

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
February 2013

Visit Minnetonka Kids' Fest February 10, 12-3:30 p.m.

Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services hosts Kids' Fest Sunday, February 10, at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Please note this year's new times for Kids' Fest: 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All activities are free and include dog sled rides, bingo with prizes, magic shows, face painting, ice carving demonstrations, s'mores by the fire, crafts, entertainment, open swimming, indoor ice skating, indoor playground time at the Williston Treehouse, and more.

Please bring canned goods to help area families in need. Collections will be received at the Minnetonka Community Center.

For ease of parking, a free van shuttle will run every 15 minutes among the three facilities at which activities take place: the Minnetonka Community Center, the Ice Arena and Williston Fitness Center, located at 14509 Williston Drive, Minnetonka. Visitors may park at any of these facilities for the afternoon.

For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com, or call (952) 939-8203.

Kids' Fest Schedule of Events

Kids' Fest is Sunday, February 10. All events are at the Minnetonka Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Activities and performances are subject to change without notice. For more information, visit www.eminnetonka.com.

- 12 – 1:30 p.m.** Dog sled rides (first come, first served)
- 12 – 3:30 p.m.** Open play at the Treehouse – Williston Fitness Center
Amazing Nathan (strolling magician)
Shady Oak Beach season pass sales
Early childhood sensory activities (Hopkins ECFE)
Fire simulator station – Minnetonka Fire Department
Arts and crafts with the Minnetonka Center for the Arts
Bonfire and s'mores, ice carving demonstrations
Facepainting
Remarkable reptiles display
Dance instruction: hip-hop, creative moves
Wheat grass gardens creatures and bread – Great Harvest Bread Minnetonka
Concession sales
Open swimming – Williston Center
Strolling characters
Snowshoe nature walk (leaves from community center)
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.** Schiele Puppet Show
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.** Amazing Nathan Magic Show
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.** Bob the Beachcomber
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.** Dog sled rides (first come, first served)
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Free ice skating/skate rental — Minnetonka Ice Arena
- 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.** Bingo — win great prizes!

State of the City is February 13



You're invited to the 2013 State of the City Address by Mayor Terry Schneider Wednesday, February

13, from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Karen Telega at ktelega@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8211.



Gray's Bay Marina slip lottery is February 14

The city of Minnetonka will hold a lottery drawing February 14 for 2013 Gray's Bay Marina boat slip vacancies and for the waiting list. Only city of Minnetonka residents are eligible for these slips.

The majority of slips available are approximately 10-½ feet wide and can accommodate boats up to a maximum of 24 feet length overall. However, a very limited number of slips are available for up to 26 feet length overall. Cost per slip for the 2013 boating season is \$3,900.

Applications must be received at Minnetonka City Hall no later than 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 13. The lottery will take place at Minnetonka City Hall Thursday, February 14, at 11 a.m. Applicants do not need to be present.

To receive a lottery application form call (952) 939-8390, e-mail mweseloh@eminnetonka.com, or download information from the city website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Historical society hosts antique appraisal March 5

Do you want to find out the worth of that family heirloom that's been sitting in the attic for years? Here's your chance! Attend an Antiques Appraisal Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.



The event is hosted by the Minnetonka Historical Society, with sponsorship from the General Store of Minnetonka. Mark Thompson of Muir Field Associates and Chuck Donley of Metropolitan Antiques will provide oral appraisals of antiques.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, and space is limited. Only two items per household. Appraisers cannot review dolls or fine jewelry. Please bring only items you can carry safely yourself – no assistance will be provided with transport.

Register by sending a description and/or picture of the item(s) and a check for \$5 per item (limit 2) to Minnetonka Historical Society Antiques Appraisal, c/o City of Minnetonka, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

For an electronic registration form visit www.minnetonka-history.org

Take a bystander CPR class

February is Heart Month, and what better time to learn how to save a life with hands-only bystander CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), a very easy method that can be learned in minutes!

The Minnetonka Fire Department is offering 15-minute drop-in classes on hands-only bystander CPR Thursdays, February 14, March 14 and April 11, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Trained firefighters will teach you all you need to know to save a life with this simple technique. No registration is required.

Classes are free, and can be taught to any size group as well. Call Jim or Sara at Minnetonka Fire at (952) 939-8331 for more information.

Visit the home remodeling fair February 24

Minnetonka residents are invited to the 21st annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair Sunday, February 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins.



visitors; fairgoers are encouraged to bring their photos or sketches.

Sponsored by the cities of Minnetonka, Golden Valley, Hopkins and St. Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka community education, the Home Remodeling Fair is designed to promote improvements to these communities' housing stock.

Fairgoers can visit more than 75 displays by remodeling contractors, architects, electricians, landscapers, tool rental services, roofers, siding and window contractors, and lenders. Minnetonka planning department staff and city inspectors will also be at the fair.

Architects and landscape designers will staff the "Ask the Pro" booth and provide free, no-obligation advice to

Seminars topics include kitchen and bathroom remodeling trends, yard and garden care, home maintenance, interior design, "green" remodeling products and others. Do-it-yourselfers can attend seminars on kitchen design, ceramic tiling and more.

Also, check out the Operation Rescue Room contest, where you could win \$1,000 to use towards remodeling a room if it is voted most in need by visitors to the home remodeling fair.

Advance registration is not required and admission is free. Food concessions will be available at the Wetlands Café. There will be face painting for the kids, games and prizes.

For more information, visit www.homeremodelingfair.com, or call (952) 939-8200.



Apply for the Minnetonka Police Citizen's Academy

If you are a Minnetonka resident who would like to learn more about the Minnetonka Police Department, you're invited to apply to attend an eight-week Police Citizen's Academy, set for Tuesdays, April 2-May 21, from 6-9 p.m.

The academy's goal is to build relationships with the community, help residents understand law enforcement strategies and challenges, enhance public safety and reduce crime.

Academy participants will learn about Minnetonka Police Department operations through classroom lectures and hands-on experiences. Topics include police recruiting and training, crime scene investigations, SWAT, community service officers, computer forensics, drug task force, school resource officers, police K9s, crime lab, crime prevention, crime analysis, traffic unit, use of force and dispatch.

Participant qualifications include:

- Willingness to commit to attending the eight sessions.
- 21 years of age
- Reside or work in Minnetonka. Preference will be given to Minnetonka residents. If there are unfilled academy seats, these will be offered to non-Minnetonka applicants.
- Must agree to a basic criminal background check

Applications are available at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. To have an application mailed to you, contact Nicole Nelson at nnelson@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8546, and leave your name and mailing address.

Application deadline is March 8.

Municipal utility fee changes effective January 1

At its December 17, 2012, meeting the Minnetonka City Council adjusted municipal utility (water, sewer, and storm water) fees and made a change to the sewer rate structure effective January 1, 2013. Fees had not been raised since January 2011.

Changes to the fees are as follows:

- Water rates were increased to \$1.89 per 1,000 gallons.
- The minimum sewer consumption requirements were eliminated and replaced with a base fee of \$42 per quarter to cover fixed costs of the system.
- Sewer rates were cut by over half and reduced from \$3.10 to \$1.49 per 1,000 gallons.
- The account maintenance fee (\$1.05 per quarter) was eliminated.
- Storm water fees increased by three percent (\$0.51 per quarter), which covers the costs of the city's storm water system infrastructure as well as federally mandated testing, reporting and improvements related to water quality and runoff.

One of the primary goals of the sewer fee structure changes is to ensure that every customer benefits by their own conservation of water and sewer use. By eliminating the minimum use requirement, all customers will share in the fixed costs of the system and pay only for what they use. The tiered water rate structure remains in place in order to encourage water conservation. The adjacent table shows the rate changes for 2013.

All other account fees, late payment, state of Minnesota testing fees and meter maintenance fees remain the same.

Rate changes	Rate per 1,000 gallons	
	2011-12	2013
Residential water rate		
Tier 1 (0 – 18,000 gallons)	\$1.81	\$1.89
Tier 2 (18,001 – 40,000 gallons)	\$2.07	\$2.16
Tier 3 (40,001 – 70,000 gallons)	\$2.61	\$2.72
Tier 4 (70,000+)	\$3.62	\$3.77
Residential sewer rate		
Standard rate	\$3.10	\$1.49
Minimum billing amount	15,000 gallons	n/a
Base Fee	n/a	\$42/quarter
Senior discount - Special senior base fee	Actual consumption	\$ 15.50/quarter
Commercial/industrial water		
Base rate	\$1.81	\$1.89
Summer surcharge (May – September)	\$2.06	\$2.15
Commercial/industrial sprinkler accounts		
Sprinkler I (0 – 75,000 gallons)	\$2.07	\$2.16
Sprinkler II (75,001 – 175,000)	\$2.61	\$2.72
Sprinkler III (175,001+)	\$3.62	\$3.77
Account maintenance fee		
	\$1.05	n/a
Stormwater		
Open space, undeveloped (acre/month)	\$2.59	\$2.67
Single family, 2-3 family, residential (unit/mo)	\$5.76	\$5.93
Churches, schools, government (acre/month)	\$15.55	\$16.01
Apartment, condos (acre/month)	\$17.28	\$17.79
Commercial, industrial (acre/month)	\$43.55	\$44.83

City offers free small business advice

Did you resolve this year to explore starting a new business or expand an existing one? Or are you already a small business owner who needs technical assistance? We can help!

The Minnetonka Open to Business program, provided in collaboration with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, provides free one-on-one assistance from expert staff, customized to meet the needs of small business owners and operators. Clients receive help in business ventures, financial management, marketing and regulatory compliance.

For more information, contact Rob Smolund, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, at (612) 789-7337, ext. 1.



Enjoy winter safely

Winter offers a variety of ways to enjoy frozen lakes and ponds, but remember these tips to stay safe.



- Don't assume that cold temperatures mean ice is safe on lakes or ponds. Ice can shift and springs can cause unstable ice. Know the condition of your lake or pond, use caution and be safe.
- If you snowmobile on a permitted lake (check city ordinances at www.eminnetonka.com), keep a safe distance from other who are enjoying snowshoeing, cross country skiing or ice skating. Travel at a safe speed and distance from people, pets and objects, and avoid damaging cattails and other wetland vegetation.
- Finally, protect the environment and water quality by picking up and properly disposing of trash and pet waste from frozen lakes and ponds.

2013 city tree sale orders due March 1: trees sell out fast!

Do you have a yard full of ash trees? The city's annual tree sale can help you diversify your yard and establish other trees before emerald ash borer arrives in Minnetonka.

Be sure to turn in your order as soon as you decide, since quantities are limited and based on nursery availability. The most popular species sell out within a few days and **all** trees can sell out before the March 1 due date since there are a limited amount of trees available for the program. The earlier we receive your order, the better the chance you will have to get a tree.

Learn more about the sale, and about the trees offered, at www.eminnetonka.com.

Trees **must** be picked up on designated dates or you **forfeit the tree and the money** you paid for it. Leftover trees will be planted in a Minnetonka park. Questions? Call (952) 988-8400.

Friday, April 26, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Public Works, East Driveway
 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
 Minnetonka, MN 55305

Species	Initial Height	Fall color	Sun or shade?	Significant features	Mature Height	Mature Spread
Large shade trees						
Hackberry	6–8'	Yellow	☉ ☾	Looks similar to an elm tree, small purple berries for birds, can tolerate dry & seasonally wet areas & clay soil..	50–75'	50'
Heritage Oak (Bur oak x English oak)	6–8'	Yellow/Brown	☉	Glossy leaves, attracts butterflies, acorns for wildlife, vigorous growing oak.	60–80'	40–50'
Honeylocust (Skyline)	6–8'	Golden Yellow	☉	Provides light shade, mostly fruitless, deer resistant, drought tolerant, once established.	50'	30–35'
Kentucky Coffeetree	4–6'	Yellow	☉	Pod can provide winter interest, architectural bark, fern-like leaves produce dappled shade.	50–60'	40–50'
Red Oak	6–8'	Vibrant Red	☉ ☾	Fast growing oak does best in a moist well drained soil, retains leaves after autumn. Do not prune between April-October.	60–80'	50'
River Birch (clump)	5–6'	Bright Yellow	☉ ☾	Clump type has multiple stems and drooping branches, can tolerate wet and dry areas.	40–50'	30–40'
Sugar Maple	6–8'	Yellow/Red/Orange	☉ ☾ ●	Must keep mulched through maturity, no heavy clay, good tree for woods, creates dense shade.	50–75'	50'
Swamp White Oak	3–5'	Yellow/Brown	☉ ☾	Can tolerate wet and dry areas & clay soil, acorns for wildlife, resistant to oak wilt disease.	50–60'	40–50'
Small ornamental or understory woodland trees						
Blue Beech	6–8'	Yellow/Orange/Red	☉ ☾ ●	Best for moist well drained woods, excellent replacement for buckthorn in woods.	30'	20'
Crabapple (Prairifire)	5–6'	Orange/Gold	☉	Reddish-pink flowers, fruit persistent for birds, compatible with utility lines.	15–20'	20'
Ironwood	3–5'	Yellow	☉ ☾ ●	Retains leaves after autumn, hop-like fruit offers winter interest, excellent replacement for buckthorn in woods.	30–50'	25'
Pagoda Dogwood	3–5'	Red	☾ ●	White flowers, won't thrive in hot & dry sites, excellent replacement for buckthorn in woods or wooded edge.	15–20'	20–25'
Conifers						
Eastern Red Cedar	3–5'	Brown/Plum	☉	Can grow in dry soil; good for screening on poor quality sites, food and shelter for wildlife, do not plant next to crop apples, hawthorn, serviceberry or crabapple trees	40–50'	15–20'
Northern White Cedar	3–5'	Bright Green/Yellow Green	☉ ☾ ●	Does best in moist soil, growth is more vigorous in partial sun to full sun, provides food and shelter for birds and mammals	45–60'	10–12'
White Pine	3–5'	Green	☉ ☾	Soft delicate needles, fast growing, does best in a well-drained soil (not clay), cones are a food source for songbirds.	50–80'	20–40'
Supplies						
Plastic Tree Guard	4'			Protect young tree stems from deer and more! Use on trees up to 3" in diameter. Not suitable for conifers or clump (multi-stem) trees.		

Tree Order Form

Due March 1

Trees may sell out prior to the deadline. You may order **two** trees per property.

Name: _____
First Last

Address: _____
House number Street Zip code

Daytime phone number: (_____) _____ **Last name on check:** _____

Check # _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____

Order form, check, and postcard must be received by March 1, 2013 at:

Minnetonka Public Works (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
 Attn: City Forester
 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
 Minnetonka, MN 55305

Orders will also be accepted at city hall, but will be processed at public works within two business days.

- Before you mail the order, please confirm:**
- Filled out order form completely?
 - Checked www.eminnetonka.com to see if selections are sold out?
 - Enclosed check payable to City of Minnetonka for exact amount?
 - Filled out and enclosed postcard for city to mail your confirmation?
 - Checked your calendar to make sure someone can pick up your trees on April 26 or 27?
 - I will plant the trees in Minnetonka. I will water and care for the trees I purchase.

Species	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
Large shade trees			
Hackberry	\$33		
Heritage Oak (Bur oak x English oak)	\$33		
Honeylocust (Skyline)	\$33		
Kentucky Coffeetree	\$33		
Red Oak	\$33		
River Birch (clump)	\$33		
Sugar Maple	\$33		
Swamp White Oak	\$33		
Small ornamental or understory woodland trees			
Blue Beech	\$33		
Crabapple (Prairifire)	\$33		
Ironwood	\$33		
Pagoda Dogwood	\$33		
Conifers			
Eastern Red Cedar	\$33		
Northern White Cedar	\$33		
White Pine	\$33		
Supplies			
Plastic Tree Guard	\$2		
Total (Limit two trees per property; unlimited tree guards):			\$

Ordering Trees

- This offer is open to Minnetonka residents only. The city is offsetting the cost of the trees for residents; the intent of the sale is to reforest the city of Minnetonka. Please refrain from buying trees for cabins or others who do not live in the city.
- You may order up to two trees per property.
- Orders will be processed for single family homeowners. If you represent a townhome or condo association, you must contact the city forester prior to placing your order. Orders will not be accepted from apartment building residences. The city reserves the right to limit tree species selections for associations and residents who own multiple properties.
- Unlike a retail nursery, these trees do not have a warranty.

Some species offered are in limited supply, and others are very popular, complete one of the options below in case your selections are sold out:

If one or both of your selections is sold out, what species should we substitute to fill your order?

If my first choice(s) are not available, please mail my order & check back to me.

Winter tree pruning drop-o open Saturdays in March

The city forester recommends November through March as the ideal time to prune oak trees, when they are least susceptible to oak wilt disease. This is also a great time to prune other trees, since insects and diseases are not active.

To assist residents who conduct proper winter pruning, the drop-o site at

Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, will be open Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enter the brush drop-o at the northwest corner of the Public Works facility (Big Willow ball field side).

Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. Christmas trees (without plastic bags, stands or any decorations) will also be accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency – driver's license or Minnetonka

utility bill – is required to drop o brush. Please note: trash, grass, leaves, dirt, sod, lumber, fencing, or wood scraps are NOT accepted.

No brush or trimmings will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

The site is not open weekdays in March. The regular brush drop-o program starts Monday, April 1.

For more information, contact Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430 or delstad@eminnetonka.com

An update on curbside recycling

It's been a year since the city switched to single-sort wheeled carts for curbside recycling, along with biweekly collection. Last year, residents recycled 5,450 tons through the curbside and drop-o program - a 6 percent increase from 2011! Read on for some updates and tips on the recycling program.

Overflowing carts

If your recycling cart is overflowing by the time collection day rolls around, consider requesting the larger 95-gallon cart or an additional 60-gallon cart, at no additional monthly charge. Call Allied Waste at (952) 941-5174 to make arrangements for changing to a larger size recycling cart or to have a second recycling cart delivered to your home. You can also call this number if your cart is damaged and you need a new cart.

Items that don't fit in cart

Automated collection of recycling carts requires that all recyclable items be placed inside the cart. This means that large items, such as flattened cardboard boxes placed outside the cart, won't be picked up. Bring these additional recyclable items to the city Recycling Drop-O Center at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard. The center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located on the east side of the building. If you can't make it to the drop-o center, a special collection of additional flattened cardboard boxes may be arranged before collection day by calling Allied Waste at (952) 941-5174.

More plastics, bottle tops can be recycled

The program now accepts all plastic food and beverage containers #1 - #7 (except number #6, made with polystyrene foam - Styrofoam®). Plastic bags from retailers are also accepted – please stuff them all together in one bag so they don't fly out of the cart. A list of acceptable and unacceptable plastic items is printed on the recycling cart lid.

Additionally, caps and tops can now be recycled, as long as they are attached to the bottle or container – don't include loose caps or lids.

Text message reminders

Allied Waste will send a text message to your mobile phone as a reminder to set out your recycling cart. Message arrives on the



Sunday before your bi-weekly collection day.

To sign up, text "blue" or "grey" (depending on your service week) to 292929. Please note residents in the Grey service area should text "grey," not "gray." Standard text and data rates may apply. If you don't know your service week, visit www.eminnetonka.com and click on "recycling and garbage."

Reminders

- Store garbage and recycling carts out of public view except on collection day.
- Separate recycling carts from garbage carts by at least a foot or more to allow service by each vendor.
- 2013 recycling collection calendars are available at www.eminnetonka.com. Tape the recycling calendar under the recycling cart lid for easy reference.

Questions about recycling? Contact Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

2013 Reactions Award winner

In 1997 the city of Minnetonka began its Reactions Award program, designed to recognize individuals, business and programs whose outstanding contributions reflect positively on Minnetonka. The award is presented every other year.

This year, the family of **Randall, Elizabeth and Jessica Neal** was chosen as the 2013 Reactions Award winner. The Neals were nominated by neighbor Jayne Kennelly, with support from many others, for their ongoing work improving and maintaining Kinsel Park in Glen Lake for the enjoyment of everyone.

Honorable Mention: JoAnne Robinson, Ridgedale YMCA/Minnetonka Heights

JoAnn Robinson received an honorable mention for her dedicated work with the YMCA outreach program for school-age children at the Minnetonka Heights Apartments.

Young People's Concert is February 24

The Music Association of Minnetonka presents a Young People's Concert Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m. at Minnetonka United Methodist Church, 17611 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka.

The winner of MAM's 2012 Young Artists' Competition, Luther Warren, will play Tchaikovsky's Concerto for Violin, and 9-year-old Emma Tagert will play Mozart's Concerto for Piano in A Major.

The program will also feature the Dance Exchange's interpretation of Copland's Hoe Down from the Rodeo Suite. Please join us for an afternoon of extraordinary talent from our younger generation. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Call (952) 401-5954 or visit www.musicassociation.org for details.

Youth activities offered

Are you looking for winter activities for your child? If so, check out the various opportunities below. To register or for more information call (952) 939-8203 or see the online recreation brochure at www.eminnetonka.com. All classes are held at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka.

Kidcreate Studio Mario Kart Mania Art Class

Feb. 18, 1-4 p.m. (non-school day)
Channel your child's love of video games into a creative, fun outlet. Ages 5-12. Cost: \$30. Course #28123.

Science Explorers Stars, Planets & Stories

Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 12:45-2 p.m.
Blast off with Science Explorers for a fun-filled trip to the stars. Upon departure, we'll learn about our sun and gravity. Come join our journey as we create art projects, play games and more. Ages 3.5-6 yrs. Cost: \$36. Course #28189.

Optical Illusions

Feb. 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (non-school day)
Is the hand really quicker than the eye? Find out the answer to this and other amazing optical illusions. Cost: \$18. Ages 1-5. Course #28191.



Outdoor ice skating

Skating rinks with warming houses are available at eight Minnetonka and six Hopkins park locations. Weather permitting, rinks will remain open until February 18. Call the weather hotline at (952) 939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. For holiday and winter break hours, visit www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8355.

Senior center offers February activities

Plan to attend one of these activities offered this month for adults 50-plus, all of which are advertised in a weekly email as well as a free monthly publication, the *Minnetonka Script*. Subscribe to one or both of these publications by visiting www.eminnetonka.com, or contact Nicole Gorman at ngorman@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8369.

To register, or for general information about any of the activities listed below, call (952) 939-8393.

James Shaw Program

Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m.
Listen to tunes from the 60's and 70's while learning what influenced this era of music and why it still influences us today. \$2, due by Feb. 4.

Traveling Naturalist

Feb. 11, 1 p.m.
Polar bears are the largest of the marine mammals and are devoted mothers. They may also be the first large mammal to become extinct due to global climate change. \$2, due by Feb. 7.

Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 14, 12 p.m.
Enjoy stuffed chicken, long grain wild rice, green beans and dessert. Music provided by Ken Wanovich, vocalist/guitarist. \$7, due by Feb. 7.

Winter Hike to Jidana

Feb. 25, 11 a.m.
Enjoy a scenic winter hike to Jidana Park from the Minnetonka Community Center. Hike along Minnehaha Creek to Deer Island and roast bratwursts over the campfire, with hot coffee, snacks and dessert. \$5, due by Feb. 21.



Navigating Medicare

Feb. 26, 6:30-9 p.m.
Open to anyone who wants to learn more about Medicare. \$10 (includes materials), due by Feb. 22.

American Revolution

Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.
An armchair tour of the great battles of the American Revolution, in historical order. Light lunch to follow presentation. \$2 for presentation and lunch; due by Feb. 25



Income Tax Appointments

Mondays, Thursdays
Appointments will be available Monday and Thursday afternoons February 4-April 11. Call (952) 939-8393 for an appointment.

City offers home repair, home buyer loans



Do you need money for repairs or improvements to your home? Are you a first-time homebuyer who would like assistance with your down payment or closing costs?

The city continues to take pre-applications for the Minnetonka Home Enhancement Program and the Welcome to Minnetonka first-time home buyer program.

The Minnetonka Home Enhancement program offers up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements and some additions, with a 1% interest rate.

The Welcome to Minnetonka program offers up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time home buyers, with a 1% interest rate.

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

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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	6 Economic Development Authority Commission, 6 p.m.;
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Park Board, 7 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	10 Kids' Fest, 12-3:30 p.m. (see page 1)
24	25	26	27	28			11 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							12 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							13 State of the City, 7:30-9 a.m. (see page 1)
							18 Presidents Day, <i>city offices closed</i>
							21 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							25 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m.
							28 Economic Development Authority Commission, 6 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.

Staying informed about city projects

The city regularly receives applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's website. If you'd like to stay informed, visit "MyMinnetonka" at www.eminnetonka.com — click on "MyMinnetonka" under "Top Picks."

Through MyMinnetonka, you can learn about new projects in the city; provide online feedback on projects during their approval process, and receive email updates on projects. Planning commission meeting agendas are posted the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for information.



Summer rec registration starts in March

Mark your calendar! The summer edition of the recreation services brochure will be mailed to Minnetonka and Hopkins residents the last week in February. The brochure can also be viewed online at www.eminnetonka.com. Registration starts March 5 for residents and March 19 for non-residents. Non-residents who wish to receive a copy of the brochure will be charged \$3 to cover mailing costs. To request a copy call (952) 939-8203 or email recservices@eminnetonka.com

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