

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
September 2016

## Election Day absentee voting starts Sept. 23

This year's state general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Absentee ballots for the election will be available starting Sept. 23.

### Absentee voting in person

Beginning Sept. 23, 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.

### Direct balloting

Due to 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.

### Absentee voting by mail

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



## 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.)

If you have any questions about this year's elections please call 952-939-8200 or email [elections@eminnetonka.com](mailto:elections@eminnetonka.com).

## Fire Department and City Open House is Oct. 4

Every year, the city hosts an open house to provide a fun and informative glimpse into what it takes to operate a community of more than 50,000 residents. 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
- Learn about the city's natural resources and conservation efforts
- Visit the "House of Germs"
- Get moving with activities sponsored by recreation services
- Enjoy live music from the Minnetonka Music Association

#### Community Center – Upper Level

- Snack on free refreshments including cookies, popcorn and lemonade
- Watch 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)

#### Plan ahead for parking

Please note, parking at the campus is limited. Minimize the hassle by carpooling with friends and planning extra time. Or better yet, avoid the issue entirely and bike to the event!

## Fall bounty available at the farmers market

September brings the end of summer, start of a new school year and a whole new crop of fresh fruits and vegetables at the Minnetonka Farmers Market. With sweet corn, apples, winter squash, fresh cut flowers, pumpkins and decorative gourds now available, there is something for everyone.



Master gardeners from the Hennepin County Master Gardener program will be on hand to answer your questions about getting your yard and garden ready for fall and winter. The Minnetonka Fire Department will be at the market Sept. 20 and 27 with fire safety tips and truck tours. As always, free face painting is available each week.

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



## Imagine Minnetonka: Participate in virtual town hall meeting Sept. 21



To ensure Minnetonka remains vibrant and successful for years to come, the city is coordinating a community visioning process – *Imagine Minnetonka*. If you are a resident, your input is needed! It doesn't matter if you're five, 105 or any age in-between, the city wants to hear your hopes, dreams and fears for the Minnetonka of the future.

Attend a virtual town hall meeting at [eminnetonka.com/imagine](http://eminnetonka.com/imagine) from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 to participate in the process.

### If you can't make the virtual town hall meeting, there are a variety of other ways to participate:



- Stop by the City and Fire Department Open House from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 to share your vision on an Imagine Minnetonka chalkboard.
- Attend a Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Minnetonka Community Center.
- Use #imagineMTKA to join the discussion on the city's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages. A new question is posted every Thursday.
- Share your ideas with city leaders at [minnetonkamatters.com](http://minnetonkamatters.com).

### 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; 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.

### Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive email and/or text updates at [eminnetonka.com/imagine](http://eminnetonka.com/imagine) to learn about additional opportunities to participate.



# Capture the best of Minnetonka

## Enter your photo in the annual city photo contest

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

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



### Rules and instructions

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

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

### Facebook fans to choose winners Oct. 3-10

The contest will take place the week of Oct. 3-10 on the city's Facebook page at [facebook.com/cityofminnetonka](https://facebook.com/cityofminnetonka).

- 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](https://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.



## Featured fall recreation activities

### Youth Basketball League: Grades 2-6

Join the Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League and be a part of a local tradition! The program is an in-house recreational league for students grades 2-6, with separate boys and girls teams formed by school and grade. Games will be played at Hopkins West Junior High on Saturdays starting Dec. 3 and concluding on Jan. 28 for 2nd graders and Feb. 11 or 18 for grades 3-6. Grades 3-6 will have one weeknight practice starting the week of Nov. 7. For 2nd grade only, practice will be held on Saturdays before each game starting Dec. 3. The cost is \$50 for Grade 2 and \$90 for Grades 3-6 through Sept. 16. Price increases to \$60 and \$100 between Sept. 17 and Oct. 7. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. To register, please call recreation services at 952-939-8203 or visit [eminnetonka.com/register](https://eminnetonka.com/register). The early bird deadline is Sept. 16!

### Adult Basketball 5-Player League deadline is Oct. 7

A five-player, officiated adult basketball league will be conducted on Wednesday evenings at 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 p.m. starting Oct. 26. This 11-week program offers three divisions of ability with a chance to participate in a state tournament. Games will be played using full-size courts at Hopkins High School, the Lindbergh Center and the Hopkins West Junior High Activity Structure. Cost is \$525 per team. Call recreation services at 952-939-8203 to register.

### Parent's Night Out: Oct. 7 and Nov. 18

Need a night away from the kids? Bring your 4-10 year olds to the Williston Fitness Center for a night of fun. The kids will have a pizza dinner, go swimming, play in the Williston Treehouse, enjoy games, make arts and crafts and watch a movie! Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Drop your kids off at 5:30 p.m. and pick them up by 10 p.m. Make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel. Children must be potty trained and 4- and 5-year-old children will be restricted to the zero depth splash pad pool. Cost is \$27 per night for one child and \$22 per child per night for families with multiple children attending. Call recreation services at 952-939-8203 or visit [eminnetonka.com/register](https://eminnetonka.com/register) to register.

# Special One-day Community Drop-off Event

**Saturday, Sept. 10**  
**8 a.m.–3 p.m.**

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

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below.

## Appliances

**Fee: \$10 each (residential)**

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



## Batteries

**Free**

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

## Bicycles

**Free**

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

## Carpet and Padding

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

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

## Copier or Fax Machine

**Fee: \$35, higher fee for larger items**

## Doors

**Fee: \$2 and up, depending on size**

## Electronics – Not Accepted

## Fluorescent Lamps

**Free**

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

## Furniture

**Fee: Chairs \$5–small, \$10–large; loveseat \$15; couch/sofa \$20; hide-a-bed \$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 nonprofit Second Chance Recycling – a program of EMERGE.

## Propane Tanks

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

## Scrap Metal

**Dirty scrap metal fee: \$5**

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

**Clean scrap metal fee: Free**

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

## Tires

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

## Toilets and Non-Metal Sinks

**Fee: \$5 each**

## Windows

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

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

## Labor Day holiday delays blue week recycling

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

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



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Programs and services for those 55+  
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## Travel Showcase

**Mike Lyons**

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

Join us as Landmark Tours presents an array of unforgettable travel opportunities. Learn about inclusive vacation packages to destinations in the U.S. and abroad. A local, family-owned tour operator, Landmark's inclusive packages feature roundtrip airfare, quality accommodations, motor coach, a professional tour manager, many meals and more! A catalog will be available at the community center.

A few of the travel opportunities are:

- San Antonio Christmas Lights
- Islands of Hawaii Cruise and Tour
- Savannah, Charleston and Asheville
- New York City: The Big Apple
- Yellowstone Wildlife Safari
- Majestic Pacific Coast
- Alaska: Wild Denali Adventure
- Nova Scotia and Cape Breton
- Historic Trains of Colorado
- Ireland: The Emerald Isle
- Gettysburg and Williamsburg
- Autumn in New England
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

**Free!** (Course #1180405-01)



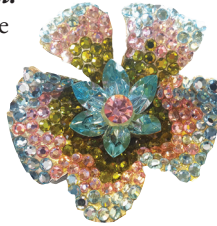
## Costume Jewelry

**Pamela Clark**

**Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.**

Come and experience the beauty and history of costume jewelry! From the Ziegfeld Follies to current day, get a hands on look at wonderful pieces of jewelry. Learn about designs, designers, signed and unsigned pieces throughout the years. Bring your own pieces of costume jewelry for a free appraisal and show and tell. Join in and experience the excitement of bling!

**Cost: \$2** (Course #1190601-01)



## Monthly Party: Italian Night

**Thursday, Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for an Italian night.

**Menu:** Four cheese ravioli, salad, pesto bread and dessert.

**Sponsored by: Elder Homestead**

**Cost: \$5** due Monday, Sept. 19  
(Course #1100101-01)



## Community Connections: Local Senior Transportation

**Monday, Sept. 26, 10:15 a.m.**

Join us and discover the transportation options for seniors in Minnetonka. Learn about the various means of transportation from bus to taxi to companion transport. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

**Free!** (Course #1180414-01)

## Sips & Songs

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

### ShowStoppers! starring Rachael Kroog

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

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

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

**Sponsored by:  
WestRidge of Minnetonka**

## Lunch and a Movie: *The Finest Hours*

**Friday, Sept. 30, noon**

Experience the story of one of the most heroic tales of the U.S. Coast Guard-the daring rescue of crew aboard two oil tankers torn in two during a storm in 1952.

**Menu:** Submarine sandwich, spinach salad and a treat.

**Cost: \$5** due Tuesday, Sept. 27  
(Course #1100201-01)

## Cybersecurity

**Patty Latham and Craig Beers**

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

Join City of Minnetonka Information Technology staff as they present on cybersecurity, followed by a question and answer session.

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

Many of our programs include the following tasks: preparing handouts, ordering food, setting up rooms, preparing treats and more. We often communicate attendance numbers days in advance to outside presenters, sponsors and caterers that provide wonderful opportunities for our community. We offer our best programs when we are prepared. Please help us by registering early. Thank you!

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



14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345



[eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register)



952-939-8393



## Fitness Programs

### Over 50 and Fit

#### Volunteer Instructors

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.**

Join this social group and enjoy music and fitness three days a week!

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

### Ballroom Dances:

#### Waltz, Rumba, Swing

#### Tricia Wood

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

**Saturdays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

### Latin Dances:

#### Merengue, Salsa, Cha-Cha

#### Tricia Wood

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

**Saturdays, 11–11:50 a.m.**

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

### Therapeutic Pilates

#### Dr. Sarah Petich

**Mondays, Sept. 12–Oct. 24**

**8:30–9:30 a.m.**

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

- \$63 (Course #1090902-01)

### Intermediate Line Dance

#### Eileen Ronning

**Thursdays, Sept. 8–29, 1–2 p.m.**

Learn to hitch and vine and dance in a line! Previous lessons or line dance experience required for this course. A beginner line dance program will be offered intermittently throughout the year. No partners needed.

- \$28 (Course #1090602-02)

## Senior Yoga

	Instructor	Dates	Day	Times	Fee	Course #
Chair	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 7–Oct. 26	W	5–6 p.m.	\$48	1090101-05
	Elizabeth Kelly	Nov. 2–Dec. 21	W	5–6 p.m.	\$48	1090101-06
Intermediate	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 6–Oct. 25	T	11 a.m. – noon	\$48	1090201-01
	Nancy Holasek	Sept. 8–Oct. 27	TH	11 a.m. – noon	\$48	1090201-02
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 1–Dec. 13	T	11 a.m. – noon	\$42	1090201-03
	Nancy Holasek	Nov. 3–Dec. 15 (No class Nov. 24)	TH	11 a.m. – noon	\$36	1090201-04
	Elizabeth Kelly	Sept. 7–Oct. 26	W	7:30–8:30 p.m.	\$48	1090201-05

### T'ai Chi Chih

#### Susan Sobelson

**Mondays, Sept. 12–Oct. 31**

Experience a form of “moving meditation” with benefits for body, mind and spirit. This series of 19 easy-to-learn movements creates a sense of calm and can improve balance, mental clarity and energy levels. Permission of instructor required for intermediate level.

- Beginner, \$40, 10–11 a.m.  
(Course #1090301-01)
- Intermediate, \$40, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
(Course #1090302-01)

### 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 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!

**Mondays, 12:45–1:45 p.m.**

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

**Wednesdays, 12:30–1:30 p.m.**

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

## Volunteer

### Adopt A Highway

**Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m.**

Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center and help pick up along Minnetonka Boulevard. Safety vest, pick-up sticks and bags provided. Please RSVP to the office in person or by calling 952-939-8393.

### T'ai Chi for Health and Wellness

#### Ron Erdman-Luntz

**Thursdays, Sept. 8–Oct. 13, 6–7 p.m.**

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

- \$54 (Course #1090401-01)



### New! Basic Mat Pilates

#### Elizabeth Kelly

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

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

- \$48 (Course #1090904-01)



## Art Programs

### Art of Still Life

#### Gin Weidenfeller

**Wednesdays, Sept. 21–28 1–3 p.m.**

The timeless appeal to still life painting allows the artist a large degree of control over the composition, placement of objects, selected elements, and lighting. Be inspired by major artists’ work to design and paint a still life from classroom objects.

- \$40 (Course #1130101-01)

## Athletic Activities

### 55+ Softball

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.

## Education Programs

### Navigating Medicare

*Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m.*

Learn to navigate Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, supplemental plans and Part D plans. This is not a sales pitch, it is an independent presentation offered by Senior Community Services, a Minnetonka non-profit.

- **Cost: \$10** (Course #1180407-01)

### Healthy Living: Obesity and Reflux

*Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m.*

Dr. Lippert will discuss the obesity epidemic, its impact on our health and support for patients. Dr. Kemp will address the risks of reflux medications and new advances in treatment.

- **Cost: \$2** (Course #1180412-01)

### Defensive Driving

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

#### 4-hour renewal sessions:

- \$22, Tuesday, Sept. 6,  
9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$22, Thursday, Sept. 15,  
5:30–9:30 p.m.

#### 8-hour session:

- \$26, Sept. 19 and Sept. 26,  
5:30–9:30 p.m.

## History Programs

### British History: Britain's Prime Ministers I

*Terry Kubista*

*Thursday, Sept. 8–29, 1–3 p.m.*

Take a look at the accomplishments and setbacks of Arthur Wellesley, William Gladstone, Benjamin Disraeli and David Lloyd George in part one of a two part series.

- \$28 (Course #1180101-01)

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

## Leisure Programs

### Beginning Bridge

*Lee Solee*

*Mondays, Sept. 12–Oct. 17*

*1–3 p.m.*

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

- \$36 (Course #1190301-01)

### Caregiver Conversations

#### A Caregiver Support Group

*2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.*

Are you caring for a spouse, parent, friend or neighbor with health issues? Would you like to connect with others in similar situations? This support group is a place to be encouraged and offer encouragement to others. Please join as we explore the challenges, rewards and resources in navigating the caregiving journey. Lead by Lisa Engdal, Senior Outreach Social Worker for Senior Community Services.

## Crafting for a Cause

*2nd Friday, 9 a.m.*

Knit, crochet, quilt, sew and craft for a cause! Items will be donated to local non-profits. Crafted items can include baby hats, quilted items, lap blankets, mittens, scarves and more! Enjoy socializing while making a difference in the community.

## Senior Day Trips\*

### Osceola Train Ride

*Tuesday, Oct. 18*

Depart on the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railway for a trip filled with colorful and scenic views. Brunch is served in the historic dining cars. Don't forget pocket money and a small cooler bag for a stop at Eichten's Cheese Shop on the way home.

Menu: Smoked ham, scrambled eggs, potato, toast, champagne and coffee.

(Course# 1110103-01)

- **Cost:** \$72 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 9:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.
- **Register or cancel by:** Friday, Sept. 9

### Ozark Jubilee Country Christmas

*Thursday, Nov. 10*

Enjoy lunch and a show featuring an all-star cast of Branson's top entertainers. Ozark Jubilee salutes the music of great legends of country music and a variety of Christmas music. World-class fiddler Doofus Doolittle presents his unique brand of humor. Enjoy this holiday musical event with the sounds of laughter, bluegrass, gospel, country and traditional Christmas music. Test your luck with \$10 per person slot pay at Treasure Island after the show.

Menu: Roast turkey, potatoes, vegetable, bread and dessert.

(Course# 1110104-02)

- **Cost:** \$78 includes tours, meal, transportation and guide
- **Estimated trip time:** 10:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- **Register or cancel by:** Friday, Sept. 30

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

## Register Early

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

## Interest Groups

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

### Bird Club

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

Speaker: David Cahlander, Birds of Bhutan.

### Book Club

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

*I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb.

### New! Caregiver Conversations

**2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.**

Share challenges, rewards and resources.

### New! Crafting for a Cause

**2nd Friday, 9 a.m.**

Craft for a local charities and non-profits.

### Garden Club

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

Landscape Architecture through the Wild Ones.

### Genealogy Club

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

Topic: Researching with computers.

### Literary Book Club

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

*Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner.



## BOOK & PIE SALE

**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 \$1.00**  
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. to 3 p.m.



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](http://seniorcommunity.org).

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

## Contact and Registration Information

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

### Minnetonka Senior Services

**952-939-8393**

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Minnetonka, MN 55345

[eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com)

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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.



# Fall leaf drop-off site opens Sept. 12

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

## SEPTEMBER LEAF DROP-OFF SITE HOURS

*The leaf drop-off site is open between Sept. 12 and Nov. 19. Friday and Sunday hours aren't offered until November.*

Mondays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Sept. 12, 19, 26
Tuesdays:	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Sept. 13, 20, 27
Saturdays:	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Sept. 7, 14, 21

## LEAF DROP-OFF SITE GUIDELINES

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

## BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE HOURS

The brush drop-off site is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Nov. 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-off area. The brush drop-off and leaf drop-off programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials; it is important they stay separate.

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.

# Calling all nonprofits: Apply for 2017 funding before Sept. 23

The City of Minnetonka is now accepting applications for the 2017 nonprofit funding cycle. Social service agencies with a 501(c)(3) status that provide services to Minnetonka residents are encouraged to apply.

The Minnetonka City Council will consider the following criteria when determining whether the city will provide support:

- **Communitywide benefit.** Services must provide an important citywide need and serve a proportionately high number of Minnetonka residents.
- **Access to funding.** The organization must have made reasonable efforts to raise funds from other sources, and have limited access to alternative forms of support.
- **Cost effectiveness.** The organization must not duplicate services already meeting community needs, and make effective use of volunteers and in-kind contributions to reduce the cost of service delivery.

Last year, in addition to funds for affordable housing, the city provided social services allocations of \$24,000, spread among several agencies.

Applications are due Friday, Sept. 23. To review the city's policy regarding nonprofit funding, and to download an application, visit [eminnetonka.com/bids](http://eminnetonka.com/bids).

## Did you know?

All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste for a fee (either an annual, monthly, per cart or per bag fee). Check with your garbage hauler for details.



## Natural Resources Happenings

### The Language of Birds

Thursday, Sept. 8  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Minnetonka Community Center,  
Community Room

Learning bird language is not only fun—it allows us to better understand and appreciate birds and feel more connected to the natural world. Presenter Jonathan Poppele is a naturalist, educator and award-winning author who founded the Minnesota Wildlife Tracking Project and serves as Minnesota coordinator for the International Bird Language Leaders program. Advance registration is required at [bit.ly/2ay6gJS](http://bit.ly/2ay6gJS).

### Buckthorn Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 29  
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](http://eminnetonka.com/NREvents).

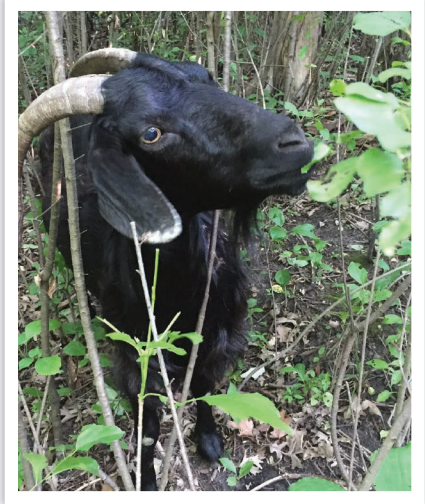
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# Goat grazing for habitat restoration

## Test project explores benefits and challenges

On May 10, 22 goats were placed at Purgatory Park as part of a test project to assess their effectiveness in the control of two invasive species: garlic mustard and buckthorn. A solar powered electric fence was temporarily installed to enclose a half-acre area where the goats ate, played, rested and subsequently entertained park visitors. The goats were checked on daily by staff and moved throughout seven locations over a period of seven weeks.



The goal of the project was to observe whether goats preferred invasive plants over native plants such as wildflowers and shrubs, and to see if grazing could prevent seed maturation and dispersal of invasive species. Initial results of the project show that goats may play an important role in the control of invasive species; however, additional research is necessary. Over the next several months, restoration staff will continue to monitor the post-grazing results to determine the long-term effects and whether or not grazing is a good pairing with other invasive species control measures. One fact needs no research or follow-up: everyone loved the goats.

For more information on this experimental program, visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com). To learn more about the company that provided the goat services, visit [goatdispatch.com](http://goatdispatch.com).

## Trash those burs and sticky seeds!

It's the time of year when a walk in a natural area, or a pass through a ditch or right-of-way may yield burs and seeds stuck to your clothing or pet's fur. Our automatic reaction is to pick and toss the seeds outdoors; however, this helps spread the seeds and ensures future generations of invasive nasty plants—plus, it increases work for those who work so hard to reduce their numbers.

Help prevent the spread of invasive species: Put burs and sticky seeds in the trash!



Burdock bur-balls contain many dark seeds.

### Fast Fact

*Stickseed is hardest to remove from clothing, hair and fur; sometimes, it can only be removed with scissors.*



## Share your feedback on proposed changes to Metro Transit Routes 9, 604, 649 and 675

**M**etro Transit has developed a plan to simplify bussing services on several area routes to improve service, make the routes easier to understand, and provide better connectivity between the west metro and downtown Minneapolis. The affected route areas include Route 9 west of downtown Minneapolis, Route 604 east of Louisiana Transit Center, Route 649 and Route 675 east of Louisiana Transit Center. These changes would take effect in March 2017.

Learn more about the proposed plan and offer your thoughts at a public meeting:

- Thursday, Sept. 8, 4:30-6 p.m.  
(public hearing, presentation at 5 p.m.)  
Harrison Education Center  
501 Irving Ave. N., Minneapolis
- Saturday, Sept. 10, 1-2:30 p.m.  
(presentation at 1:30 p.m.)  
Showplace ICON Theatre  
Community Room  
1625 West End Blvd., St. Louis Park

Register in advance to speak by calling the council at 651-602-1140.

Comments can also be submitted in one of the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council, Robert St., St. Paul, 55101
- Fax: 651-602-1464
- TTY: 651-291-0904
- Email: [service.development@metrotransit.org](mailto:service.development@metrotransit.org)
- Record comments at 651-602-1500

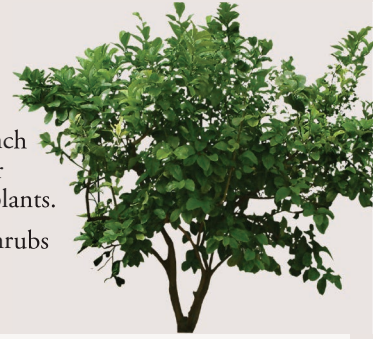
All comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19. A final recommendation will be considered by the Metropolitan Council following the public comment period.

For more information and to review the concept plan, visit [metrotransit.org/west-end](http://metrotransit.org/west-end).

## Water trees and shrubs until the ground freezes

When trees and shrubs start winter at a water deficit, the following spring may bring browning needles, branch dieback, and insect or disease attacks. Sometimes water stress just causes aesthetic damage, but it can also kill plants.

Follow these guidelines to ensure that your trees and shrubs grow vigorously through the autumn and are in good condition when winter arrives:



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

## Night for Neighbors sets new record

**A**ug. 2 was not only a Night for Neighbors, it was also a night for the record books!

Across Minnetonka, 185 neighborhoods, 6,500 adults and 3,200 children participated in this annual event (also known as National Night Out) that is designed to foster neighborhood relationships and prevent crime. This was the highest participation to date!

In addition to visits from Minnetonka Fire, Police and Public Works, and HCMC Ambulance and Water Patrol, approximately 111 neighborhoods collected a total of 7,385 pounds of food and \$2,040 in cash for the ICA Food Shelf.





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## Calendar

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

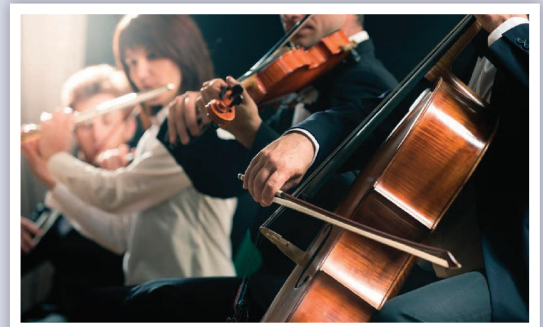
All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change – visit [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) for the latest information.

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](http://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](http://eminnetonka.com) by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

## Don't miss a free performance of the Minnetonka Concert Band Sept. 25

The Minnetonka Concert Band, an ensemble of the Music Association of Minnetonka, will perform *Americana* on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Minnetonka High School Arts Center. Directed by Dan Geldert, former Minnetonka High School band director, this free musical performance will feature Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," and Morton Gould's "American Salute," plus "Amazing Grace" and more.



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