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A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
May 2014

Visit the Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 4

The event is Wednesday, June 4, 3–7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. The event will take place in the city hall parking lot, rain or shine.

Native Plant Market

Get your garden started with native plants! Prairie Restorations, Dragonfly Gardens, Cedar Hill Natives, Natural Shore Technologies, Minnesota Native Landscapes and Naturally Wild will be selling a variety of native plants. Payment is accepted via cash or check, and be sure to bring a box to make it easier to carry your plants home. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a complete list of plants by vendor.

Eco Fun Fest

Visit the Zoo Mobile and get up close with live animals, participate in a plant walk or join an Audubon Society trip leader to look

for resident birds or late migrants. Visit with a member of the Herpetology Society and meet different reptiles, enjoy a puppet show or watch your kids as they learn how to climb a tree with a rope and saddle. (Guardians will need to sign a liability waiver for their child to participate in the tree climbing.)

Master naturalists, tree care advisors and Audubon Society and watershed district representatives will be available to answer your plant, tree, bird and surface water questions. Hot dogs and chips will be available for sale.

Things to bring:

- Cash or check for plant purchases
- A box to carry away your new landscape treasures
- Your own water bottle, so you remember to hydrate

- Rain gear if rain is predicted. This is a rain or shine event (the event may be cancelled in the event of severe weather).

See a list a schedule of activities on page 3 of this edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*. ☺



Explore the Native Plant Market June 4.

Register for June Summer Festival events

The Minnetonka Summer Festival is Saturday, June 28, for children's rides, a petting zoo, ice skating, musical entertainment and much more!

Also on June 28, don't miss the Burwell Festival at the Charles H. Burwell House, complete with free tours, entertainment, arts and crafts fair and food concessions.

The Burwell House, on the National Register of Historic Places, is located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka.

The day will conclude with the annual fireworks display at the Civic Center campus. A detailed schedule of events will be published in the June *Minnetonka Memo*.

8K Race

Starting at 8 a.m. June 28, this certified 8K race course travels through a beautiful wooded area that is generally flat, with some rolling hills. The 8k race begins and ends in front of the Minnetonka Ice Arena. Call (952) 939-8203 to register or for more information.

Softball Tournament

This is one-day co-rec softball tournament is held Saturday, June 28, at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. The tournament is limited to 12 teams. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Call (952) 939-8203 to register.



Children's Tot Trot

The Children's Tot Trot will take place at 4 p.m. for ages 2–8. Registration is not required for the Tot Trot—check in at the Summer Festival Information Tent. ☺

Burwell House opens for season

The house located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka, opens for the 2014 tour season Saturday, June 7, and remains open through August 30. Tours are available Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. In September, the house is open on Saturdays only from 12–4 p.m. Special tours may be arranged by calling (952) 939-8219 or (952) 939-8200 or by emailing Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com or jlanson@eminnetonka.com.

Tours are free, but donations are accepted for the ongoing maintenance and furnishing of the Burwell House. Parking is available on the grounds. The main floor of the house is handicapped accessible. The Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For special tours or more information about the Burwell site, please call (952) 939-8219. ☺

Who's responsible for boulevard trees?

Responsible for boulevard trees — the city or residents? Read on for the answer to this question.

The city of Minnetonka has right-of-way easements along all city roads. This means that the city does not own the land but has permission to use the land for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, utilities, snow storage and other public uses such as a trail or sidewalk.

The city also maintains the right-of-way in order to protect anyone traveling along or on the roadway. This maintenance includes trimming trees that may have broken, split or have hanging branches over the road; trimming up or raising low-hanging tree branches in order to allow safe passage of larger vehicles such as school buses and snow plows; clearing intersection sightlines; removing debris in the roadway that may block traffic; removing a tree that is hazardous; and removing debris that has fallen along the roadway which will impact the city's snow and ice removal operation.

The right-of-way or boulevard tree is not a "city tree" and is owned by the adjacent property owner. The property owner is responsible for any necessary maintenance that may affect that private property, such as pruning branches over a driveway or a neighbor's house. The city is not responsible for any portion of the tree if it does not affect the city's right-of-way. If the city finds the tree to have Dutch elm disease or oak wilt, the city offers a cost-share program so the property owner only has to pay for half of the removal costs.

If a homeowner is interested in hiring a contractor to treat a tree in the right-of-way to protect it from a disease like Dutch elm disease or a future pest like emerald ash borer, they may do so at their own cost. The city has several certified tree inspectors who inspect trees throughout the summer looking for oak wilt and Dutch elm disease. The city is also inspecting select ash trees based on certain reported symptoms in order to detect EAB as early as possible. To request an inspection of your elm, oak, or ash tree call the city forestry hotline at (952) 988-8407. 🌿

Know your smoke, carbon monoxide alarms

Smoke and fire extinguishers are inexpensive, easy to install and proven to save lives. But many of us don't know how to use these devices or how to interpret the beeps and chirps of alarms.

The Minnetonka Fire Department public educators ask you to get familiar with your life safety devices by reading the owners' manuals and information printed on the item. If you don't have your owners' manual, try looking it up on the internet.

Below are general guidelines that pertain to most smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers regardless of the manufacturer.

Smoke Alarms:

- Every house is required to have at least one, but newer homes are required to have multiple smoke alarms. Best practice is to install smoke alarms on every level of the home and in every bedroom.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions for installation and replacement.
- Test your smoke alarms every month by pushing the test button.
- Change the batteries every six months — this ensures a working smoke alarm if a fire breaks out. Consider installing 10-year lithium batteries.
- Most manufacturers recommend alarm replacement every 10 years. If your alarm has turned yellow with age, replace it now. Consider installing new smoke alarms with 10-year batteries.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms:

- Every house is required to have at least one CO alarm. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside sleeping areas, but within 10 feet of the bedrooms.
- Follow manufacturer instructions for installation and replacement. Most

manufacturers recommend replacement every five to seven years.

- Test CO alarms once per month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move all occupants outdoors to an area where fresh air is available.
- Periodically, make sure vents for gas-fueled appliances (dryer, stove, furnace, water heater and fireplace) are clear of debris including leaves, cobwebs, lint and snow. A clogged vent can cause CO to accumulate in your home.

Fire Extinguishers:

- Purchase a class ABC fire extinguisher, which will extinguish the types of fires that could occur in your home.
- Replace extinguishers after 10 years. When you purchase a new extinguisher, write the date on it so you know when to replace it.
- Remember where the extinguisher is kept. All household members need to know both its location and how to use it.
- Do not store the extinguisher in the box it was purchased in. If a fire occurs, it's not the time to remove the extinguisher from the box for the first time.
- If the fire is too big, leave the home and call 9-1-1.
- Inspect your extinguisher. Be sure it is fully charged, with the pressure needle in the green, and that it isn't damaged or rusty.
- 46% of all home fires start in the kitchen. Kitchens and garages are the best places to keep your extinguishers, so buy two.
- Want to schedule a free fire extinguisher use class for your family or group? Call Jim or Sara at the Minnetonka Fire Department at (952) 939-8331.

Be prepared, be safe! 🌿

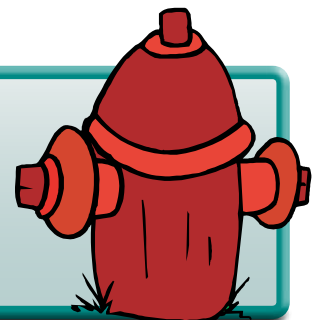


Thank you, Minnetonka hydrant heroes!

Thanks Minnetonka residents who ensured neighborhood hydrants were

always cleared of snow and ice during one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent memory. Your efforts did not

go unnoticed and were greatly appreciated! 🌿



Train for a triathlon at Williston Center

H triathlon but aren't sure how to prepare? Williston Fitness Center offers "Try a Triathlon," a 12-week program that will provide participants with the knowledge and base fitness necessary to unite the disciplines of swimming, biking and running. At the end of the program, participants will be prepared for a spring triathlon of their choice.

The tri training program is for beginners; however, participants must have a basic fitness level within all disciplines: running 9 – 12 miles per week; bike continuously for 30 minutes; and MUST know how to swim

and be able to swim continuously for 30 minutes. You will not learn how to swim in this program.

Required gear includes water bottle, water carrier, proper running shoes and swimming goggles.

Program runs June 9 – August 27: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$75 for Williston members; \$100 for non-members. Registration limited to 18. Course #32964. Register online at www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8203. Williston Fitness Center is located at 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka. ☺

Just a minute... for our email newsletter!

T email newsletter was recently redesigned with a new quick-to-read format that works well on mobile devices. Learn what's new and important each week: subscribe to the *Minnetonka Minute* at eminnetonka.com. ☺



Native Plant Market & Eco Fun Fest schedule of events

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Native Plant Market

3–7 p.m.

See page 1 for vendor names. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a complete list of native plants by vendor.

Zoo Mobile

Minnesota Zoo

4–6 p.m.

See native and exotic animals.

Puppet Shows

Free Rivers Park District

4–6 p.m.

Learn about nature with your kids.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Minnesota Herpetological Society

3–7 p.m.

Visit and touch some cold-blooded creatures.

Bird Walk

George Skinner and Anne Hanley

6–7 p.m.

Look for resident birds and late migrants. Meet at Audubon Society table in information tent.

Information Tent

3–7 p.m.

- Audubon Society
- Blue Umb
- Wild Ones
- Metro Blooms
- Tree House of Horrors
- Nine Mile, Minnehaha and Riley Purgatory Blue Creek watershed districts
- Hennepin County Environmental Services
- Larry Wade, local naturalist
- Heather Holm, native plant gardener
- Master naturalists
- Tree care advisors
- Tree care companies

Creepy Crawlies

University of Minnesota Bell Museum

4–6 p.m.

Visit with insects and their unusual cousins.

Tree Climbing Activity*

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture

3:30–7 p.m.

Kids can learn to climb a tree with a rope and saddle.

* Guardian signature on liability waiver required for participation.



Native Plant Walk

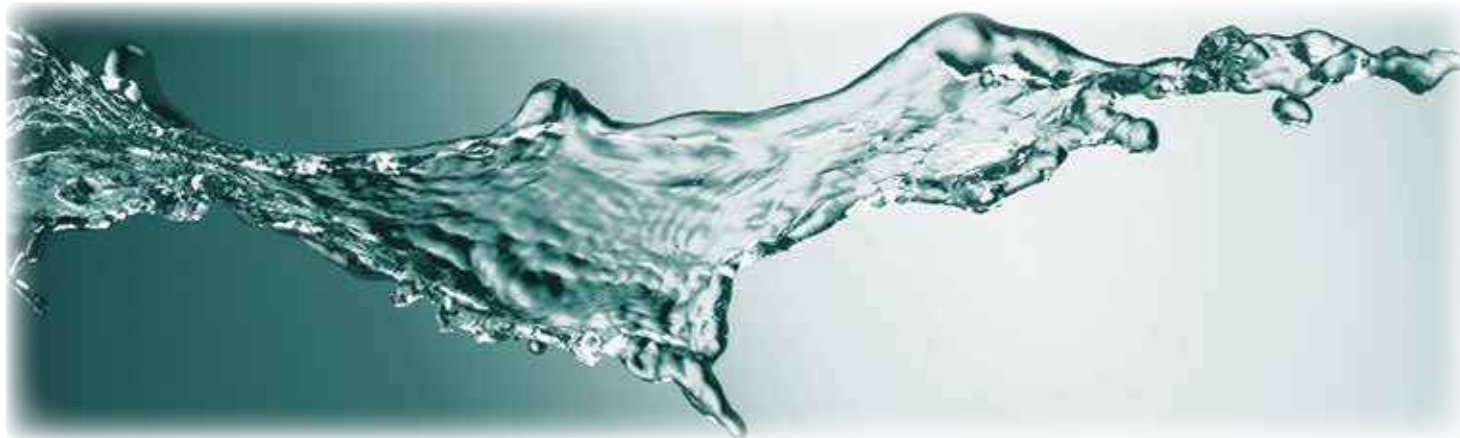
5–6 p.m.

Learn about plants and restoration progress. Led by Janet Van Sloun, restoration specialist.

Win a native plant starter garden!

Sign up at the event. ☺

2013 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



The results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2013. Each of the past 16 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

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

Water source

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

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

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

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

Are contaminants a concern?

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

Drinking water regulations

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

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. ☺



Lawn watering schedule

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

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

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

Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2013

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2013. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

Water Testing Terms and Definitions

MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

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

MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

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

MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

AL — Action Level

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

90th Percentile Level

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

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

pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

ppb — Parts per billion

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

ppm — Parts per million

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

nd — No Detection

N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

Average/result

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

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2013)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	6.5–12	10.1	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (3/14/2012)	ppm	2	2	N/A	.15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	2.8–4.8	4.8	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.81–1.2	1.08	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10.4	10.4	nd–.15	.15	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	0	80	.5–2.8	2.8	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	.3 (Lowest)–.5 (Highest)	.39	Water additive used to control microbes

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

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

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

Monitoring for unregulated contaminants as required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules (40 CFR 141.40) was conducted in 2013. Results of the unregulated contaminant monitoring are available upon request from Cindy Swanson, Minnesota Department of Health, at 651-201-4656.

Home repair, first-time homebuyer loans available

Now a roof before summer hits? If you're looking for money to make repairs or improvements to your home, or are a first-time homebuyer who needs money for a down payment or closing costs, the city has a program for you!

The Minnetonka Home Enhancement program offers up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements and some additions. The Welcome to Minnetonka program offers up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time home buyers. Both loans are offered at only one percent interest. Pre-applications are now being accepted.

Pre-applications, program guidelines and an eligibility calculator are available at www.eminnetonka.com or by calling (952) 939-8285. ☺

Senior services program honored

Program offered by Minnetonka Senior Services, recently received an honorable mention in the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers 2013 Programs of Excellence.

Nature, Novels and Non-Fiction is an adventure-based book club offering an innovative approach to encouraging active and literary engagement for people 55 and older.

To learn more about nature, novels and non-fiction, see the May *Senior Script* newsletter, included in this edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*. ☺



Stay safe with these bike helmet tips

Whether biking all winter long, for most of us spring marks the start of the bicycling season. Follow these helmet tips to stay safe while pedaling.

- Helmet should fit snugly on your head before you buckle chin strap.
- Helmet should be level on your head. It shouldn't ride too far back and expose your forehead, or ride too far down on your forehead. A good rule is to allow about an inch between eyebrows and helmet.
- Adjust both straps to form a "v" shape under the ears.
- Buckle the chin strap and tighten until it's snug. Only one or two fingers should fit under the strap — no more or less.
- Give your helmet the fit test by shaking your head for a few seconds. If the helmet moves around, adjust the straps as needed.
- A damaged helmet should be replaced.
- Buy a helmet that fits now — not one to "grow into."
- Buy a helmet you like — you'll be more likely to wear it.
- A helmet should be worn like a seatbelt in a car — never go anywhere without it.

At right, Minnetonka Police Officer Brent Johnson models the correct fit for a bike helmet. ☺



Join a youth choir for grades 2 to 12

M (MAM) youth choirs offer high-quality vocal training for children in grades 2 to 12. Students learn classical and modern techniques and music as well as leadership and interpersonal skills. The older ensembles have the opportunity to tour both nationally and internationally, becoming ambassadors through vocal music. Come find out more about the youth choirs at two May concerts. Admission to MAM concerts is free, but donations are appreciated.

Want to join MAM? Email mamoffice@musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954.

Enjoy these two upcoming choir concerts showcasing the talent of MAM's youth!

Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Varen Concert, featuring the youth choirs
 Zion Lutheran Church
 241 5th Avenue North, Hopkins.

Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m.
Partners in Praise Festival featuring the Chamber Choir
 Bethel University
 3900 Bethel Drive, St. Paul ☺

Special events and programs

Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 5, 12 p.m.

Enjoy traditional Mexican cuisine catered by Nelson's.

Cost: \$5 due Monday, April 28.
Course #33388

Senior and Caregiver Resource Workshop on Senior Driving

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to recognize physical and mental warning signs that an older driver should not be driving, how to know when it's time to put away the car keys and who can determine that someone should not be driving. Find out what help is available for older people who can't drive and need transportation. Receive resources on driving for the elderly and their families. Presenter is Jim Tift, a community services coordinator at Tubman Elder Care and Rights Center.

Cost: \$2 due Monday, May 5.
Course #33485

Minnetonka Tech Fair

Thursday, May 8, 1 – 3 p.m.

If you are thinking about buying a new computer, want to know how to set up a new computer, or if you need help with an existing computer or tablet, come to this special event. Minnetonka Seniors Computer Interest Group members will present. Coffee and treats will be provided. RSVP by Tuesday, May 6.

• Free (Course #33389)

Community Shred Event

Friday, May 9, 1 – 3 p.m.

A shredding truck from First Shred will be at the Minnetonka Community Center for all your shredding needs. Take advantage of this great opportunity.

Cost: \$5 for up to five grocery bags, maximum of 10 bags. Payment will be taken at the shred event; accepting cash or check only.

New Zealand Travelogue

Monday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.

Join Steve and Barb Pieh as they share their adventure to New Zealand. RSVP by Friday, May 9.

• Free (Course #33486)

My Mighty Mississippi

Wednesday, May 14, 1 p.m.

My mighty Mississippi takes you on an all seasons ride on the Mississippi River. Experience breathtaking scenery, wildlife and action shots while hearing songs and stories about our greatest river, the Mighty Mississippi. Some of the songs you will hear include Ol' Man River, Up a Lazy River, Moon River, and Mister and Mrs. Sippi.

Cost: \$2 due Friday, May 9.
Course #33493

Inspirational Veteran Story

Thursday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.

Marcus Kuboy, an Army medic, speaks about his experience while deployed in Iraq and how being injured by a road side bomb while riding in a Humvee has affected his life. After the accident he spent fourteen months hospitalized in Walter Reed and the Minneapolis VA and at this time was presented with the choice to get "bitter" or "better." He has made an amazing recovery and has had a very positive attitude through some tough times.

Cost: \$2 due Monday, May 12.
Course #33487

Lunch and a Movie: "Blue Jasmine"

Friday, May 16, 12 p.m.

Jasmine French used to be on the top of the heap as a New York socialite, but now is returning to her estranged sister in San Francisco utterly ruined. As Jasmine struggles with her haunting memories of a privileged past bearing dark realities she ignored, she tries to recover in her present. Unfortunately, it all proves a losing battle as Jasmine's narcissistic hangups and their

consequences begin to overwhelm her. In doing so, her old pretensions and new deceits begin to foul up everyone's lives, especially her own.

Menu: Grilled cheese sandwich, soup, vegetables, and dessert.

Cost: \$5 due Wednesday, May 14.
Course #33488

Community Connections

Monday, May 19, 10:15 a.m.

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections. May's topic is edible landscapes. No room for a vegetable garden? Learn the how-to's of incorporating fruits, vegetables, berries and edible flowers into your home landscape design. Presented by the Master Gardener Program from the University of Minnesota Extension program. RSVP by Wednesday, May 14.

• Free (Course #33489)

Golden Years Gala

Tuesday, May 20, 12 p.m.

May is Older Americans month and this special celebration honors those 85 and older. This event is open to all 55+. Participants 85 and older will receive a flower; 90 and older will receive a flower and will be admitted for free. Make sure to mention your age when registering. Flowers are courtesy of RidgePointe of Minnetonka. Entertainment provided by Tom Burnevik.

Menu: smoked turkey and wild rice salad, melon slices, crossaint and dessert.
Cost: \$10 due Tuesday, May 13.
Course #33490

Historical Seminar

Wednesday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.

Military historian and teacher Dan Hartmann returns with a historical seminar on World War I, from its beginning in 1914 to its end in 1919.

Cost: \$2 due Friday, May 23.
Course #33491

Classes

Beginning & Intermediate Yoga Nancy Holasek

These gentle yoga classes are geared toward the older adult, with lots of stretching and warm-ups. These yoga postures help increase flexibility. 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.**

Chair-Supported Yoga ★★

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Most of the class takes place while seated on a chair.

- Tuesday, May 6 – 27 \$25
(Course #32243)
- Thursday, May 8 – 29 \$25
(Course #32245)

Intermediate Yoga Class ★★★

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This class includes standing and balance postures. Students 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.

- Tuesday, May 6 – 27 \$25
(Course #32246)
- Thursday, May 8 – 29 \$25
(Course #32248)

Evening Yoga Nancy Holasek

Wednesdays, May 7 – 28, \$25

Evening yoga classes have the same descriptions as the daytime classes.

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★
(Course #32244)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★
(Course #32247)

Tai Chi for Health and Wellness Ron Erdman-Luntz

ursdays, May 1 – June 12
6 – 7 p.m.

The slow circular movements of Tai Chi help to improve balance and relaxation. The mind is calm and the body moves in balance. Breathing comfortably, you are quietly aware and alert. Come learn the Tai Chi short form. These wonderful movements have many health benefits and are fun to learn. Prerequisite: Able to walk

comfortably for an hour. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

- \$50 (Course #32267)

New Outdoor Tai Chi ★★★ Ron Erdman-Luntz

ursdays, May 1 – June 12
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Same description as the Tai Chi for Health and Wellness class. Class will be held outdoors at the amphitheater located on the civic grounds.

- \$50 (Course #32268)

Line Dance Eileen Ronning

ursdays, May 29 – June 26

Continuing Beginner: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Must have completed 8 previous lessons.

- \$25 (Course #32263)

Intermediate: 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Must have completed 50+ previous classes.

- \$25 (Course #32264)

British History Terry Kubista

ursdays, May 1 – 22, 1 – 3 p.m.

To end the season, an assortment of thought-provoking topics is “just the ticket.” These should leave you thinking all summer: the Moorish influences in Europe, eaters of blood, Oxford and vanishing Britain.

- \$30 (Course #32277)

Pickleball

Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 10 a.m.

Meadow Park is located on Oakland Rd just north of Stone Rd.

Pickleball is played on the tennis courts and on the pickleball courts within the hockey rinks during league time. Four permanent pickleball courts were installed within the hockey rinks that can be used at anytime outside of this designated league time.

Senior Center Closed

- Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day holiday.

70+ Softball

Monday and Wednesdays,

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Big Willow Park.

Slow-pitch softball is played every Monday and Wednesday mornings at Big Willow Park. Modified rules allow for competitive play without the risk of serious injury. The season runs through October. Registration will be accepted throughout the season.

- \$15 (Course #32284)

Minnetonka Bike Club

The Minnetonka Bike Club is entering its sixth season. The goal of the club is to provide moderate exercise under safe conditions and to encourage social interaction and friendship. The club has three groups to accommodate different levels of riding ability. Over 50 trail rides are scheduled, with a majority on designated bike trails. For more information see www.mtkabikers.org or to register call the Senior Center. New members are welcome!

- \$11 (Course #32277)

Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction

2nd Monday at 2 p.m.

Exercise your mind and body! In partnership with Three Rivers Park District and Ridgedale Library, we have teamed up to offer Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction. On the second Monday of the month we will discuss an adventure-related book and on the third Monday of the month, get together to participate in the activity we read about. Check out a copy of the book at the Ridgedale Library Information Desk three weeks before the book discussion. Register online at www.hclib.org or by phone (612)543-8840. You can sign up for that month's activity and get details at the book club meeting.

Nature, Novels and Non-Fiction recently received an honorable mention in the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers 2013 Programs of Excellence for its innovative approach to encouraging active and literary engagement for people 55 and older.

- May 12 — *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann
- June 9 — *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* by Aron Ralston

Classes & Trips

Upcoming Classes

More information will be provided on the following activities in the June *Script*.

Historical Seminar

Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.

Dan Hartmann returns with a historical seminar on fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin from 1870 to 1920.

Balance and Fall Prevention

Monday, June 23, 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Eva Norman from Live Your Life Physical Therapy presents on balance and fall prevention.

Defensive Driving Classes

Please call the MN Highway Safety Center toll free at 1-888-234-1294, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register, or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org for all defensive driving classes. Four-hour renewal courses cost \$20. Eight-hour courses cost \$24 and are offered two times per year. Pay the instructor at the time of the class with a check or exact cash. Checks payable to MN Highway Safety Center. Save 10% on your car insurance by taking these classes! Classes below are available at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Day course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Day Trips

Shell Lake, Wisconsin ★ ★ ★

Friday, May 23

Tour the Museum of Woodcarvings created by Joseph T. Barta, the Railroad Memories Museum in Spooner, Crystal Lake Cheese Factory and enjoy lunch at the Dinner Bell Restaurant.

Course #33390

- **Cost:** \$58 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 8:00 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, May 2

SPAMtown Belle Cruise ★ ★ ★

Tuesday, June 17

Take a self-guided tour of the SPAM museum, then arrive at the Hormel Institute to learn how different food, like chocolate, berries and nuts, are beneficial to a healthy life. Cruise around Eastside Lake in Austin on the SPAM Town Belle, a small paddlewheel boat. Enjoy the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center. Lunch will be at the Old Mill Restaurant. Menu includes: Grilled chicken breast served on a bed of wild rice blend, house salad with parmesan peppercorn dressing and a small dessert.

Course #33492

- **Cost:** \$60 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 8:00 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, May 30

Extended trips

For further information and a full list of extended trip offerings and brochures, call Senior Community Services at (952) 541-1019 or visit www.seniorcommunity.org click on programs, then senior tours.

Niagara Falls (June 16 – 22)

Cost: \$1,015 per person, double occupancy.

House on the Rock (June 18 – 20)

Cost: \$415 per person, double occupancy.

Door County and Mackinac Island (June 24 – 29)

Cost: \$925 per person, double occupancy.

Alaska Land and Cruise

(June 27 – July 9)

Cost: \$4,970 per person, double occupancy for an outside cabin.

e Landing Shop

Browse and buy handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55 and older. Items available for sale include wooden toys, doll clothes and furniture, baby items, clothing, aprons, paintings, cards, books and more.

The Landing Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Boulevard, at the northwest corner of I-394 and Hopkins Crossroad/Cty. Rd. 73 in Westridge Market. Shop is open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Interested in selling your handmade items at the shop? Shop consignors must be at least 55 years old and reside in Minnetonka. Consignors may volunteer at the shop. Questions? Call Kathy at (952) 939-8391.

Special Interest Group Highlights

For a detailed list of Special Interest Groups view the Script online or receive a copy from the Senior Center office.

- AA/Alanon, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Billiards, time varies, contact the Senior Center for details.
- Bingo, Tuesdays, 12:45 p.m.
- Social Bridge, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- Bulls & Bears Investment Club, Mondays (1st & 3rd) 1 p.m.
- Bunco, Thursdays (2nd & 4th) 1 p.m.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- Card Games, Mondays, 1 p.m.
- Chess, Thursdays, 12 p.m.
- Craft Committee, Tuesday (1st), 10 a.m.
- Cribbage, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
- 500 Cards, Tuesdays (2nd & 4th), 10 a.m., Wednesdays, (2nd & 4th) 6:30 p.m.
- Ham Radio, Mondays (2nd), 10 a.m.
- Mah Jongg, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Poker, Tuesdays (1st & 3rd), 10 a.m.
- Tonka Tale Tellers, Mondays, (2nd), 10 a.m.
- Wood Carvers, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Activity level scale

The following scale is an approximate guide of the activity level and physical ability required for a class or trip.

Activity scale

- ★ — Passive
- ★★ — Moderate
- ★★★ — Active
- ★★★★ — Brisk
- ★★★★★ — Vigorous

Registration

Ways to register

- **Walk-in**
Pay with cash, check or credit card (Visa, Discover & MasterCard)
- **Mail-in**
Send registrations to Minnetonka Senior Services, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Include your name, address, phone number and the name of the program, class or trip.
- **By phone**
Registrations are accepted at (952) 939-8393, with a credit card.
- **Online**
For more information, call the center at (952) 939-8393.

Cancellation information

- **Class cancellations**
Requires at least two business days prior to the start date of the class. Some classes may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.
- **Trip cancellations**
Requires cancelling prior to the registration deadline. If a cancellation is made after the payment deadline, the participant is refunded/credited everything but \$5 (administration fee) only if a replacement is found.

Trip registration

Participant can register up to four spaces on a trip. Trips are subject to change. If change occurs, participants will be notified.

Contact us...

Minnetonka Senior Services

(952) 939-8393

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Senior Services & Activities Manager

Steve Pieh

(952) 939-8366

spieh@eminnetonka.com

Secretary

Kathy Kline

(952) 939-8393

kkline@eminnetonka.com

Interest groups

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

Bird Club

Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Madeleine Linck
Topic: Birds and Bird Success Stories of the Tree Rivers Park

Garden Club

Monday, May 12, 1 p.m.

New members welcome!

Book Club

Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m.

Moloka'i by Alan Brennert

Literary Book Club

Tuesday, May 27, 7:15 p.m.

Making Toast: A Family Story by Roger Rosenblatt

Computer Group

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Services

Over 50 & t

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.

Annual Fee: \$12 (Course #32119)

Blood Pressure Screenings

1st & 3rd Fridays; 2nd Wednesdays

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Happy Feet

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Fridays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

To schedule or cancel an appointment, call (763) 560-5136. Cost: \$35.

Weekly E-mail Updates

To receive weekly e-mail updates on center happenings, send your e-mail address to spieh@eminnetonka.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please call Senior Services at (952)939-8393 for more information.

- Adopt-A-Highway — Tuesday, May 6, 1 p.m. Supplies provided. Meet at the Minnetonka Senior Center.

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

Senior Community Services

Services listed below are provided by Senior Community Services, a local non-profit.

- **CareNextion**
Free, easy-to-use online tool and complimentary phone service for caregivers and their families. For more information visit www.carenextion.org or call (612) 770-7005.
- **Senior outreach**
Available by appointment on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Contact Mary Ann Lundberg at (952) 939-8393 or m.lundberg@seniorcommunity.org
- **Health insurance counseling**
Available by appointment on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.
- **H.O.M.E.**
Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (H.O.M.E.) is available for Minnetonka residents 60+. For more information call (952) 746-4046.

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Group	Meeting day	Information
Advisory Board	2 nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
AA/AI-Anon	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	All ages welcome. New members welcome.
Billiards	Every afternoon - time varies	See calendar page for times.
Bingo	Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.	
Bird Club	1 st Friday of the month at 10 a.m.	May 2—Madeleine Linck, Birds and Bird Success Stories of the Three Rivers Park.
Book Club	3 rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	May 15— <i>Moloka'i</i> by Alan Brennert
Bulls & Bears Investment Club	1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m.	
Social Bridge	Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd place and grand slam prizes awarded.
Bunco	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays at 1 p.m.	Don't know how to play? They will teach you.
Duplicate Bridge	Thursdays at 6 p.m.	Partners needed.
Card Games	Mondays at 1 p.m.	Rummikub & Hand and Foot, alternating Mondays. See calendar page for game dates.
Chess	Thursdays at 12 p.m.	If you have general knowledge of chess, join us.
Chorale	Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.	The last rehearsal day is May 14.
Computer Interests	Fridays at 10 a.m. Website: mscig.wordpress.com	This group examines topics of interest. Experience ranges from beginner to expert.
Craft Committee	1 st Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
Cribbage	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Bring your cribbage boards and a deck of cards.
500 Card Club	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday at 10 a.m.	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Mtka Community Garden Club	2 nd Monday at 1 p.m.	New members welcome!
Literary Book Club (Formerly Great Books)	4 th Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	May 27 — <i>Making Toast: A Family Story</i> by Roger Rosenblatt
Ham Radio	2 nd Monday at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
The Landing Shop	Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	The Landing Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Blvd. Phone (763) 591-4868. The Landing shop sells handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55+.
Mah Jongg	Wednesdays at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
Pickleball	Monday-Friday, times vary.	Courts at Meadow Park will be available for outdoor play contingent on weather. For more information call 952-939-8393.
Poker	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Join us for a good game of poker.
Scribblers	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Attention all writers (amateur to professional), if you enjoy writing poems, storytelling, fiction or short stories come join us and share your work with fellow writers. New members welcome!
Single Mingle Club	3 rd Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at The Depot	Various events scheduled monthly. Stop by the center to pick up a listing of events. New members welcome.
Tonka Tale Tellers	2 nd Monday at 10 a.m.	This group travels to elementary schools within the area to tell and animate stories.
Tale Spinners	Tuesdays at 1 p.m.	This group offers rapport and support for seniors interested in writing memoirs, fiction, etc.
Wood Carvers	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Group members work independently but also share ideas with one another.

Get educated about natural resources with spring workshops

W invasive species? Eager to learn how to identify native plants? Spotted an unusual bird and want to know more? The city's natural resource staff and partners offer a little something for everyone in the way of education about the natural world. Most of the opportunities are free and are held in Minnetonka or nearby. Take a look and plan your natural resource education for the spring and early summer.

Plant Walks

Learn about native habitat restoration. Identify wildflowers and learn why native plant species diversity is important for pollinators and songbirds. Walks are held rain or shine. Bring a water bottle, binoculars and notebook. Registration required for each walk. Call (952) 988-8400 or register online at www.eminnetonka.com.

- *May 7, 5:30–7 p.m.*
Minnetonka Mills Park. Meet at Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road
- *May 21, 5:30–7 p.m.*
Purgatory Park. Park on Stodola Road and meet at dead end circle, west of 17124 Stodola Road.
- *May 28, 5:30–7 p.m.*
Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road. Meet at lower parking lot below tennis courts.
- *June 4, 5–6 p.m.*
Civic Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Explore the marsh woods. (Part of the Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest — see pages 1 & 3 for more information.)

Aquatic Invasive Species

May 8, 6–9 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center*

Steve McComas and Cheryl Culbreth discuss common invasive plant and animal species found in and around area lakes and ponds, as well as highlight new and emerging threats that could potentially colonize lakes and ponds. Learn about zebra mussels, carp, curly leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, buckthorn and purple loosestrife. Find out if preventative measures work, what control options are available, the latest updates on where they've been found, and what's being done on a local and statewide level to keep aquatic invasive species at bay.

Workshop is hosted by the cities of Minnetonka and Eden Prairie and by the Riley-Purgatory-Blue and Nine Mile creek

watershed districts. Registration required. Call (952)988-8400 or register online at www.eminnetonka.com.

Garlic Mustard Control

May 14, 6:30–8 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center*

Garlic mustard is the most invasive species lurking in woods and wild areas. May is the time to start pulling it, before it produces seed. Attend this free workshop and help save time, energy and frustration when controlling garlic mustard. Call (952) 939-8200 or register online at www.eminnetonka.com. Handouts provided. You can start pulling garlic mustard before the workshop — follow these tips. For a fact sheet with photos, visit <http://bit.ly/1hY7afc>.

- Garlic mustard is a biennial. The second-year plants are the ones to pull each year, as they will produce seed after flowering.
- Pull second-year plants in the flower bud stage or early flowering stage, because that's when they come out most easily by hand. Also, if you pull at this stage prior to seed pod formation, you don't need to bag the plants.
- Important: You must put the plants somewhere to dry where the roots are not touching the ground. After they wilt or shrivel, they can be left to decompose or be discarded in yard waste.
- Soon after the flower cluster starts to elongate, seed pods start to form under the flowers (they look like tiny-green beans). At this time, the plants should be bagged.

Spring Bird Walk

May 17, 8:30–11 a.m.

Celebrate spring with a morning bird walk along the trails of Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road. Minnetonka residents and Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter members Anne Hanley and George Skinner will lead the tour and help identify bird species along the way. The walk is open to birders of all skills and ages. Lone Lake Park is located along the west side of Shady Oak Road, between Excelsior Boulevard and Highway 62 (Crosstown). Turn in just north of the cemetery, and meet at the lower lot near the picnic shelters. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you have them. Dress appropriately for the weather. Walk will be held rain or shine. Register at www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 988-8400.



Prime time to pull is in the early flowering stage before flowers elongate.



Second-year garlic mustard in the "botling" stage, about a week before it's ready to pull.

Invasive Weeds & Wild Nasties

June 18, 6:30–8 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center

Register at www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 988-8400.

* The Minnetonka Community Center is located at 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. ☺



Photo courtesy of Jim Stromer, "Wood Duck Reflection"

Emerald ash borer: should you treat your trees or remove them?

E been found in Minnetonka, but if you own an ash tree, it's time to think about your options.

If you don't plan to treat your ash trees, at least consider budgeting for their removal and the replacement trees. Many homeowners, businesses and associations are opting for a three-prong approach to the EAB threat: treatments now, removals once the pest is found, and replanting in order to increase tree diversity.

Start by evaluating your ash trees. Consider trees, health, size, age, structure, and any stem/branch damage or visible decay. A certified arborist can help evaluate your trees and make decisions.

Ash trees killed by EAB can become very brittle and hazardous, so it's important to make a plan for trees in high-use areas or adjacent to structures. You don't have to treat your ash tree before EAB is found in Minnetonka, but once a tree is infested more than 30%, the insecticide does not distribute as well throughout the canopy and it's harder to preserve the tree.

Many effective treatments are available

including trunk injections, soil injections and soil drenches. Most of these treatments will require re-application every 1 – 3 years. Some products you can apply yourself if ash trees are smaller than 15 inches in diameter and are not within 25 feet of a body of water, channel, creek or storm drain. It's essential and required by law to follow the directions exactly in terms of how and when to use the product. When used improperly there is the risk of the product getting into the ground or surface water and negatively affecting humans, pets, and pollinators. For ash trees larger than 15" in diameter or trees within 25 feet of a water body or storm drain, consult with an ISA-certified arborist on the best treatment options for your situation and make sure it is applied by a certified pesticide applicator.

Research the cost of removal and replacement versus the cost of treatment over an extended period of time. Treatments performed by a contractor vary in price depending on the application type. Soil drenches cost about \$5 to \$9 per diameter inch each year, and stem injections are about \$9 to \$12 every 2 – 3 years. Also look

at the value of the tree to your home and family, since mature trees provide more in energy savings, shade, privacy, wildlife value, and increased property value than young, newly planted trees.

For more information on treatment options for EAB, go to www.eminnetonka.com and search "chemical treatments for EAB" or visit www.mda.state.mn.us and search "eab insecticides."

Contact Emily Ball, city forester, at eball@eminnetonka.com or at (952) 988-8400 to schedule a presentation and discussion for your neighborhood group. ☺



Emerald ash borer

Minnetonka's shade tree disease control program starts June 2

T control program starts June 2. Tree inspectors certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources survey the entire city, looking for trees showing signs of Dutch elm or oak wilt diseases.

If you see a diseased tree, report it starting June 2 by calling (952) 988-8407. Give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location. The person who reports a diseased tree can remain anonymous — the caller's name is not considered public information.

If a diseased tree is found on private property, the inspector will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree.

Both of these tree diseases are regulated by city ordinance. If an elm tree or oak tree is found to be diseased, it is important to act promptly with removal or the suggested treatments in order to protect other elms and oaks on your property and throughout the city.

If a tree is marked, what should I do?

If a tree has been identified as having Dutch elm disease or oak wilt, the city paints an orange ring around the tree. Property owners are notified by a notice on the door

on the day the tree is marked and by a mailed follow-up letter. Both diseases have different management strategies, so be sure to read the letter carefully.

When a tree is marked in a yard, it is the property owner's responsibility to hire a contractor and pay for the costs associated with tree removal. If a tree is along the road edge within the right-of-way, the city will pay for half of the tree removal. When grinding is appropriate, the city will also pay for half of the stump removal. When the tree is in a park or other city-owned property, the city will pay for the full removal cost. The notification on the door and mailed letter will explain how you should take action.

What about other tree diseases?

The city doesn't regulate other tree diseases or damaging insects because at this time, there aren't any other diseases or insects in Minnetonka that are considered "epidemic." Emerald ash borer (EAB) would meet the criteria to be listed as epidemic, but at printing it has not yet been found in Minnetonka (see article above). The city is actively planning and preparing for EAB with the knowledge of the devastating damage it has had in other cities. Some of

the criteria that could make a tree disease (or insect infestation) epidemic are: it is economically catastrophic, it has far-reaching effects on the landscape (not just one person's yard), and/or it is difficult or nearly impossible to control. Because the city engages in active management of Dutch elm and oak wilt disease each year, it helps to mitigate a full epidemic.

To learn more about the program, visit www.eminnetonka.com and enter "shade tree disease control" in the search bar or call (952) 988-8407. For more information on common tree diseases, visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo/diagnostics/index.html> ☺



elm tree shows signs of disease.



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Spring Leaf Drop-off ends May 17

Public Works Facility

11522 Minnetonka Blvd., ¼ mi. west of Cty. Rd. 73
Enter on the west side of the building (near the Big Willow ball fields)

The Public Works facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd accepts leaves and yard waste from Minnetonka residents. You must present proper identification to the site monitor to verify you are a Minnetonka resident (driver's license, state I.D., or Minnetonka utility bill). No loads of leaves will be accepted from commercial lawn services without proof of residency of the address the leaves are from.

If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option! 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. State law requires proper compostable bags for curbside collection of bagged yardwaste — **regular plastic bags are not allowed**. Some companies offer yardwaste carts, eliminating the need for using bags.

Leaves and non-woody yard waste (grass, weeds, pine cones and needles, garden trimmings, fruit, etc.) are accepted from Minnetonka residents on the following dates and times:

- **Mondays:** 12 to 8 p.m. **May 5, 12**
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. **May 6, 13**
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. **May 3, 10, 17**

Expanded Friday and Sunday hours:

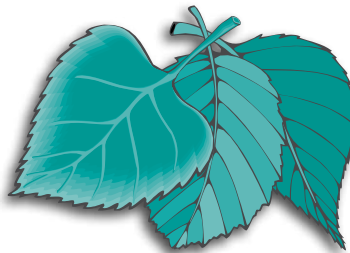
- **Fridays:** 12 to 6 p.m. **May 2, 9, 16**
- **Sundays:** 12 to 4 p.m. **May 4, 11**

The city leaf drop-off site is bag-free — loose leaves only. Residents will unload and/or unbag

their leaves and yardwaste onto the large bulk pile and take all empty bags home for reuse or disposal — including paper and compostable bags. Please bring proper equipment, such as a stout pitch fork, to unload your truck or trailer load of leaves.

The suggested method is to use many layers of tarps between layers of about a foot of leaves. Use a tarp to gather up and move a pile of leaves from your yard to your trailer or vehicle. Continue using lots of small tarp loads, layering the leaves and tarps until the vehicle is full. This makes unloading your leaves easier and faster at the site. All you need to do is flip off the tarps between the layers of leaves. Sticks and branches smaller than ½ inch in diameter are acceptable with leaves; anything larger goes to the brush pile. (See the brush drop-off article at top right.) **Loads of leaves must be covered during transport!**

Information about composting and yard waste management is available from Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430. ☺



Brush drop-off now open

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m.

The brush drop-off site will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26.

Branches up to 12" in diameter are accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency is required to drop-off brush (driver's license or utility bill).

Please note: trash, metal, plastics, concrete, lumber, fences or wood scraps are not

accepted. Do not bring these materials with your brush.



Do not put grass, loose leaves, dirt or sod in with the brush pile. Loose leaves, pine needles, straw, plant and garden materials, and yard waste go in the separate leaf drop-off area, available until May 14. The brush drop-off and leaf drop-off programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials, so it's important they stay separate.

No brush is accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

Call (952) 988-8430 for information. ☺

Memorial Day delays grey week recycling

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, will delay the grey week recycling collection areas by one day. Residents west of I-494 (south of Highway 7 and west of County Road 101 up to LRT Trail) will have recycling collection on Tuesday, May 27. Residents east of I-494 (south of Minnetonka Boulevard) will have collection on Wednesday, May 28. ☺



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Special one-day drop-off

Saturday, June 7

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below. The charge for dropping off each item, if any, is listed in parentheses.

• **Appliances (\$10 each)**

Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven, cooktop, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, home furnace, trash compactor, garbage disposer, humidifier, dehumidifier, air conditioner, water softener

• **Batteries (No charge)**

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**

(No charge)

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

• **Carpet & padding (\$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**

(\$35, higher fee for larger items)

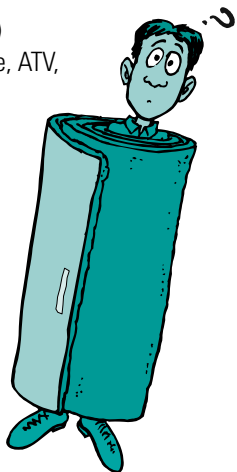
• **Doors (\$2 and up, depending on size)**

• **Electronics**

(no longer accepted, see box at top right)

• **Fluorescent lamps (No charge)**

Up to ten fluorescent bulbs will be accepted



per vehicle. No lamps will be accepted from business or commercial use. Please transport lamps in a manner to avoid breakage. Don't tape bulbs!

• **Furniture: 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 (\$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard)** No railroad ties, concrete or shingles.

• **Mattresses and box springs: (\$15 per piece for all sizes).** Mattresses are dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by the PPL Industries mattress recycling program.

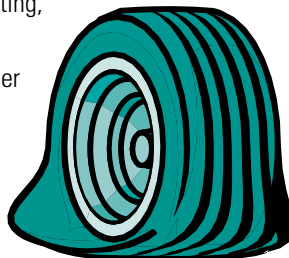
• **Propane tanks: Small (\$1); Large — over a 2-lb. tank (\$5)**

• **Scrap metal — dirty (\$5); clean (no charge)**

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

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



• **Toilets and non-metal sinks (\$5 each)**

• **Windows (\$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard)**

Payment will be accepted in cash or local checks payable to the city of Minnetonka.

NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Electronics not accepted at drop-off, community collection

Electronic items are no longer accepted at the special drop-off events. This includes TVs; radios; stereos; speakers; CDs, VCR and DVD players; camcorders; cell phones; telephones; laptops; computers; printers and monitors. Drop-off options for electronics include the the Hennepin County permanent drop-off sites (page 15); or any Best Buy or Staples store.

New this year, electronics will not be accepted at the May Hazardous Waste Community Collection.

Please note: Charitable organizations will **not** be at the special drop-off accepting clothing and household goods.

Local charitable organizations that accept clothing and household goods include the following:

• **ARC Hennepin Carver**

Pickup route info: (612) 866-8820

• **Bethesda Thrift Shop**

4749 Cty. Rd. 101, Minnetonka
 (952) 939-0988

• **Families Helping Each Other**

(no furniture)
www.fheo.org
 (612) 235-9336

• **Goodwill Industries**

13820 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka
 (952) 544-6648

• **Salvation Army**

Pickup route info: (612) 332-5585

• **Value Village Thrift Store**

2751 Winnetka Ave, New Hope
 (763) 544-0006

• **Vietnam Vets**

Pickup route information: (651) 778-8387

For more information, call Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430 or visit www.eminnetonka.com. Fall special drop-off will be Saturday, September 13.



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Community Collection

Thursday, May 15

Friday, May 16

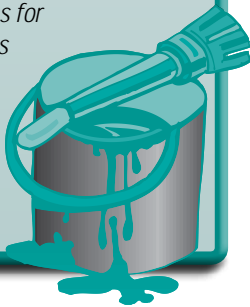
Saturday, May 17

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Minnetonka Public Works
11522 Minnetonka Blvd
East entrance by recycling center

Important:

Electronics will not be accepted at this event. Options for disposal of electronics include the year-round drop-off sites (see details below) as well as Best Buy or Staples stores.



The HHW drop-off is open to any Hennepin County resident and only accepts items from households. No hazardous waste or problem materials can be accepted from businesses, including home businesses or non-profit organizations.

The following HHW and problem materials are accepted free of charge:

Household, lawn and garden products:

Adhesives, aerosols, batteries, cleaners, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fire extinguishers, flammable products, paint (limit three 5-gallon pails), paint thinners, solvents and strippers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, photographic and hobby chemicals, poisons, pool chemicals, rechargeable tools, ballasts, stains, wood preservatives.

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

Electronics: No longer accepted at this event. See sidebar at left or visit <http://bit.ly/1jZDeCN>.

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

Gas Cylinders

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

There is no charge for dropping off HHW or the above listed items.

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

For more information, call (952) 988-8430 or Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777. ☺

Year-round HHW drop-off sites

Residents may bring household hazardous waste (HHW) to either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities:



1400 W. 96th St., Bloomington
8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park

There is no charge to drop off residential HHW.



Facilities are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Facilities are closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

There is no charge to drop off residential HHW, but there is a limit to the annual quantities of materials dropped off or picked up. For more information visit www.hennepin.us or call Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777.

Household hazardous waste includes such items as aerosol cans; auto wastes (including gasoline, used oil and oil filters); batteries; cleaners; fire extinguishers; herbicides; fluorescent, CFL and HID lamps; paint; pesticides; stain; solvents; thermometers; thermostats and switches containing mercury; thinners; and rechargeable appliances and batteries.

Consumer electronics **are accepted at no charge** (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers). Photocopiers are not accepted.

Household appliances (microwaves, water heater, stove, freezer, washer, dryer, etc.) may be dropped off for a \$15 fee.

The fees and list of acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff.

For more information call Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777 or visit the website at www.hennepin.us/dropo. ☺

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Call (952) 939-8200
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
				1	2	3	1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 14 Park Board tour, 5:15 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1, 2, 3 Silver Skates Ice Revue (see below, more details in April Memo) 15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	5 Local Board of Appeals and Equalization, 6:15 p.m.; City Council, 6:30 p.m. 19 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	12 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m. (Topic: Strategic Profile, Lot Sizes) 22 Economic Development Advisory Commis- sion, 6 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26 Memorial Day, city offices closed 29 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 13 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.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 replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or anytime via videostream 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.

Election judge info session is May 7

Ma dedicated, knowledgeable group of election judges serving the community every election. However, there is always a need for new people to offer their services, particularly for even-year state elections.

Serving as an election judge is a great way to meet your neighbors and to protect one of our most cherished freedoms — the right to vote. Judges are needed for both the state primary election on August 12 and the state

general election on November 4. is a paid opportunity and training is provided.

If you are interested in serving your community as an election judge, attend an information session May 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com or call Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219. ☺

Silver Skates Ice Revue is May 1, 2, 3

MSkating School presents the 40th Annual Silver Skates Ice Revue, "40 Years of Favorites" May 1 & 2 at 6:30 p.m. and May 3 at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$6, with free admission for children under 5. Senior citizens and individuals with special needs are granted free admission to the Saturday afternoon performance. ☺

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