov/watersense to learn more.

Register for Fall Youth Soccer League by July 10

Be part of a local tradition! This is a recreational league for kids in grades K-8, with separate boys and girls teams formed by school and grade. Games are played on Saturdays for all grades with an additional Tuesday or Thursday game per week for grades 3-8. The season begins the week of Aug. 22 and runs through Oct. 15. The cost is \$78 for grades K-2 and \$98 for grades 3-8. Call 952-939-8203 or visit eminnetonka.com/register to register.



Volunteer Coaches Needed

Call 952-939-8203 to learn how to volunteer.

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