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A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
June 2014

Southwest LRT open house, public hearing June 2

ON APRIL 9, THE METROPOLITAN Council approved the project scope and budget for the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) and directed that design plans be submitted to the cities for review and action through a process called municipal consent. Minnetonka's municipal consent review will be limited to the part of the Southwest LRT corridor located within the city boundaries of Minnetonka.

Minnetonka residents are invited to attend an open house Monday, June 2, from 5–6 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, regarding the project. Also on June 2, the Minnetonka City Council will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Minnetonka Community Center, and as part of that meeting will host

a public hearing about the SWLRT project. The Minnetonka City Council will take final action on the municipal consent plans at its regular meeting Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Written comments may be submitted to Elise Durbin, City of Minnetonka, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345, or via email to swlrt@eminnetonka.com. Please limit your comments to the portion of the corridor located within Minnetonka. Comments about the project as a whole may be directed to Daren Nyquist, Southwest LRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426, or via email to swlrt@metrotransit.org. More information about the project is available at www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

Eco Fun Fest is June 4

ENJOY THE NATIVE PLANT MARKET and Eco Fun Fest Wednesday, June 4, 3–7 p.m. in the Minnetonka City Hall parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. A wide variety of native plants will be available for purchase from six vendors: Prairie Restorations, Dragonfly Gardens, Cedar Hill Natives, Natural Shore Technologies, MN Native Landscapes, and Naturally Wild. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a list of plants by vendor.

Enjoy outdoor activities for all age groups. Get up close with some live animals from the Zoo Mobile, check out some creepy crawly critters from the Bell Museum, join a plant walk, or look and listen for birds on a walk with the Audubon Society. Experience different reptiles with the Herpetology Society, enjoy a puppet show, or watch your kids as they learn how to 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.) Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a list of activities and times.

The Master Naturalists, Tree Care Advisors, Audubon Society and watershed district representatives will be available to answer plant, tree, bird and surface water questions. Tree care experts will be on hand to answer questions about preparing for emerald ash borer, and learn about the city's storm water plan from engineering staff. Also, sign up at the event for a chance to win a native plant starter garden.

Remember to bring cash or check for payment, boxes for plant purchases and appropriate clothing for the weather. Hot dogs and chips will be available for sale. The event is rain or shine, but may be cancelled if the weather is severe. ☺

Special one-day drop-off is June 7

MINNETONKA'S SPECIAL ONE-DAY drop-off event is Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a list of accepted items and costs. Electronics are not accepted at this event.. ☺

Absentee voting starts Friday, June 27

THIS YEAR'S STATE PRIMARY ELECTION is Tuesday, August 12, and absentee ballots will be available starting June 27.

Absentee Voting

Under a new state law, voters no longer have to state a specified reason in order to receive and cast an absentee ballot.

Voters should note the absentee ballot process requires additional steps different from the Election Day voting process. All absentee voters must complete both an application to receive a ballot and a certificate when casting the absentee ballot. Election judges compare the information on the two documents before accepting the ballot. Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail.

In Person

Beginning June 27, Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., or at the

Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. 6th St., Minneapolis, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended absentee voting hours will be available at both locations Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Monday, August 11, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

By Mail

Absentee voting may also be done by mail. The voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. To receive an application call city hall at (952) 939-8200, visit www.eminnetonka.com, or fax a request to (952) 939-8244. Upon receipt of an application, a ballot with instructions will be mailed.

Questions? Call (952) 939-8200. ☺

See brochure inside...

Summer and Burwell Festival Saturday, June 28



News for Neighbors

From the Minnetonka Police Department

NEWSPERIODICALS APPEAR periodically in the *Minnetonka Memo* with news for you from the Minnetonka Police Department. If you have questions about any of these items, contact Nicole Nelson, crime prevention analyst, at (952) 939-8546.

Meet the Chief June 20

Join Police Chief Jeff Sebenaler for a walk and talk in the park Friday, June 20, from 9–10 a.m. at Purgatory Park, 17315 Excelsior Boulevard. Chief Sebenaler has been with the Minnetonka Police Department since



Chief Sebenaler

1990 and assumed the role of police chief June 1. This is your chance to meet Chief Sebenaler and ask questions while taking a leisurely walk around one of Minnetonka's beautiful parks. More of these events will take place throughout the summer — watch future *Memos* for more details. Chief Sebenaler looks forward to meeting and talking with you and answering any questions you have about the Minnetonka Police Department!

Bike rodeos June 17 & 18

Police officers will be at six parks this summer to teach kids about bike safety. Events are free — bring your bike and don't forget a helmet!

Tuesday, June 17

- **1 p.m.**
Covington Park, 18920 Manchester Street
- **2 p.m.**
Spring Hill Park, 16714 Seymore Drive
- **3 p.m.**
Gro Tonka Park, 17003 Prospect Place

Wednesday, June 18

- **9 a.m.**
Meadow Park, 2725 Oakland Road
- **10 a.m.**
Glen Lake Elementary School
4801 Woodridge
- **11 a.m.**
Boulder Creek, 5948 Stoneybrook Drive

Night for Neighbors

On Tuesday, August 5, from 6–9 p.m., Minnetonka residents are invited to participate in Night for Neighbors. The first 100 neighborhoods to register will be scheduled to receive a visit from one city representative. Register early, as there were more than 170 neighborhood events in 2013!

Again this year, the Minnetonka Police Department is partnering with the ICA Foodshelf in asking residents to donate a food item at their block party. The block party with the most donated food (by weight) will win a prize.

Solicitors and peddlers

Solicitors, peddlers and canvassers must follow these rules in Minnetonka:

- For-profit sale of products or services requires a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have a photo ID issued by the city. The city doesn't endorse any specific product or service by issuing this license. For a current list of licensed solicitors, peddlers and canvassers, visit <http://bit.ly/17NQAfS>.
- Anyone putting flyers in a newspaper box does not need to register with the city.
- Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations don't need a license from the city, unless they pay their solicitors. However, the city does ask charitable organizations to register.
- Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business prohibiting solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property.

If you have a complaint about a door-to-door salesperson or soliciting party, please contact the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500.

About Sojourner Project

For more than 30 years, Sojourner Project has been working in the communities of western Hennepin County to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence through shelter, advocacy, safety planning and community education. In 2013, Sojourner served 262 victims of domestic

violence in Minnetonka.

Sojourner Shelter, a secure and confidential residence for battered women and their children, is located in Minnetonka and provides victims with a clean and safe environment, food, clothing, transportation. The shelter provides advocacy for safety planning, parenting issues, resource networking and legal concerns. The shelter also operates and staffs a 24-hour crisis line.

Sojourner believes that strong community partnerships are crucial to raise awareness of and to prevent domestic violence. To that end, Sojourner provides the following services:

- Partners with the Minnetonka Police Department. When a domestic violence arrest takes place in Minnetonka, police officers contact Sojourner. An advocate then contacts the victim to offer support, safety planning, information and referrals to needed services. The advocate continues to work with the victim throughout any criminal court proceedings. In a further partnership, a representative of the Minnetonka Police Department serves on the Sojourner board of directors.
- Educates area middle and high school students about dating and healthy relationships, and provides education for parents on how to discuss these topics.
- Trains law enforcement, prosecutors and attorneys, probation workers, social workers, teachers, medical clinic staff and first responders.

Sojourner's services are free of charge and available to anyone. Services are confidential and can be accessed 24 hours a day by any women in the west metro area, not just those in the Sojourner Shelter. Sojourner can assist with issues including divorce, custody, child protection and restraining orders. To learn more, visit www.sojournerproject.org or call (952) 351-4062. For the crisis line call (952) 933-7422, for legal and community advocacy call (952) 935-1004. To schedule a group presentation, call (952) 351-4066. ☺

Special events and programs

Navigating Medicare

Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

If you are thinking of retiring, know someone who has Medicare coverages, or if you already have Medicare and just want to know more, this class is for you. Learn about Medicare Parts A, B and D. This is an educational opportunity, not a sales pitch. The class is offered in cooperation with Senior Community Services (SCS), a non-profit agency.

Cost: \$10 due Monday, June 2.

Course #33495

Lunch and a Movie: "Saving Mr. Banks"

Friday, June 13, 12 p.m.

When Walt Disney's daughters begged him to make a movie of their favorite book, P.L. Travers' *Mary Poppins*, he made them a promise — one he didn't realize would take 20 years to keep. In his quest to obtain the rights, Walt comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine.

Menu: Hamburgers, German potato salad, fruit and root beer floats.

Cost: \$5 due Wednesday, June 11.

Course #33496

Summer Solstice Party

Tuesday, June 17, 12 p.m.

Join the company of friends and enjoy good food at the summer solstice party.

Menu: brats, beans, chips and dessert.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, June 10.

Course #33540

Historical Seminar

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

Military historian and teacher Dan Hartmann returns with a historical seminar on fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin from 1870 to 1920, caused by the logging of the white pine.

Cost: \$2 due Friday, June 13.

Course #33541

Balance and Fall Prevention

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

Dr. Eva Norman from Live Your Life Physical Therapy discusses balance and fall prevention. She will conduct free balance screenings prior to the presentation for those registered.

Cost: \$2 due Friday, June 13.

Course #33542

Community Connections

Monday, June 23, 10:15 a.m.

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections. June's topic is low-income housing options.

- Free (Course #33543)

Lunch and a Movie: "Philomena"

Friday, July 18, 12 p.m.

When former journalist Martin Sixsmith is dismissed from the Labour Party in disgrace, he is at a loss as to what do. Then a young Irish woman approaches him about her mother, whose son was taken away when she was a teenage inmate of a Catholic convent.

Menu: Assorted appetizers and dessert.

Cost: \$5 due Wednesday, July 16.

Course #33544

Hawaiian Luau

Thursday, July 24, 12 p.m.

Enjoy a summer day with friends at a Hawaiian luau.

Menu: Pineapple chicken teriyaki meatballs, rice, vegetables, volcano punch and upside-down pineapple cake.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, June 10.

Course #33545

Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction

2nd Monday at 2 p.m.

Exercise your mind and body! Nature, Novels and Non-Fiction is offered in partnership with Three Rivers Park District and Ridgedale Library. On the second Monday of the month discuss an adventure-related book, 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.

- June 9 — *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* by Aron Ralston
- July 14 — *Swimming to Antarctica* by Lynne Cox
- August 11 — *Eternal on the Water* by Joseph Monninger

Please Welcome...

- Janelle Crossfield, Senior and General Programs Manager. Janelle started with the city in late April.
- Mary Ann Lundberg — Senior Community Services, Outreach Worker. Mary Ann started with Senior Community Services in March.

Classes

Beginning & Intermediate Yoga *Nancy Holasek*

These gentle classes are geared toward the older adult, with lots of stretching and warm-ups. The 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, June 3 – 24 \$25
(Course #32249)
- Thursday, June 5 – 26 \$25
(Course #32251)

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, June 3 – 24 \$25
(Course #32252)
- Thursday, June 5 – 26 \$25
(Course #32254)

Evening Yoga *Nancy Holasek*

Wednesdays, June 4 – 25, \$25

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

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★
(Course #32250)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★
(Course #32253)

Tai Chi for Health and Wellness *Ron Erdman-Luntz*

Thursdays, June 19 – July 24

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 #32269)

Line Dance

Eileen Ronning

Thursdays, July 10 – August 7

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

Must have completed 8 previous lessons.

- \$20 (Course #32265)

Intermediate: 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Must have completed 50+ previous classes.

- \$20 (Course #32266)

Watercolor Workshop

Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesday, June 18, 1 – 3:45 p.m.

Paint studies of subject matter to explore basic watercolor methods: explore various washes, color and value contrasts, transition of edges, dry brush detailing, and making the white of the paper work. Demos and visual examples illustrate the concepts. Classroom supplies available; however, please bring your own watercolor supplies if you have them.

- \$30 (Course #32282)

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.

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 #32283)

Helpful Registration Tips

- **Classes:** Most classes are listed in the recreation brochure. The winter/spring and summer issues are distributed to Minnetonka residents in the mail. The fall issue is available online only, but you may pick up a black and white copy at Minnetonka City Hall. Classes listed in the brochure are available for registration anytime after the registration date. This includes exercise, dance, art, and history classes.
- **Trips:** To offer a trip, we may have to combine our group with another city group in order to fill a bus. When this happens, we may have to adjust the start and end time of the trip.
- **General:** Pre-registration is required so we know if we have enough people to run a program or if we have to cancel it. All presenters and instructors have a minimum amount of people they need in order to run their event. If you want to attend a program and have not registered, please call the Senior Center to check on availability and if the event is still taking place. If a course is cancelled, staff will call registered participants and they will be refunded.

Share your ideas...

- The Senior Center would like to hear from you. Please share any of your favorite topics, instructors, presenters or entertainers that you would like for us to offer.

Events & Trips

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, June 3, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 22, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- No evening courses offered in June
- Thursday, July 10, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Day Trips

Frank Disalvo Concert ★★

Thursday, July 31

Enjoy lunch and a concert by Frank Disalvo in the Grand Hall at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. Frank is a Sinatra-style performer who will be singing songs such as, “New York, New York,” “My Way,” “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” “Unforgettable” and other great hits.

Course #33546

- **Cost:** \$53 includes lunch, concert, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 11:15 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, June 13

Victorian Hudson Experience ★★

Wednesday, August 20

Take a behind-the-scenes tour and enjoy the Art Gallery of the Whipps Center in Hudson, Wisc. After the tour, meet in the Atrium for a self-service Victorian Cream Tea. Following the tea, visit the Octagon House in Hudson for a docent-led tour.

Course #33547

- **Cost:** \$60 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 4:00 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 25

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.

Canadian Rockies (July 8–16)

Cost: \$1,750 per person, double occupancy.

Alaska Circle (July 10–17)

Cost: \$2,900 per person, double occupancy.

Mississippi River Cruise (July 21–25)

Cost: \$860 per person, double occupancy.

Colorado Railroads (July 29–Aug 7)

Cost: \$1,790 per person, double occupancy.

Alaska Southbound (July 29–Aug 13)

Cost: \$4,000 per person, double occupancy.

The 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 Janelle at (952) 939-8369.

Recycling Items

Items listed below are collected at the Minnetonka Community Center and donated to the designated organization or business.

- **Batteries:** Momentum Enterprises
- **Cell phones:** Recycling Association of Minnesota
- **Computer inkjet cartridges:** Recycling Association of Minnesota

- **Eyeglasses and cases:** Lions Club
- **Keys:** Sunshine Foundation.
- **PDAs:** Recycling Association of Minnesota.
- **Pop can tabs:** Ronald McDonald House
- **Soup labels:** Scenic Heights Elementary School.

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.

- **500 Cards,** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- **AA/Alanon,** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- **Art Drop-In,** Mondays, 9 a.m.
- **Billiards,** time varies, contact the Senior Center for details.
- **Bingo,** Tuesdays, 12:45 p.m.
- **Bulls & Bears Investment Club,** “1st & 3rd Mondays, 1 p.m.
- **Bunco,** 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 p.m.
- **Duplicate Bridge,** Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- **Chess,** Thursdays, 12 p.m.
- **Craft Committee,** 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.
- **Garden Club,** 2nd Monday, 1 p.m.
- **Ham Radio,** 2nd Monday, 10 a.m.
- **Mah Jongg,** Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Poker,** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- **Social Bridge,** Wednesday, 1 p.m.
- **Tonka Tale Tellers,** 2nd Monday, 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.

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Interest groups

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

Book Club

Thursday, June 19, 1 p.m.

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed.

Computer Group

Fridays, 10 a.m.

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

Cribbage

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

New members welcome!

Games and Cards

Mondays, 1 p.m.

1st & 3rd is Rummikub. 2nd & 4th is Hand and Foot. If there is a 5th Monday, train dominoes is played. New members welcome!

Single Mingle

3rd Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. at Tuttle's in Hopkins for a monthly planning meeting. Flyers are available at the Senior Center that will provide more details regarding additional outings for the month.

Services

Over 50 & fit

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 — Friday, August 1, 9 a.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.carenexion.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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Group	Meeting day	Information
Advisory Board	2 nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
AA/Al-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.	Meets again in September.
Book Club	3 rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	June 19 - <i>Wild, From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail</i> by Cheryl Strayed.
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.
Chess	Thursdays at 12 p.m.	If you have general knowledge of chess, join us.
Chorale	Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.	Meets again in September.
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.
Games and Cards	Mondays at 1 p.m.	1 st & 3 rd : Rummikub, 2 nd & 4 th : Hand and Food, 5 th (if applicable): Train Dominoes
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.	Meets again in September.
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	League Play: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Designated Pickleball Courts at Meadow Park will be available anytime for outdoor play, first come, first served.
Poker	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Join us for a good game of poker.
Scribblers	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Meets again in September.
Single Mingle Club	3 rd Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Tuttle's	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.	Meets again in September.
Wood Carvers	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Group members work independently but also share ideas with one another.

Enjoy arts in the park this summer

GATHER AT THE MINNETONKA CIVIC Center's outdoor amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, for music and movies and theater this summer.

Theater in the Park

Enjoy the classic "Free to Be... You and Me" production at this year's Theater in the Park performances.

Life-enhancing themes are imaginatively blended with music and humor to expand children's personal horizons, enabling them to invent their own futures without limitation. Parents, teachers and other grown-up friends will delight in sharing this extraordinary and memorable experience with the children in their lives.

Performances times:

- **Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, June 18, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.**
Evening performance is sponsored by Northwest Eye, Golden Valley. www.nweyeclinic.com.



- **Thursday, June 19, 11 a.m.**

Music in the Park

Concerts are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and feature area performers playing a wide variety of music. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free entertainment for the whole family. For

more information about the groups, visit www.eminnetonka.com.

- **June 24:** Bend in the River
(18-piece big band)
Sponsored by MinnWest Bank.
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- **July 1:** Flyin' A's Trio
(country/southern blues)
- **July 8:** Castaways
(1950s to today, 4-piece band)
- **July 15:** Dan Perry and Ice Cream
(13-piece band & vocal harmonies)
- **July 21:** Maple Grove Jazz Ensemble
(18-piece jazz band)
- **July 29:** Eden Prairie Community Band
(45-piece concert band)
- **August 5:** Tim Patrick and Blue Eyes
Band (11-piece band, Frank Sinatra style)
- **August 12:** Dirty Shorts Band
(8-piece, New Orleans style)

Movie in the Park

Bring blankets, lawn chairs and bug spray for 8:30 p.m. performances Friday, August 15, "Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away," and Friday, August 22, "Gravity." ☺

MAM offers several summer concerts

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) offers several June concerts.

MAM concert admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. MAM welcomes interested musicians of all capabilities to contact us at mamoffice@musicassociation.org regarding auditions and rehearsal times. For more information, please visit www.musicassociation.org and "Like" us on Facebook!

Minnetonka Civic Orchestra

June 1, 3 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
3695 County Road 101, Plymouth

Chamber Choir Bon Voyage Concert

June 15, 3 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church
125 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Symphony Orchestra Summer Joy

June 22, 2 p.m.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska

Minnetonka Summer Festival

Saturday, June 28

See Summer Festival insert in this edition of the *Memo* for performance times. ☺

Enjoy a June nature workshop

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH classes. Call (952) 988-8400 or register online at www.eminnetonka.com.

Invasive Weeds

June 18, 6:30–8 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Boulevard

Untended landscapes can lead to a yard full of invasive plants and may actually require more care than a tended landscape. Attend a free workshop, "Invasive Weeds and Wild Nasties," to learn what plants you want to eliminate. Learn plant identification, life cycles and control. Garlic mustard information is included, and handouts are provided. Registration is required.

Bird Walk

June 21, 8:30–11 a.m.

Minnetonka Civic Center
14600 Minnetonka Boulevard

Guides Anne Hanley and George Skinner from the Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter will lead a bird walk around the woods and marshes of the civic center campus. Park in the Minnetonka City Hall parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, and meet at the flag pole near the city hall main entrance. Remember to bring your binoculars and field guide if you have them—some binoculars will be available to borrow. Walk is open to all ages and skill levels. Dress appropriately for the weather—walk will be held rain or shine. ☺

Burwell House opens June 7

THE CHARLES H. BURWELL 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. Special tours may be arranged by calling (952) 939-8219 or (952) 939-8207 or by emailing lronbeck@eminnetonka.com or jlanson@eminnetonka.com.

Tours are free, but donations are accepted. The main floor of the house is handicapped accessible, and the entire house is air-conditioned. The Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. ☺

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Calendar

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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	4	5	6	7	2 Southwest LRT Open House, 5–6 p.m. (see page 1); City Council, 6:30 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4 Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest, 3–7 p.m. (see page 1); Park Board, 7 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	9 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	10 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
29	30						12 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 19 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m. 23 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 26 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 28 Summer and Burwell Festival (see insert)

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.

Minnetonka named a Tree City USA

FOR THE 20TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the city of Minnetonka has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. Minnetonka has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA Community, including having a tree board or department, a tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. ♻️

Get on the bus for Twins baseball games

AVOID DOWNTOWN PARKING HASSLES and take an express ride from Minnetonka to Target Field!

Park for free at the I-394 & County Road 73 Park & Ride ramp, then hop on a Route 679 bus for a ride to the Ramp A/7th Street Transit Center, just steps from Target Field.

Roundtrip ride is \$5.25 per person on weekdays, \$4.50 on weekends. Pay in cash at the Park & Ride lot or use your Go-To Card.

Buses leave the Park & Ride ramp roughly every 15 minutes for two hours before every game. After the game, head back to Ramp A for your return trip. Buses begin leaving two hours after the start of the game, and operate every 30 minutes for an hour after the last out.

For details, visit www.metrotransit.org/twins or call (612) 373-3333. ♻️

Farmers' Market starts July 1, 3–7 p.m.

Visit www.eminnetonka.com for more information.

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EVENTS

8K (5 MILE) RACE 8 AM \$20 (\$25 RACE DAY)

Call (952) 939-8203 to register by phone or register online for the 8K at www.eminnetonka.com or www.active.com. Race day registration is available beginning at 7 am. The race begins and ends in front of the Minnetonka Ice Arena on the Civic Center Campus, follows a certified course in a beautiful wooded area with rolling hills and is police patrolled. Two water stations are provided.

TOT TROT 4 PM (FREE)

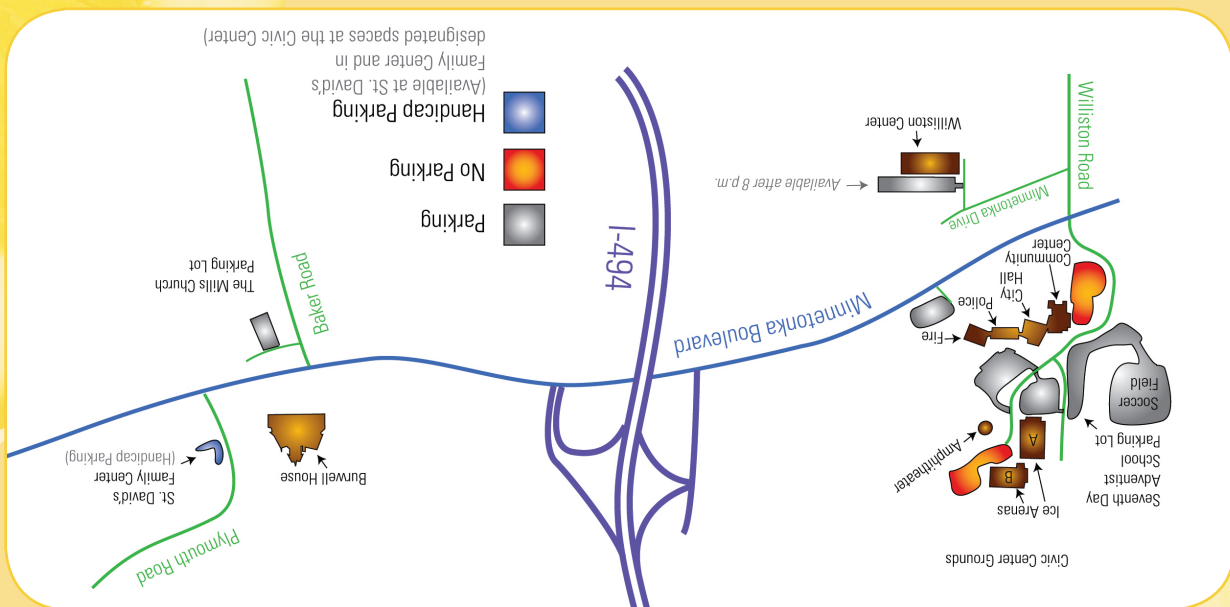
This free event for boys and girls ages 2-8 takes place in the Ice Arena parking lot and is approximately 1/2 - 2 blocks long (distance dependent upon age). No registration is required. Please check in at the Summer Festival Information tent. All participants will receive a race number at the start line and a medal at the finish line. Come for the race and stay for all of the Summer Festival activities!

CO-REC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

This one day-tournament takes place Saturday, June 28, at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. The tournament is double elimination and limited to 12 teams. The cost is \$100 per team. To register, call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203.

BIKE TO SUMMER FESTIVAL AND THE BURWELL HOUSE

Attendees are encouraged to bike to the Summer Festival events! Bike racks will be available for bikers at the Civic Center and Burwell House.



Free parking available at The Mills Church, 13215 Minnetonka Dr - cross Minnetonka Boulevard at Baker Road and use the new pedestrian bridge to enter the Burwell property. Handicapped parking is at St. David's Family Center, 3395 Plymouth Road.

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MINNETONKA CIVIC CENTER CAMPUS + BURWELL HOUSE

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the 37TH ANNUAL Summer and Burwell House Festival Saturday, June 28

An exciting variety of events await you, your friends and your family!

Run in the 8K race and Tot Trot; play in a softball tournament; enjoy magic, face painting, jazz music, house tours and a craft fair at the Burwell House; enjoy food, fun and entertainment at the Civic Center Campus in the afternoon and end the day with a fantastic fireworks display!

For those who enjoy music, we have a little something for everyone. Enjoy performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka, Medicine Show Band, The Westwind Big Band, Grammy-award winners The Okee Dokee Brothers and Synergy.

All activities are free, except for food concessions. For more information call (952) 939-8203 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

BURWELL HOUSE FESTIVAL

10 am - 4 pm Arts & Crafts Market

Browse and buy the work of local artists and crafters, including woodwork, handwork, stained glass, textiles, jewelry and more.

10:30 am Mini-Parade

Meet at the old town hall (on the grounds of The Mills Church, 13215 Minnetonka Drive) and follow Minnetonka's first fire engine to the Burwell House. Decorate your bikes, wear costumes, make your own music - anything goes as part of this mini-parade. All participants will receive bubbles to blow on the parade route.

11 am - 1:30 pm Face Painting

11 am - 2 pm Medicine Show Band

12 - 3:30 pm Amazing Nathan Strolling Magician

2:30 - 3:30 pm Hopkins Westwind Jazz Band

11 am - 4 pm Self-Guided Tours of Burwell House

Guides will be on hand to answer questions.

Visit the Minnetonka Historical Society's Museum

Enjoy Children's Activities

Variety of activities including soap bubbles and lawn games

Antique Display

Display of hand-crank telephones and telegraph machines

Try Minnetonka Fire Dept's Fire Extinguisher Simulator & Inflatable Slide

(weather permitting)

Walk the History Maze

Boardwalk Scavenger Hunt

Find all the etched stones on the Boardwalk

Food Available to Purchase

11 am - 2 pm - Brats, sauerkraut and hot dogs

11 am - 4 pm - Ice cream novelty treats

CIVIC CENTER GROUNDS

Children's Tot Trot 4 pm

(see additional information)

Fire Dept Open House 4 - 5 pm

Minnetonka Police Display 4 - 7 pm

Caricaturists 4 - 7:30 pm

Have your likeness created by professional artists - free to kids of all ages!

Petting Zoo 4 - 8 pm

Come and pet your favorite farm animals

Pony Rides

Cowboys and cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony

Recreation Services Tent 4 - 9 pm

Face painting, kids' arts and crafts

Inflatables

Bungy Trampoline, Animal Kingdom, Kraken Ship, Adrenaline Rush, Circus City, Little Farm and Mickey Mouse

Vertical Climbing Wall

Sports Challenge

Water Wars

Train Rides

Wacky Hairdos

Food & Fun 4 - 10 pm

Variety of food and beverages available to purchase

Fire Extinguisher Simulator Event 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Free Ice Skating & Skate Rental

(Minnetonka Ice Arena)

SPECIAL SALE 8 - 10 pm

Neon Glo Sticks & Necklaces!

Proceeds benefit the Recreation Services Richard Wilson Scholarship Fund

FIREWORKS! 10 pm

MAIN STAGE

The OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS

Grammy Award-winning children's band

CITY HAPPENINGS

Minnetonka City Mayor Terry Schneider

FEATURE SHOW: Synergy

Featuring classic, swing, Mo-town, 70's and 80's disco and today's chart toppers.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Music Association of Minnetonka

5:30 pm - Choral Reflections

6:30 pm - Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra



5:45 - 6:30 pm

6:50 - 7:00 pm

7 - 10:45 pm

5:30 - 7:30 pm



SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change. For weather information, call (952) 939-8355 (TELL). In event of inclement weather, this hotline will provide information about the status of live performances and the fireworks display. Should the fireworks be canceled, the make-up date is the Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 7. Also, follow the city on Twitter (@MinnetonkaMN) for information or alerts about the Summer Festival.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available on the Civic Center Campus in Ice Arenas A and B, the police department, city hall and the community center; and on the grounds of the Burwell House.

