

Election Day absentee voting starts September 19

This Tuesday, November 4. Absentee ballots for the election will be available starting September 19.

Absentee Voting

A change in state law opens up absentee balloting for all voters. Under previous law absentee voting was only available for those who were unable to get to the polling place on Election Day. Under the new law, voters do not have to state a specified reason in order to receive and cast an absentee ballot.

Voters should note that the absentee ballot process differs from the Election Day process in that it requires additional steps. All absentee voters must complete an application to receive a ballot, then must complete a certificate when they cast their absentee ballot. Election judges compare the

information on the two documents before the ballot can be accepted. Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail.

Absentee voting in person

Beginning September 19, 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 also be available at both locations Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, November 3, until 5 p.m. Please keep in mind that because of the change in law allowing anyone to absentee vote, lines for in-person absentee voting may be as long as the line at your Election Day polling place.

Absentee voting 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, so be sure to allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. You can receive an application by calling city hall at (952) 939-8200, visiting www.eminnetonka.com, or by faxing a request to (952) 939-8244. New this year is the ability for voters to submit an online application for an absentee ballot through the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

If you have any questions about this year's elections please call (952) 939-8200. ☺

Fire Department and City Open House is October 7

Mabout your local government at the Minnetonka Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Then, at 8 p.m., enjoy a fireworks show at the outdoor amphitheater!

Kids four and over can ride in city fire trucks, and everyone can enjoy free hot dogs, cookies, pop and lemonade along with department tours and entertainment.

Plan your evening of activities:

- Take a tour of the Minnetonka Police Department's jail and visit with members of the city's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. *(Police Department)*
- Get moving with activities sponsored by Recreation Services. *(Community Center lower level)*
- View this year's photo contest entries and vote for your favorite *(Community Center lower level)*
- Ride in a fire truck, ages 4 and over. *(5–7:30 p.m., Fire Station)* Please note: Due to large volumes of traffic expected

for the fireworks, fire truck rides will end this year at 7:30 p.m.

- Sit inside heavy equipment from the public works department and enjoy a treat! *(Community Center south entrance)*
- Enjoy musical entertainment *(Community Center, upper level)*
- Visit the House of Germs and learn how to stay healthy! *(Community Center)*
- Browse displays from city departments and boards and commissions; as well as community organizations. *(Community Center lower level)*
- See woodcarving demonstrations *(Community Center upper level)*
- Snack on free refreshments, including all-beef hot dogs and pop *(5–7:30 p.m., Fire Station)* and cookies, popcorn, and lemonade. *(5–7:30 p.m., Community Center upper level)*
- Fireworks at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus. In case of inclement weather, call (952) 939-TELL (8355) for

fireworks status. Fire truck rides will end at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate traffic expected for the fireworks display. **Note:** Fireworks were rescheduled to this event after being rained out at Summer Festival in June.

A word about parking

With the addition of the fireworks show, we are expecting large crowds at this year's Open House event. While we are doing everything we can to ensure as much parking is available as possible, please help by carpooling with friends and planning extra time for parking when you arrive at the event. Police staff will be on hand to direct traffic. Thank you for your patience. We hope to see you at Open House!

Bike to Open House

Avoid the parking hassles and bike to the Fire Department and City Open House! If you do bike, please remember the sun sets earlier this time of year. Be sure to wear light-colored clothing if you'll be biking in the dark, and have the proper lighting on your bicycle. ☺

Disposing of unused medications safely

Dis important both to prevent drug abuse and/or poisoning, and to protect the environment. Medications should never be flushed down the toilet, washed down the drain or disposed of in the trash as this can contaminate water, end up in drinking water supplies and harm wildlife.

To help consumers safely dispose of medications, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has allowed law enforcement agencies such as the Hennepin County Sheri 's Office to operate medicine disposal programs. Sheri 's deputies collect the medicines and take them to an incinerator where they are destroyed.

Hennepin County offers six drop-off locations for medications, with one in Minnetonka in the lobby of the Hennepin County Ridgedale District Court, 12601 Ridgedale Drive. Drop box hours are Monday- Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Important: Hennepin County does not provide service to pick up medicines directly from your home. If someone contacts you offering this service, please call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 or 9-1-1 to report it.

For more information visit www.hennepin.us and enter "medicine disposal" in the search bar.

A history of Gray's Bay Marina: Oct. 14

From the Gray's Bay Resort to the present-day municipal marina, Gray's Bay has a long and interesting history. Paul Pederson, who owned Gray's Bay Marina and Resort from 1978 until selling the five-acre property to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in 2001, will talk about the marina in a presentation hosted by the Minnetonka Historical Society Tuesday, October 14, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Come learn about this community gem and share any memories or memorabilia you have from the marina. Visit www.minnetonka-history.org for more information.

Minnetonka Fire offers 911 call follow up

The pleased to offer a new innovative program that offers additional resources to residents who have called 9-1-1 and had fire crews respond to their home.

Often, 9-1-1 calls may require more attention than can be provided at the time of the emergency, which might have been anything from a fire to an unexpected death. If requested by the fire crews who responded to the original call, fire public educators will visit the resident within a week to follow up on the 9-1-1 call. At the visit, the public educators discuss the emergency with the resident, survey the home for hazards, and explore the need for

additional resources, such as home meal delivery, grab bar installation or home care services. Residents who have experienced a fire in their home receive an "After the Fire" box of resources that will help them recover from the fire.

If you feel you could benefit from this program, whether you have called 9-1-1 or not, please call (952) 939-8331 to set up an appointment for a visit.



Meet Minnetonka's new police K9s

The Minnetonka Police Department from the Winnipeg, Canada, Police Department. Kato (female) and Duke (male) are 15-month-old siblings from a litter of eight Belgian Malinois. Officer Tim Olson is partnering with Kato, while Officer Joe Mace is partnering with Duke. In September, dogs and handlers will undergo basic patrol training for 10 to 12 weeks, and within a year both dogs will be certified for drug detection. Thanks to the generosity of the Minnetonka community members who contributed to a July 26 fundraiser hosted by the non-profit Police K9 Invest Project, both dogs will be outfitted with custom-fit protective bulletproof vests, which cost approximately \$2500 each.



Above: Kato



At left: Duke

Sign up now for fall recreation programs

Youth basketball league

Early bird deadline: Sept. 19

Join a local tradition! The Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League is an in-house recreational league for boys and girls in grades 2 – 6 living in the Hopkins-Minnetonka area. Separate boys' and girls' teams are formed by school and grade. Season starts December 6, and concludes January 31 for grade 2 and February 14 or 21 for grades 3 – 6. Grades 3 – 6 will have one weekday evening practice starting the week of November 10. For grade 2 only, practice will be held on Saturdays before each game, starting December 6. Rough Sept. 19, cost is \$45 for Grade 2 and \$85 for Grades 3 – 6. Price increases to \$55 and \$95 between September 20 and October 10. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. Teams are formed by school and grade. Call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register or for more information about volunteering as a coach.

Adult basketball 5-player league

Deadline is October 10

Participate in a five-player, officiated adult basketball league Wednesday evenings

starting October 29. is 11-week program offers three divisions of ability with a chance to participate in a state tournament. Games are played using full-size courts at Hopkins High School, the Lindbergh Center and the Hopkins West Junior High Activity Structure. \$525 per team. Call Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register.

Parent's Night Out

October 10

Need a night away from the kids? Bring children ages 4-10 to the Williston Center for a night of fun. They'll eat a pizza dinner (6 p.m.), swim, play in the Williston Treehouse, play games, make arts & crafts and watch a movie. Drop off at 5:30 p.m. and pick up by 10 p.m. Bring a swimsuit and towel. Children must be potty trained. Four- and five-year old children will be restricted to the zero-depth splash pad pool. Cost: \$26 for one child and \$21 per child for families with multiple children attending. Call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register. ☺

Tour Burwell House Saturdays in September

Located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka, is open for the 2014 tour season through September on Saturdays only from 12 – 4 p.m. (Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27).

Special tours may be arranged by calling (952) 939-8207 or by emailing 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.

Once the regular tour season ends, the next big event at the house is the Victorian Holiday Open House, hosted by the Minnetonka Historical Society and set for Sunday, December 7, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is owned and operated by the city of Minnetonka. ☺

MAM opens season September 28

Minnetonka (MAM) Concert Band marks the opening of its 41st season and its return to the Arts Center on 7 with a concert Sunday, September 28, at 3 p.m. The Arts Center on 7 is located at 18285 Highway 7, Minnetonka.

Conductor Dan Geldert, former Director of Bands at Minnetonka High School, travels from Colorado twice a year to lead the band in a month of rehearsals culminating in a program. This year's

concert features works by Shostakovich, Villa-Lobos, John Williams and more.

Admission to MAM concerts is free, but donations support the continuing work of this community music organization. Interested musicians of all capabilities are invited to contact MAM at mam_ce@musicassociation.org regarding auditions and rehearsal times. For more information visit www.musicassociation.org or www.facebook.com/MusicMinnetonka. ☺

Know the rules about election signs

It's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs could be posted any time after June 27, 2014, and must be removed by November 14, 2014.

Signs may not be posted on publicly owned land. On private land, the following rules for temporary political signs apply:

- Signs must be at least five feet from the edge of a public street.
- Signs must not obstruct driver visibility at intersections.
- Signs must have the approval of the underlying property owner.
- Signs must not be posted on fences, trees, shrubs, or public utility poles.
- Signs must not be painted on rocks or other natural features
- Signs must not be located within the right-of-way of state or county roads.

On election days, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places:

- On private property, signs must be 100 feet from the door where voters will enter.
- For public property, signs must not be within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or anywhere on the public property.

If you have questions or concerns about campaign signs, please call the planning division at (952) 939-8290. ☺

Farmers' market open until Sept. 30

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

More than 30 vendors offer a wide variety of products including apples, eggs, produce, honey, meats, herbs, breads, pretzels, spices, sauces, fresh-cut flowers, canned goods, cupcakes, and an assortment of unique crafts. Also, stop by the refreshment stand for a hot dog, bratwurst, chips and beverage. ☺

Got buckthorn?

A for the privacy it provides? Consider gradual removal, which will allow you to maintain privacy while eventually ridding yourself of this invasive species. Learn more at one of two free fall workshops Wednesdays, September 17, or October 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center Community Room, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. You'll learn:

- How to mark native species for protection.
- How to mark first-priority buckthorn for removal in the fall.
- How forest/woodland structure and diversity is affected by invasive species.
- The top two priorities for gradual buckthorn removal.
- Why gradual removal is best when garlic mustard is present.
- How to avoid the most common errors made during buckthorn removal.
- How to reduce erosion on slopes.
- Measures to save high-value remnant plant species.
- Recommended native species for understory reforestation or privacy planting.

Workshops are presented by Janet Van Sloun, city of Minnetonka natural resource restoration specialist, and handouts are provided. Register at www.eminnetonka.com or call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400. ☺

Just a minute... for our email newsletter!

The 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://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺



Ink spring: water trees, shrubs now

In the late summer and into fall, until the ground freezes, to ensure trees and shrubs don't enter winter drought stressed.

When trees and shrubs start winter at a water deficit, the following spring may bring browning needles, branch and leader dieback and insect and disease attacks. Sometimes winter damage can kill plants entirely while other times it just stresses the plant significantly causing aesthetic damage. Follow these guidelines for watering.

- Water trees when less than one inch per week of rain is received. Trees should receive about 1 gallon per inch diameter.
- Water trees in the mornings and evenings to conserve water.
- Water low, slow, deep and without runoff.
- Instead of a sprinkler, try a hose on low-flow or soaker hoses.
- If you have several newly planted trees, save time with Gator (watering) bags, which hold about 15 gallons of water that will slowly infiltrate into the soil. Read more at <http://www.treegator.com/home/index.html>.
- Water to the ends of the branch tips, since most of the tree roots are within the first 12" of soil depth. Be sure to move the hose around within the drip line of the tree as you water.
- Avoid watering open wounds, leaves or needles. Too much moisture can lead to fungal growth.

Some additional reminders:

- Trees and shrubs have different watering needs than a lawn. Irrigation systems do

not give trees the water they need. Trees need less frequent, but DEEP watering.

- The best way to tell if your trees need water is to feel the soil – after watering the soil should be moist 6-8 inches deep throughout the drip line.
- Visit <http://www2.eminnetonka.com/my-property/utilities/tap-water/lawn-watering> for the odd/even day watering regulations, or call Public Works at (952) 988-8400.
- Wood mulch under the drip line of the tree helps retain moisture in the soil. The mulch layer should be 2 – 4 inches in depth.
- Mulch wide — not deep! Avoid volcano mulching, where piles are formed against the base of the trunk.
- The city offers free mulch to residents at the Public Works Facility at 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard. Pull into the east driveway and look for the wooden bin.

A final word about fall watering: don't be tempted to shut off your outside water connection too early. Tree roots grow most vigorously two seasons of the year, spring and autumn. Take advantage of the season to ensure plant root systems are the healthiest they can be. In Minnesota, woody plants can be watered as late as November depending on temperatures. Properly watering not only during the water-stressed summer months but also into autumn until the ground freezes will help winterize your trees and shrubs.

For more tree care tips, visit http://www.eminnetonka.com/public_works/natural_resources/forestry/watering_trees.cfm ☺

Learn to grow backyard fruit September 24

W don't want to climb a ladder to harvest it? Would you like fresh blueberries for your morning cereal, straight from your backyard? Not sure if you can grow fruit in sun-limited areas of your yard?

Attend a free workshop Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center Community Room, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, to learn about fruit-producing plants that thrive in Minnesota including favorites like blueberry and currant. Discover a few native woodland species that are

delicious, edible and may already be growing in the wooded section of your yard. Find out what native species can be planted on a woodland edge and provide a food source.

Instructor Rebecca Koetter is a consultant with experience designing, selecting, implementing, harvesting and processing several fruits from woody plants growing in Minnesota. She has a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

Registration is required and limited to 45. Register at www.eminnetonka.com or call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400. ☺

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Programs and services for those 55+
September 2014

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)



AED & Hands-only CPR Training: Minnetonka Fire

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.

Learn to use an AED and perform hands-only CPR with the Minnetonka Fire Department.

Free! RSVP by Monday, September 15.
(Course #33740)

Community Connections

Monday, September 22, 10:15 a.m.

Learn when forgetfulness may be a sign of something significant. In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections.

Free! (Course #34191)

Protecting Against Financial Abuse: Wells Fargo Advisors

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

Protect yourself and others from financial and/or elder abuse. Warning signs, prevention and current legal and community resources will be discussed.

Sponsored by Dreyfus Investments

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

Lunch and a Movie: The Book Thief

Friday, September 19, 12 p.m.

Seeking solace from the terrors of World War II, Liesel steals books and teaches herself to read. She builds relationships by sharing books with others, including a Jewish refugee being sheltered by her adoptive parents.

Menu: Famous Dave's sassy BBQ salad, corn muffin and dessert.

Cost: \$5 due Tuesday, September 16.
(Course #33666)

Drowning in Paperwork? Get Control!

Wednesday, September 24, 11 a.m.

Jan Lehman offers tips and advice for taming the paper tiger at home. Learn 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® who helps individuals live a more organized life.

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

Navigating Medicare:

Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 due Friday, September 26.
(Course #33738)



Moonlight Walk

Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxed walk to Jidana Park from the Minnetonka Community Center. Roast hot dogs by campfire in the light of the full moon.

Cost: \$4 due Friday, October 3.
(Course #33709)



Cruise the World: Senior Housing

Thursday, October 9, 9:45 a.m.

Board the "cruise line" to view five levels of senior housing each featuring food and fun from various ports of call:

- Legacy Homes: delicacies of Japan
- Golden Living Center Hillcrest of Wayzata: food and flavor of Italy
- Meridian Manor Assisted Living: traditional dishes of Spain
- Emerald Crest Memory Care: tempting treats of the Caribbean Islands
- Westridge Independent Senior Living: mouth-watering offerings from Germany

Proceeds go to Minnetonka Senior Services.

Cost: \$5 due Thursday, October 2.
(Course #34190)

Sandwich Generation: Finding Balance

Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m.

Find balance while providing care for your loved ones.

Senior Community Services Social Worker Mary Ann Lundberg offers resources, tips and more to emphasize the meaningful and rewarding feelings of the sandwich generation. Sandwiches will be served.

Cost: \$4 due Wednesday, October 15.
(Course #34189)



Fitness Programs

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 Chih

Susan Sobelson

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

Practice a series of 19 easy-to-learn movements and one pose. Moving meditation can improve balance, 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.

Line Dance

Eileen Ronning

Learn to “hitch” and “vine” and dance in a line! No partners needed. No previous dance experience for beginning level course; 50 previous lessons required for intermediate course.

- Beginner** (Course #33691)
\$25, Thursdays, Sept. 25 – Oct. 23,
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- Intermediate** (Course #33693)
\$25, Thursdays, Sept. 25 – Oct. 23,
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Beginning & Intermediate Yoga

Nancy Holasek

These gentle classes are geared toward the older adult, with lots of stretching and warm-ups. These yoga postures help increase flexibility. Guided breath-work and visualization help to release, relax and restore the body, and calm the mind.

Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

Chair-Supported Yoga ★★

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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

- Tuesday, 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)



Tai Chi for Health and Wellness

Ron Erdman-Luntz

Thursdays, September 25 – October 23
6 – 7 p.m.

Learn the Tai Chi short form movements that have many health benefits and are fun to learn. 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. Prerequisite: Able to walk comfortably for an hour. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

- \$54 (Course #33699)



e Landing Shop

11280 Wayzata Boulevard

Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thursdays 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.

Athletic Activities

55+ Softball

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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)

Minnetonka Bike Club

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

- \$11 (Course #32283)

Pickleball

Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 11 a.m.

Meadow Park

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

Education Programs

Nutrition: Avoiding Diabetes

Learn a new approach to managing blood sugar with real food. Nutritional Weight and Wellness explains the biochemistry of blood sugar and identifies nutrients that control insulin levels. Learn how unbalanced eating accelerates aging and how to create balanced meals and snacks.

Cost: \$22 due one week prior to program.

Evening session

- Wednesday, October 8, 6 – 8 p.m.
(Course #33736)

Day session

- Wednesday, October 29, 1 – 3 p.m.
(Course #33737)

Defensive Driving

Save 10% on car insurance by taking these classes! Pay the instructor at class with a check or exact cash. To register call the MN Highway Safety Center, 1-888-234-1294, or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org for all defensive driving classes.

Day session (four-hour renewal)

- \$20, Thursday, September 11,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Evening session (four-hour renewal)

- \$20, Tuesday, September 23,
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Evening session (eight hour)

- \$24, September 16 & 18,
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Leisure Programs

Beginning Bridge

Lee Solee

**Mondays, September 15 – October 20
1 – 3 p.m.**

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

- \$35 (Course #33761)

Mah Jongg

Carole Harris

**Wednesdays, October 8 – November 19
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Learn to play the intriguing game of Mah Jongg, a game of chance and skill.

- \$49 (Course #33715)

History Programs

British History: Bog Man to Celts

Terry Kubista

**ursdays, September 11 – 25
1 – 3 p.m.**

Recent finds have revealed many new facts about the Ice Age, Neanderthals and the Celts of the British Isles. Visit the Bog Man, Cheddar Man and Doggerland, all newly explored pieces in the ever-expanding puzzle that is the United Kingdom.

- \$21 (Course #33729)

Cuban Missile Crisis

Dan Hartman

**Wednesday, October 15,
10:30 a.m.**

This 13-day confrontation in October 1962 is regarded as the moment the Cold War came closest to turning into a nuclear conflict.

- \$2 (Course #33733)

Art Programs

Line and Wash Painting

Gin Weidenfeller

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

Learn 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 and city scenes in graphite pencil, charcoal or ink. Paint washes of watercolor, gouache, or ink over the drawing.

- \$40 (Course #33706)

Oil Painting

Marcella Nordseth

**Fridays, October 3 – November 21
1 – 3:30 p.m.**

Learn about composition, how to look at objects and how to mix colors. Bring supplies you already own to the first class. Supplemental supply list will be provided in class.

- \$56 (Course #33712)

Senior Trips

Fall Color Trip to Winona

Wednesday, October 8 ★ ★

Estimated trip time: 8 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Enjoy the colorful drive along the Great Mississippi River Route. Stops include Pepin Heights Apple Orchard, Signatures Restaurant in Bridges Golf Club of Winona, Marine Art Museum and Nelson Cheese Store.

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

Course #33707

- **Cost:** \$68 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, Sept. 12

Radio Man at History Centre

Thursday, October 16 ★ ★

Estimated trip time: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Catch a play at History Centre and enjoy lunch at Key's Cafe in downtown St. Paul.

Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, cranberries, bread, and dessert.

Course #33662

- **Cost:** \$62 includes play, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, Sept. 5

Extended Trips

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

seniorcommunity.org

- **Branson Holiday** (November 3 – 7)
Cost: \$799 per person, double occupancy.

Activity level scale

The following scale is an approximate guide of the activity level and physical ability required for the program.

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.
- **By phone**
(952) 939-8393, with a credit card.
- **Online**
www.eminnetonka.com For assistance, call (952) 939-8393.

Cancellation information

- **Program cancellations**
Requires at least two business days prior to the start date of the program. Some programs may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.
- **Trip cancellations**
Requires cancelling prior to the registration deadline. Cancellations after the payment deadline, are refunded after a \$5 fee in the event a replacement is found.

Program locations

Meet at Minnetonka Senior Services unless otherwise noted. 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Minnetonka

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.

B&B Investment Club

1st & 3rd Monday, 1 p.m.

Learn about investing. No meeting Sept. 1st.

Bird Club

1st Friday, 1 p.m.

Author Sue Leaf discussing *A Love Affair with Birds*.

Chorale

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Performs in the community. Returns Wednesday, September 10.

Scribblers

ursdays, 10 a.m.

Weekly leisurely writing group. New members welcome!

New! Shutterbugs

3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

All levels of photographers welcome!

Tale Spinners

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Weekly critical writing group. New members welcome!

Services

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.

Over 50 & t

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.

Annual Fee: \$12 (Course #32119)

Weekly E-mail Updates

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Seeking monthly party and lunch & movie volunteers. Free meal provided. 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.

- **CareNexion**
Free, easy-to-use online tool and phone service for caregivers and their families. For more information visit 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. For appointments call (952) 939-8393.
- **Health insurance counseling**
Available by appointment on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.
- **HOME**
Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) is available for Minnetonka residents 60+. For more information call (952) 746-4046.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p><i>Closed in observance of Labor Day.</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Craft Committee 10:00 Poker Club 10:00 Bingo 12:45 Billiards 1:00 Tale Spinners 1:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Billiards 1:00</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Carvers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Chess 12:00 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Bird Club 10:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Ham Radio 10:00 Tonka Tale Tellers 10:00 Garden Club 1:00 Health Insurance 1:00 Hand and Foot 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Nature & Novels 2:00 Health Insurance 6:00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>500 Cards 10:00 Bingo 12:45 Billiards 1:00 Senior Outreach 1:00 Tale Spinners 1:00 <i>New!</i> Barre Fusion 6:00 Book & Pie Sale! 11:00 – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Chorale 10:15 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Billiards 1:00 500 Cards 6:30</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Defensive Driving 9:00 Carvers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Chess 12:00 Bunco 1:00 British History 1:00 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Rummikub 1:00 Billiards 3:00 Beginning Bridge 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Investment Club 1:00 Nature & Novels 2:00 Dinner Party 5:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Trip: Old Castle 9:00 Chair Yoga 9:45 <i>New!</i> Shutterbugs 10:00 Poker 10:00 Advisory Board 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Bingo 12:45 Billiards 1:00 Tale Spinners 1:00 Single Mingle Club Mtg @ Tuttle's 3:30 Defensive Driving 5:30 <i>New!</i> Barre Fusion 6:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Chorale 10:15 Minnetonka Fire Dept. 10:30 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Line & Wash Painting 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Financial Abuse 1:30 Billiards 3:00 Chair Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Carvers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Chess 12:00 Book Club 1:00 British History 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Defensive Driving 5:30 Duplicate Bridge 6:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Computer 10:00 Lunch & Movie 12:00 Billiards 1:00</p>
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Group	Meeting day	Information
New! Minnetonka Shutterbugs	3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	All camera skill levels welcome.
Advisory Board	2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Meets September 16.
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.	Speaker: Sue Leaf, author of <i>A Love Affair with Birds</i>
Book Club	3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	<i>Aviator's Wife</i> by Melanie Benjamin
Bulls & Bears Investment Club	1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 1 p.m.	Meets September 15
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.	Starts September 10.
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	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.	<i>New members welcome!</i>
Literary Book Club	4th Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	<i>Moby Dick</i> by Herman Melville
Ham Radio	2nd Monday at 10 a.m.	<i>New members welcome!</i>
The Landing Shop	Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	<i>Find a perfect new handbag at The Landing Shop!</i> Located at 11280 Wayzata Blvd. (763) 591-4868. Handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55+.
Mah Jongg	Wednesdays at 10 a.m.	<i>New members welcome!</i>
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.	Starts September 4.
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. <i>New members welcome!</i>
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.	Starts September 2.
Wood Carvers	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Group members work independently but also share ideas with one another.



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Special one-day drop-off: September 13

Saturday, Sept. 13

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

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

• **Appliances (\$10 each)**

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

• **Batteries (No charge)**

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

• **Bicycles**

(No charge)

Bicycles brought to the special drop-off will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-876-5356).

• **Carpet & padding (\$1/sq. yd. for carpet and \$1/sq. yd. for padding)**

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

• **Copier or fax machine**

(\$35, higher fee for larger items)

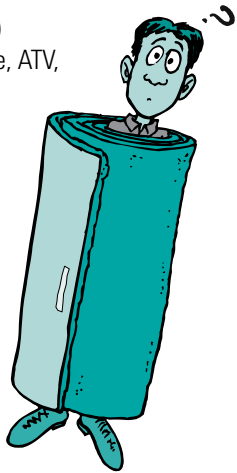
• **Doors (\$2 and up, depending on size)**

• **Electronics**

(no longer accepted, see box at top right)

• **Fluorescent lamps (No charge)**

Up to ten fluorescent lamps accepted per



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

• **Furniture:** Chairs (**\$5 – small, \$10 – large**); loveseat (**\$15**); couch/sofa (**\$20**); hide-a-bed (**\$30**); sectionals, dressers, chests, tables and other furniture (**\$5 and up depending on size**)

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

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

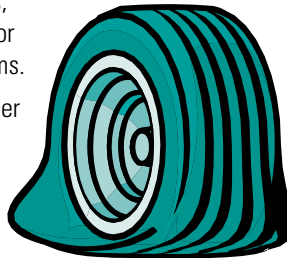
• **Propane tanks:** Small (**\$1**); Large — over a 2-lb. tank (**\$5**)

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Electronic items no longer accepted at the special drop-off

Electronic items are no longer accepted at the special drop-off events. This includes TVs, radios, speakers, CDs, VCRs and DVD players, camcorders, cell phones, telephones, laptops, computers, printers and monitors. Drop-off options for electronics include the Hennepin County permanent drop-off sites (page 11); or any Best Buy or Staples store. ☺

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

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

• **ARC Hennepin Carver**

Pickup route info: (612) 866-8820

• **Bethesda Thrift Shop**

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

• **Families Helping Each Other**

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

• **Goodwill Industries**

13820 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka
 (952) 544-6648

• **Salvation Army**

Pickup route info: (612) 332-5585

• **Value Village Thrift Store**

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

• **Vietnam Vets**

Pickup route information: (651) 778-8387

For more information, call Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430 or visit www.eminnetonka.com. The next special drop-off will be Saturday, June 6, 2015. ☺



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Fall leaf drop-off opens Sept. 15

Public Works Facility

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

The Public Works facility at 11522 Minnetonka Blvd accepts leaves and non-woody yard waste (grass, weeds, pine cones & needles, garden trimmings, fruit, etc.) from Minnetonka residents. You must present proper identification to the site monitor to verify you are a Minnetonka resident (driver's license, state ID, or Minnetonka utility bill).

If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option! All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste for a fee (either an annual, monthly, per cart or per bag fee), typically April through November. Check with your garbage hauler for details. State law requires proper compostable bags for curbside collection of bagged yardwaste — **regular plastic bags are not acceptable.**

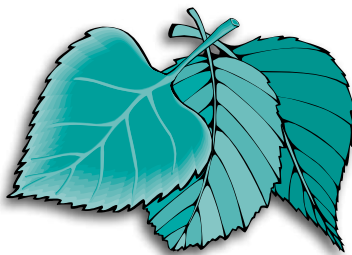
LEAVES — Truck and trailer loads of leaves will be accepted only at Minnetonka Public Works and only during brush drop-off hours on the following dates:

- **Mondays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 22, 29
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Sept. 16, 23, 30
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20, 27

The city leaf drop-off site is bag-free — loose leaves only. Residents will unload and/or unbag their leaves and yardwaste onto the large bulk pile and take all empty bags home for reuse or disposal — including paper and compostable bags. Please bring proper equipment, such as a stout pitch fork, to unload your truck or trailer load of leaves.

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

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



Brush drop-off ends Nov. 22

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. Brush drop-off ends November 22.

The brush drop-off site will be closed for Labor Day, September 1.

Branches up to 12" in diameter are accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency (driver's license or utility bill) is required each time a resident enters the site.

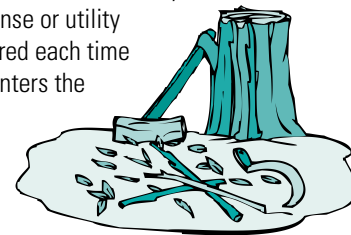
Please note:

trash, metal, plastics, concrete, lumber, fences or wood scraps are not accepted. Do not bring these materials with your brush.

Do not put grass, loose leaves, dirt or sod in with the brush pile. Loose leaves, pine needles, straw, plant and garden materials, and yard waste go in the separate leaf drop-off area, opening Sept. 15. The brush drop-off and leaf drop-off programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials, so it's important they stay separate.

No brush is accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

Call (952) 988-8430 during business hours or leave a message any time. ♻️



Labor Day holiday delays grey week recycling

The Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 1, will delay the grey week recycling collection areas by one day. Residents west of I-494 (south of Hwy. 7 and south of the LRT Trail west of County Rd. 101) will have recycling collection Tuesday, Sept. 2. Residents east of I-494 (south of Minnetonka Blvd.) will have collection Wednesday, Sept. 3. ♻️



2014 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Year-round household hazardous waste (HHW), consumer electronics drop-off sites

Residents may bring household hazardous waste and consumer electronics to either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities:



1400 W. 96th St., Bloomington
8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park
There is no charge to drop off residential HHW.



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

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

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

Also accepted for no charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers). Photocopiers are not accepted.

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

The fees and list of acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff (cash, check, MasterCard or Visa accepted).

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

Facts about transporting fall rewood

I firewood from your yard in Minnetonka to a cabin up north or another location outside of Hennepin and Ramsey counties, you should be aware of the firewood quarantine.

When the non-native invasive emerald ash borer was detected in St. Paul, the state enacted a quarantine that restricts all firewood from leaving Hennepin and Ramsey counties. Firewood cut up in Minnetonka can move within Hennepin and Ramsey counties, but cannot leave these two counties without violating the state quarantine.

While emerald ash borer only lives in ash trees, the quarantine restricts transport of all hardwood firewood in order to make the quarantine easier to enforce. According to the quarantine language, firewood is defined as wood cut

to lengths less than four feet long, including firewood cut for personal use. The rule of thumb, even before the more restrictive rules of the quarantine were enacted, is not to buy or transport firewood greater than 100 miles from your destination since many insects and diseases can be spread through firewood.



To learn more about the state quarantine and firewood, visit www.mda.state.mn.us and search "quarantine" or "firewood" or call Emily Ball, Minnetonka city forester, at (952) 988-8421. If you plan to burn firewood in Minnetonka, be

sure to obtain a one-time recreational fire permit from the Minnetonka Fire Department. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for information.

Recycling reminders

- Recycling carts should be placed at the end of the driveway before 7 a.m. on collection days, or the night before if that's more convenient.
- City ordinance requires recycling, garbage, yard waste and organics carts to be stored out of public view, except for the evening before and day of collection.
- Cartons are recyclable. Used as packaging for food and beverage products, cartons are available in two types: shelf stable and refrigerated. Products packaged in shelf-stable cartons and found on store shelves include juice, milk, soy beverage, soup, broth and wine. Products in refrigerated packages and found in the chilled section of grocery stores include milk, juice, cream, liquid egg and soy beverage. Drink pouches (bags) are not accepted for recycling.

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Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200
for meeting
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1 Labor Day, city offices closed (see page 10 for recycling collection days)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. (see page 3)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	3 Park Board, 7 p.m. 9 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	11 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
28	29	30					15 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 18 Joint Planning Commission/Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m. 22 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. 29 City Council, 6:30 p.m.

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

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16, and 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 is a GreenStep City

Ta Minnesota GreenStep City for its environmental sustainability efforts to cut energy and other costs.

“This award is a great achievement for the city,” said Minnetonka Mayor Terry Schneider. “By being part of the program, we and our 66 peer cities are helping to secure Minnesota's natural beauty for the future while also helping our cities thrive economically and socially.”

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program. Actions that are taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, and the encouragement of civic innovation. Details on the best practices Minnetonka has completed can be seen by visiting www.MnGreenStep.org clicking on “See all cities” next to the map, and then clicking on Minnetonka. ☺

Rake in some free business advice

Wbut not sure where to start? Rough Minnetonka's Open to Business program, a collaboration of the city of Minnetonka and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), you can meet with a business advisor for free!

You'll receive one-on-one counseling from expert staff, customized to meet the needs of small business owners and operators. You can get advice on finances, marketing, strategic planning, small business loans, regulatory compliance, real estate analysis, networking and more.

To schedule an appointment or for more information contact Rob Smolund at MCCD at (612) 789-7337, ext. 260. ☺

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