

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
June 2015

Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest is June 3th

JOIN US FOR THE NATIVE PLANT MARKET and Eco Fun Fest on Wednesday, June 3, from 3-7 p.m. in the city hall parking lot at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka. The event is a great opportunity to buy a variety of native plants, including plants suitable for attracting pollinators, at one location from 6 vendors: Prairie Restorations, Dragonfly Gardens, Cedar Hill Natives, Natural Shore Technologies, MN Native Landscapes, and Naturally Wild.

Enjoy outdoor activities for all age groups. Check out some live birds of prey from the Raptor Center and visit with some reptiles from the Herpetology Society. You can also sit down to watch a puppet show with your kids or let them get active and climb a tree with a rope and saddle. (Note: Guardians will need to sign a liability waiver for their child to participate in the tree climbing.) Master naturalists,

tree care advisors, and watershed district representatives will be available to answer your plant, tree, and surface water questions. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a list of plants for sale by vendor and a schedule of activities.

Remember to bring cash or check for payment, boxes for your plant purchases, and appropriate clothing for the weather. If you get hungry, hot dogs and some healthy snacks will be available for sale. The event is rain or shine, but may be cancelled if the weather is severe. ☺



Arts in the Park events begin June 12

ENJOY THE VARIETY OF EVENTS THE CITY of Minnetonka offers throughout the summer at the outdoor amphitheater on the civic center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Theater in the Park

Gather around for the rendition of Rodgers and Hammerstein classic musical "Oklahoma Jr" with the cast of Minnetonka Elementary Schools 4th and 5th grade students. Hit songs include: Oh What a Beautiful Mornin', The Surrey with the Fringe on Top, People will Say We're in Love, and Oklahoma.

Friday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Music in the Park

The 2015 Music in the Park is set for Tuesday evenings June 16 to August 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or folding chair and enjoy a wide variety of music for the whole family. Concessions are available at each concert.

June 16: Plymouth Concert Band
(50 piece band)

Sponsored by Minnwest Bank

June 23: Minnetonka Sings
(vocal contest, all solo performers, with background music)

June 30: Salsa Del Soul
(cuban, salsa, latin 9 piece band)

July 7: Brio Brass
(50 piece brass band)

July 14: Calhoun Isles Community Band
(60 piece band)

July 21: Jeff Dayton and Friends
(Nashville country artist)

July 28: John Philips Sousa Memorial Band
(rags, marches, novelties - 45 piece band)

August 4: Maple Grove Jazz Ensemble
(18 piece jazz band)

August 11: Tim Patrick and his Blue Eyes Band
(Frank Sinatra style - 11 piece band)
*concert time 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. due to earlier sunset

August 18: Minneapolis Commodores
(barbershop harmony choir - 60 member band)
*concert time 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. due to earlier sunset

Movies in the Park

Bring your family, friends, and a blanket or lawn chair for a fun night out. The movies will take place at dusk.

Wednesday, August 12:
Maleficent

Thursday, August 20:
The Mighty Ducks

Thursday, September 10:
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

For weather related questions please call the weather hotline at 952.939.8355 or visit www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

Home repair loans available for limited time

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, THE CITY WILL be accepting applications for the Small Projects housing rehabilitation loan program. This program offers up to \$5,000 through a 0% interest, no payment, deferred loan, for homeowners wanting to make eligible home improvements. If you continue to own and live in your home for 10 years after receiving a loan, the loan is completely forgiven.

To be eligible, your income must not exceed:

Household Size	Income Limit
1 person	\$46,100
2 person	\$52,650
3 person	\$59,250
4 person	\$65,800
5 person	\$71,100
6 person	\$76,350
7 person	\$81,600
8 person	\$86,900

Applications will be available starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until Friday, June 26. For application forms and more information about the program, visit eminnetonka.com, stop by City Hall, or call 952.939.8285. Remember, there are a limited number of loans available, so you must act quickly!

If you don't meet the guidelines for the Small Projects program, there are several other home repair loans available for Minnetonka residents. Call 952.939.8285 or email edurbin@eminnetonka.com to inquire about these opportunities. ☺

Night for Neighbors is August 4

MINNETONKA RESIDENTS ARE INVITED to join hundreds of other neighborhoods across the city, Tuesday, August 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. in a traditional evening of getting to know your neighbors. Residents citywide will be asked to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors and spend an evening visiting with neighbors.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate, with a city representative visiting the first 100 registered events. See the city's Web site at www.eminnetonka.com for online registration, or pick up a form at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 10, to the Minnetonka Police Department. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and last year's Night for Neighbors participants will receive a registration packet in the mail in June. If you would like to have a registration packet mailed to you please contact Crime Prevention Analyst Nicole Nelson at 952-939-8546. ☺

Tips to Stay Safe this Summer while having fun!

AS THE TEMPERATURES RISE AND outdoor activity increases it is always wise to readdress summer safety. Minnetonka Fire Department's What if? program encourages you to focus on some basic safety practices when:

Boating:

- Wear a life vest – law for children 10 and under
- Be aware of your passengers' limitations
- No horseplay

Biking:

- Wear your helmet – both adults and children
- Cross at intersections
- Wear reflective gear and use lights at night

Campfires:

- Keep the fire in the fire
- Keep water handy
- Soak, stir, soak when putting the fire out

Fireworks:

- Adult controlled
- Keep water handy

Grilling:

- Use 15 feet away from buildings
- Maintain cleanliness to prevent unwanted fires
- Dispose of coals in a metal bucket and flood with water

Remember, there are many more children out and about during the summer months, stay safe while driving! ☺

Holiday Change notices for brush and curbside programs

Brush Drop-off Program

The Minnetonka brush drop-off will be closed on Saturday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday, and will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday.

Recycling Collection.

The Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 7th, will delay the Blue Week recycling collection areas one day. Residents west of I-494 (north of Highway 7 and north of the LRT Trail west of CR 101) will have recycling collection on Tuesday, September 8th. Residents east of I-494 (north of Minnetonka Blvd.) will have collection on Wednesday, September 9th. In 2015 there is no change for any other holidays. ☺



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Programs and services for those 55+
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New Programs Inside....

Look for *Adventure Book Club* and *Online Selling: The Fundamentals*, two new programs at Minnetonka Senior Services!

Write Your Story

Wednesday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.

Writing stories for children and grandchildren seems daunting. Learn about three distinct levels of one's life history and how it contributes to a legacy passed on within a family with Jeff Baker (MBA, MATS), owner of Sagis Legacy. Topics include: writing, styles of autobiography, structure, flow of crafting stories and more!

Cost: \$2 Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 2.
(Course #3180401-01)

Benefits of Strength Training: For Older Adults

Wednesday, June 10, 11 a.m.

Join us for a presentation and discover how adding strength training to your fitness routine improves balance in older adults. Provided by Tandem Strength and Balance

Cost: \$2 Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 9.
(Course #3180406-01)

Summer Games

Thursday, June 11, 12 p.m.

Join us for food and fun! Lawn games available in the Banquet Hall after lunch.

Menu: Brats, beans, chips and root beer floats.
Sponsored by: Home Care Solutions
Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, June 9.
(Course #3100103-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

Secondhand Lions

Friday, June 19, 12 p.m.

Based in 1960's Texas, young Walter learns surprising tidbits about the mysterious and dangerous pasts of his great-uncles.

Menu: Salad bar, bread, melon & cookies.
Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, June 16
(Course #3100202-01)

Yoga for Balance Workshop

Join Minnetonka Senior Services Yoga Instructors Mary Ann and Elizabeth Kelly and learn easy-to-do seated and standing postures that you can practice at home to improve balance.

Cost: \$2

Wednesday June 24, 10:30 a.m.

(Course #3090801-02)

Wednesday July 22, 1 p.m.

(Course #3090801-03)



Minneapolis Aquatennial: 75 Years of History

Monday, June 22, 11 a.m.

Join Pam Albinson, 1962 Queen of the Lakes, archivist of Aquatennial history at the Hennepin History Museum and author of *The Seventy Five Years of the Minneapolis Aquatennial*, as she takes you on a nostalgic walk through time featuring historic moments of "America's Greatest Summer Festival."

Cost: \$2 Please RSVP by Friday, June 19.
(Course #3180401-01)

Healthy Summer Salads

Monday, June 29, 10:15 a.m.

Healthy eating is fun and easy with so many fresh ingredients to pick from. Learn how to use them in delicious new ways on salads. Provided by Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers: Community Connections.

Cost: Free! Please RSVP by Friday, June 26.
(Course #3180409-01)

Register Early

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

Western BBQ

Thursday, July 16, 12 p.m.

Show off your cowboy -or cowgirl- apparel at the Western BBQ.

Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, chips and dessert.

Sponsored by: Brookdale Senior Living

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, July 14.

(Course #3100104-01)



Mount Rushmore: Carving of an Icon

Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.

Today, more than two million people each year visit Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Fourteen years, four hundred workers, 450,000 tons of rock, nearly one million dollars. Those are the statistics behind the carving of Mount Rushmore. The story is even more interesting, discover the story of inspiration, celebration, anger, bitterness and perseverance!

Cost: \$2 Please RSVP by Monday, July 20.
(Course #3180402-01)

Lunch and a Movie:

The Theory of Everything

Friday, July 31, 12 p.m.

World-famous physicist Stephen Hawking relies on his wife to continue his life's work as he faces challenges with ALS.

Menu: Ham salad sandwich, pasta salad, fruit & an ice cream treat.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, July 28
(Course #3100203-01)

Fitness Programs

Over 50 & Fit

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.

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

- Annual Fee: \$12
(Course #4090701-01)

Continuing Line Dance

Eileen Ronning

Thursdays, June 4–25

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, \$24, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
(Course #3090601-01)
- Intermediate, \$24, 1:45–2:45 p.m.
(Course #3090601-02)

Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

Ron Erdman-Luntz

Thursdays, June 4–25, 6–7 p.m.

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

- \$36 (Course #3090401-01)



Zumba Gold

Sue Padilla

Mondays, June 1–29, 1–2 p.m.

Zumba® Fitness is a feel-happy workout that combines the motivating fusion of Latin and international music with unique moves and dynamic combinations that allow participants to dance away their worries. Zumba® is a workout that doesn't feel like working out at all! Join me in a class and see how much fun working out - and feeling good - can be! Bring water, you will sweat!

- \$25 (Course #3090501-01)

Yoga

Chair-Supported Yoga

Most chair-supported yoga takes place while seated on a chair and includes plenty stretching and warm-ups. Guided breath work and visualization help to release, relax and restore the body and calm the mind. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

Nancy Holasek

Tuesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

- June 2–July 7
\$36 (Course #3090101-03)
- July 21–August 25
\$36 (Course #3090101-05)

Thursdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.

- June 4–July 9
\$36 (Course #3090101-04)
- July 23–August 27
\$36 (Course #3090101-06)

Mary Ann

Wednesdays, 6:15–7:15 p.m.

- June 3–July 8
\$36 (Course #3090101-09)
- July 22–August 26
\$36 (Course #3090101-10)

Intermediate Yoga

Intermediate yoga includes standing and balance postures. Guided breath work and visualization help to release, relax and restore the body and calm the mind. Participants should have the ability to get down to and up from the floor for postures completed while on the belly or backside of the body. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

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Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- June 4–July 9
\$36 (Course #3090201-04)
- July 23–August 27
\$36 (Course #3090201-06)

Elizabeth Kelly

Wednesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

- June 3–July 8
\$36 (Course #3090201-09)
- July 22–August 26
\$36 (Course #3090201-10)

Athletic Activities

Pickleball

Monday–Friday, 8–11 a.m.

Meadow Park

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



Minnetonka Bike Club

The goal of the club is to provide moderate exercise under safe conditions and to encourage social interaction and friendship. Three groups accommodate different levels of ability. More than 50 trail rides are scheduled, with a majority on designated bike trails. More information at www.mtkabikers.org. To register call (952) 939-8393.

- \$11 (Course #4120101-01)



70+ Softball

Mondays & Wednesdays, Apr. – Oct. 9 a.m. at Big Willow Park.

Slow-pitch softball is played with modified rules allow for competitive play without the risk of serious injury. Registration accepted throughout the season.

- \$15 (Course #3120201-01)

Art Programs

Drawing with Dry Media

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, June 10 & 17

1–3 p.m.

Explore graphite, pastel and colored pencil drawing techniques. Layer hues of color to create optical color blends. Apply hatching/cross hatching and value contrasts to create 3 dimensionality. Use lines to create exciting texture and pattern to enhance a drawing. Draw nature subjects, land/cityscapes, still life, summer vignettes or your own subject.

- \$40 (Course #3130101-01)

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, Tuesday, June 2,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(Course #3190101-01)
- \$10, Wednesday, June 10,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(Course #3190101-02)

Adventure Book Club

Kelly Stewart

Saturday, June 13

8–10 a.m.

Join Naturalist Kelly Stewart for a book club discussion followed by an adventure. This will be the first session of the Adventure Book Club, feel free to bring book ideas and adventures on your bucket list! Meet at the Lakeside Shelter of Lone Lake Park.

Book: *Etta and Otto and Russel and James* by Emma Hooper

Adventure: Walk with a Naturalist

- \$18 (Course #3190601-01)
Due by Thursday, June 11

Education Programs

Defensive Driving

Attend and save 10% on car insurance! Pay the instructor at class with a check or exact cash. Register through MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org for all classes.

Four hour renewal sessions:

- \$20, Tuesday, June 9,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- \$20, Tuesday, June 23,
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Navigating Medicare

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m.

Learn to navigate Medicare Parts A, B & D. Offered in cooperation with Senior Community Services and open to those considering retirement and to current Medicare users.

- \$10 due Monday, June 1.
(Course #3180501-01)

Online Selling: The Fundamentals

Abbey Key

Wednesdays, July 8–29

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Abbey Key follows up on the Online Selling: The Basics presentation with an in depth look at the fundamentals of online selling. Topics include: professionally photographing items, researching items, selecting marketplaces, listing templates, packaging and cataloguing. If you missed the presentaion or are looking for more this program is for you!

- \$35 (Course 3180601-01)

History Programs

After Stalingrad to the Fall of Berlin

Dan Hartman

Wednesday, June 10

10:30 a.m.

Characterized by unprecedented ferocity, wholesale destruction, mass deportations and immense loss of life due to combat, starvation, exposure, disease and massacres the Eastern Front was decisive in the outcome of World War II.

- \$3 Please RSVP by Monday, June 8.
(Course #3180202-01)

Interest groups

For more information on these groups and a calendar of events, please visit www.eminnetonka.com or stop by the community center.

Billiards

Monday - Friday

Time varies, please see calendar page.

Book Club

3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen.

Computer Club

Fridays, 10 a.m.

For more detailed information about meetings visit mscig.wordpress.com.

Craft Committee

1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Create decor for monthly parties.

Games and Cards

Mondays, 1 p.m.

1st & 3rd is Rummikub. 2nd & 4th is Hand and Foot.

Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Open meeting at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Ham Radio

2nd Monday, 10 a.m.

New members welcome!

Wood Carvers

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Group members share ideas and work independently.



11280 Wayzata Boulevard

(763) 591-4868

Handcrafted items by
Minnetonka residents 55
and older.

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



Senior Day Trips

Viking Village & Mankato

Wednesday, July 29

Visit the Viking Village Training Camp, celebrating their 50th anniversary. Guests may sit in the bleachers or stand along the fence to watch the Vikings practice session. Bring spending cash for vendor stands and the gift tent. Enjoy the "special of the day" lunch at Charley's Restaurant before heading to the Betsy-Tacy Houses. Experience the legacy of Maud Hart Lovelace, beloved author of the famed children series. Tour the childhood home of Maud Hart Lovelace and her best friend Frances 'Bick' Kenney.

(Course#3110101-01)

- **Cost:** \$59 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort
- **Estimated trip time:** 8 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Thursday, July 2.



Hutchinson Heirlooms Tea Room

Tuesday, August 18

Enjoy a drive through Minnesota farmlands before arriving at Clay Coyote Pottery for a behind the scenes look inside the studio of Tom Wirt and Betsy Price. Bring a spending money for purchases from the gallery. Next arrive at Heirlooms Tea Room with perennial gardens, cobblestone paths, a fountain and gazebo. Select vintage hats and romantic attire to wear during a classic afternoon tea. Stop at Bongard's Creameries Retail Store for a fresh selection of cheeses.

Menu: Finger sandwiches, scones, petite sweets and three distinct teas.
(Course# 3110102-01)

- **Cost:** \$62 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort
- **Estimated trip time:** 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 24.

Services

Blood Pressure Screenings

*1st & 3rd Fridays; 2nd Wednesdays
9:30-11:30 a.m. Free!*

Provided by volunteer nurses.

Happy Feet

*1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Fridays,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$35*

Provided by nurses specializing in foot care. For appointment call (763) 560-5136.

Senior Community Services

Senior Outreach Social Worker

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Free!

Discuss finances, transportation, personal care, medical care, home maintenance, and more. For appointment call (952) 939-8393.

Health Insurance Counseling

1st & 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+. For more information call (952) 746-4046.

CareNextion

www.carenexion.org.

This online communication tool brings together the support needed to help live a vital and engaging life.

Extended Trips

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

- **Colorado Railroads** (July 28 - August 6)
Cost: \$1830 per person, double occupancy.
- **Yellowstone** (August 15 - 21)
Cost: \$1375 per person, double occupancy.

Contact & Registration Information

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

Minnetonka Senior Services

(952) 939-8393

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

www.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 cancelling prior 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.

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

New Ash and Elm Tree Protection Treatment Program Available to Residents

IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE character and canopy cover of Minnetonka neighborhoods, this summer the city will offer a special program extending a bulk discount to residents for the injection treatments used to prevent emerald ash borer (EAB).

While EAB has not yet been found within Minnetonka, it is within 6 miles of the city's eastern border (at Lakewood Cemetery near Lake Calhoun). Residents will also have an opportunity to obtain a discount on preventative treatments for Dutch elm disease, which still kills about 1,000 trees each year in the city.

Trees in the right-of-way "boulevard" areas are the primary focus of the program. These trees are owned by the underlying property owner. The program will be extended to ash and elm trees in back and side yards as well since these are also part of the city's tree canopy.

Based on a 2010 inventory, about 6,000 ash grow along city streets. The average stem diameter of these approximately 50 year old right-of way trees is 16". The city has a shared interest in protecting right-of-way ash trees for several reasons:

- If they become infested with EAB, they will die and become a safety risk to the street.

- Trees along the road provide natural beauty and cultivate neighborhood character – a reason many residents choose to live in Minnetonka.
- Mature street trees provide a variety of ecosystem services to the city, such as reducing storm water runoff and providing cooling shade that extends the life of pavement.

If you are interested in participating, you can find details about the program by visiting eminnetonka.com, including:

- The contractor's name and treatment pricing
- How to sign up for an inspection to qualify for the program
- Information on the treatments being offered and what criteria will be used to evaluate whether or not your tree will be recommended for protection.

If you do not have internet access, or have additional questions, you may also contact the forestry information line at 952.988.8407. ☺

Election Update

FILING FOR THIS FALL'S CITY ELECTION closed June 2 and if more than two candidates filed for any one of the city's four ward council member seats on the ballot, then there will be a Primary this fall. If two or fewer candidates file for all four seats, then there will be no Primary and all candidates would go directly on the November ballot.

This year's Municipal Primary, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, August 11. This year's General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting, if needed, for an August Primary begins Friday, June 26. The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. Applications

may be obtained by calling city hall at 952.939.8200, at eminnetonka.com, or by faxing a request to 952.939.8244. Upon receipt of an application, a ballot and instructions will be mailed. A 2014 state law change makes this method of voting available to all voters.

Absentee voting may be done in person at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard or by mail. Absentee ballots for the November General Election will be available beginning Friday, September 18. Absentee ballots must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

Questions about this fall's elections? Please call the city clerk's office at 952.939.8218. ☺

Minnetonka Sings Contest is June 23

MINNETONKA SINGS, SPONSORED by the Glen Lake Optimist Club, is searching for one voice to represent Minnetonka in the statewide vocal competition, Minnesota Sings. This amateur vocal competition is seeking the top voices from 100 Minnesota cities and you could bring the title of "Minnesota Sings Champion 2015" back to our hometown.

The Minnetonka Sings contest will be held Tuesday, June 23, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., during Music in the Park. Each solo singer will bring their favorite song track to sing one song to, no groups or other instruments allowed. Contestants must be between 15 to 25 years old on September 27, 2015 (the night of the Minnesota Sings championships) and live, work or go to school in Minnetonka, including Hopkins Jr. High and Hopkins High School. For more information and to register by Tuesday, June 9, please contact Rey Lindquist with the Glen Lake Optimists, at reylind@aol.com

Minnetonka designated Tree City USA for 21st year

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA HAS BEEN named as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 21st year Minnetonka has received this national designation. The program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Minnetonka has exceeded the four standards required to become a Tree City community including: having a tree board or department, a tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day proclamation and observance.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA ☺

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Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200
for meeting
locations.

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

All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change – please check www.eminnetonka.com for the latest information.

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16 and via live videostreaming on www.eminnetonka.com. Cable channel replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or any time at www.eminnetonka.com. Agendas for council meetings are available on the city's website by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Bike Safety Talks

THE MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT will be hosting bike safety talks for children at the following parks this summer. Learn how to properly wear your helmet and ride your bike safely this summer! Please bring your bike and helmet. ☺

Wednesday, June 24th

Covington 1 p.m.
Spring Hill 2 p.m.
Gro Tonka 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 25th

Meadow 9 a.m.
Glen Lake 10 a.m.
Boulder Creek 11 a.m.

Spring Bird Walk is Saturday, June 13

ENJOY THE LAST FEW DAYS OF SPRING with a bird walk Saturday, June 13, 8:30 – 11 a.m. around the woods and marshes of Minnetonka Civic Center Park with Anne Hanley and George Skinner from the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter. The walk is open to all skill and age levels.

Park in the Minnetonka City Hall parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard and meet at the flag pole near the main entrance. Remember to bring your

binoculars and field guide if you have them (some binoculars will be available to borrow), and dress appropriately for the weather as the walk will be held rain or shine. To RSVP call 952.988.8400 or visit www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

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