

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
August 2014

## Vote Tuesday, August 12, in the state primary election

The primary election ballot features both partisan and non-partisan races. Partisan offices on the ballot include U.S. senator, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and attorney general. Voters who live in State House District 44B also have the state representative race on their primary ballot. Two judicial offices round out the non-partisan portion of the ballot. Primary voters are determining which candidates will go on to the November 4 state general election.

A link to a sample ballot is available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). For more detailed information call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Polling places

Two of the city's polling places have changed since the last state election.

- **Ward 4 Precinct D voters will vote at Redeemer Bible Church, 16031 Woodland Curve.** This had long been used as a polling place and was big enough to host two city precincts. However, as the building was under construction in 2012 it was not available that year for the election. The remodeling is now complete. If you voted in 2012 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard, you will return to Redeemer Bible Church for the August 12 state primary election.
- **Ward 4 Precinct E voters will vote at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard.** If you voted in 2012 at the Glen Lake Activity Center, you will return to All Saints Lutheran Church for the August 12 state primary election.

A map showing the city's 23 polling places is available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Spend a little time before voting to make sure you go to the correct polling place.

Polls will be open August 12 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find out where you vote, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). After typing in your residential address, you'll be given

information about your polling place location, have the option of printing a map to your polling place, and be able to view a sample ballot for your precinct. You can also call city hall at (952) 939-8200 for polling place information.

Pre-registration for the primary election has closed but you still are able to register to vote at your polling place on Election Day. You will need to register to vote if you have never registered, if you have changed your name or address, or if you have not voted in four years. To register on Election Day you must provide ID. A list of the acceptable forms of ID, which have expanded this year, are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Absentee voting

Absentee voting is still available through Monday, August 11. A new state law opens up absentee voting for all voters. Previous law only allowed voters with specified statutory reasons to vote by absentee.

### In Person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in 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, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, August 11, until 5 p.m.

### By Mail

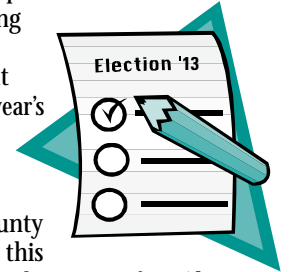
Absentee voting may also be done by mail. Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. Applications may be obtained by calling city hall at (952) 939-8200, at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or by faxing a request to (952) 939-8244. Upon receipt of an application, the city will mail a ballot with instructions.

### New voting equipment

This fall in all Hennepin County polling places, including Minnetonka, voters will see a newer vote tabulator machine when casting ballots. The basic voting process will remain the same. Voters complete a paper

ballot and insert it into the vote tabulator. However, the advanced optical scan vote tabulator with improved features will enhance the voting process. The new voting equipment was used in last year's city elections but voters in many other areas of Hennepin County will be voting on this equipment for the first time. If you'd like more information about the new voting equipment please call the city clerk at (952) 939-8200.



### Primary results

The city will provide a link at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) to the election results page of the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

City staff are available to help you with any questions you may have about the State Primary or the November 4th General Election. Call (952) 939-8200.

## Fireworks rescheduled

The Festival fireworks have been rescheduled as part of the Minnetonka Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 7, 5 - 7:30 p.m., with the fireworks at 8 p.m. All events take place at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Look for more information in the October *Minnetonka Memo* or at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



## Fun facts about the Fire Department

- The Minnetonka Fire Department was established in 1959. Prior to that, the city of Hopkins provided fire coverage for Minnetonka.
- Minnetonka has five fire stations, none of which has a fire pole or a Dalmatian.
- A firefighter's "bunker gear" weighs just over 60 pounds and includes gloves, hood, coat, pants, helmet, boots and an air pack.
- Air tanks are filled with compressed air, not oxygen, and allow for 45 minutes of breathing.
- Minnetonka fire's fleet includes nine engines and five ladder trucks.
- Engines each hold 500 gallons of water, enough to extinguish most car fires.
- The department's longest ladder extends 100 feet and can discharge up to 2,000 gallons of water per minute from its highest point.
- When water is pumped from a fire hydrant it travels into the fire truck, through a pump and then through fire hoses or a ladder pipe.
- Minnetonka has paid-on-call, rather than full-time, firefighters. Most Minnetonka firefighters are employed full-time outside of their work with the fire department.
- When fully staffed, the Minnetonka Fire Department has 80 paid-on-call firefighters.
- Station 1, located at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus on Minnetonka Boulevard, is the only station that is staffed 24 hours a day by a duty crew.
- When responding to emergencies, Minnetonka's firefighters first report to the fire station for their gear. The call type and location determines whether firefighters take an engine or a ladder to the scene. Firefighters never respond to an emergency scene in personal vehicles.

Want to learn more about the Minnetonka Fire Department? Be sure to join us at the Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 7, 5 – 7:30 p.m. with fireworks at 8 p.m. Kids four and over can enjoy fire truck rides, and there's free food, fun and activities for everyone! It all takes place at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. ☺

## MAM audition call for youth, adults

**T** for musicians of all ages to get involved in one of the many groups offered by the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM). As it starts its 41st season this fall, MAM is among the largest community music associations in the country! Come join the proud tradition of musical excellence and camaraderie. Members come from all parts of the Twin Cities metro area.

### Youth choirs for grades 2 – 12

The MAM youth choir program provides a unique opportunity for singers in grades 2 – 12 to progress through a consistent, high-quality program to develop musical knowledge and skills in a respectful, supportive and enriching environment.

- **Cappella Choir**  
Boys & girls, grades 2 – 5
- **Concert Choir**  
Boys & girls, grades 6 – 9
- **Chamber Choir**  
Young women, grades 9 – 12

### Adult Ensembles

Did you sing in high school and college, or do you just like to sing? Did you play an instrument and now miss the experience of performing live? MAM offers musical opportunities for all levels of musicianship, including the following:

- Three adult choirs — Symphony Chorus, Choral Reflections and Senior Chorale
- Minnetonka Symphony, Chamber and Civic Orchestras
- Minnetonka Concert Band

Auditions are currently being held by appointment at a mutually agreeable time. Please email the office at [mamo\\_ce@musicassociation.org](mailto:mamo_ce@musicassociation.org) or call Roger Hoel at (952) 401-5956 to schedule an audition. Some ensembles have no audition requirement. Youth choir scholarships are available for demonstrated need.

For more information, please visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org) and "Like" us on Facebook! ☺

## Apply now for 2015 non-profit funding

**T**he city is accepting requests for a limited amount of 2015 non-profit funding. Last year, in addition to funds for affordable housing, the city provided social services allocations of \$23,000, spread among several agencies.

A competitive process will consider the following criteria: community-wide benefit (meets an important city-wide need and serves a proportionately high number of

Minnetonka residents); access to funding (reasonable efforts must be made to raise funds from other sources); and cost effectiveness (services are not duplicated; volunteers and in-kind contributions are already used to reduce costs).

Applications are due September 12, 2014. To review the city's policy regarding non-profit funding, and to download an application, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Xcel offers rebate program for new AC

**K** rebates as you beat the heat this summer. New high-efficiency air conditioning units are designed to provide optimal energy usage while running — even on the hottest days of the summer. And by installing one, you could earn as much as \$450 cash back through Xcel Energy's Air Conditioning rebate program.

Here's how it works: find a registered contractor at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com) to ensure proper size, installation and rebate eligibility. The contractor will help find the right sized air conditioner unit for your home and help you fill out the paperwork for the rebate.

There are three great reasons to participate in the rebate program:

- Rebates lower the initial cost of the equipment.
- High-efficiency equipment costs less to operate, saving you money on your electric bill.
- Using less energy helps Xcel Energy avoid building more power plants, ultimately helping the environment.

Start saving energy and money on your electric utility bill now. Call (800) 599-5795 to schedule an appointment or visit [www.ResponsibleByNature.com](http://www.ResponsibleByNature.com) for more information.

*This message provided by Xcel Energy as a service to Minnetonka residents. ☺*

## Music, movies in the park continue

### Music in the Park: August 5 & 12

Two concerts remain in the 2015 Music in the Park series. Concerts are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free entertainment for the whole family at the Minnetonka Civic Center outdoor amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Need dinner? Stop by the refreshment push cart before the performance for a hot dog or bratwurst, chips and a drink.

- **August 5:** Tim Patrick and Blue Eyes Band (11-piece band, Frank Sinatra style)

- **August 12:** Dirty Shorts Band (8-piece, New Orleans style)

### Movies in the Park: August 15 & 22

Bring family, friends, blankets, lawn chairs and bug spray for Movies in the Park Fridays, August 15 and 22, at 8:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center outdoor amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

- **August 15:** "Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away"
- **August 22,** "Gravity" ☺

## Visit the farmers' market Tuesdays, 3 – 7 p.m.

Visit the Farmers' Market Tuesdays, 3 – 7 p.m., through September 30 at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Nearly 40 vendors offer a wide variety of products including produce, honey, meats, herbs, breads, pretzels, apples, spices, sauces, salsa, fresh-cut flowers, canned goods, cupcakes, and an assortment of unique crafts. It's the height of summer and produce is bountiful in August! Also, stop by the refreshment stand for a hot dog,

bratwurst, chips and beverage. The days of summer go by fast — don't miss out on the farmers' market! ☺



## Act now to prevent deer damage to trees

How do you know if a tree is being damaged by deer? The most common sign is the thinning of the bark. The damage looks like the tree trunk has been shredded, and it kills the living tissue under the bark. When living tissue under the bark is killed, it becomes harder for the tree to move water and nutrients which can lead to decline, and the wound becomes susceptible to decay.

If you frequently see deer in your yard, and you have a newly planted tree or a young tree with thin bark, protect it from mid-August to April with one of these options:

- Place a protective light-colored plastic tree guard around the tree. Once the tree guard is on, make sure it fits all the way around the tree and is tall enough to protect the bark from deer.

Be sure to remove it in the spring in order to discourage borers and allow the tree trunk to capture light and photosynthesize.

- Fence the tree completely with welded wire fence. Be sure to use hardware cloth around the base of the tree as well to protect the stem from rodent damage in the winter. Welded wire fence and hardware cloth can be left on all year, but check it in the spring to ensure the tree hasn't outgrown it. If you forget to check it, and the tree outgrows the stem protection, the wire can girdle and kill the tree.

For more information visit <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2009/12/tree-stem-protection/> ☺

## Fall rec registration starts August 4

The brochure was posted online July 25 at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). It won't be mailed to homes. Residents who wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure may email [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8203. A black-and-white copy of the brochure will be printed out by staff and mailed to your household. Non-residents requesting a copy of the brochure will be charged \$3 to cover mailing costs. Registration for residents starts August 4 and for non-residents August 18. ☺

## Minnetonka is a GreenStep City

At the GreenStep Cities conference, Minnetonka was recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep City. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve sustainability and quality-of-life goals. As one of 67 participating cities, Minnetonka is helping to lead the way in sustainability across the state of Minnesota. The city has implemented best practices in order to fulfill its sustainability goals, including focusing on cost savings, energy use reduction and the encouragement of civic innovation. For more information, visit [www.mngreenstep.org](http://www.mngreenstep.org). ☺

## City offers online utility billing

Need utility bills from the city? Now you can receive and pay your municipal utility bills (water and sewer) electronically. You can also choose to pay your bill online, either one time or on a recurring basis, using your credit card or bank account.

It's easy to sign up and it's free! Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and look for the online utility billing logo. Click on the logo and follow the instructions — be sure to have your latest bill handy. Questions? Call (952) 939-8200. ☺





## Bees and butterflies walk August 6

**J**a bees and butterfly walk Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka.

Learn how to look for and identify pollinators that visit native plants, including identifying the plants used in the Lone Lake rain gardens and the pollinators the plants attract.



Walk will be held rain or shine. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Please bring a water bottle, bug spray, camera and a notebook. Meet in the lower parking lot by the lake.

RSVP is required and this walk is limited to 15 people. Call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 or register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Collect summer seeds August 21

**D**boasts many native plants in various stages of fruit and seed ripening. Seed collection and direct-seeding is an interesting and inexpensive way to experiment with native plant propagation and habitat restoration. Search for and collect the seeds of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers Thursday, August 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka (meet in lower parking lot, below tennis courts).

This workshop is led by Janet Van Sloun, city of Minnetonka natural resource specialist, in cooperation with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Participants will:

- Visit sunny rain gardens to look for wild cherry, plum, elderberry and dogwood fruits.
- Walk in the woods to look for seeds of native wildflowers.
- Learn to recognize seeds of the bad plants and how to prevent their spread.
- Gather seeds for fall sowing in the park, and a few to take home.

Registration is required and limited to 15 people. Call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 or register at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) after August 1.

## Reactions on the history of Glen Lake

**M**with the Glen Lake community — they play golf or cross country ski at Glen Lake Golf Course, or visit the business hub known as Glen Lake Junction at the intersection of Eden Prairie Road and Excelsior Boulevard. Yet people are often surprised to learn there actually is a Glen Lake!

Glen Lake is a glacial kettle lake that has its origins at the end of the last ice age, about 10,000 years ago. Kettle lakes form when blocks of ice become lodged in the landscape. The ice gradually melts, leaving a pond or lake in the depression. Because they are typically small and shallow, kettle lakes have a limited lifespan. Over time, sediment and dead plant material build up on the bottom. Cattails colonize the shoreline and advance into the open-water zone. Because kettle lakes are isolated without a stream to replenish them, they slowly dry up. After hundreds or thousands of years, the lake becomes a wetland and, later, a grassland.

In the 1970s, local historians Ceil Marshall and Marion “Shorty” Stewart investigated the history of Glen Lake. They found that Excelsior Boulevard was the main trail bringing Native Americans and settlers through the region. The lake was named for Robert and Mary Glen, who in 1857 were the first settlers granted a parcel along its shoreline. Back then, Glen Lake was surrounded by grassland peppered with oaks and hazel. Today, denser patches of mixed woodland grow between homeowner’s lawns and gardens.

Residents on Glen Lake are beginning to see changes in the lake. Over the past couple of decades, the cattail marsh has grown wider while the open water is shallower. It’s hard to say whether the rate of change is a result of development and other human activity. Runoff from the



surrounding streets and watershed might be a factor. Runoff carries soil eroded from construction sites and yards. Phosphorus is a nutrient found in lawn fertilizers, pet and human waste, decaying vegetation, and other sources. Moderate amounts of phosphorus are vital to life, helping to build proteins necessary for living things to grow. But in towns and farming communities, excess phosphorus is a serious problem. It attaches to sediment particles that flow into the water, promoting overgrowth of aquatic plants. Bacteria that decompose plant material also overpopulate the water, using up oxygen that is vital to insects, fish, and other aquatic organisms.

For now, Glen Lake remains one of the cleanest lakes in Minnetonka and the surrounding Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. It has a healthy fishery and abundant wildlife. In a single year, more than a hundred species of waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors may visit or nest in the area. Coyotes sing from the woodlands and mink romp between cattails. Kinsel Park, along the northern shoreline, is a popular site for picnickers, walkers and birders. But like many of our city’s surface waters, its health in the future will be the result of our choices today. To find out more about how you can protect water quality, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and search “protecting water resources.”

## Labor Day delays grey week recycling

**T**September 1, will delay grey week recycling collection areas by one day. Residents west of I-494 (south of Highway 7 and south of the LRT Trail west of County Road 101) will have recycling collection on Tuesday,

September 2. Residents east of I-494 (south of Minnetonka Boulevard) will have collection Wednesday, September 3. The brush drop-off and city offices will be closed Monday, September 1, for the holiday.

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Programs and services for those 55+  
August 2014

## Events and programs

### Essential Oil Creations: Personal Air Mister

*Wednesday, August 13, 1 p.m.*

Enhance your home or car the natural way! Create a personal air mister with Wyndmere Natural Aromatherapy Oils. Essential oils are concentrated extracts of herbs, flowers, trees and grasses and have been used for thousands of years to positively influence the mind and body. All supplies will be provided to create a blend of your choosing.

**Cost:** \$6 due Wednesday, August 6.  
**Course #33586**

### Lunch and a Movie: *Frozen*

*Friday, August 15, 12 p.m.*

Winner of two Academy Awards and a Golden Globe, *Frozen* tells the story of a fearless princess who sets off on an epic journey alongside a rugged mountain man, his loyal pet reindeer, and a hapless snowman to find her estranged sister, whose icy powers have inadvertently trapped the kingdom in eternal winter. Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale *The Snow Queen*.

**Menu:** Chicken tenders, sweet corn, fruit and dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, August 13.  
**Course #33592**

### Pork Chop Dinner

*Monday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.*

Enjoy an evening of good food, conversation and entertainment by Dick Macko. Dessert provided by Texas Terrace.

**Menu:** Pork chops, coleslaw, dinner roll, applesauce and dessert.



### Fall Registration

Registration for fall programs begins August 4 for Minnetonka residents and August 5 for non-residents.

**Cost:** \$7 due Monday, August 11.  
**Course #33593**

### Community Connections

*Monday, August 25, 10:15 a.m.*

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections. August's topic is Holistic Health and Nutrition.

Free (Course #33665)

### Drowning in Paperwork? Get Control!

*Wednesday, September 24, 11 a.m.*

Join Jan Lehman for tips and advice on how to tame the paper tiger at home. Jan will share ideas to limit the information you keep and how to store information in smarter ways in order to find it faster and minimize piles. Jan is the owner of Can the Clutter® and CTC Productivity Consultant and who helps individuals live a more organized life.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, September 22.  
**Course #33663**

### Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction

*2nd and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m.*

Exercise your mind and body! Discuss an adventure-related book at the Minnetonka Community Center on the second Monday of the month. Then, gather at a park for a book-related adventure on the third Monday of the month. This program is offered in partnership with the Three Rivers Park District and Ridgedale Library. Register online at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or by phone (612)543-8840. Check out a copy of the book at the Ridgedale Library Information Desk three weeks before the book discussion. Sign up for the monthly adventure at the book club meeting.

- **August:** *Eternal on the Water* by Joseph Monninger and Kayaking at French Park
- **September:** *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed and Hiking at Hyland Lake Park

### Book and Pie Sale

*Tuesday, September 9*

*11 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

The annual Book and Pie Sale is provided by Minnetonka Senior Services in conjunction with the Senior Advisory Board. Most books are \$1. Blow-out sale from 4 – 5 p.m.: \$2.50 for all you can fit into a bag.

#### Book donation drop-off times:

Friday, September 5, and Monday, September 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Acceptable donations:

Hard- and soft-cover books, CDs and DVDs in good condition.

#### Pie sale:

Pies by the slice and sloppy joes will be available for purchase.

### Dinner Party

*Monday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.*

Join us for a dinner party with entertainment by the Grit Pickers. **Menu:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll and dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Friday, September 12.  
**Course #33664**

### Protecting Against Financial Abuse: Wells Fargo Advisors

*Wednesday, September 17, 1:30 p.m.*

Join us for an educational presentation on how to help protect yourself and others from financial abuse. An overview of warning signs, methods of prevention and current legal and community resources will be discussed. Learn what to do if you or someone you care about is a victim of financial and/or elder abuse.

**Sponsored and supported by: Dreyfus Investments.**

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, September 15.  
**Course #34124**



# Programs

## 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, September 16 – October 28  
\$36 (Course #33669)
- Thursday, September 18 – October 30  
\$36 (Course #33670)

### 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, September 16 – October 28  
\$36 (Course #33677)
- Thursday, September 18 – October 30  
\$36 (Course #33678)

## Evening Yoga

Evening yoga classes have the same descriptions as the daytime classes. **Wednesdays, September 17 – October 29, \$36**

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★  
(Course #33684)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★  
(Course #33688)



## Barre Fusion ★★★

### Julie Bice Zoril

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 21 (no class Oct. 7), 6 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Ballet inspired movements, yoga and traditional sculpting exercises to strengthen and tone the body, improve cardiovascular fitness and increase flexibility. Bring a yoga mat and water.

- \$36 (Course #33792)



## Zumba Gold ★★★

### Jan Gamble

1 – 2 p.m., \$28

Zumba Gold offers a complete body workout while learning the basic steps to salsa, meringue, cha-cha and other rhythms. No dance experience is necessary. Comfortable clothing and workout shoes are recommended. Bring water; you will sweat!

- Monday, September 15 – October 27  
(Course #33701)
- Wednesday, September 17 – October 29  
(Course #33702)

## Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

### Ron Erdman-Luntz

Wednesdays, August 14 – September 18, 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 #34125)



## Line Dance

### Eileen Ronning

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

Must have completed 8 previous lessons.

- Thursday, August 14 – September 11,  
\$20 (Course #32274)

Intermediate: 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Must have completed 50+ previous classes.

- Thursday, August 14 – September 11,  
\$20 (Course #32275)

## 55+ Softball ★★★

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Sept. – Oct.

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Big Willow Park.

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

- \$10 (Course #33705)

## Tai Chi Chih

### Susan Sobelson

Mondays, October 20 – December 15 (no class Nov 17), \$40

Tai Chi Chih is a series of 19 easy-to-learn movements and one pose. This moving meditation may improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress, increase energy and more.

- Beginner ★★ (Course #33695)  
10 – 11 a.m.
- Intermediate ★★★ (Course #33697)  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Pickleball ★★★

Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 11 a.m.

Meadow Park is located on Oakland Road just north of Stone Road

Pickleball is played on tennis courts and pickleball courts within hockey rinks during league time. Four permanent pickleball courts within the hockey rinks can be used anytime outside of this designated league time. Season runs through October. 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](http://www.mtkabikers.org) or to register call the Senior Center. New members are welcome!

- \$11 (Course #32283)

## The Landing Shop

11280 Wayzata Boulevard

Wednesday – Saturday,

10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesdays until

8 p.m. Handmade items crafted by

Minnetonka residents 55 and older.

Items available for sale include:

wooden toys, doll clothes, baby

items, art, cards, and more.



# Programs & Trips

## Line and Wash Painting

### *Gin Weidenfeller*

**Wednesdays**, September 17 – 24  
1 – 3 p.m.

Learn about line and wash painting methods through demonstration and hands-on activities. The focus is on line, freely drawn, followed with soft washes of color. Free hand sketch a still life, nature subject, or land, city, architectural scapes in graphite pencil, charcoal or ink. Paint washes of watercolor, gouache, or ink over the drawing.

\$40 (Course #33706)

## 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](http://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)

- Thursday, August 5, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursday, August 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursday, August 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

## Extended Trips

For further information and a full list of trip offerings, call Senior Community Services at (952) 767-7899 or visit [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org) senior-tours.

### Oregon & California (August 13 – 24)

Cost: \$1950 per person, double occupancy.

### Yellowstone (August 15 – 21)

Cost: \$1375 per person, double occupancy.

### Mackinac Island (September 20 – 24)

Cost: \$849 per person, double occupancy.

### Branson in the Fall (October 13 – 17)

Cost: \$725 per person, double occupancy.

## Day Trips

Minnetonka collaborates with other organizations in an effort to offer an affordable price. This can cause a slight adjustment to start and end times of the trip. Once registration has closed participants will be notified if the trip itinerary has changed.

## Old Castle Murder Mystery Lunch

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### Tuesday, September 16

Spend the day at Old Spicer Castle located on 600 feet of Green Lake's shore in Spicer, Minn. Participants will enjoy a day of merriment and suspense as they help to catch a murderer. Each participant begins as a suspect and works to point out motive and opportunity to one another. Staff provide roles and direction during a two-hour luncheon service.

**Menu:** Herb roasted pork loin, harvest greens salad, dinner roll, red skin and roasted garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea.

### Course #33595

- **Cost:** \$58 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 9 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 4:15 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, Aug. 6

## Fall Color Trip to Winona

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### Wednesday, October 8

Enjoy the colorful drive along the Great Mississippi River Route. Break at Pepin Heights Apple Orchard in Lake City. Lunch is at Signatures Restaurant in Bridges Golf Club of Winona. After lunch, enjoy a docent lead tour of the world-class Marine Art Museum. Don't forget to purchase treats on the way home at Nelson Cheese Store.

**Menu:** Herb-marinated grilled chicken topped with citrus beurre blanc, garden salad, wild rice medley, vegetable, baguette, coffee and tea.

### Course #33707

- **Cost:** \$68 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 8 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5:15 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, Sept. 12

## Fall Registration

- The fall recreation brochure is available online. Black-and-white hard copies can be picked up at Minnetonka City Hall.
- Fall registration starts August 4 for Minnetonka residents. Non-residents can register for fall programs beginning August 5. Registration is available online, over the phone, via mail or in person.
  - Online: [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), first time users should call for a PIN number.
  - Phone: (952) 939-8393, payments can be made with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.
  - Mail: 14600 Minnetonka Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345
  - In person: Visit us Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Scholarships: limited scholarships are available for Minnetonka residents age 55 and over.
  - Up to 50% on day trips (one per year).
  - Up to 50% for programs, classes and events.
  - Up to three scholarships per brochure totalling nine per year.
  - Scholarships will be kept confidential.
  - No questions will be asked regarding details of participant's finances.
- Course cancellations: if minimum registration requirements are not met programs may be cancelled. You will be contacted with refund options if a program is cancelled.

## 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. 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.

### Program locations

Meet at Minnetonka Senior Services unless otherwise noted.  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

## 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**  
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*spieh@eminnetonka.com*

### Senior & General Programs Manager

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### Administrative Sta

**Kate Egert and Kathy Kline**  
(952) 939-8393  
*kegert@eminnetonka.com*  
*kkline@eminnetonka.com*

## Interest groups

For more information on these groups and a calendar of events, please visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or stop by the center.

### Bunco

*2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1 p.m.*  
Learn to play and join the fun. 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.

### Garden Club

*2nd Monday, 1 p.m.*  
Member-grown plants will be sold at the Minnetonka Farmer's Market July 22 and July 29.

### Mah Jongg

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*  
New members welcome!

### Wood Carvers

*Thursdays, 10 a.m.*  
Group members share ideas and work independently. New members welcome.

## Services

### Over 50 & 60+ Club

*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](mailto:spieh@eminnetonka.com).

### Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to our volunteers who contribute the success of programs, events and trips.

Please call Senior Services at (952)939-8393 and discover various ways to contribute.

**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 phone service for caregivers and their families. For more information visit [www.carenexion.org](http://www.carenexion.org) or call (612) 770-7005.
- **Senior outreach**  
Appointments available on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. For information contact Mary Ann Lundberg at [m.lundberg@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:m.lundberg@seniorcommunity.org). To schedule an appointment call (952) 939-8393.
- **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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<b>4</b> Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Rummikub 1:00 Billiards 1:00 B&B Investment Club 1:00 Health Insurance 1:00  <i>Fall registration begins for residents.</i>	<b>5</b> Defensive Driving 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:45 Craft Committee 10:00 Poker Club 10:00 Armchair Travel: China 10:30 Int. Yoga 11:00 Bingo 12:45 Billiards 1:00  <i>Fall registration begins for non-residents.</i>	<b>6</b> Exercise 9:00 Meet the Police Chief 10:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Billiards 1:00 Chair Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30	<b>7</b> Chair Yoga 9:45 Carvers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Chess 12:00 Beg. Line Dance 12:30 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00	<b>8</b> Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00
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Group	Meeting day	Information
<b>New!</b> Minnetonka Shutterbugs	3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	All camera skill levels welcome.
Advisory Board	2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
AA/AI-Anon	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	All ages welcome. New members welcome.
Art Drop In	Mondays from 9 a.m. to Noon	Informal, drop in and create!
Billiards	Every afternoon - time varies	See calendar page for times.
Bingo	Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.	
Bird Club	1st Friday of the month at 10 a.m.	Meets again in September.
Book Club	3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	Meets again in September.
Bulls & Bears Investment Club	1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m.	No meeting August 18.
Social Bridge	Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.	1st, 2nd & 3rd place and grand slam prizes awarded.
Bunco	2nd & 4th 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: <a href="http://mscig.wordpress.com">mscig.wordpress.com</a>	This group examines topics of interest. Experience ranges from beginner to expert.
Craft Committee	1st Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Create decor for monthly parties.
Cribbage	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Bring your cribbage boards and a deck of cards.
500 Card Club	2nd & 4th Tuesday at 10 a.m.	2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Games and Cards	Mondays at 1 p.m.	1st & 3rd: Rummikub, 2nd & 4th: Hand and Food, 5th (if applicable): Train Dominoes
Mtka Community Garden Club	2nd Monday at 1 p.m.	New members welcome!
Literary Book Club	4th Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	Meets again in September.
Ham Radio	2nd Monday at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
The Landing Shop	Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Purchase handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55+. The Landing Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Blvd. (763) 591-4868. .
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	1st & 3rd 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	3rd 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	2nd 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.

# Learn about emerald ash borer August 13

**I** are you ready to act on a plan if emerald ash borer (EAB) is found in Minnetonka? If not, join Minnetonka's natural resources staff Wednesday, August 13, 3-7 p.m. at Gro Tonka Park for an interactive event about preparing for emerald ash borer.



Display at open house

Start by visiting the welcome table near the warming house for a map showing the start locations of each of four station within

the park. All presentations will start on the hour every hour, with the last presentation starting at 6 p.m. Feel free to come at a time that works for you. Stations and topics are as follows:

### Station 1: Identifying ash trees

- Learn how to identify ash trees and common "look-alikes" and how to determine health and condition.

### Station 2: EAB treatment options/prevention

- Factors to consider before treatment.
- Demo of the two most common insecticide treatments.
- Learn which treatment is right for your trees.
- Find out how often to treat and what to expect.

### Station 3: Diversifying your yard

- Take a walking tour of the park to learn about tree planting options.
- Get your questions answered about different types of trees and receive a list to take home.



EAB mascot

### Station 4: Planting and caring for new trees

- Learn what to do before planting to ensure the health of your new trees.
- Find out when it's appropriate to stake and to prune.
- Learn how to keep up with tree watering in times of drought

GroTonka Park is located at 17003 Prospect Place. Meet at the parking lot on Prospect Place; if full use the lot around the corner on Shores Boulevard. Registration is strongly recommended to ensure adequate staff at each station. Please call (952) 988-8400 to register; at that time we will ask you what time you will arrive at the event so we can plan accordingly.

# Need help paying energy bills?

**E** budget, but there are simple things you can do to reduce your energy bills. Xcel Energy has teamed up with Energy CENTS Coalition and Community Action of Minneapolis to help income-qualified customers reduce energy bills with a program called Home Energy Savings. This program is free for customers who meet the eligibility requirements.

### How it works

- To determine if you qualify, Contact Community Action of Minneapolis at (612) 348-8858 or [www.campls.org](http://www.campls.org)
- If you qualify, an energy expert will visit your home to assess your energy needs.
- You'll get suggestions for improvements, and the energy expert will install free, energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) that help you save energy immediately.
- They'll help determine if you qualify for additional free program measures like the replacement of inefficient refrigerators, freezers and window/wall air conditioners.
- Based on your eligibility and individual needs, the energy expert will provide customized solutions to help you save energy and money, and live more comfortably.

### Find out more

If you or someone you know needs help managing their home energy use, contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999 or [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com).

*This message provided by Xcel Energy as a service to Minnetonka residents.*

## An update on emerald ash borer in Minnesota

**W** Minnetonka Memo went to print, emerald ash borer had not yet been found in Minnetonka. The city is about 6.5 miles from the closest infestation, which is at Lakewood Cemetery near Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. Other nearby infestations include Fort Snelling and the Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods southwest of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Now is the best time to figure out if you have ash trees in your yard and make a plan, before the beetle is found in Minnetonka. Get a great start on planning this summer by attending the emerald ash borer field day at GroTonka Park Wednesday, Aug. 13, 3-7 p.m. — see article on this page.



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





## A quick overview of what's allowed in Minnetonka's wetlands

**W**absorbing water to reduce flooding, filtering nutrients and pollutants in storm water, recharging groundwater, and providing fish and wildlife habitat.

Wetlands are regulated by several different agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Board of Soil and Water Resources, and local watershed districts and cities. The following information will give you some guidance on city regulation. Specific wetland regulation questions can be directed to the city's natural resource staff at (952) 988-8407.

### Can I install a fountain in my wetland?

City ordinance prohibits fountains and aeration systems in wetlands. Shallow bodies of water normally do not benefit from aeration systems because the nutrients and sediment never settle out and are continually infused into the water column. Aeration does not reduce algae or duckweed growth; rather, the moving water simply pushes plant material to the outside edge of the wetland.

### A tree fell in my wetland.

#### Can I remove it?

If a tree falls in a wetland, its removal is not required. By leaving it, additional wildlife habitat is created. If you decide to remove it, the tree must be hauled out by hand since heavy equipment will damage the wetland. If you chip the tree or branches, don't blow them into the wetland. This is considered "fill" and is not allowed.

### I'd like to install a dock through the vegetation (like cattails) to access the open-water portion of my wetland or lake.

City regulation allows you to install a dock, assuming you have access rights to the open-water portion of the wetland or lake. Contact city staff for more detailed information. Please contact the DNR if you are accessing an area under their regulatory authority.

### Am I allowed to cut down trees in my wetland or to remove wetland plants?

Cutting of live trees and wetland vegetation is not permitted under city ordinance without first obtaining a wetland alteration permit as approved by the city council. Vegetation that is dead, diseased or noxious may be removed, but it is recommended that you contact city staff to confirm that what you are proposing to remove is allowed. Vegetation in a contiguous width not exceeding 10 feet may also be cut to

install or maintain a dock, as approved by city staff. If yours is a DNR-protected wetland, contact the DNR's Aquatic Plant Management Division for details.

### I hate the algae. Can I treat my pond?

The city of Minnetonka does not regulate the removal of algae or duckweed.

Duckweed is a lime-green plant with

pinhead-sized leaves, which floats on the surface of the water. It is beneficial to wildlife but many people consider duckweed a nuisance because it can coat the surface of the water.

### Questions?

Call (952) 988-8407. ☎

## Stay safe when using city trails and roads

**M**any bicyclists, hikers, runners, walkers and dog walkers. Please respect the rights of others when using the trails and follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable trail experience.

- Pass on the left, and only when safe. Pass in single file.
- When overtaking fellow trail users, warn them by activating a bell, horn or whistle and saying, "Passing on your left" or "passing."
- Yield to slower trail users.
- Proceed at a reasonable speed (15 mph maximum speed on trails).
- Dogs must be on a short leash (six feet or less).
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. Dispensers with bags for picking up pet waste are placed along the trail. Please use them!
- Travel on the right side of the trail. If you stop, move onto the trail.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Stop at road crossings and look for approaching and turning vehicles.
- Signal your turn.
- Proceed slowly around blind curves, steep hills and bridges.
- Watch for wet or slippery surfaces, sand, acorns, rocks or washouts.
- Travel in pairs if possible.
- Trails close at 10 p.m.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies. For comments or concerns about the trails, or to receive a trails map, call (952) 988-8400. Enjoy the trails!

### While on the roads

Many walkers and bicyclists use city roads.

To stay safe, please follow these tips.

#### When biking on the road:

- Ride on the right side of the road, **with traffic**.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Watch for turning vehicles to make sure they see you.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Obey traffic laws, including stop signs and traffic lights.

#### When walking on the road:

- If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, **walk facing (against) traffic**.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep away from parked cars so drivers can see you.
- Cross only at intersections or crosswalks — never in the middle of the block.
- If walking a pet, pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

### Yield for pedestrians!

Remember, according to state statute, where traffic-control signals are not in place or in operation, vehicles must stop for pedestrians crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has passed the lane in which the vehicle is stopped. There are rules for pedestrians too — by the same state statute, no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. ☎

# Annual city photo contest entries due September 5

The annual photo contest in conjunction with the Fire Department and City Open House. Below are this year's contest rules.

- Photographers must be residents of Minnetonka.
- Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.
- Photos must be appropriate for posting in city government publications. Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed model release form (available online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com)).
- Entries may be digital images or color or black-and-white prints. You are encouraged to submit a digital image.
- Digital images should be emailed to [jlanson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jlanson@eminnetonka.com) or submitted on a CD. Images should be submitted in JPEG (high quality) format. Please submit digital images at the original size

and resolution at which they were taken.

- Minor digital enhancement is allowed, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.
- Prints must be labeled with name and address. If submitting multiple entries, number each print to match a corresponding entry form (see form below).
- Up to three entries may be submitted. Only one entry per photographer, per category.
- Submit each photo in one of three categories:
  - **Lifestyle Minnetonka** (cityscapes, people, activities)
  - **Natural Minnetonka** (landscapes, plants)
  - **Wild Minnetonka** (animals, pets)
- Photos will not be returned and become the property of the city of Minnetonka to be used in city publications.

## Deadline

All photos must be submitted by Friday, September 5, at 4:30 p.m.

## Awards

A first-, second-, and third-place entry will be selected. In addition, a People's Choice Award will be chosen by attendees at the Oct. 7 Open House. Winning photos will be published on the city website and in the *Minnetonka Memo*; and a certificate of appreciation will be presented to the winners at a city council meeting. ∞

## A look at three of last year's entries...



Junnell Lonergan, "Fire in the Sky"



Sonia Beccaria, "Ferry Turtle at Wing Lake"



Kristine Cooley, "Three Amigos"

## Photo contest entry form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Category:  Lifestyle Minnetonka  Natural Minnetonka  Wild Minnetonka

Caption (*photo location, description of event*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail (or drop off) entries to:

Minnetonka Photo Contest  
 City of Minnetonka  
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
 Minnetonka, MN 55345

City employees and their families are not eligible to enter.  
 Questions? Call (952) 939-8207.

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## Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
for meeting  
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
					1	2	5, 12, 19, 26 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. (see page 3)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. (Topic: 2015 Budget)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
31							12 State Primary Elections, polls open 7 a.m.–8 p.m. (see page 1); 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the latest information.

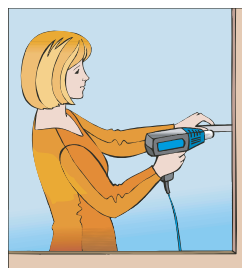
Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16, and replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or anytime via videostream at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Agendas for council meetings 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.

## City offers low-interest home repair, first-time home buyer loans

W and now is the time to reduce your energy bills and make your house warm and cozy. Consider these programs from the city of Minnetonka that might help you enhance your existing home or purchase your first home. Pre-applications and program guidelines are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or by calling (952) 939-8285.



- Pre-apply now for the **Minnetonka Home Enhancement** program, which offers up to \$15,000 in loans for home repair, green improvements and some additions. Household income limits apply; 1% interest rate.



- Looking to purchase your first home and need help with a down payment or closing costs? Apply for the **Welcome to Minnetonka** first-time homebuyer program, which offers up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time homebuyers. Household income limits apply; 1% interest rate.



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