

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
October 2016

Enjoy free family fun at the open house Oct. 4

The 2016 City and Fire Department Open House is Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.)



Highlights of this year's event include:

Fire Department

- Fire truck rides (ages 4 and over)
- Free hot dogs and pop
- Tours
- Interactive demonstrations
- Meet Sparky the Fire Dog
- Live entertainment

City Hall

- Get your election questions answered
- Face painting



Community Center – Lower Level

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



Community Center – Upper Level

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

Police Department

- Jail tours
- Sit in a squad car
- Meet McGruff the Crime Dog

Public Works

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

Visit eminnetonka.com for complete details.

Share your vision for the Minnetonka of the future before Oct. 31

Since June, the city has been coordinating a community vision process – *Imagine Minnetonka* – to gather feedback and understand the types of things residents want city leaders to consider as the community evolves over the next 20 years. Thousands of residents have already participated in the process, but if you haven't had a chance to provide feedback, there is still time.

Take advantage of one of the following opportunities to share your hopes and dreams for Minnetonka:

- Stop by the City and Fire Department Open House on Oct. 4 to share your vision on an *Imagine Minnetonka* chalkboard.
- Attend a special town hall meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center (14600 Minnetonka Blvd.).
- Use #imagineMTKA to join the discussion on the city's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages.
- Share your ideas with city leaders at minnetonkamatters.com.

The public-input portion of the visioning process will close Oct. 31.

Why is the city doing this?

Minnetonka has a reputation for being responsive and ahead of the curve. This is already a great place to live, and with your help we can continue to make it great for generations to come.

How will the results be used?

All the results will be tabulated and compared to trends – such as demographics, environmental, economic and others – that will impact Minnetonka's future. With the support of city staff, the city council will determine how to include citizens' input into the day-to-day workings of the city.

Visit eminnetonka.com/imagine to learn more.

Minnetonka police officers receive crisis intervention training

Mental health crisis calls are one of the most dangerous and challenging situations a police officer can encounter. These types of calls continue to increase in cities across the nation, including Minnetonka, where the police department has seen a rise from 123 calls in 2010 to 185 in 2015. To prepare officers to manage the unique needs of individuals facing mental health crises, all Minnetonka police officers will receive crisis intervention training through the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute by the end of October.



While this isn't the first crisis intervention training officers have received, it's the most focused. During the daylong course, officers learn how to recognize various types of mental illness and behavioral disorders, as well as the factors that contribute to a stress-related condition that creates the potential for crisis.

Through videos and case studies, officers learn communication skills and alternative dispute resolution tactics that de-escalate the situation and reduce the need for physical force. The training gives special attention to the mental health needs of military veterans, who may be experiencing stress-related disorders while reintegrating to civilian life. Officers also receive information on Minnesota resources for persons in crisis and their families.

In addition to this daylong training, a select team of officers also participated in an intensive, week-long training to study the challenges of crisis intervention in an even more in-depth manner.

Just like handcuffs or a radio, this training gives officers an essential and important tool for dealing with challenging situations. It's another resource that helps officers protect both themselves and the people they serve.

Contact Sergeant Darrin Rain at policetraining@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8548 for more information about the Minnetonka Police Department crisis intervention training program.

City Council sets limits for 2017 property tax levy

Each September, in accordance with Minnesota state law, the Minnetonka City Council is required to set a maximum preliminary tax levy before approving the following year's budget.

In order to continue delivering the high level of service Minnetonka residents have come to expect, and to address new initiatives residents have requested – such as constructing safe trails to improve walkability – the Minnetonka City Council adopted a preliminary property tax increase of no more than 4.9 percent for the 2017 budget.

What does this mean for the average homeowner?

City property taxes for the median valued home in Minnetonka (\$322,600 in 2016) are estimated to increase by \$4.34 per month, or around \$52 per year. The exact impact on specific properties can vary extensively, however, and these numbers do not include the proposed increase from other taxing jurisdictions such as the county and local school district.

Here's how the proposed increase will be put to use:

Less than one percent for new initiatives. Less than one percent will support new efforts – including adding additional specialists to enhance communications and manage complex engineering projects such as road and trail construction. This increase will also make it possible for the fire department to accommodate legal requirements that have impacted vital recruitment and retention efforts.

One percent to support the city's capital program. One percent of the proposed increase will finance new funding for the city's rolling five-year plan to provide and maintain facilities, infrastructure and major equipment.

One percent for voter-approved bond payoff. In 2001, Minnetonka voters approved a \$15 million referendum to fund renewing all of the city's parks and preserving open space. The final portion of the bonds for this program were sold in 2016, and their payoff begins next year.

Two percent to maintain current services. Two percent of the proposed levy increase is needed to maintain current service levels. Market-rate wages, health insurance costs and inflation make this increase necessary.

Learn More and Provide Your Input

For more detailed information about the proposed 2017 budget, visit eminnetonka.com/budget.

To provide your feedback on the proposed budget, contact Finance Director Merrill King at mking@eminnetonka.com or 952-939-8200, or attend a public hearing Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

2017 Budget Process

Aug. 15, 2016

Council Discussed Levy Proposal

Sept. 12, 2016

Council Sets Preliminary Levy

Nov. 21, 2016

Council to Discuss Budget Proposal

Dec. 5, 2016

Public Hearing

Cast your absentee ballot today

Election Day is Nov. 8! Here are the various ways you can cast your absentee ballot:

Absentee voting in person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall and at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be open extended hours for absentee voting the week prior to Election Day.

Absentee voting by mail

Upon receipt of an application, Hennepin County will mail the ballot materials. Visit eminnetonka.com/elections to download an application and find instructions.



Take advantage of direct balloting

Due to a state law change, in-person absentee voters may place their ballot directly into the ballot tabulator at City Hall Nov. 1-7. Absentee ballots completed before Nov. 1 will be counted at the county days prior to the election.

Polling places

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

- **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.)

Student election judges

High school students, ages 16-17, are able to serve as student election judges.

Visit eminnetonka.com/elections to view sample ballots and find more information on absentee voting or becoming an election judge. Questions? Email elections@eminnetonka.com.

Know the rules about election signs

Now that election season is upon us, it's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs must be removed by Nov. 18, 2016.



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

- Be at least five feet from the edge of a public street.
- Not obstruct driver visibility at intersections.
- Have the approval of the underlying property owner.
- Not be posted on fences, trees, shrubs or public utility poles.
- Not be painted on rocks or other natural features.
- Not be located within the right-of-way of state or county roads.

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

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

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

Attend a free, kid-friendly musical performance this fall

This fall, the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) is offering family-friendly musical performances, free of charge.



“Spooktacular XI” showcases the not-too-spooky repertoire of the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra, who will be dressed up. Attendees are invited to dress in costume, too!

The first spooktacular performance on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m., is a sensory-friendly concert co-hosted by The Musical Autist and Toneworks Community Foundation. It is an inclusive, interactive concert specifically aimed at accommodating individuals with disabilities and their families. Noise-reduction headphones, fidgets, scarves for waving and quiet spaces will be available. The concert takes place at the Minnetonka Community Center.

The second performance takes place at the beautiful Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. The concert is free with admission to the Arboretum.

Multigenerational Concert

The Minnetonka Concert Choir and Senior Chorale are also teaming up for a multigenerational Fall Friendship concert that celebrates the joy of singing. Songs will be sung jointly and by individual ensembles. A sing-along portion of the concert promises to keep the entire family engaged. The performance takes place on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center.

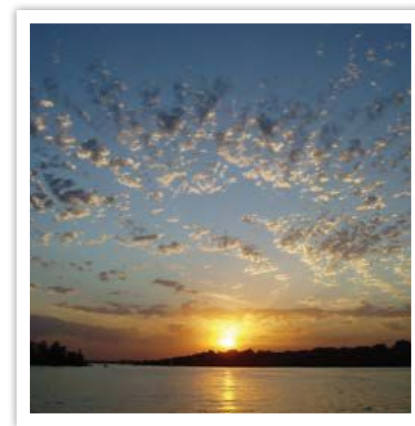
Follow the city on Facebook to vote for your favorite Minnetonka photo

The deadline to enter the 2016 City of Minnetonka Photo Contest is Sept. 30. Hundreds of photos have already been submitted – and now the city needs your help to choose the winners!

The contest will take place the week of Oct. 3-10 on the city’s Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofminnetonka.

Here’s how it will work:

- The city will create a Facebook album for each category by noon Monday, Oct. 3.
- Facebook fans will be asked to vote for their favorite photo in each category by “liking” it.
- The three photos with the most “likes” in each category by noon Monday, Oct. 10 will win.
- Winners will be announced Tuesday, Oct. 11.



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.

Still want to participate in the contest?

The city is accepting photo submissions until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. To enter your photo, email your photo and the name of the category to Communications Specialist Jessi Ebben at jebben@eminnetonka.com. Visit eminnetonka.com for complete contest guidelines.





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Programs and services for those 55+
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Cybersecurity

Patty Latham and Craig Beers

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. We live in a world that is more connected than ever before. The internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. Join City of Minnetonka Information Technology staff as they provide helpful information, including an educational video, followed by a question and answer session.

Cost: \$2 (Course #1180418-01)

Brass Rubbing Showcase

Nancy Bohn

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.

Monumental brasses were a popular way to memorialize the honored dead around the 15th century. Local resident Nancy Bohn began brass rubbing as a hobby when she moved to England in 1969. She traveled to several churches with lightweight rubbing paper, special crayons and a brush to capture the history of brass memorials. View a portion of her collection and discuss the history and process behind them.

Free! (Course #1180406-01)

Lunch and a Movie: Zootopia

Friday, Oct. 21, noon

Join the adventures of Officer Judy Hopps, the first bunny on a police force of big, tough animals in the modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia, a city where animals from every environment live together.

Menu: BBQ meatballs, potato, cooked carrots and a treat.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, Oct. 18
(Course #1100202-01)

Community Connections: e Mysterious Death of Reverend Knut Birkeland

David Ringstad

Monday, Oct. 24, 10:15 a.m.

Weave through untold events and research surrounding the mysterious death of Reverend Knut Birkeland. The police and county attorney said he had a heart attack, family said he was murdered. The local newspaper read "a coroner's jury was unable to reach a verdict as to the cause of death." This story ties to Augsburg College, Sid Hartman, Lakewood Cemetery and other local places, making you wonder what really happened in 1925. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Free! (Course #1180415-01)

Monthly Party: Oktoberfest

Wednesday, Oct. 26, noon

Join us for food and fun!

Menu: Brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, keg root beer and dessert.

Sponsored by: WestRidge of Minnetonka

Cost: \$5 due Friday, Oct. 21
(Course #1100105-01)

Holiday Trips

Christmas in Duluth

ursday, Dec. 1*

This popular trip features the lunch at Fitzer's Inn and a guided tour of Glensheen Mansion decorated for the holiday season. Tour includes the first and second floor; a video is available if unable to climb stairs. Next, arrive at Bayfront Festival Park and experience the Bentleyville Tour of Lights. Walk through the 20 acre display of millions of lights, trees and music. Warm up with complimentary hot cocoa, coffee, cookies and more. *Please reserve Dec. 8 in case trip is rescheduled due to inclement weather or road conditions.

Menu: Lake trout, salad, green beans, potato and dessert.

(Course# 1110105-01)

- **Cost:** \$79 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 10:15 a.m.–9:15 p.m.
- **Register or cancel by:** Friday, Nov. 4

Lights Tour of St. Paul

Tuesday, Dec. 13

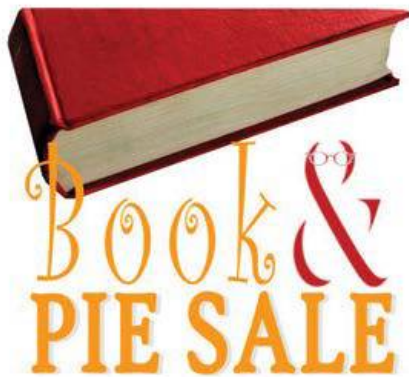
Enjoy dinner at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room in West St. Paul before taking in the Christmas lights of St. Paul. The riding tour includes the popular destinations in the Rice Park area and the neighborhood mansions of Mears Park.

Menu: Small sirloin, salad, baked potato, roll and dessert.

(Course# 1110106-01)

- **Cost:** \$65 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 3:30–8:30 p.m.
- **Register or cancel by:** Thursday, Nov. 10

*For a complete listing of trips and extended trips offered by Landmark Tours visit the Minnetonka Community Center. Trips meet in the lobby of the community center.



Tuesday, Oct. 11

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

The annual Book and Pie Sale is provided by Minnetonka Senior Services in conjunction with the Senior Advisory Board.

Most books are \$1

Pie by the slice, sloppy joes, ice cream and coffee will be available for purchase.

BLOW-OUT SALE

4–5 p.m.

\$2.50

For all you can fit into a bag!

Book donation drop-off times:

Friday, Oct. 7, and

Monday, Oct. 10,

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Fitness Programs

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

Program	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Over 50 and Fit	Volunteer Instructors	Jan. 1–Dec. 31	M, W, F	9–10 a.m.	\$12 <i>(annually)</i>	4090702-01
Basic Mat Pilates	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 2–Dec. 21	W	6:15–7:15 p.m.	\$48	1090904-02
Chair Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 2–Dec. 21	W	5–6 p.m.	\$48	1090101-06
Dance: Country	Tricia Wood	Oct. 22–Nov. 12	S	10–10:50 a.m.	\$52	1091002-01
Dance: Wedding	Tricia Wood	Oct. 22–Nov. 12	S	11–11:50 a.m.	\$52	1091003-02
Intermediate Line Dance	Eileen Ronning	Oct. 6–27	TH	1–2 p.m.	\$28	1090602-02
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 1–Dec. 13	T	11 a.m.–noon	\$42	1090201-03
Intermediate Yoga	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 3–Dec. 15 <i>(No class Nov. 24)</i>	TH	11 a.m.–noon	\$36	1090201-04
Intermediate Yoga	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 2–Dec. 21	W	7:30–8:30 p.m.	\$48	1090201-06
Seated T'ai Chi Chih	Susan Sobelson	Nov. 7–Dec. 12	M	10–11 a.m.	\$30	1090303-01
T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness	Ron Erdman-Luntz	Oct. 27–Dec. 15 <i>(No class Nov. 24)</i>	TH	6–7 p.m.	\$63	1090401-02
T'ai Chi Chih: Intermediate	Susan Sobelson	Nov. 7–Dec. 12	M	10–11 a.m.	\$30	1090302-01
Therapeutic Pilates	Dr. Sarah Petich	Oct. 31–Dec. 12	M	8:30–9:30 a.m.	\$63	1090902-02
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Oct. 31–Dec. 12	M	12:45–1:45 p.m.	\$42	1090501-03
Zumba Gold	Renee Rahimi	Nov. 2–Dec. 14	W	12:30–1:30 p.m.	\$42	1090501-04

Fitness Highlights

New! Seated T'ai Chi Chih *Susan Sobelson*

This seated form of moving meditation circulates and balances the intrinsic, natural energy of the body, promoting a sense of calm and well-being.

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 upbeat music. It is a low-impact form of Zumba designed for beginners and active older adults. Working out has never been so much fun!

Dance: Country *Tricia Wood*

Learn the dances you'll need to dance the night away at the local country venues. Country 2-step, waltz and cha-cha! No partner needed. A "Studio Night Out" will be planned to go out dancing as a class with your instructor.

Athletic Activities

55+ Softball

Tuesdays and ursdays, 9:30 a.m.–noon
September–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.

- \$10 (Course #1120301-01)

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 the designated league time. Season runs through October.

History Programs

British History: Britain's Prime Ministers II *Terry Kubista*

ursdays, Oct. 6–27, 1–3 p.m.

Discuss the accomplishments and struggles of Herbert Asquith, Ramsey McDonald, William Pit and Margaret Thatcher.

- \$28 (Course #1180101-02)

American Presidents *Dan Hartman*

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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.

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

Sips & Songs

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

Kannani

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Three gifted female vocalists will perform selections reflective of nature ranging from American and British folk to musical adaptation of poetry by Emily Dickinson and Shakespeare.

Cost: \$3 (Course #1100301-02)

Sponsored by:
WestRidge of Minnetonka

Leisure Programs

Mahjongg Carole Harris

Wednesdays, Oct. 19–Nov. 30

10 a.m.–noon

Learn to play the intriguing game of mahjongg, a game of chance and skill.

After the program concludes join the Mahjongg Special Interest Group that meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

- \$63 (Course #1190201-01)



Art Programs

e Art Sketch: Homage to Delacroix

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, Oct. 19–26, 1–3 p.m.

Learn and apply drawing and watercolor painting methods to sketch observations and impressions of autumn scenery, nature objects and everyday events. Delacroix (1798-1863), an influential artist who bridges the gap between traditional, impressionism and modern art movements. View examples of Delacroix's watercolor sketches for inspiration.

- \$40 (Course #1130102-01)

Education Programs

Online Selling

Abbey Key

Wednesdays, Oct. 19–Nov. 9, 1–3 p.m.

Take an in-depth look at the fundamentals of online selling. Topics include professionally photographing items, researching items, selecting marketplaces, listing templates, packaging and cataloguing.

- \$32 (Course #1180301-01)

Healthy Living: Injury Prevention in Exercise and Pain Management

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m.

Dr. Ryan presents how to create a well rounded exercise program and reduce the risks of injuries. If you experience pain Dr. Sinicropi will discuss why a spine specialist may help you understand and manage your pain.

- **Cost: \$2** (Course #1180413-01)

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, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Thursday, Oct. 20, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Veterans Week

Free for veterans and spouses of veterans.

WWII Willie and Joe Cartoons

Dewey Hassig

Monday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Take a look at the Willie and Joe World War II cartoons drawn by Sgt. Bill Mauldin. They feature two ragged, unkempt infantry soldiers Willie and Joe, as they tried to cope with war, officers, regulations and the military police. The sarcastic, disrespectful humor of the cartoons was a hit with the soldiers and provided people at home a glimpse of the infantryman's life.

Cost: \$2* (Course #1180404-01)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Dr. Sutherland

Monday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m.

Learn about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), current evidence based treatment options and the historical perspectives of the recovery process.

Free! (Course #1180401-01)

Documentary:

e Fog of War

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for coffee and treats and enjoy the award-winning documentary: *e Fog of War*. Join former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara on a journey through some of the most seminal events in contemporary American history.

Cost: \$2* (Course #1180402-01)

e Big Water: Lake Minnetonka and its place in Minnesota History

Fredrick Johnson

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

Frederick Johnson presents highlights from his popular history *e Big Water: Lake Minnetonka and its Place in Minnesota History*. Twin Cities historian Larry Millett notes of this "first full account" the Minnetonka story: "The lake's human history is as sprawling as its shoreline, and Johnson skillfully explores the many bays and inlets of its storied past and complicated present."

Cost: \$2* (Course #1180409-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

Bridge of Spies

Thursday, Nov. 10, noon

At the height of the Cold War the downing of an American U2 spy plane and the pilot's subsequent capture by the Soviets draws Brooklyn attorney James Donovan into the middle of an intense effort to secure the aviator's release.

Menu: Fried chicken, potato wedges, coleslaw, dinner roll and a cookie.

Cost: \$5* (Course #1100203-01)

Registration Information

- Registrations due **Monday, Nov. 7** even if attending for free.
- *Free for veterans and spouses of veterans.

Veterans Week is supported by:

Elder Homestead, Emerald Crest, Scandanavian Home Care, e Glenn-Hopkins, WestRidge of Minnetonka and Legacy Care Home.

Vikings Stadium Tour



Photo courtesy of startribune.com

Thursday, Feb. 2

Get a guided behind-the-scenes look at the US Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings. The 90-minute tour features clubs and suites, the press box and the Minnesota Vikings Locker Room. Visit the gift shop before lunch at the Hen House Eatery. Menu: Soup, sandwich, beverage and a treat.

(Course# 1110107-01)

- **Cost:** \$67 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
- **Register or cancel by:** Friday, Dec. 16

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: Dan Tallman, Dragonflies.

Book Club

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

e Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure.

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Lenny Bush Greenhouses, meet at MCC at noon.

Literary Book Club

4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather.

Shutterbugs

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

All levels of photographers welcome!



Purchase items handcrafted by Minnetonka residents ages 55 and older.



Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Thursdays 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.

Medicare Counseling

1st and 3rd Mondays, Free!

Discuss Medicare, supplemental insurance, Part D coverage, billing issues, resources and more! 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



Contact and Registration Information

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

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.,
Minnetonka, MN 55345

eminnetonka.com/register

952-939-8393

Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Mission

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

Program Locations

Meet at Minnetonka Senior Services unless otherwise noted.

Cancellation Information

Program Cancellations

Refunds will only be made if registration is withdrawn before the advertised deadline. If no deadline is given, registration must be withdrawn at least two business days prior to the start date of the program. Partial credit will be considered if injury or serious illness occurs. In such case, a physician's verification may be required.

Trip Cancellations

Refunds are assessed a \$5 administrative fee and only granted prior to the registration deadline or in the event that a replacement is found.

Natural Resources Happenings

Buckthorn Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 13,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center,
Community Room

Learn best practices to control buckthorn, including techniques and timing, to improve the ecological health of your property. Native replacement plant information and handouts will be included. RSVP is required. Call 952-988-8400 or register online at eminnetonka.com/NRevents.

Visit eminnetonka.com/subscribe to sign up for natural resources email and text notifications.



Pay your utility bill online

Tired of dealing with paper utility bills from the city? Sign up to receive and pay your municipal utility bills (water and sewer) electronically. You can also choose to pay your bill online, using your credit card. It's easy to register and it's free! Visit eminnetonka.com/utilitybilling to get started — be sure to have your latest bill handy. Questions? Call 952-939-8200.

Help prevent water pollution as a Master Water Steward

Are you concerned about water pollution? The Master Water Steward program is a great opportunity to learn how to solve environmental problems in your community and find a local network of energized leaders.

Master Water Stewards work with their communities to:



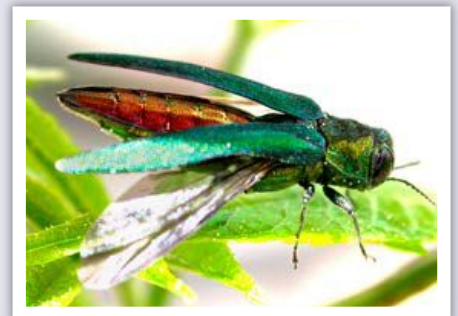
- Assess watersheds – Identify pollutant sources and create strategies to reduce those pollutants.
- Educate communities – Help neighbors understand the most pressing environmental problems in their area.
- Reduce pollutants – Work with communities to target pollution sources such as pet waste, fertilizer or pesticides.
- Coordinate action – Help communities reduce the volume of polluted runoff by coordinating the installation of rain gardens, rain barrels and other techniques.

If you're interested in becoming a Master Water Steward, visit masterwaterstewards.org to learn more and find an application. For more information, contact Deirdre Coleman at the Freshwater Society at 651-313-5806 or dcoleman@freshwater.org.

Prepare now for emerald ash borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a destructive, non-native beetle that feeds on and kills the living tissue of ash trees. While EAB has not yet been identified in Minnetonka, it creeps closer every year. In 2013, infestations were found at Lakeville Cemetery in Minneapolis (just 11 miles from Minnetonka); and last year, EAB was found in Plymouth, not far from Minnetonka's northern border.

To limit the risk, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture establishes a quarantine when EAB is discovered. State law prohibits the transport of ash or other firewood into or out of those counties unless a compliance agreement is in place. Twelve Minnesota counties—including Hennepin, Ramsey, and Dakota—are currently under quarantine. Please abide by these rules and buy or collect firewood close to where you plan to use it.



Minnesota has the nation's largest population of ash trees, numbering almost one billion. Ninety-nine percent of those trees will become infected with EAB if they are not treated. Homeowners with ash trees at least 10" in diameter and in good physical condition are encouraged to participate in the city's ash injection program. Learn more at eminnetonka.com (search "ash injection"), and contact the city's injection contractor, Rainbow Treecare at 952-767-6920 if you wish to be added to their list for next year.

Keep “flushable” wipes out of the sewer

The past few years have seen the introduction of more and more disposable wipe products for a variety of household uses. Many of these products are labeled and marketed as disposable and flushable.

While items such as household wipes and cleaning towelettes are marketed as convenience items, they have the potential to become a huge inconvenience because of their ability to clog sewers.

Why are household wipes a problem? Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can then cause blockages in your on-site sewer lines, especially in older pipelines that may have already existing grease, roots or other obstructions, resulting in the backup of sewage into the home. A repair of the service line can leave the homeowner with a nasty repair bill – often not covered by homeowners' insurance – and an even nastier cleanup.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause major clogs. When pump stations are clogged, they stop working and require cleaning and repair – or even replacement – in order to get the sewage moving again.

Avoid a nasty cleanup in your home and help protect the city's sewer system by never flushing the following into the sewer system, regardless of what the packaging promises. Instead, put these items in the trash:

- Any consumer item that is not toilet paper
- Diapers
- Disinfecting wipes or baby wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Mop refills
- Paper towels
- Moist towelettes
- Feminine hygiene products

When in doubt, don't flush! For more information, contact Minnetonka Public Works at 952-988-8400.

Save money with a home energy audit

Saving energy doesn't always require costly renovations or dramatic changes in behavior. Simple actions can significantly improve the energy efficiency of your home. A home energy audit can help you identify specific actions you can take to save energy, and in turn, lower gas, electric and water bills.

A home energy audit takes just a couple of hours and quickly highlights how much energy is being used and wasted in your home. You may hire a private contractor or public utility, such as Xcel Energy, to complete your audit.

Like a doctor conducting a physical, the energy auditor determines the health and wellness of every major system in your house. Some of the areas they may explore include:

- Is there sufficient insulation in the walls and attic? Insulation helps to regulate the temperature of your home, retaining heat in winter and preventing its entry to the building in summer.
- Are doors and windows sealed well? An airtight home prevents energy loss, reducing heating and air conditioning bills.
- How are mechanical systems like water heaters, furnaces and air conditioning performing? Old or damaged mechanical systems may lead to poorly distributed energy.
- Are the furnace and ductwork clean? Poor ventilation not only reduces the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems, it also increases the risk of airborne particles, mold, and mildew that worsen allergies and asthma.

Following the audit, you will receive a report outlining steps to make your home more comfortable and efficient, which may include changing air filters, sealing windows and doors or heating ducts, installing an insulated water heater, or replacing old appliances with those that have an Energy Star rating. The short-term expenditures necessary for upgrades will be a long-term investment in energy savings. Call 1-800-599-5795 or visit responsiblebynature.com to schedule an energy audit through Xcel Energy.

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Check your smoke alarms

Most people don't check their smoke alarms as often as they should. Are you one of them?

When there is a fire in a home, smoke spreads quickly and smoke alarms give you the time you need to escape safely. Smoke alarms should be located on every level of your home and in every bedroom. To ensure that your smoke alarms function properly, the Minnetonka Fire Department reminds you to check them monthly and change their batteries when you change your clocks. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years and immediately if they have yellowed with age.

Have questions about smoke alarms? Come to the Fire Department and City Open House on Oct. 4 to learn more about fire prevention. See page 1 for details.



Another successful farmers market season comes to an end

The Minnetonka Farmers Market wrapped up its eighth year with more than 40 vendors and community groups represented over the course of the season. In 2016, the market welcomed many new vendors and products including beef, chicken, lamb, pork and yak meat, jams, a locally produced cookbook, baked goods, pickles, wild rice and organic body products.



In addition, many founding-member vendors continued to be a strong and important part of the success of the market with incredible flower bouquets, beautiful vegetables, tasty bread, salsa, olive oil, and farm-fresh eggs. Thank you to musicians Four Legg Fish, David Grams, Heart of a Tinman and David Peterson for bringing their talents to the market again this year.

A special thanks to Sue Leizinger, who volunteered her time and talent providing face-painting for the entire season.

As always we welcome your feedback. Please visit eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket to share your thoughts about the market in a short survey.

Stay in Touch

Application materials for 2017 will be available at eminnetonka.com/farmersmarket starting in January. Visit the page now to subscribe to receive an email or text notification when the 2017 application materials and calendar are posted.



Fall leaf drop-o site open through Nov. 19

Each fall, the city accepts leaves, yard waste and brush from Minnetonka residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Visit eminnetonka.com/yardwaste for site guidelines and more information.

OCTOBER LEAF DROP OFF SITE HOURS

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

Saturdays:	7 a.m.–3 p.m.	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
Mondays:	11 a.m.–7 p.m.	Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
Tuesdays:	11 a.m.–7 p.m.	Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25



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

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