

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
May 2013

## Summer Festival, Ice Cream Social are Saturday, June 22

**B**RING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO THE Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 22, for children's rides, a petting zoo, ice skating, musical entertainment and much more! It all takes place on the grounds of the Minnetonka Civic Center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Also on June 22, don't miss the Ice Cream Social at the Charles H. Burwell House, complete with free tours, entertainment, arts and crafts fair and food concessions. The Burwell House, on the National Register of Historic Places, is located at 13209 E. McGinty Road. New this year, enjoy exploring Minnetonka's history by strolling the newly completed Heritage Gardens around the Burwell House, and view Minnehaha Creek from the pedestrian bridge spanning the creek at Baker Road and Minnetonka Boulevard.

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

### 8K Race (7:30 a.m.)

This certified 8K race course begins and ends in front of the Ice Arena and travels through a lovely wooded area — generally



flat, with some rolling hills. Registrations are being accepted now: call (952) 939-8203 to register or for more information.

### Children's Tot Trot (4 p.m.)

A fun run for ages 2 – 8. Registration is not required for the Tot Trot — check in at the Summer Festival Information Tent. ☺

## Burwell House tours begin in June

**T**HE CHARLES H. BURWELL HOUSE, located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, opens for the 2013 tour season Saturday, June 8, and remains open through August 31. Tours are available Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. The house is open Saturdays only in September, from 12–4 p.m.

Thanks to the dedication of a group of volunteer tour guides, tours are free, but donations are accepted for the ongoing maintenance and furnishing of the Burwell House. Parking is available on the grounds. The main floor of the house is handicapped accessible, and the entire house is air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter. The Burwell House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Special tours may be arranged by calling (952) 939-8219 or emailing [lronbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lronbeck@eminnetonka.com) or [jlarsen@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jlarsen@eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Filings open May 21 for fall city election

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA WILL hold a municipal election this fall. City seats that will be on the November 5 general election ballot include the mayor and two at-large council seats. Filings for these offices open Tuesday, May 21, and remain open through Tuesday, June 4.

Interested persons may file for these offices during regular city hall hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The filing fee is \$5. Please note city offices will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

To be eligible for office, candidates must be at least 21 years of age upon assuming office, and be a resident of Minnetonka for at least 30 days prior to

the general election.

A primary election will be held Tuesday, August 13, if more than two people file for any of these offices.

All three school districts (Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata) will have school board positions on the fall ballot. People interested in filing for school district offices must contact the district offices.

Questions about the election process or filings may be directed to the city clerk's office, (952) 939-8218 or (952) 939-8219, or by contacting [dmaeda@eminnetonka.com](mailto:dmaeda@eminnetonka.com) or [lronbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lronbeck@eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Minnetonka's shade tree disease control program starts May 20

**T**HE CITY'S SHADE TREE DISEASE control program, aimed at keeping Dutch elm disease and oak wilt at bay, starts early this year, on May 20. Tree inspectors certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources survey the entire city, neighborhood by neighborhood, looking for trees showing signs of Dutch elm disease or oak wilt. Scouting continues until late September to early October, when it starts to become difficult to identify diseases by their leaf symptoms.

If a diseased tree is found on private property, the inspector will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree. If an elm or oak tree is found to have either of these diseases, it is important to act promptly with removal or the suggested treatments in order to protect other elms and oaks on your property and throughout the city.

If you see a tree you believe is diseased, you may report it starting May 20 by calling (952) 988-8421. Please give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location. Inspections will be scheduled in conjunction with planned scouting of neighborhoods. The person who reports a diseased tree can remain anonymous, and the caller's name is not considered public information.

### If a tree is marked, what should I do?

If a tree has been identified as having Dutch elm disease or oak wilt, the city paints an orange ring around the tree. Each underlying property owner is notified by a notice on the door on the day the tree is marked, and through a follow-up letter in the mail. Both diseases have different management strategies, so be sure to read the letter carefully in order to protect your other trees.

When a tree is marked in a person's yard, it is the property owner's responsibility to

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

### What about other tree diseases?

Minnetonka doesn't regulate other tree diseases or damaging insects, because at this time, there aren't any other diseases or insects in Minnetonka that are considered epidemic. Emerald ash borer would meet the criteria to be listed as epidemic; at printing it has not yet been found in Minnetonka. Some of the criteria that could

make a tree disease (or insect infestation) epidemic are that it is economically catastrophic, it has far-reaching effects on the landscape (not just one person's yard), or it is difficult or nearly impossible to control. Because the city engages in active management of Dutch elm and oak wilt disease each year, it helps to mitigate a full epidemic. Since 2004, the numbers of diseased elms has fallen slightly but still remains high, mostly due to drought conditions and warmer winters which have allowed beetle populations to increase.

If you want to learn more about the program, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and enter shade tree disease control in the search bar or call (952)988-8421. For more information on common tree diseases, visit the U of MN Extension page at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo/diagnostics/index.html>. ♪



Photo contest 2012: "Spring Reflection on Auburn Drive," Allie Petersen

## May means music for Minnetonka, a spring symphony of sound!

**T**HE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) invites you to join its community choirs and orchestra to celebrate the glories of springtime. Choral Reflections, the Minnetonka Chamber Choir and the Minnetonka Symphony Chorus will share two concerts in May: Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 241 Fifth Ave N, Hopkins, and (a repeat of the first) Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., at Minnetonka Methodist Church, 17611 Lake St. Extension.

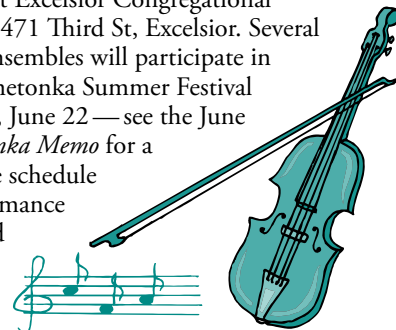
The Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

will present a concert Sunday, May 12, at 3 p.m. at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Rd, St. Louis Park. This concert will be repeated on Sunday May 19, 3 p.m., at Wayzata Community Church, 125 East Wayzata Blvd. Guest artist is organist Diana Lea Lucker.

The Minnetonka children's choirs — Cappella (elementary age), Concert (middle school age), and Chamber (high school age) — present a spring concert Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 241 Fifth Ave. N., Hopkins.

Choral Reflections, an adult ensemble of 15 voices, performs Sunday, June 9, 7 p.m., at Excelsior Congregational Church, 471 Third St, Excelsior. Several MAM ensembles will participate in the Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 22 — see the June *Minnetonka Memo* for a complete schedule of performance dates and times.

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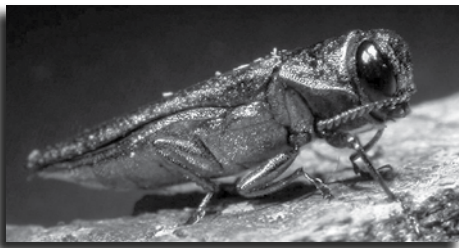
# Preparing for the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer in Minnetonka

EVERY YEAR SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in St. Paul and at the Fort Snelling Golf Course, EAB has been creeping closer to Minnetonka’s forests. Fortunately, due to restrictions put in place by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) the spread of EAB has been relatively slow.

For example, the transport of firewood from a quarantined area (Hennepin, Ramsey, Huston and Winona counties) is prohibited. However, transportation of firewood between quarantined counties is acceptable (for example, from Hennepin County to Ramsey County). Help in slowing the spread of EAB by following MDA guidelines and by keeping your ash wood at home.

You may be wondering how you can prepare for EAB when it does arrive in Minnetonka – most likely an inevitability. Start by asking yourself these questions:

- Do I have ash trees in my yard?  
If so, how many?



- If EAB is found in Minnetonka, will I opt to treat one or more with an insecticide to protect it from infestation?
- Can I treat my ash trees on my own? If your ash tree is 15” in diameter or greater it is important to hire a professional to ensure that your tree receives a high enough concentration to protect it.
- If I don’t plan to use insecticides to protect my ash trees, have I started planting replacement trees of other species?

### Preserving ash trees by insecticide treatment can:

- Preserve an area’s character.
- Maintain established trees in the landscape for a longer period of time. Large trees provide more overall benefits in terms of cooling, storm water absorption, wildlife habitat and oxygen production.
- Spread the expense of tree removal over time.
- Allow younger trees to get established before the larger trees are removed.

### Decide which trees to treat by:

- Selecting trees with a high landscape value and that are larger in size. Young, newly planted trees can grow relatively quickly

to replace trees that are not that large.

- Selecting trees that are healthy and growing vigorously, with more than 80% crown cover.
- Avoiding treating trees that are declining and have a thin canopy; have any cracks in the bark or branches; have lawn mower damage or are showing signs of girdling roots that may encircle the roots of the tree; display fruiting bodies like mushrooms that may indicate decay and a sign of the tree being structurally unsound; are located on a sloped surface, or are adjacent to surface water or storm drains.

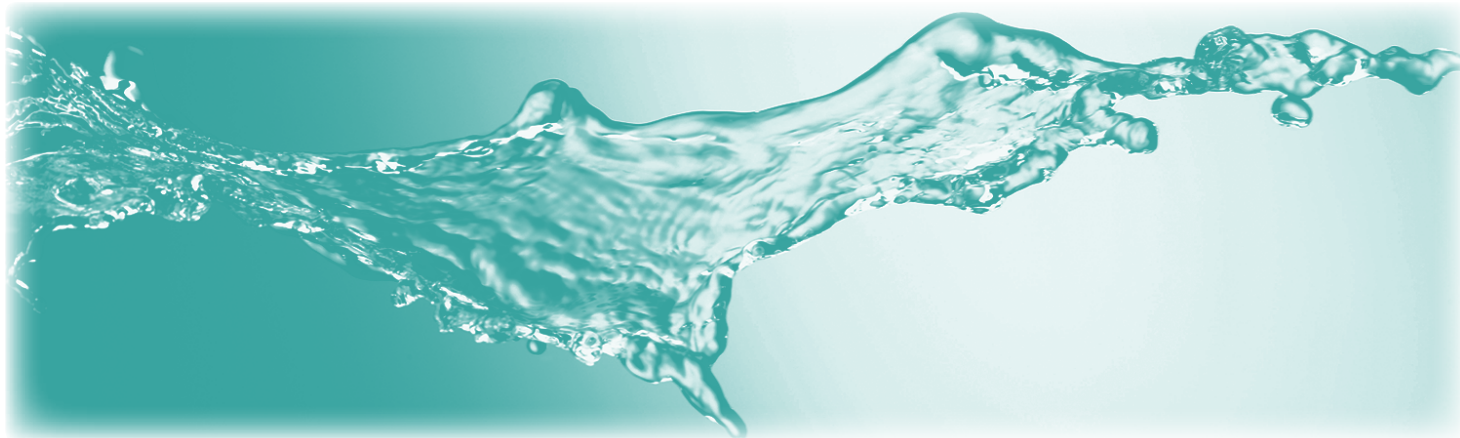
Be aware of the drawbacks to using insecticide treatments for EAB. Some insecticides have the potential to contaminate ground and surface water if improperly applied or applied near ponds, lakes, streams, or on slopes; and are toxic to mammals, aquatic life, and pollinators, and to other insects if non-target plants are contaminated or the insecticide is misapplied. See table below for more information.

Once initial treatment is complete, trees will require retreatment every one to three years, depending on the chemical used or risk that it becomes infested. Insecticide treatments allow you to preserve your tree until it naturally decline or it allows you to establish and replace the tree with a non-ash species. ♪

## Ash Treatment Options

	Trunk Injection (Emamectin)	Soil Drenching (Imidacloprid)
<b>Treatment Frequency/ Longevity</b>	Every 2-3 years	Annually
<b>Approximate Contractor Cost*</b>	\$120 – \$195 for a 15” diameter tree (\$8 – \$13 per diameter inch)	\$36 – \$64 for a 15” diameter tree (\$2.40 – \$4.26 per diameter inch)
<b>Success Rate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Almost perfect” protection for two years</li> <li>• Best choice for controlling EAB in an already infested tree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best on trees less than 15” diameter</li> <li>• More treatment failures as beetle pressure increases</li> </ul>
<b>Pros</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer concerns for water quality, unless spilled</li> <li>• Treatments occur less frequently and can be used on trees of any size</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be applied by a homeowner/property owner on trees less than 15” diameter</li> <li>• Less expensive contractor rate than stem injection</li> </ul>
<b>Cons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires pesticide applicator license on any type of property</li> <li>• More expensive</li> <li>• If spilled, highly toxic to exposed mammals, fish and aquatic invertebrates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates and other insects if non-target plants are contaminated or the insecticide is misapplied</li> <li>• Potential to leach to shallow ground water or be transported in runoff</li> <li>• Homeowner/property owner will have to hire a professional to apply the trunk injection for trees larger than 15” in diameter</li> </ul>

# 2012 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS ISSUING the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2012. Each of the past 15 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

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

## Water source

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

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

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

the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

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

## Are contaminants a concern?

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

## Drinking water regulations

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

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

**Lawn watering schedule**

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

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

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



# Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2012

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. *(Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2012. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)*

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

## Water Testing Terms and Definitions

### MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

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

### MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

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

### MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

### MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

### AL — Action Level

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

### 90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest

result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) *Note:* In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

### pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

### ppb — Parts per billion

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

### ppm — Parts per million

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

### nd — No Detection

### N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

### Average/result

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

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2012)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	3.7–8.7	8.7	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	ppm	2	2	N/A	.15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	3.5–5.5	5.5*	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1–1.1	1.2	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic acids (HAA5)	ppm	0	60	nd–14	14	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10.4	10.4	nd–.19	.19	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	0	80	.5–30.1	30.1	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\* Four quarterly samples are required to determine an average compliance value for this contaminant. At the end of 2012, only one sample had been taken. As a result, there is not a violation for this contaminant.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	.2 (Lowest) – .5 (Highest)	.49	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (8/22/2010)	ppm	1.3	1.3	1.21	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (8/22/2010)	ppb	15	0	1.2	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

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

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

# Visit the Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 5

**J**OIN US FOR THE NATIVE PLANT MARKET and Eco Fun Fest June 5, 3–7 p.m., at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. The event will take place in the city hall parking lot, rain or shine.

## Native plant market

Many residents have asked for an opportunity to buy native plants, and now's your chance! Prairie Restorations, Dragonfly Gardens, Cedar Hill Natives, Natural Shore Technologies, Minnesota Native Landscapes, Naturally Wild and Outback Nursery will be selling a variety of native plants ranging from woody plants to grasses and wildflowers. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a complete list of plants by vendor.

This is a cash/check-and-carry event so bring a box to make it easier to carry your plants home.

## Eco Fun Fest

After buying plants, spend some time with your family at the Eco Fun Fest. Visit the Zoo Mobile and view live animals, take a bird walk with the Audubon Society, join the herpetology society for an up-close look at reptiles, watch the honeybee hive, participate in a plant walk or watch your kids as they learn how to climb a tree with a rope and saddle. (Guardians will need to sign a liability waiver for their child to participate in the tree climbing.)

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

## What to bring:

- Cash or checks for plant purchases.
- A box to carry away your new landscape treasures.

- Your own water bottle, so you remember to hydrate.
- Rain gear if rain is predicted. This is a rain-or-shine event, although it may be cancelled if there is severe weather. ☼



Explore the Native Plant Market June 5.

## Native Plant Market & Eco Fun Fest Schedule of Events

### Native Plant Market

3–7 p.m.

See above for vendor names. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a complete list of native plants by vendor.

### Zoo Mobile

Minnesota Zoo

4–6 p.m.

See native and exotic animals.

### Reptiles and Amphibians

Minnesota Herpetological Society

3–7 p.m.

Visit and touch some cold-blooded creatures.

### Bird Walk

George Skinner and Anne Hanley

6–7 p.m.

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

### Information Tent

3–7 p.m.

- Audubon Society
- Blue Thumb display
- Master Naturalists
- Master Gardeners
- Tree Care Advisors
- Tree House of Horrors
- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
- Heather Holm, native plant gardener

### Honeybee Pollinator Display

University of Minnesota Bell Museum

4–6 p.m.

View and learn about honeybees.

### Tree Climbing Activity\*

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture

3:30–7 p.m.

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

\* Guardian signature on liability waiver required for participation.

### Native Plant Walk

5–6 p.m.

Learn about plants and restoration progress. Led by Janet Van Sloun, restoration specialist. Leave from intersection above outdoor amphitheater.

### Free native plants to the first 150 visitors

Plant a plug in a pot

3–7 p.m.

Black eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) plugs will be available. Limit one per person. ☼





## 2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# Special one-day drop-off

**Saturday, June 1,  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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

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

- **Appliances (\$10 each)**

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

- **Batteries (No charge)**

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

- **Bicycles (No charge)**

Bicycles brought to the special drop-off will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-209-6669).

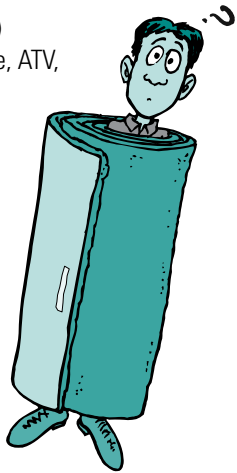
- **Carpet & padding (\$1/sq. yd. for carpet and \$1/sq. yd. for padding)** Determine the number of square yards of carpet or room size the carpet came from. Roll carpet or pad and tape or tie rolls. Rolls must not exceed six feet in length and/or up to 12 inches in diameter.

- **Copier or fax machine (\$35, higher fee for larger items)**

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

- **Electronics (no longer accepted, see box at top right)**

- **Fluorescent lamps (No charge)**  
Up to ten fluorescent bulbs will be accepted



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

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

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

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

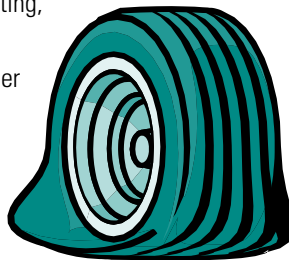
- **Propane tanks:** Small (**\$1**); Large — over a 2-lb. tank (**\$5**)

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### 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 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection May 16, 17 & 18; the Hennepin County permanent drop-off sites (page 9); 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](http://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](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Fall special drop-off will be Saturday, September 21. ♻️

 **2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

# Spring Leaf Drop-off Ends May 14

## Public Works Facility

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

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

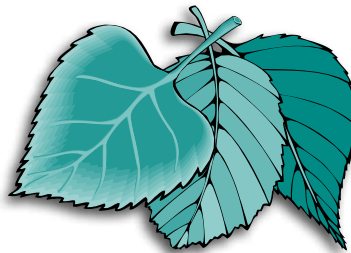
If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option! All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste for a fee (either an annual, monthly, per cart or per bag fee). Check with your garbage hauler for details.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

**LEAVES** — 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. May 6, 13
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. May 7, 14
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4, 11

**Expanded Friday and Sunday hours:**

- **Fridays:** 12 to 6 p.m. May 3, 10
- **Sundays:** 12 to 4 p.m. May 5, 12



**The city leaf drop-off site is bag-free — loose leaves only.**

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

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



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

## Brush drop-off now open

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. Brush drop-off ends November 17, 2013.

**The brush drop-off site will be closed on the following two holidays: Memorial Day, May 27; and Labor Day, September 2.**

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



**Please note:**

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

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

No brush is accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

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

## Memorial Day delays grey week recycling

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, will delay the grey week recycling collection areas by one day. Residents west of I-494 (south of Highway 7 and south of LRT Trail west of County Road 101) will have recycling collection on Tuesday, May 28. Residents east of I-494 (south of Minnetonka Boulevard) will have collection on Wednesday, May 29. ☺





## 2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# Hennepin County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Community Collection

**Thursday, May 16**

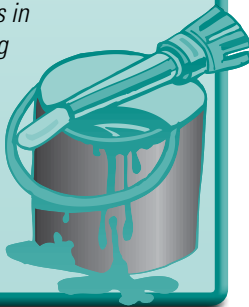
**Friday, May 17**

**Saturday, May 18**

**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Minnetonka Public Works  
11522 Minnetonka Blvd  
East entrance by recycling center

*Can't wait until May? Tired of waiting in lines? Saturday, May 18, is the busiest day, with longer waits in line. Consider bringing your household hazardous waste to one of the permanent facilities during the week (see article below).*



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

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

**Household, lawn and garden products:**

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

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

**Electronics:** Computers, laptops, DVD players, VCRs, radios, TVs, etc.

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

**Gas Cylinders**

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

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

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

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

## Year-round HHW drop-off sites

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



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

*There is no charge to drop off residential HHW.*



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

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

**Household hazardous waste includes such items as**

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

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](http://www.hennepin.us/dropoffs). ☞

## Get in the spring spirit with these natural resources workshops

**T**HE MINNETONKA NATURAL RESOURCES staff offers a wide variety of fun and educational workshops in May and June. Join the fun and get in the spirit of spring!

### Garlic mustard workshops

May 2 & 23, June 12, 6:30–8 p.m.

Learn to control this prolific biennial invasive plant at one of three workshops. May is the best time to pull garlic mustard; by late May and early June plants must be bagged to prevent seed dispersal.

Free workshops will be offered on three dates — Thursday, May 2; Thursday, May 23, and Wednesday, June 12 — from 6:30–8 p.m. in the community room at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Handouts are provided. The first May workshop will cover early season timing and techniques to prevent bagging; while the late May and June workshops will discuss bagging seed pods to prevent seed dispersal. Registration required — call (952) 988-8400 or register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Guided plant walks

May 9, 16 & 30, June 5

Take a plant walk, led by the city's restoration specialist, in a Minnetonka park where native habitat restoration is underway. Registration is limited to 15 people. Register by calling (952)988-8400 or online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Walks take place rain or shine — wear appropriate clothing and footwear. It's recommended that participants bring a water bottle, binoculars and notebook. Meet on-site at locations specified.

### • Purgatory Park

Thursday, May 9, 5:30–7 p.m.

Park on Stodola Road. Meet at dead end circle (west of 17124 Stodola Road)

### • Jidana Park

Thursday, May 16, 5:30–7 p.m.

Meet at parking lot, 3333 Jidana Lane

### • Hilloway Park

Thursday, May 30, 5:30–7 p.m.

12145 Hilloway Road West. Park on south side of street only. Meet where trail intersects Hilloway Road.

### • Civic Center Marsh Woods

Wednesday, June 5, 5–6 p.m.

Part of Eco Fun Fest (see page 6). 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Meet at intersection above outdoor amphitheater.

### Spring bird walk

May 18, 8:30–11 a.m.

Celebrate spring with a Saturday morning bird walk along the trails of Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road. Minnesota River Valley Audubon Society Chapter Members Anne Hanley and George Skinner will identify species encountered along the way. Open to all skill and age levels. Meet

at the parking lot north of the soccer field. Bring binoculars and a field guide, and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration required — call (952) 988-8400 or register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Arbor Month Planting

May 22, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Participate in an Arbor Month planting event Wednesday, May 22, 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Kinsel Park, 14017 Kinsel Road. Sixteen trees will be planted. Snacks and planting supplies provided. Participants will receive a Tree City USA t-shirt and tree care information packets. Dress for the weather and bring your own gardening gloves and water bottle. Event is free and all ages are welcome. Parking is limited — please park on the same side of the street. RSVP to (952) 988-8400. Questions? Call Kia Yang at (952) 988-8436.

### Native Plant Market/Eco Fun Fest

June 5, 3–7 p.m.

See page 6 for complete details. ☺



What birds might you spot on a walk? (2012 Photo Contest: "A Privileged Moment," Ian Stewart)

## Recreation offers fun summer activities for kids, teens and adults

### Teens, take a paintball trip

Teens ages 12–18, plan to head out to Special Forces Paintball in Buffalo Saturday, June 8, from 1–5 p.m. for a two-hour paintball session on a high-quality playing field. Cost of \$38 includes equipment and supplies. Transportation provided. Pick-up and drop-off is at the Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Course #29002, call (952) 939-8203 to register.

### Adult yard games league

Grab a friend and sign up for fun! Teams

of two compete in a different yard game each week in a round robin format for four weeks of league play followed by a three-week playoff tournament with seedings. Games include bags, bocce ball, ladder golf, and poles (a new flying disc game). Games are Thursdays, June 13–August 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. (no games July 4); teams will play three games/opponents per night. Registration starts May 6 for returning teams and May 13 for new teams. \$50/team. Call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register.

### T-ball

Register today for t-ball (5 & 6 year olds) This program, which runs from June 10–July 16 (no program July 4) emphasizes fun and learning new skills. A soft rag ball is used and all participants receive a team t-shirt. This is a skills program and not a game playing league. There will be a few scrimmages and an end of the season World Series on July 18, 6–8 p.m. See the summer recreation brochure for a complete list of dates and course numbers. To register call (952) 939-8203. ☺





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Programs and services for those 55+  
May 2013 Newsletter

## Special events and programs

### Cinco de Mayo party

**Monday, May 6, 12 p.m.**

Join us for a Cinco de Mayo party, including a Mexican buffet.

**Cost:** \$6 due Wednesday, May 1.

**Course #29467**

### To shred or not to shred?

**Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.**

This presentation is an overview of what to shred and not shred. A shredding truck from Shred-It will be here on Thursday, May 23, 1–2 p.m. Take advantage of this great opportunity.

**Cost:** \$5 (includes May 23 shredding) due Thursday, May 2.

**Course #29466**

### Community connections

**Monday, May 13, 10:15 a.m.**

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services is bringing back community connections, with a different speaker each month. In May, a Master Gardener from the University of Minnesota will discuss container gardening and provide a demonstration.

RSVP by Friday, May 10.

**Course #29477**

### Avoiding crisis decisions

**Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.**

Many important decisions about our health, safety, and housing are made in a time of crisis. This presentation is an overview of some of the important considerations which can be made prior to a time of crisis. Topics include home modifications, health care directives, continuing care communities, driving safety, and maintaining health. Two licensed social workers will be on hand to give the presentation and to speak with upon its conclusion.

**Cost:** \$2 presentation due Friday, May 10.

**Course #29478**

### James Shaw presents

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

Come enjoy the music of World War II and the early 1950's, including artists Rosemary Clooney, Elvis and Bing Crosby.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, May 13.

**Course #29468**

### Lunch and a movie: "Lincoln"

**Friday, May 17, 12 p.m.**

As the Civil War continues to rage, America's president struggles with continuing carnage on the battlefield and fights with many inside his own cabinet on the decision to emancipate the slaves.

**Menu:** sandwiches, chips & a cookie.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, May 15.

**Course #29479**

### Vietnam War travelogue

**Monday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Military historian Dan Hartmann has taught college and community education classes.

**Cost:** \$2 presentation, \$6 presentation & lunch due Thursday, May 16.

**Course #29438**

### Golden years gala

**Tuesday, May 21, 12 p.m., program at 12:30 p.m.**

May is older Americans month and we are having a special celebration to honor those 85 and older. This event is open to all 55+.

Bev Lawyer, along with center volunteers, hosts, "Moments with Memories," highlighting fashions from Oscar-winning films from the 30's, 40's & 50's.

Those 85 and older will receive a flower and those 90 and older will receive a flower and will be admitted for free. Make sure to mention your age when registering. Flowers are courtesy of RidgePointe of Minnetonka.

**Menu:** chicken salad, melon slices, crossaints and dessert.

**Cost:** \$10 due Monday, May 13.

**Course #29480**

### Nordic walking intro

**Wednesday, May 22, 10:15 a.m.**

Join us for an introduction to Nordic walking. It's fun, it's easy, and it's a great activity to share with friends. The simple addition of poles turns your walk into a total body workout, engaging up to 90 percent of your muscles. Increase your heart rate and calorie burn without perceiving a significant increase in your activity. Enjoy the natural rhythm of Nordic Walking while relieving the stress on your lower joints, improving your balance and stability, and promoting healthy bones from weight bearing exercise. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather because we will be going outside. LEKI Nordic Walking poles will be available for use during class.

RSVP by Monday, May 20.

**Course #29481**

### Lunch and a movie: "Life of Pi"

**Friday, June 14, 12 p.m.**

A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengal tiger. **Menu:** Pizza from Gina Maria's & an ice cream bar.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, June 12.

**Course #29488**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Please call senior services at (952) 939-8393 for more information or to volunteer for these events.

- **May 8: Adopt A Highway, 1 p.m.**
- **May 21: Golden Years Gala**  
We need people to model outfits from the 30's, 40's, and 50's, as well as other event volunteers.

## Classes

### Beginning & Intermediate Yoga *Nancy Holasek*

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

#### Chair-Supported Yoga ★★

9:45–10:45 a.m., \$20

Most of the class takes place while seated on a chair. Some standing and balance postures are done, using the chair as a prop or support if necessary.

- Tuesday, May 7–28 (Course #28685)
- Thursday, May 9–30 (Course #28687)

#### Intermediate Yoga Class ★★★

11 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$20

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. Many seated postures are also done on the floor. **Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.**

- Tuesday, May 7–28 (Course #28688)
- Thursday, May 9–30 (Course #28690)

### Evening Yoga *Nancy Holasek*

Wednesdays, May 8–29, \$20

The evening Yoga classes have the same descriptions as the daytime classes, please see the information above. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★ (Course #28686)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★ (Course #28689)

### British History: England Explored *Terry Kubista*

Thursdays, May 2–23, 1–3 p.m.

The Norman period of British history is called “The Dark Ages of British History.” Explore this period in terms of literature (Beowulf), art (gold) and social customs.

- \$25 (Course #28675)

### Line dance

#### *Eileen Ronning*

Thursdays, June 6–27, \$30

Learn to hitch and vine and dance in a line. No previous dance experience needed for beginning course: 50 previous lessons required for intermediate course.

- Beginner ★★, 12:30–1:30 p.m. (Course #28664)
- Intermediate ★★★, 1:45–2:45 p.m. (Course #28665)

### Art class: Watercolor study

#### *Gin Weidenfeller*

Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, 1–2:45 p.m.

This class will study watercolor on black or deep blue hue paintings. Mix and blend primary colors to paint black paintings of floral, vegetable or nature objects. Explore mixing by using a neutral tint to deepen color into rich and vibrant shades of eggplant, plum, avocado green, oranges and majestic purples. Make a black color wheel. Learn about the role of opaque and transparent color application to expand your watercolor skills. If you have your own materials, please bring them. **Materials will be provided.**

- \$40 (Course #28669)

### Zumba Gold ★★★

#### *Jan Gamble*

1–2 p.m., \$18

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!

#### Mondays

- May 6–June 10, no class 5/27 (Course #28660)

#### Wednesdays

- May 8–June 5 (Course #28661)

### Tai Chi ★★★

#### *Ron Erdman-Luntz*

Thursdays, 6–7 p.m., \$48

The slow circular movements of Tai Chi

help to improve balance and relaxation. The mind is calm, 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.

- May 2–June 13 (Course #28673)

### Navigating Medicare

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30–9 p.m.

Thinking of getting ready to retire? Family member or caregiver to someone who has Medicare coverages? Already have Medicare and just want to know more?

This class is a chance for anyone to learn about Medicare. Spend the evening learning about the Medicare adventure. We will discuss Medicare Parts A, B and D. The class is an educational opportunity and not a sales pitch; it is offered in cooperation with Senior Community Services (SCS), a non-profit agency.

- \$10 (Course #29482)

### 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 three 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. Sign up early for these classes. Save 10% on your car insurance by taking these classes!

#### Day course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, May 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, May 21, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

#### Evening course (eight-hour intro)

- Tuesday, May 14 & Thursday, May 16, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

# Trips

## Tonka trail ride ★★☆☆

**Thursday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Join Minnetonka Senior Services, Southshore Center and Minnetonka Community Education Center for our first annual tonka trail ride! Grab your bikes and hit the trail for this early spring ride through the flat trails of Minnetonka, Excelsior, Shorewood and Deephaven. Two ride length options available.

Enjoy a rider safety talk and ask the mechanic program over your lunch break. Lunch will be served at the Southshore Center. For more information, call (952) 939-8393

**Cost:** \$10 ride, presentation & lunch due Monday, May 13.

**10-Mile Course #29473**

**17-Mile Course #29474**

## Cruise the world of senior housing ★★

**Thursday, May 23**

Board your cruise at the Minnetonka Community Center and take a trip to view each level of senior housing. Proceeds will go to Minnetonka Senior Services. Trip includes stops at six different senior housing locations, featuring food and fun from various ports of call. Cruise to Legacy Homes (a residential care home), where you'll experience the delicacies of Japan. Next stop takes you to Golden Living Center Hillcrest of Wayzata (skilled nursing) where the food and flavor of Italy await. The ship sets sail next for Meridian Manor Assisted Living where tastes of exotic foods from Morocco can be sampled. Continue to Emerald Crest Memory Care and relax with tempting treats from the Caribbean Islands. Cruise on to WestRidge (independent senior living with services) for the decadent desserts of France. Last but not least, tour into Orono Woods Independent Senior Living to sample the flavors of Switzerland. Finally sail home to the Minnetonka Community Center—with a tummy full of fabulous foods and all the information needed to make an informed decision when it's time for senior housing. Along the way there will be a drawing for a \$60 gift card to Lunds or Byerly's. Reservations are limited so book your "cruise" today.

## Course #29489

- **Cost:** \$10 includes food, tours & transportation.
- **Pick-up time:** 10 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Monday, May 20.

## St. Paul Saints game ★★

**Wednesday, June 26**

Spend an entertaining afternoon at Midway Stadium enjoying the weather, great baseball and good food. As part of the baseball experience, participants will receive \$10 Saints Bucks to purchase lunch. The group will have infield reserved seats for a game between the Saints and the Lincoln Saltdogs.

## Course #28655

- **Cost:** \$55 includes lunch, game, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 11:45 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 4:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, May 17.



## Glensheen Mansion ★★☆☆

**Thursday, July 25**

Enjoy a casual buffet-style meal at the Glensheen Mansion in Duluth. Spend time in the museum gift shop. Revel in the mansion's beauty with a docent-lead tour of the basement, first and second floors and the carriage house. Pack your binoculars, there is a possibility of catching a glimpse of the tall ships that come in for the "Parade of Sails." There will be a stop for fast food on the way home (on your own).

## Course #28656

- **Cost:** \$72 includes lunch, tour, transportation & escort.

- **Pick-up time:** 8:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 7 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, June 14.

## Mankato magic ★★☆☆

**Wednesday, July 31**

Visit the Viking's training camp (schedule and weather permitting) to see practice in action. Tour the Hubbard House, built in 1871, which is one of the finest examples of Victorian style homes in Mankato. Enjoy an exclusively prepared "special of the day" luncheon with beverage at Charley's Restaurant. To end the day, tour the Betsy-Tacy Houses, which are both National Literary Landmarks.

## Course #28657

- **Cost:** \$58 includes lunch, tours, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 8:15 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 5

## Extended trips

For further information and brochures on the extended trips listed below, call Senior Community Services at (952) 541-1019 or visit [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org) and click on programs and go to senior tours.

### Niagara Falls (June 3–10)

Cost: \$1,175 per person, double occupancy.

### Yellowstone (June 12–18)

Cost: \$1,300 per person, double occupancy.

### New York City (June 25–July 3)

Cost: \$1,700 per person, double occupancy.

## Activity level scale

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

### Activity scale

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



## Registration

### Ways to register

- **Walk-in**  
Pay with cash, check or credit card (Visa, Discover & MasterCard)
- **Mail-in**  
Send registrations to Minnetonka Senior Services, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345; include your name, address, phone number and the name of the program/class/trip that you are registering for.
- **By phone**  
Registrations are accepted over the phone 952.939.8393 with a credit card.
- **Online**  
For more information, call the center.

### Cancellation information

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

### Trip registration

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

## Contact us...

### Minnetonka Senior Services

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## Interest groups

There are 23 other special interest groups ranging from cards to theater. 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.

### Bird club

*May 3, 10 a.m.*

Featured speaker: Joan Garland

### Book club

*May 16, 1 p.m.*

*A Dog Named Leaf* by Allen Anderson

### Great books

*May 28, 7:15 p.m.*

*The Open Window* by H.H. Munro (Saki)

### Community Garden Club

*May 13, 1 p.m.*

Topic: Invasive species & soil improvement

### New–Parkinson's support group

*May 7, 4 p.m.*

Parkinson's disease — you are not alone.

### Single mingle club

**Monthly meeting at The Depot**

*May 21, 1:30 p.m.*

## Services

### Over 50 & fit

*Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.*

Annual Fee: \$12 (Course #28578)

### Blood pressure screenings

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays*

*9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

### Happy Feet

*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

To schedule or cancel an appointment, call 763.560.5136. Cost: \$35.



*"Tomato soup echinacea," Rene Porter.*

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

### Senior Community Services

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

- **CareNextion**  
Free, easy-to-use online tool and complimentary phone service for caregivers and their families. For more information visit [www.carenexion.org](http://www.carenexion.org) or call 612.770.7005.
- **Senior outreach**  
Available by appointment on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Contact Marian Danielson at 952.939.8393 or [m.danielson@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:m.danielson@seniorcommunity.org).
- **Health insurance counseling**  
Available by appointment on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.
- **H.O.M.E.**  
Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (H.O.M.E.) is available for Minnetonka residents 60+. For more information call 952.939.8363.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Chorale 10:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Mah Jongg Class 10:00 Women's Health 10:30 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Zumba Gold 1:00 Billiards 2:30</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Carvers 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Chess 12:00 British History 1:00 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00 Tai Chi w/Ron E. 6:00</p>	<p><b>3</b></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><b>6</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Cinco de Mayo Buffet 12:00 Rummycube 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Health Insurance 1:00 Bridge II 1:00 Billiards 2:30</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Defensive Driving 9:00 Yoga 9:45 Poker Club 10:00 Craft Committee 10:00 To Shred or Not Shred 10:30 Int. Yoga 11:00 Bingo 12:45 Tale Spinners 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Parkinson's Support 4:00</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Chorale 10:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Mah Jongg Class 10:00 Living London 10:00 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Adopt-a-Hwy 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Billiards 2:30 500 Cards 6:30 Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Minnehaha Canoe Trip 9:30 Yoga 9:45 Carvers 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Chess 12:00 British History 1:00 Bunco 1:00 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00 Tai Chi w/Ron E. 6:00</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Tonka Tale Tellers 10:00 Ham Radio 10:00 Comm. Connections 10:15 Tai Chi Chih 10:00/11:30 Loony Tunes 1:00 Garden Club 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 Bridge II 1:00 Billiards 2:30</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45 500 Cards 10:00 Advisory Board 10:00 Avoid Crisis Decisions 10:30 Int. Yoga 11:00 Minnehaha Canoe Trip 12:30 Bingo 12:45 Tale Spinners 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Defensive Driving 5:30</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Mah Jongg Class 10:00 Chorale 10:00 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 James Shaw Program 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Watercolor Study 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Billiards 2:30 Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Mason City, IA Trip 7:30 Yoga 9:45 Carvers 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Cribbage 10:00 Tonka Trail Ride 10:30 Int. Yoga 11:00 Chess 12:00 British History 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Int. Line Dance 1:45 Billiards 3:00 Defensive Driving 5:30 Duplicate Bridge 6:00 Tai Chi w/Ron E. 6:00</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Happy Feet 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Computer 10:00 Cub Foods Event 11:00 Lunch &amp; Movie 12:00 Billiards 1:00</p> <p><i>*Cub Foods event runs May 17-19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</i></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Art Drop In 9:00 Historical Travelogue 10:30 Zumba Gold 1:00 Health Insurance 1:00 Rummycube 1:00 Bridge II 1:00 Billiards 2:30</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45 Poker Club 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Golden Years Gala 12:00 Bingo 12:45 Tale Spinners 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Single Mingle Club Mtg @ The Depot in Hopkins 1:30 Defensive Driving 5:30</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Chorale 10:00 Living London 10:00 Mah Jongg Group 10:00 Intro to Nordic Walking 10:15 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Watercolor Study 1:00 Zumba Gold 1:00 Billiards 2:30 500 Cards 6:30 Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45 Cruising Sr. Housing 10:00 Carvers 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Chess 12:00 British History 1:00 Bunco 1:00 Shred Truck 1:00 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Center Closed in Observance of Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45 500 Cards 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Bingo 12:45 Tale Spinners 1:00 Billiards 1:00 Senior Outreach 1:00 Great Books 7:15</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Chorale 10:00 A.A./Al-Anon 10:30 Social Bridge 12:45 Zumba Gold 1:00 Billiards 2:30 500 Cards 6:30 Yoga 6:15 Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45 Carvers 10:00 Scribblers 10:00 Int. Yoga 11:00 Chess 12:00 Bunco 1:00 Billiards 3:00 Duplicate Bridge 6:00 Tai Chi w/Ron E. 6:00</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00 Computer 10:00 Billiards 1:00</p>

Group	Meeting day	Information
<b>Advisory Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
<b>AA/Al-Anon</b>	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	All ages welcome. New members welcome.
<b>Billiards</b>	Every afternoon - time varies	See calendar page for times.
<b>Bingo</b>	Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.	
<b>Bird Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 10 a.m.	May 3–Joan Garland, retired biology professor. Topic: Bird Banding.
<b>Book Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	May 16– <i>A Dog Named Leaf</i> by Allen Anderson
<b>Social Bridge</b>	Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place and grand slam prizes awarded.
<b>Bunco</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1 p.m.	Don't know how to play? They will teach you.
<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	Thursdays at 6 p.m.	Partners needed.
<b>Card Games</b>	Mondays at 1 p.m.	Rummycube & Hand and Foot, alternating Mondays. See calendar page for game dates.
<b>Chess</b>	Thursdays at 12 p.m.	If you have general knowledge of chess, join us.
<b>Chorale</b>	Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.	New members welcome.
<b>Computer Interests</b>	Friday 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.
<b>Craft Committee</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
<b>Cribbage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.	Bring your cribbage boards and a deck of cards.
<b>500 Card Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Mtka Community Garden Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1 p.m.	Topic: Invasive species and soil improvement. New members welcome!
<b>Great Books</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	May 28– <i>The Open Window</i> by H.H. Munro (Saki)
<b>Ham Radio</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
<b>The Landing Shop</b>	Open Wednesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	The Landing Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Blvd. Phone (763) 591-4868. The Landing shop sells handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55+.
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Wednesdays at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
<b>Parkinson's Support Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4 p.m.	May 7–Parkinson's disease: you are not alone.
<b>Pickleball</b>	Monday-Friday, times vary.	For more information call (952) 939-8393.
<b>Poker</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Join us for a good game of poker.
<b>Scribblers</b>	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	This group writes and shares their short stories, essays or poems, letters and memoirs.
<b>Single Mingle Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at The Depot	May 7–Lunch: Choo Choo at 12:30 p.m. May 14– <i>Happy Hour</i> : Hurricane at 4:30 p.m.
<b>Tonka Tale Tellers</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10 a.m.	This group travels to elementary schools within the area to tell and animate stories.
<b>Tale Spinners</b>	Tuesdays at 1 p.m.	This group offers rapport and support for seniors interested in writing memoirs, fiction, etc.
<b>Wood Carvers</b>	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Group members work independently but also share ideas with one another.



## Hosting a summer party? Plan for parking!

AS SUMMER APPROACHES, MANY residents host graduation parties, family reunions or other large gatherings. If you're planning an event that will bring large numbers of vehicles to your neighborhood, you might consider applying for a temporary parking permit.

A temporary parking permit is only required for streets with signs prohibiting parking on the street or restricting parking during certain hours. Most Minnetonka streets do not have these restrictions and therefore do not require a temporary parking permit.

If a parking permit is not required but you anticipate a large number of cars for your event, please consider the following parking safety tips:

- Park all vehicles on one side of the street. Choose the side that provides the most visibility to approaching traffic.
- Don't park on the crest of a hill.
- Monitor the parking of your guests to ensure the free flow of traffic.

If you live on a street with signs that restrict parking, you may be permitted to park in residential areas usually designated as "no parking" zones if all of the following conditions are met:

- The person applying for the parking permit has

received the consent of at least one owner from 75 percent of the properties adjacent to where parking is requested;

- Parking will not occur between 2 and 6 a.m.;
- Parking is in connection with a special event such as a wedding or a graduation celebration and will not occur beyond one period of 20 consecutive hours;
- One property may have no more than four special events with associated parking in a calendar year;
- The parking does not create a hazard to public safety or violate any state requirements for municipal state aid streets;
- The parking will occur on only one side of the street if both sides have been designated "no parking" areas; and
- The special event will not violate any of the city's noise regulations.



To obtain a temporary parking permit submit an application to the Minnetonka Police Department **at least seven days before your event.** The application and more information can be found online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or by calling Sgt. Steve Kniss at (952) 939-8547. ☺

## Dispose of flammable rags, cloths properly

AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES MANY people begin outdoor projects, like staining yard furniture, decks and fences with oil-based products. The easiest application is always with a rag or cloth. It's important to know that improper disposal of these rags and cloths can lead to fire.

**If you have ever used an oil based wood stain, paint or sealer, a polyurethane finish, a varnish or any other finishing product containing high VOC's/volatile organic products, then it was flammable.**

Because many people are not aware that the rags have the capability of spontaneously combusting (catching fire on their own), these rags are often tossed aside for later use and a fire ensues.

How do rags spontaneously combust? As the chemicals dry on the rag, heat is produced and the air that is trapped in the folds of these rags fuels the chemical chain reaction. The rag becomes the fuel and fire is instantly created.



The "What if?" public education program suggests these tips to stay safe.

- Place rags in an empty metal container, like an empty paint or stain can. Fill the container with water to submerge the rags, then cover with a tightly fitting lid. Take the container to a hazardous waste disposal center (see page 9).
- Don't dump solvents or paints down the storm sewer or drain.
- Another option is to dry the rags on a line by hanging them.

Following these helpful tips will keep you and your home safe! ☺



## Summer skating lessons start June 10

INTERESTED IN SKATING LESSONS? Summer skating lessons for both children and adults are held Monday evenings June 10–July 29 at the Minnetonka Ice Arena, 3401 Williston Road. Registration information is available in the ice arena office or at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Call (952) 939-8310 for more information.

### Youth lessons

Designed for children ages 5 and older, beginning with Pre-Alpha lessons continuing through Freestyle F. Children participate in eight weeks of classes with

testing during July 29 class. Freestyle levels test August 5. Class fee: \$65

### Adult lessons

Designs for adults of all abilities, from beginner to advanced. Adults participate in eight weeks of classes. Ice Dancing and Moves in the Field are also offered. Class fee: \$65

### Summer public skating

Enjoy summer public skating June 11–August 29, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3–4:30 p.m. and Sunday evenings, 6–7:30 p.m. ☺

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## Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
			1	2	3	4	2, 3, 4 Silver Skates Ice Revue (see below, more details in April Memo)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16, 17, 18 Household Hazardous Waste Community Collection Event (see page 9)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	8 Park Board, 7 p.m. 20 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	9 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 23 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31		13 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 27 Memorial Day, <i>city offices closed</i> 30 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
31							14 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.

## Farmers' Market returns July 2

THE MINNETONKA FARMERS' MARKET starts Tuesday, July 2, and continues every Tuesday through October 1, 3–7 p.m., at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Enjoy many of your favorite produce and specialty vendors from past years, as well as some new offerings. A complete list of vendors will be available in June at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



## Home repair, home buyer loans available

SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE corner. Do you need of a new air conditioner, siding or roof? Are you planning to dump the rental and buy your first home, but need money for a down payment or for closing costs? The city is taking pre-applications for the Minnetonka Home Enhancement program (up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements and some additions) and the Welcome to Minnetonka first-time homebuyer program (up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time home buyers). Household income limits apply for both programs. Information, and an income calculator, is available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8285.

## Silver Skates Ice Revue is May 2, 3, 4

MINNETONKA ICE Arena's All Season Skating School presents the 39th Annual Silver Skates Ice Revue, "A Spectrum of Skating" May 2 and 3 at 6:30 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$6, with free admission for children under 5. Senior citizens and individuals with special needs receive free admission to the Saturday afternoon performance.



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