

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
May 2016

## Visit the Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 8

The seventh annual Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8. Several plant vendors will be onsite to sell native plants beneficial to local landscapes. Bring the whole family to see native Minnesota wildlife, climb a tree with a rope and saddle, and go on a scavenger hunt. Representatives from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, master naturalists and water stewards, and watershed district staff will also be available to answer your plant, tree and surface water questions. Hot dogs, chips and healthy snacks will be available for sale.



Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest

June 8, 3-7 p.m.

City Hall parking lot

Minnetonka Civic Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard

Remember to bring:

- Cash or check for plant purchases
- A box to carry new plants
- A water bottle

This event will take place rain or shine.

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## Park Board considering adding community pickleball courts

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Best described as a low impact court sport that combines aspects of tennis, badminton and other paddle sports, pickleball is extremely popular with adults and seniors and is also being introduced as a physical education option in local school districts. To account for this growing demand, the Minnetonka Park Board is considering options for adding pickleball courts to our park system.

Several neighboring cities, including Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, Plymouth and Edina have either added pickleball lines to existing tennis courts or constructed new pickleball-only courts. In 2011, at the recommendation of the Park Board, the city overlaid four pickleball courts on existing tennis courts at Meadow Park. These courts now provide users the option to play pickleball or tennis during designated times. Four additional courts were also added to one of the paved hockey rinks in Meadow Park in 2013; however, drainage issues and poor soil conditions make these courts difficult to maintain.

Minnetonka's park system currently includes 25 tennis courts, with an additional 28 courts provided on school district property. No dedicated pickleball courts are currently provided. For that reason, the park board is now considering various options for providing pickleball-only courts by 2018, including:

- Converting the existing tennis courts at Meadow Park to pickleball-only courts;
- Adding new courts at Lone Lake Park; or
- Working with local school districts to convert or construct new courts

Neighborhood parks are not being considered for expansion or conversion of existing courts due to a general lack of available parking and a community demand for the sport that is beyond the capacity that neighborhood parks can support.

For updated information on the park board's consideration of adding pickleball to the park system, visit [eminnetonka.com/pickleballproject](http://eminnetonka.com/pickleballproject). Comments are welcome and can be forwarded to Streets and Parks Operations Manager Darin Ellingson at [dellingson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:dellingson@eminnetonka.com) or 952-988-8414; or Recreation Program Manager Sara Woeste at [swoeste@eminnetonka.com](mailto:swoeste@eminnetonka.com) or 952-939-8316.

# STAY INFORMED ABOUT ROAD CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER

From city to county to state projects, there's little doubt that getting around the metro area will be a challenge this summer. Below are just a few of the projects in the immediate area that may affect Minnetonka residents.



## I-494 Rehabilitation Project: 2014-2016

MnDOT is reconstructing the concrete pavement on I-494 between I-394 in Minnetonka and the I-94/494/694 interchange (Fish Lake Interchange) in Maple Grove. Visit [dot.state.mn.us](http://dot.state.mn.us) and select "I-494 between I-394 and I-694" on the project list for more information and to sign up for notifications.

## Shady Oak Road Reconstruction: 2014-2016

Hennepin County is reconstructing Shady Oak Road (CSAH 61) in Minnetonka and Hopkins. The project extends from Excelsior Boulevard (County Road 3) to 1500 feet north of Highway 7. Visit [hennepin.us/residents/transportation/shady-oak-rd-construction](http://hennepin.us/residents/transportation/shady-oak-rd-construction) for more information and to sign up for notifications.

## County Road 101 (Bushaway Road) Reconstruction Project: 2014-2016

This project extends from north of Minnetonka Boulevard (County Road 5) to Highway 12 at Wayzata Boulevard. Visit [hennepin.us/countyroad101](http://hennepin.us/countyroad101) for more information and to sign up for notifications.

## County Road 101 (Hwy. 62 to Hutchins Drive) Reconstruction Project: 2015-2017

Hennepin County is reconstructing County Road 101 from County Road 62 to Hutchins Drive in Minnetonka. Visit [hennepin.us/101minnetonka](http://hennepin.us/101minnetonka) for more information and to sign up for email and text notifications.

Please note, in conjunction with this project, the City of Minnetonka is constructing some neighborhood streets. To learn more about the city's portion of the project, visit [eminnetonka.com/safer101](http://eminnetonka.com/safer101).

## 2016 Street Rehabilitation Projects: Libb's Lake Area and Oakland Road

Each year, the City of Minnetonka rehabilitates a portion of its streets as part of its Local Street Construction Program. The 2016 Rehabilitation Project includes approximately 4 miles of streets and utility repairs within the city.



- **Libb's Lake Area Project**

Visit [eminnetonka.com/libbslakeproject](http://eminnetonka.com/libbslakeproject) for more information and to sign up for email and text notifications.

- **Oakland Road Project**

Visit [eminnetonka.com/oaklandroad](http://eminnetonka.com/oaklandroad) for more information and to sign up for email and text notifications.

# Tree planting guidelines

If you are planting a tree this spring, please read the guidelines below to ensure your tree will not create a future conflict with the road.

The city's goal is to maintain safety for traffic and pedestrians along public roadways and parks. The city prunes and/or removes trees and shrubs in order to accomplish this goal, but only you can prevent a future conflict.

Please take note before planting next to the road:

- The land next to the road is called the right-of-way, and extends approximately 6 feet from the edge of the street/curb back into your yard. The city may use this easement to store snow and maintain sightlines and clearance along the road way.
- Evergreen trees: Refrain from planting within 20 feet of the road edge. Existing evergreens (pines, spruce, etc.) with branches that extend into the right-of-way and road may need to be pruned on the road side of the tree or to clear sightlines, or signs. This may result in a one-sided evergreen tree.
- Deciduous trees: Refrain from planting within 15 feet of the road edge. Existing deciduous trees may need to be pruned to provide clearance 14'-18' from the road surface.
- Hedges and shrubs: Refrain from planting within 15 feet of the road edge. Please maintain existing hedges in order to provide at least six feet behind the edge of the road. Formal shrubs/hedges planted near the road need to be trimmed regularly.
- Recently planted trees or shrubs growing too close to the road may need to be moved to prevent a future road conflict.
- The City of Minnetonka may require vegetation on corners to be maintained at a 2.5-foot maximum height for safety and visibility reasons. The corner is defined as 25 feet on each street and everything included in the enclosed triangle.
- Plant at least 20-25' away from street lights depending on the anticipated mature size of tree and the size of the street light.
- Plant at least 25' away from stop signs. Do not block the sign; you may offset the tree from the sign (please plan for its mature size before planting near a stop sign)
- Be sure to give the tree room so that its mature canopy will be entirely on your property—not over the property line.
- Underground utilities should always be marked before planting. Contact Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 or [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org) at least two business days before you plan to dig. Each utility type is marked with a different color of paint on the ground surface.
- Here are some general distances to maintain from utilities. Call the city or the utility company responsible for service if you have specific concerns.

**Water lines and fire hydrants:** At least 10-15' away depending on mature size of tree

**Gas:** At least 5-10'

**Overhead wires and transformers (electric):** There are specific criteria (marked in red paint) Call Xcel Energy or visit their website for diagrams: [hxcelenergy.com](http://hxcelenergy.com)

Contact the forestry information line at 952-988-8407 with questions.



## Know your alarms

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are easy to install and proven to save lives. But many of us don't know how to use these devices or how to interpret their beeps and chirps.



Below are general guidelines that pertain to most alarms, regardless of the manufacturer.

### Smoke Alarms

- Every house is required to have at least one, but newer homes are required to have multiple smoke alarms. Best practice is to install smoke alarms on every level of the home and in every bedroom.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions for installation and replacement.
- Test smoke alarms every month by pushing the test button.
- Change the batteries every six months.
- Most manufacturers recommend alarm replacement every 10 years.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- Every house is required to have at least one CO alarm. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside sleeping areas, but within 10 feet of the bedrooms.
- Follow manufacturer instructions for installation and replacement.
- Test CO alarms once per month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move all occupants outdoors to an area where fresh air is available.



Still have questions? Call the Minnetonka Fire Department at 952-939-8331.



## Dutch elm disease, oak wilt, and select ash inspections start June 1

**E**lm, oak, and select ash inspections are part of the city's shade tree disease control program, which is aimed at keeping Dutch elm disease (DED) and oak wilt (OW) at bay, and detecting emerald ash borer (EAB) as early as possible. Both DED and OW diseases are regulated by a city ordinance. While EAB has not yet been found in Minnetonka, it has been found in Plymouth.

Seasonal tree inspectors, who are certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and overseen by the city forester, survey the entire city each summer looking for trees that are showing signs of DED, OW and EAB. Scouting for DED and OW continues until late September, when it starts to become difficult to identify the diseases by their leaf symptoms. Scouting for EAB can happen any time of year—and in fact, it can be easier to look for woodpecker activity and associated bark damage in the winter months.

If you see a tree you believe to have DED, OW or EAB please report it starting Wednesday, June 1 by calling 952-988-8407. Be prepared to give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location.

The person who reports a diseased tree can remain anonymous—and the caller's name is not considered public information.

In order to use the tree inspectors' time most efficiently, the city will schedule these inspections when we are scouting the neighborhood. If a diseased tree is found on private property, the inspector will knock on the door to identify him or herself before inspecting the tree.

If an elm tree or oak tree is found to have DED or OW, it is important to act promptly with removal directions provided by the city or start the suggested treatments in order to protect other elms and oaks on your property and throughout the city.

If you want to learn more about the program, visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) and enter "shade tree disease control" in the search bar, or call 952-988-8407.

## Happy Arbor Month

**A**pproximately 500 households will celebrate Arbor Day on April 29 by picking up their pre-ordered trees from the City of Minnetonka. More than 800 new trees such as American basswood, ginkgo, hackberry, honey locust, Kentucky cypress and white oak, were purchased through the city's annual tree sale, and will be planted throughout Minnetonka to improve species diversity in our community forest.

Although Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday of April, the State of Minnesota celebrates Arbor Month during the entire month of May. This year, the Department of Natural Resources launched a new campaign – "Get your daily dose of trees for a healthy you and me" – to encourage you to get outside and appreciate trees to improve your health. Consider celebrating Arbor Month by taking a walk through a Minnetonka park today!

## Five tips for a "green" yard all spring and summer

**A**s a Minnetonka resident, the way you care for your yard plays an important role in the health of our shared natural resources. Follow these tips to keep your yard "green" and healthy:

### 1. Seed areas of exposed soil.

Seeding exposed soil or thin spots as soon as possible can help prevent erosion and weeds. Consider using wood mulch in areas with deep shade and around trees rather than continued unsuccessful reseeding.

### 2. Don't fertilize brown grass.

Apply fertilizers only as needed and to actively growing grass. Perform a soil test to determine if, and how much, fertilizer is needed before you apply it. Misapplied fertilizer is not only wasted, but will wash into our lakes, creeks and wetlands where it can encourage the growth of algae and weeds.

### 3. Mow smarter, not harder.

Setting your mower higher (3 inches) and keeping your blade sharp can help keep your grass greener and healthier. Using a mulching mower for one year can supply as much nutrients as one fertilizer application. Remember to keep the clippings on your lawn, not the street.

### 4. Water only when needed.

Don't water in the heat of the day when evaporation is high. Water in the early morning if you can; otherwise, in the late afternoon, and only when needed. Most trees, shrubs, and other plants grow best if watered deeply as needed rather than frequent shallow watering.

### 5. Pull weeds before they seed.

Weeds are easiest to pull just after the rain, when the ground is moist. Be certain to dispose of any seed heads before they spread.



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Programs and services for those 55+  
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## SENIORS

## Expo

**9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, May 5**

Save the date for the Seniors Expo! Event features exhibitors, presentations, health screenings, activities, fitness demonstrations, refreshments and prizes. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

### **Presentations:**

- Yes, You Can... Defy Your Chronological Age, 10 a.m.
- Online Selling, Noon

### **Sponsored by:**

*Changing Lifestyle Solution. Emerald Crest. ComForCare Home Care Meals on Wheels-South Shore. Landmark Tours. WestRidge of Minnetonka Homewatch CareGivers. Legacy Care Home*

### **Chile: A Culture of Wine and Food**

**Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m.**

This seminar provides a broad overview of Chilean culture, with focus on the different types of wines that Chile offers, as well as traditional Chilean food. Participants will virtually visit the many valleys throughout the country, including wineries and restaurants. Join us for this fun mini adventure of food and culture! We will finish with a sampling of cocktail empanadas and wine.

**Cost: \$3** due Thursday, May 5  
(Course #3180405-01)

### **Lunch and a Movie Intern**

**Friday, May 13, noon**

Agreeing to participate in a community outreach program, an entrepreneur hires a 70-year-old intern who ends up bringing his own expertise to the fashion enterprise.

**Menu:** Sandwich, chips, pickle and a treat.  
**Cost: \$5** due Tuesday, May 10  
(Course #3100201-01)

## Synod Concert Band

*Hosted by Lifesprk*

**Monday, May 16, 1 p.m.**

Clap along to the 70-member, senior citizen concert band as they perform a repertoire of favorites. Enjoy socializing and refreshments after the concert.

**Cost: \$3** (Course #3100301-01)

### **Monthly Party: Golden Years Gala**

**Tuesday, May 17, noon**

May is Older Americans month and this special celebration honors those 85 and older. This event is open to all ages. Participants 85 and older receive a cover; 90 and older receive a cover and free registration. **Flowers courtesy of RidgePointe of Minnetonka.**

**Menu:** Meatloaf, mashed potato and gravy, veggie, roll & dessert.

**Cost: \$7** due Thursday, May 12  
(Course #3100102-01)

### **ICA Food Shelf**

**Peg Keenan, ICA Executive Director**

**Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.**

Learn about volunteering at the ICA Food Shelf and about the various services ICA provides to help over 800 families per month, in the local seven city area.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #3180413-01)

### **Cruise the World of Senior Housing**

**Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Board the "cruise line" to view several levels of senior housing, each featuring food and fun from various ports of call:

- Legacy Homes: delicacies of Japan
- Golden Living Center Hillcrest of Wayzata: food and flavor of Italy
- Meridian Manor Assisted Living: traditional dishes of France
- Emerald Crest Memory Care: tempting treats of the Caribbean Islands
- Westridge Independent Senior Living: mouth-watering offerings from Mexico

Proceeds go to Minnetonka Senior Services.

**Cost: \$5** due Friday, May 13

(Course #3180404-04)

### **Community Connections: Finances of Senior Housing**

**Cathy Matrejek**

**Monday, May 23, 10:15 a.m.**

Wondering how to pay for senior housing? Learn about the various available programs. Understand how one qualifies for them and arm yourself to be a good consumer! Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

**Cost: Free!** (Course #3180412-01)

## Garden Fashion Show

**Thursday, May 26, 9:45 a.m.**

Join us for a garden party featuring fashion through the decades. Take a fun look at the fashions that reflected the times of the eras. Enjoy lemonade and pastries in the garden while visiting the styles of 1900-1950.

**Cost: \$3** (Course #3180406-01)

## 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)

### Therapeutic Pilates

#### Dr. Sarah Petich

**Mondays, June 6–July 18** (no class 7/4)

**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 #3090901-01)

### 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 begun.

**Mondays, 10–11 a.m.**

- June 13, \$4 (Course #3090301-01)
- June 27, \$4 (Course #3090301-02)

### Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

#### Ron Erdman-Luntz

**ursdays, May 19–June 16, 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.

- \$45 (Course #3090401-01)



## 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.

## Senior Yoga

|                      | Instructor      | Dates           | Day | Times            | Fee  | Course #   |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|------------------|------|------------|
| Chair-Supported Yoga | Nancy Holasek   | May 10–June 28  | T   | 9:45–10:45 a.m.  | \$48 | 3090101-01 |
|                      | Nancy Holasek   | May 12–June 30  | TH  | 9:45–10:45 a.m.  | \$48 | 3090101-02 |
|                      | 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 |
|                      | Elizabeth Kelly | May 11–June 29  | W   | 6:15–7:15 p.m.   | \$48 | 3090101-05 |
|                      | Elizabeth Kelly | July 13–Aug. 17 | W   | 6:15–7:15 p.m.   | \$36 | 3090101-06 |
| Intermediate Yoga    | Nancy Holasek   | May 10–June 28  | T   | 11 a.m. – noon   | \$48 | 3090201-01 |
|                      | Nancy Holasek   | May 12–June 30  | TH  | 11 a.m. – noon   | \$48 | 3090201-02 |
|                      | 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 |
|                      | Elizabeth Kelly | May 11–June 29  | W   | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | \$48 | 3090201-05 |
|                      | Elizabeth Kelly | July 13–Aug. 17 | W   | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. | \$36 | 3090201-06 |

### Continuing Line Dance

#### Eileen Ronning

**ursdays, June 2–30**

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

- Beginner, \$35, 12:30–1:30 p.m.  
(Course #3090601-01)
- Intermediate, \$35, 1:45–2:45 p.m.  
(Course #3090602-01)

### New! Wedding Dances

#### Tricia Wood

**Saturdays, May 7–28**

**10–10:50 a.m.**

Learn the most useful dances covering the widest variety of both modern pop music and traditional ballroom music you'll hear played at wedding receptions and galas! No partners needed.

- \$52 (Course #3091001-02)

### New! Ballroom and Latin Dance

#### Tricia Wood

**Saturdays, May 7–28**

**11–11:50 a.m.**

Have fun while learning the sassy Foxtrot, sizzling Salsa and passionate Tango. It's the most fun you can have while getting a physical, mental, and social workout! No partners needed.

- \$52 (Course #3091003-01)

### 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, 1–2 p.m.**

- June 6–July 25 (No Class 7/4)  
\$35 (Course #3090501-01)

**Wednesdays, 12:30–1:30 p.m.**

- June 8–July 27  
\$40 (Course #3090501-02)

## Art Programs

### Drawing: Value, Light and Shadow Studies

#### Gin Weidenfeller

**Wednesdays, May 11–18**

**1–3 p.m.**

Explore hands-on exercises to expand modeling skills to depict light, shadow, three dimensional form and spatial depth. Draw still life or nature subjects to learn pencil and pen techniques in blending, strokes and values.

- \$40 (Course #3130101-01)



## 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)

### Indoor Pickleball

**October–May**

Try the fun and social game of pickleball. Limited supplies are available.

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30–10 a.m.
- Thursdays and Fridays, 7:30–9:30 a.m.
- Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.
- Free for Williston, SilverSneakers and Silver and Fit members. \$4 per day for non-members.

**Williston Fitness Center  
14509 Minnetonka Drive**

### Minnetonka Bike Club

The goal of the club is to provide moderate exercise under safe conditions and encourage social interaction and friendship. We accommodate different levels of ability. More information at [mtkabikers.org](http://mtkabikers.org)

- \$8 (Course #4120102-01)

### 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.**

### Lord Horatio Nelson

Follow the footsteps Lord Horatio Nelson in his native Britain, to explore the influences which shaped his character and formed his genius.

- June 23, \$3 (Course #3180101-01)

## Education Programs

### New! Healthy Living: Advanced Care Planning and End of Life Dr. Sicora and Maureen Tyra

**Monday, May 2, 1–3 p.m.**

Learn about the options for end of life and advanced care planning. Necessary forms will be available on site. Provided by North Memorial Health Care.

- \$2 (Course #2180417-01)

### New! Mind Fit Carrie Dunkley, BSHA

**Tuesdays, May 17–June 21  
9–10:30 a.m.**

Just like the body, the brain can show signs of aging. Learn about proactive ways to enhance cognitive functioning, including fun group activities, during this informative six-part series led by a brain fitness expert.

- \$12 (Course #3180401-01)

### Defensive Driving

Register through MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit [mnsafetycenter.org](http://mnsafetycenter.org) for all classes.

#### 8-hour renewal session:

- \$26, Tuesday, May 3 and 10, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 4-hour renewal sessions:

- \$22, Thursday, May 12, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Monday, May 16, 5:30–9:30 p.m.
- \$22, Wednesday May 25, 5:30–9:30 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)

## Leisure Programs

### Minnehaha Creek Canoe Trip



Enjoy a relaxing two-mile canoe paddle between Grays Bay Dam and I-494, with a picnic stop at Jidana Park. Relax in front of a campfire at Jidana and roast hot dogs. The trip is intended for people who have canoeing experience and can enter and exit the canoe safely on their own. Meet at the community center.

- \$10, Wednesday, June 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Course #3190101-01)
- \$10, Thursday, June 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Course #3190101-02)

## History Programs

### Village Life

#### Terry Kubista

**Wednesdays, May 5–26**

**1–3 p.m.**

Follow the life and times of a small village through the early part of the twentieth century. Understand the great political events and social upheaval that shaped Britain and made it what it is today.

- \$28 (Course #2180101-05)



## Senior Day Trips\*

### Pelican Breeze II

**Tuesday, June 21**

Enjoy a historically-narrated tour of Albert Lea Lake aboard the Pelican Breeze II, a historic 60-foot pontoon river-boat. Lunch is served at the Wedgewood Cove. Afterwards, enjoy perusing Daisy Blue Naturals, back-to-nature beauty products, and the Granicrete Showroom and Warehouse, an award-winning overlay system for countertops and floors. Menu: Half sandwich, cup of soup, raspberry swirl cheesecake and coffee. (Course# 3110102-01)

- **Cost:** \$72 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, May 27



\*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, unless noted otherwise.

### Bird Club

**1st Friday, 10 a.m.**

Speaker: Carrol Henderson, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Effects on Minnesota Loons

### Book Club

**3rd Tuesday, 1 p.m.**

Lia by Marilynne Robinson

### Garden Club

**2nd Monday, 1 p.m.**

Mushrooms

### Genealogy Club

**1st Thursdays, 10 a.m.**

Sharing resources for researching family history

### Literary Book Club

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

The Bird Life of Grange Copeland by Oscar Wilde

### Tale Spinners

**Tuesdays, 1 p.m.**

Story writing group. New members welcome!



**11280 Wayzata Blvd.**  
**763-591-4868**  
*Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older.*

Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.,  
 Thursdays until 8 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 Fridays,**

**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.

**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.

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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.



# Natural Resource Happenings

## Garlic Mustard Workshop #2

**Thursday, May 5**  
**6:30–8 p.m.**

Minnetonka Community Center,  
Community Room

Learn how to control this aggressive  
invasive species.



Flowering Garlic Mustard Plant

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Pick-Up

**Saturday, May 7**  
**8 a.m.–noon**

**Monday, May 9**  
**5–7 p.m.**

City of St. Louis Park Municipal Service  
Center, 7305 Oxford Street

Rain barrels must be pre-ordered online at  
RecycleMinnesota.org. These are the only  
dates available to pick up your order in  
St. Louis Park.

## Hilloway Park Plant Walk

**Wednesday, May 25**  
**5:30–7 p.m.**

Meet at trail entrance,  
12415 Hilloway Road, on south side  
of the street

Walk the main trail and see wild flowers  
and buckthorn regrowth.

Unless noted, RSVP for events at 952-988-8400 or online at [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com).

## Garlic Mustard Volunteer Control Events

Assist in removing garlic mustard and  
see new restoration plantings.

**Minnetonka Mills Park**  
**Wednesday, May 4**  
**5–7 p.m.**

Burwell House parking lot, 13207  
McGinty Road E.

**Meadow Park**  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
**5–7 p.m.**

2725 Oakland Rd, in parking lot

**Jidana Park**  
**Wednesday, May 18**  
**5–7 p.m.**

3333 Jidana Lane, in parking lot

**Hilloway Park**  
**Thursday, May 26**  
**5–7 p.m.**

12415 Hilloway Road, park on south  
side of street and meet at trail entrance

## Spring Bird Walks

Celebrate spring with morning bird  
walks guided by the Minnesota River  
Valley Audubon Chapter.

**Saturday, May 21**  
**8:30–11 a.m.**

Lone Lake Park (starts at lower parking  
lot near the lake)

**Saturday, June 11**  
**8:30–11 a.m.**

City Hall (starts at flag pole by the  
main entrance)

Visit [eminnetonka.com/subscribe](http://eminnetonka.com/subscribe) to  
sign up for natural resources email and  
text notifications.

# Why all the buzz about pollinators?

Spring has finally sprung, bringing a burst of plant growth. Worldwide, about three-quarters of all plants—including 58 food crops in the United States—rely on insects for pollination.

There is a remarkable diversity of insects that provide this service, from flies and mosquitoes to beetles and butterflies. And we can't forget the bees. About 400 bee species are native to Minnesota. Most are solitary or live in small colonies; they nest underground or in vegetation.

Honeybees are perhaps the most familiar bee in our landscape. Imported from Europe by colonists in 1622, they have become common nationwide. Unlike native species, honeybees are social—they form hives containing thousands of individuals.

The queen bee lays eggs in early spring. Eggs hatch in a few days, and within a couple of weeks the larvae have become adult bees. The queen and some of her workers leave the overcrowded old hive in a swirling, buzzing cloud and move to a nearby tree branch or other temporary resting place. While some of the bees cluster protectively around their queen, others scout prospective locations for a new hive, such as a hollow tree or the space between walls in a building.

A honeybee swarm looks dangerous—but fear not. Because they do not have a hive to defend, swarming honeybees are not aggressive. Instead of spraying a swarm with insecticides, call the Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association (MHBA) as soon as possible (651-436-7915). The MHBA maintains a list of 138 volunteer “swarm chasers” who rescue swarms in outdoor locations (trees, shrubs, vehicle bodies, etc.) at no charge. If bees have made your house their home, you can hire MHBA to remove them. In 2015, MHBA rescued 85 swarms from locations around the Twin Cities and relocated them to new hive boxes in backyards (also known as apiaries). When bees survive, we all benefit.

To learn more about bees, visit [mnbeekeepers.com](http://mnbeekeepers.com) or [beelab.umn.edu](http://beelab.umn.edu).

# 2015 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



The city of Minnetonka is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015. Each of the past 18 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

This report fulfills an obligation the city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water or for information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Jim Malone at [jmalone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jmalone@eminnetonka.com) or 952-988-8400.

## Water source

The City of Minnetonka provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging in depth from 405 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

Generally, sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the City of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. The report may also be viewed online at [health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

## Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Lawn watering schedule

To conserve the community's water resources, City of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar day before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call 952-988-8400.



# Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2015

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2015. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Water Testing Terms and Definitions

### MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

### MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

### MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

### MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

### AL — Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

### 90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average

of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

### pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

### ppb — Parts per billion

This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

### ppm — Parts per million

This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

### nd — No Detection

### N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

### Average/result

This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

| Contaminant (units)          | Units of Measure | MCLG | MCL  | Range (2015) | Average/result | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|------------------------------|------------------|------|------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Alpha Emitters               | pCi/l            | 0    | 15.4 | 7.2–7.6      | 7.6            | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Barium (3/14/2012)           | ppm              | 2    | 2    | N/A          | .15            | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits   |
| Combined Radium              | pCi/l            | 0    | 5.4  | 2–2.5        | 2.5            | Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Fluoride                     | ppm              | 4    | 4    | .79–1.2      | 1.13           | State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate (as nitrogen)        | ppm              | 10.4 | 10.4 | nd – .11     | .11            | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits  |
| TTHM (total trihalomethanes) | ppb              | 0    | 80   | .5–4.9       | 4.9            | By-product of drinking water disinfection  |

| Contaminant (units) | Units of Measure | MRDL | MRDLG | Monthly Average            | Highest Quarterly Avg. | Typical Source of Contaminant           |
|---------------------|------------------|------|-------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Chlorine            | ppm              | 4    | 4     | .3 (Lowest) – .6 (Highest) | .48                    | Water additive used to control microbes |

| Contaminant (units) | Units of Measure | AL  | MCLG | 90% Level | # sites over AL | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|---------------------|------------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Copper              | ppm              | 1.3 | 1.3  | 1.28      | 2 out of 30     | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |
| Lead                | ppb              | 15  | 0    | 1.9       | 0 out of 30     | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Minnetonka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If there are concerns about lead in the water, consider having the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.



# Special One-day Community Drop-o Event

**Saturday, June 4**  
**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

The following appliances are 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 brought to the special drop-o will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-216-2072).

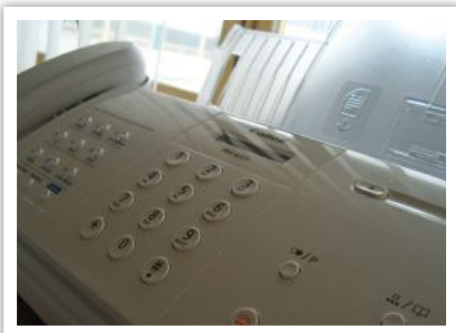
## Carpet and Padding

### 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 transport lamps in a manner to avoid breakage. 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: \$15 per piece for all sizes

Mattresses are dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by the PPL Industries mattress recycling program.

## Propane Tanks

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

## Shredding Event

Get rid unwanted documents that can't be thrown in the trash.

**Saturday, June 4**

**8 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**Public Works Facility**  
**11522 Minnetonka Blvd.**

Fee: \$2 per full paper grocery bags (no limit to number). Plastic bags are not accepted.

Please bring cash or checks payable to Minnetonka Senior Services. All proceeds benefit Minnetonka Senior Services Scholarship Fund.

## 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

Clean scrap metal includes: 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.

# Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection

Thursday, May 12  
 Friday, May 13  
 Saturday, May 14  
 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

This event is open to any Hennepin County resident. Items are not accepted from businesses, including home businesses or non-profit organizations.

The following materials are accepted free of charge:

### Auto and fuel wastes

Diesel fuel, fuel additives, gasoline (containers will not be returned), kerosene, starter fluid, vehicle lead-acid batteries, waxes. No motor oil or oil filters.

### Electronics

Not accepted. Options for disposing electronics include the year-round drop-off sites as well as Best Buy or Staples stores (for a fee).

### Gas cylinders

- Acceptable: Propane tanks less than 40 lbs., specialty gases on a case-by-case basis if less than 59 lbs.
- Unacceptable: Propane tanks greater than 40 lbs.; gases requiring special management; all greater than 59 lbs., and all gas cylinders from a business.



### Household, lawn and garden products

Adhesives, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fire extinguishers, flammable products, paint (limit three 5-gallon pails; no limit 1-gallon pails), paint thinners, solvents and strippers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, photographic and hobby chemicals, poisons, pool chemicals, rechargeable tools, ballasts, stains, wood preservatives.

### Mercury-containing items

Fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps (maximum 25), thermometers, thermostats.

The following items are not accepted: appliances, asbestos, electronics, photocopiers, motor oil and motor oil filters, tires, empty paint cans, some compressed gas cylinders (see above), explosives, radioactive materials, infectious waste, unused medicines or household garbage.

For more information, call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777.



## Year-Round Drop-off Sites

Residents may bring household hazardous waste to either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities at 1400 W. 96<sup>th</sup> St. in Bloomington or 8100 Jefferson Hwy. in Brooklyn Park.

Facilities are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Consumer electronics are accepted at no charge. Household appliances may be dropped off for a \$15 fee.

Get the details and find a complete list of acceptable materials at [hennepin.us/drop-offs](http://hennepin.us/drop-offs). Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 with questions.

## Memorial Day delays blue week recycling

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, will delay the Blue week recycling collection areas by one day. Monday's area will be collected Tuesday, May 31 and Tuesday's area will be collected Wednesday, June 1. Houses in the grey collection area will not be affected.

Visit [eminnetonka.com/subscribe](http://eminnetonka.com/subscribe) to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling.



# Music Association of Minnetonka offers noteworthy opportunities for all ages

This spring and summer, Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) is offering many exciting musical programs for children and adults. Check out the following opportunities to get involved.

## Choir Camp 2016

Children entering grades 3 through 8 are invited to experience this five-day program filled with singing, storytelling, instrument exploration, and performances. Camp will be hosted at the Arts Center on Highway 7 from June 13 through 17.

## Chorus à la Carte

Do you love the idea of singing with a quality choral group, but not if it involves a year-long commitment? Then Chorus à la Carte, a seasonal six-week themed rehearsal and performance event, is for you. Directed by David Halligan, the first Chorus à la Carte concert will be held Friday, May 13.

## Classical Music Concerts

MAM offers several symphony orchestra and youth choir performances throughout May. Performances are free.

For a full concert schedule and to learn more about MAM, visit [musicassociation.org](http://musicassociation.org).

# Learn what it takes to become an election judge

This August and November, thousands of Minnetonka residents will cast ballots in the primary and general elections. The city relies on a dedicated group of election judges to ensure the process goes smoothly for everyone.

Judges are needed for both the state primary election August 9 and for the presidential general election November 8. This year, high school students ages 16 and 17 are also invited to apply and serve as student election judges. This is a paid opportunity and training is provided.

Learn more about what's involved in being an election judge at an information session Wednesday, May 11 from 10–11 a.m. This session will take place in the Minnetonka City Council Chambers at the Minnetonka Community Center (14600 Minnetonka Blvd).

Visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) or call Moranda Zimmer at 952-939-8219 for more information.



# Get the latest city news delivered to your inbox and phone

The City of Minnetonka recently launched a new email and text subscription service to help you stay informed about city news, events and projects.

New features include:

- New topics: Subscribe to receive notifications about community events, street construction projects, public safety information and more.
- Text message notifications: In addition to staying informed via email, now you can subscribe to receive information via text.
- Subscription management: Create a user profile to determine when and how you receive notifications.

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# Last call for 2016 Burwell House tour guides

Thinking about becoming a tour guide for the historical Charles H. Burwell house? Join us for one last open house on Tuesday, May 3 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. You'll receive a tour of the house and learn what it takes to become a guide. The open house takes place at the Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road.

The 2016 regular tour season starts Saturday, June 4, and continues through Sunday, Aug. 28. Tours are available on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon–3 p.m. In September, the house is open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon–3 p.m. Special scheduled tours are available for groups larger than seven during the regular season, upon tour guides' availability.

For more information, or to RSVP for the open house event, contact Moranda Zimmer at 952-939-8219 or [mzimmer@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mzimmer@eminnetonka.com).



# Leaf Drop-o Site Closes May 21

Each spring and fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.

## LEAF DROP-OFF SITE MAY HOURS

|            |                   |               |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mondays:   | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | May 2, 9, 16  |
| Tuesdays:  | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | May 3, 10, 17 |
| Fridays:   | Noon to 6 p.m.    | May 6, 13, 20 |
| Saturdays: | 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  | May 7, 14, 21 |
| Sundays:   | Noon to 4 p.m.    | May 8, 15     |

## 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 ½ 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-o 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-o Site Open for Season

## BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE HOURS

The brush drop-o 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 November 19.

## 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 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-o area. The brush drop-o and leaf drop-o programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials; it is important they stay separate.

The brush drop-o site is closed Memorial Day, May 30. Visit [eminnetonka.com/subscribe](http://eminnetonka.com/subscribe) to sign up for email and text notifications about recycling and yard waste. Call 952-988-8430 with questions.

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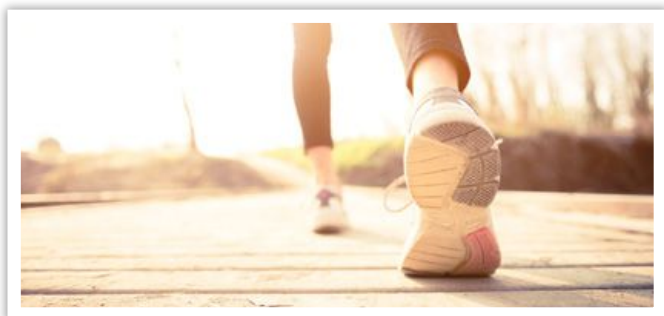
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| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | <b>5</b> Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. <b>23</b> City Council, 6:30 p.m.                      |
| 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | <b>9</b> City Council, 6:30 p.m. <b>26</b> Economic Development<br>Advisory Commission, 6 p.m. |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | <b>10</b> Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.<br><b>11</b> Park Board, 7 p.m.                       |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | <b>16</b> City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.  |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    | <b>19</b> Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.   |

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## Take the 2016 “Step To It” challenge May 1–28



Do you have a competitive spirit? Are you looking for a fun and easy way to get in shape this spring? If so, Hennepin County’s four-week Step To It Challenge from May 1–May 28 is for you.

### Get active with your community

The Step To It Challenge is a fun, free, lighthearted way to connect with family, friends, and neighbors, and get moving again after a long winter. During this four-week challenge, local communities engage in a friendly competition to see who takes the most steps. Trophies are awarded to the three most active communities, and individual participants have a chance to win Twins tickets and Step To It T-shirts. This event is for everyone who lives or works in Minnetonka—the entire family can join in on the fun!

### How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you will keep an ongoing count of the steps you take during the challenge, and record them on the Step To It website at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org). Using an activity conversion chart, other activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi, or even mowing the lawn can count toward overall steps. Learn more and register online at [steptoit.org](http://steptoit.org).

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