

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
July 2013

## Municipal primary election is August 13

**F** closed June 4. Three seats are on the ballot — mayor and the two at-large councilmember seats. Two people filed for mayor, two people filed for At Large Seat A and four people filed for At Large Seat B.

Because more than two people filed for At Large Seat B, a municipal primary election will take place Tuesday, August 13, for that seat. Absentee voting for the municipal primary starts June 28 and will continue through August 12.

The four candidates for Council Member At Large Seat B are:

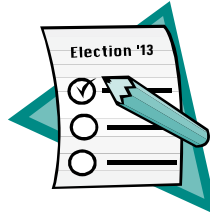
- Patty Acomb (incumbent)
- Brian Grogan
- Dan Martin
- Rick Ranta

For names of those who filed for mayor and for At Large Seat A, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### About absentee voting

Absentee voting is available for those who are unable to get to the polling place on Election Day due to:

- Absence from the precinct;
- Illness or disability;
- Religious observance; or
- Service as an election judge in another precinct.



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

Extended absentee voting hours will be available Saturday, August 9, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Monday, August 12, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The general election is set for Tuesday, November 5. More information about absentee voting for the general election will be in upcoming issues of the *Memo* and at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Fall recreation brochure is online only July 26

**T** brochure will be posted online July 26 at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). It won't be mailed to homes. A postcard was sent out in late June to all homes, reminding residents to check online for the fall brochure.

After July 26, residents who wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure may email [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8203. A black-and-white copy of the brochure will be printed out by staff and mailed to your household. Non-residents requesting a copy of the brochure will be charged \$3 to cover mailing costs.

Only the 2013 fall brochure will be offered exclusively online — the winter and summer brochures will continue to be printed and mailed, as well as posted at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

The online-only publishing of the fall brochure, now in its fourth year, saves tax dollars and environmental resources involved in the printing and bulk mailing of 40,000 brochures to Hopkins and Minnetonka residents.

## Wait a minute!

**T** newsletter, *Hot Topics*, has been redesigned with a new easy-to-read format that works well on mobile devices. Learn what's new and important each week: subscribe to the new version of the newsletter, which is now named the *Minnetonka Minute*, at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Farmers' Market returns July 2

**T** returns for its fifth season starting July 2 and continuing every Tuesday, 3 – 7 p.m., through October 1. The market takes place at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

This year, we are pleased to welcome nearly 40 vendors to the market offering a wide variety of products including produce, honey, meats, fresh eggs, herbs, banana bread, pretzels, apples, spices, sauces, salsa, fresh-cut flowers, lollipops, canned goods, soaps, skin care products, cleaning products and an assortment of unique crafts.

We look forward to seeing you at the market!



## Enjoy Music in the Park Tuesday nights

**M** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and feature area performers playing a wide variety of music. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free entertainment for the whole family. Concerts take place at the Minnetonka Civic Center outdoor amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

- **July 2:** Flyin' A's Trio
- **July 9:** Brio Brass
- **July 16:** Dan Perry and Ice Cream
- **July 23:** Salsa del Soul (Sponsored by Minnwest Bank. Member FDIC.)
- **July 30:** Eden Prairie Community Band
- **August 6:** Bend in the River

## Host a TreeHouse birthday party

**L** economical idea for your child's birthday party? Consider booking a party at the Williston Fitness Center's indoor playground, the TreeHouse. Reserve your child's party for a Monday through Thursday evening in July and August and save money!

For more information about birthday party packages and costs, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call Mary Jo Gardner at (952) 939-8359. ☺



## Take a tour of Minnetonka history

**T** located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka, is open for tours Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m., through August 31. In September, the house is open only on Saturdays, 12–4 p.m.

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

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 and is owned and operated by the city of Minnetonka. ☺

## Summer youth activities offered this July

**A** 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

All Kidcreate and Kindermusik classes are held at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka.

### Kidcreate Studio

#### I “Heart” Art Camp

*July 9–11, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
Does your child love art? Painting, drawing and clay—it's all awesome. Ages 5–12. Cost: \$90. Course #29208

#### Princess Dress-Up Art Camp

*July 17–19, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
This fun-filled camp will give your younger artist a chance to transform themselves into their favorite princesses and fairies. Ages 3–6. Cost: \$90. Course #29207

#### Sparkles & Bling

*July 12, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
Clay, sequins and glitter, it just doesn't get any better. Ages 5–12. Cost: \$24. Course #29205

#### Mommy's Time: Clay Play Day Art Class

*July 26, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
Does your child love art? Painting, drawing and clay—it's all awesome. Ages 4–9. Cost: \$24. Course #29204

### Plastic Building Bricks Art Camp

*July 30–August 1, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
Use popular plastic building bricks to build items inspired by science fiction. Ages 4–9. Cost: \$90. Course #29198

### Kindermusik

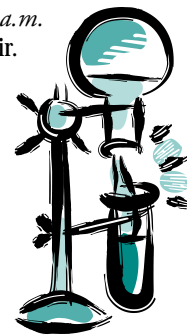
#### Tell Me a Tale

*Tuesdays, July 2–30, 10–11 a.m.*  
Each week your child will step into the delightful world of folk tales through singing, instrument play and ensemble development, creative movement, games, crafts and more. Required materials fee of \$35 payable at first class (in addition to class fee). Materials include CD, instrument, book and five story cards. Cost: \$75. Course #29210

### Science Explorers

#### Mixture Madness

*July 23–25, 9:30–11:30 a.m.*  
Pour, mix, measure and stir. Explore the world of chemistry by mixing safe ingredients. Ages 3.5–6 yrs. Cost: \$57. Held at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Course #29212 ☺



## Join basketball, volleyball summer camps

**K** can join one of these camps, offered by Recreation Services. To register, call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Kevin Lynch Basketball Camp

*July 15–19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.*  
This camp is run by former NBA and Gopher basketball player Kevin Lynch for boys and girls entering grades 5–8. Participants will work on shooting, shooting mechanics and shooting on the move; shot fakes; ball handling; offensive moves and footwork; position specific drills; and defense. The goals of this camp are for every player to improve their skills and to play full-court games in a competitive and fun environment. Hopkins West Junior High. \$100. Course #28780

### School Prep Volleyball Camp

*August 5–9, 9–11:30 a.m.*  
Experienced coaches from Minnesota Volleyball Headquarters will help push players, new and experienced, to refine and improve skills in passing, setting, hitting and serving for the upcoming school season. In addition, players will learn court movement, transition and rotation which are all essential to be prepared for upcoming tryouts. Players receive a camp shirt. Kneepads and volleyballs are available for purchase on the first day. Ages 11–15. Hopkins West Junior High. \$130. Course #28757, Ages 11–13; Course #28776, Ages 14–15. ☺

## Special events and programs

### Community Connections

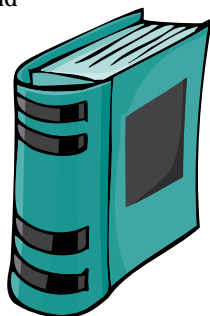
**Monday, July 8, 10:15 a.m.**

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services is offering community connections. In July, Jan Fuller will discuss driving and driving assessment. RSVP by Friday, July 5.  
**Course #29637**

### Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 2 p.m.**

Exercise your mind and body! In partnership with the Three Rivers Park District and Ridgedale Library, we are offering Nature, Novels & Non-Fiction. On the second Monday of the month we will discuss an adventure-related book and the third



Monday of the month, get together to participate in the activity we read about. Check out a copy of the book at the Ridgedale Library Information Desk three weeks before the book discussion. Register online at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org) or by phone (612) 543-8840. You can sign up for that month's activity and get details at the book club meeting.

- **July 8:** *The Rider* by Tim Krabbe
- **August 12:** *Canoeing with the Cree* by Eric Sevareid

### Lone Lake Picnic

**Wednesday, July 10, 12 p.m.**

Enjoy an outdoor picnic at Lone Lake Park, hosted by Minnetonka Senior Services. Menu includes grilled hot dogs, potato salad, fruit cup and cookie. Bean bag toss will be available. Weather make-up date is July 17. Meet at Lone Lake Park.

**Cost:** \$6 due Wednesday, July 3.  
**Course #29512**

### Lunch and a Movie: "Parental Guidance"

**Friday, July 12, 12 p.m.**

Artie and Diane agree to look after their three grandkids whose type-A helicopter parents need to leave town for work. Problems arise when the kids' 21st-century behavior collides with Artie and Diane's old-school methods. **Menu:** Assorted appetizers and desserts.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, July 10.  
**Course #29513**

### Safe Travel for Seniors

**Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.**

Your retirement years can be an exciting time to see the world. Travel is easier and safer than ever before for retirees. With a little planning and some caution, seniors can safely visit almost any destination. Additional topics will include traveling with your grandchildren, senior group travel, travel insurance, tips for the senior traveler and much more! David Benenson of New Departures will give the presentation and will be available after to answer your questions.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, July 22.  
**Course #29514**

### Summer Indoor Picnic

**Thursday, July 25, 12 p.m.**

Enjoy hamburgers on the grill along with coleslaw, fruit and dessert. Participate in a trivia game hosted by one of our volunteers.

**Cost:** \$6 due Tuesday, July 23.  
**Course #29515**

### Costumes of China

**Wednesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.**

Xuefen Yu (AKA: Phenix) has returned from her winter visit to China and will be presenting costumes of China. With China's long history, vast land and 56 nationalities, there are many different cultures, customs and costumes.

**Cost:** \$2 due Friday, August 2.  
**Course #29638**

### Lunch and a Movie: "Les Misérables"

**Friday, August 9, 12 p.m.**

The musical version of Victor Hugo's epic tale of love and sacrifice is set in 19th-century France. Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's daughter, Cosette. The fateful decision changes their lives forever. **Menu:** Salad bar & dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, August 7.  
**Course #29639**

### Pork Chop Dinner

**Monday, August 19, 5:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of good food, conversation and entertainment. The center will be grilling seasoned pork chops, applesauce, coleslaw and baked beans. Dessert is provided courtesy of Texas Terrace Care Center.

**Cost:** \$7 due Wednesday, August 14.  
**Course #29640**

### Lunch and Learn Series

**Wednesday, August 21, 12 p.m.**

In conjunction with Encore Senior Home Care, Minnetonka Senior Services presents a lunch and learn series. August's featured speaker is Deborah Richman, associate program director with the Alzheimer's Association. Deborah will discuss the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's.

**Cost:** \$5 due Monday, August 19.  
**Course #29641**

### Dream Interpretation

**Wednesday, August 28, 12 p.m.**

Do you ever wake up remembering a dream and wonder what it could possibly mean? Here's your chance to find out! Learn a dream interpretation technique and ask questions about the dream world.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, August 26.  
**Course #29642**

## 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.

- Thursday, July 11–25 \$16  
(Course #28699)

#### 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.**

- Thursday, July 11–25 \$16  
(Course #28702)

### Evening Yoga *Nancy Holasek*

**Wednesdays, July 3–24, \$20**

These 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 #28698)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★  
(Course #28701)

### Line Dance

#### *Eileen Ronning*

**Wednesdays, July 11–August 1, \$20**

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 #28666)

- Intermediate ★★★, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
(Course #28667)

### Tai Chi ★★★

#### *Ron Erdman-Luntz*

**Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m., \$32**

The slow circular movements of Tai Chi help to improve balance and relaxation.

As 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.

- August 1–22 (Course #29521)

### 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, July 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursday, August 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

- Thursday, July 11, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

## Activity level scale

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

#### Activity scale

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

## Save the date...

### Late Bloomer Plant Sale

The Minnetonka Community Garden Club will sell perennials they have grown. The garden club will have a booth at the Minnetonka Farmer's Market on Tuesdays, July 16 & 23, from 3 – 7 p.m. All plants will be donated by members of the club.

### Free Rivers Park Sampler

Free Rivers Parks is bringing a sampling of its educational programs to residents in Hopkins and Minnetonka! Join the Free Rivers program staff at Shady Oak Beach and at the Hopkins Depot for experiences in public education activities you can enjoy at your regional parks. Save the date for Sunday, September 8, from 12 to 5 p.m. Program is free for all ages.

This program is offered in collaboration with the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Department, the Hopkins Activity Center and Free Rivers Parks. More information to come in the August Script.

### Book and Pie Sale is September 10

Minnetonka Senior Services in conjunction with the Senior Advisory Board, will host its annual book sale Tuesday, September 10. Drop-off collection will be held Friday and Monday, September 6 and 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for more details on this event in the August Script.



### Senior Open House

Minnetonka Senior Services will host a senior open house Thursday, September 12 from 3 – 7 p.m. Get to know your local senior program. Look for more details on this event in the August Script.

### Pillsbury Family of Minnesota

Come hear *Star Tribune* columnist Lori Sturdevant as she chronicles the family's pioneering role in making Minneapolis the milling capitol of the world. Lori's presentation will be held September 16, 7 p.m. Cost to attend will be \$2. Look for more details on this event in the August Script.

## Trips

### Let's Go Fishing ★

"Let's Go Fishing with Seniors" began in Willmar, Minn., when Joe and Carolyn Holm envisioned an organization that would allow seniors and others to experience the joy of being on the water.

Join us and see what it's all about! Meet at Riley Lake for a fully accessible boat ride and opportunity for fishing. Equipment and life jackets included. The boat ride is two hours. Fishing is a catch-and-release sport on this trip. Wear appropriate outdoor gear including a hat and sunscreen. **Cost:** \$5 by Thursday, July 11. Register early, space is limited to 10 participants. Transportation is on your own.

#### Course #29517

- Monday, July 15, 12:30 p.m.

### Mankato Magic ★★☆☆

*Wednesday, July 31*

Visit the Vikings training camp (schedule and weather permitting) to see practice in action. Tour the Hubbard House, built in 1871, 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

### Ames Arabians & Percherons

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*Friday, August 16*

Tour Cedar Ridge Arabians' beautiful facilities including the horse barns, stall area, riding and training areas. Tour the Ames Percheron Farm and view a presentation of daily operations and see the magnificent horses. Dine at the OK Corral in Jordan. Menu includes roast pork loin, baby-red mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bread and beverage. Visit Jim's Candy Store and Apple Farm where you can purchase (on your own) fruits, vegetables, candy and other specialty items.

#### Course #29483

- Cost:** \$53 includes lunch, tours, transportation & escort.
- Pick-up time:** 9 a.m.
- Estimated return time:** 3 p.m.
- Registration deadline:** Friday, July 26

### 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.

#### Canadian Rockies (July 8–16)

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

#### Colorado Rails (July 31–August 9)

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

#### Folklorama (August 7–10)

Cost: \$719 per person, double occupancy.

#### Oregon & California (August 14–25)

Cost: \$1,850 per person, double occupancy.

### 70+ softball ★★☆☆

Slow-pitch softball is played every Monday and Wednesday mornings at Big Willow Park. Modified rules allow for competitive play without the risk of serious injury. The season runs through October. Registration will be accepted throughout the season.

**Cost:** \$15

**Course #28677**

### Pickleball ★★☆☆

Pickleball is played outdoors during the summer months at Meadow Park. Times and days vary and as weather permits. For more information call (952) 939-8393.

### Minnetonka Bike Club ★★☆☆

Looking for a great co-ed group to bike at various scenic metro locations? Join the club and bike as often as you choose.

Long distance rides alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays, and short distances ride every Wednesday. Season runs through October or as long as weather permits.

**Cost:** \$5

**Course #28678**

## Special Interest Group Highlight

### A.A./Al-Anon

Both groups meet Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and have been meeting at the Minnetonka Community Center for over 20 years. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Both A.A./Al-Anon groups meet all year long.

### Bunco

Do you know how to play Bunco? If not, join us for an open house to learn the fun and easy game of Bunco. The Bunco group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1 p.m.

### Computer Interest Group

The Minnetonka Computer Interest group meets Friday mornings at 10 a.m. year round. This group examines a variety of computer related topics. Experience ranges from beginner to expert. New members welcome.

### Mah Jongg

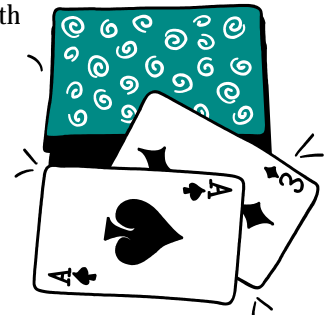
Mah Jongg is now offered every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Glen Lake Activity Room. New members welcome.

### Social Bridge Club

The bridge club meets each Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. This is a friendly group that welcomes new members of any level of experience. You don't have to bring a partner, as you will play with a different partner each time you attend.

While the official start time is 1 p.m., you are invited to come at 12:30

to get in a practice hand or two before the games begin. The bridge club looks forward to seeing you!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Rummycube 1:00                      Health Insurance 1:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Poker Club 10:00                      Craft Committee 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      Parkinson's Support 4:00</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      Yoga 6:15                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Center Closed in Observance of Independence Day</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Blood Pressure 9:30                      Computer 10:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Tonka Tale Tellers 10:00                      Ham Radio 10:00                      Comm. Connections 10:15                      Hand &amp; Foot 1:00                      Garden Club 1:00                      Health Insurance 1:00                      Nature &amp; Novels 2:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      500 Cards 10:00                      Advisory Board 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Billiards 1:00</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Blood Pressure 9:30                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Lone Lake Picnic 12:00                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      500 Cards 6:30                      Yoga 6:15                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Carvers 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Chess 12:00                      Beg. Line Dance 12:30                      Bunco 1:00                      Int. Line Dance 1:45                      Billiards 3:00                      Duplicate Bridge 6:00                      Defensive Driving 5:30</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Computer 10:00                      Lunch &amp; Movie 12:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Let's Go Fishing 12:30                      Rummycube 1:00                      Health Insurance 1:00                      Nature &amp; Novels Activity 2:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Poker Club 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      Senior Outreach 1:00                      Single Mingle Club Mtg @                      e Depot in Hopkins 1:30                      Plant Sale @ Famer's Market</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      Yoga 6:15                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Carvers 10:00                      Cribbage 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Chess 12:00                      Beg. Line Dance 12:30                      Int. Line Dance 1:45                      Billiards 3:00                      Duplicate Bridge 6:00</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Blood Pressure 9:30                      Computer 10:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
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<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Rummycube 1:00                      Billiards 2:30</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Billiards 1:00</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Mankato Trip 8:15                      Exercise 9:00                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      500 Cards 6:30                      Yoga 6:15                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>		

Group	Meeting day	Information
<b>Advisory Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
<b>AA/AI-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.	Bird club will not be meeting June – August.
<b>Book Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. <i>June's meeting will take place at 7 p.m.</i>	June 20 – <i>Songs of my Families</i> by Kelly & Brad Fern.
<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.	Chorale will not be meeting June – August.
<b>Computer Interests</b>	Fridays at 10 a.m. Website: <a href="http://mscig.wordpress.com">mscig.wordpress.com</a>	This group examines topics of interest. Experience ranges from beginner to expert.
<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: Peonies. New members welcome!
<b>Great Books</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	Great books will not meeting June – August.
<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>Nature, Novels &amp; Non-fiction</b>	Book Discussion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 2 p.m. Activity – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday at 2 p.m.	June 10 – <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> by Bill Bryson June 17 – Nordic Walking at French Park
<b>Parkinson's Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4 p.m.	June 4 – Topic: Good nutrition.
<b>Pickleball</b>	Monday-Friday, times vary.	Outdoor play available at Meadow Park. 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.	Scribblers will not be meeting June – August.
<b>Single Mingle Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at The Depot	New members welcome.
<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.	Tale Spinners will not be meeting June – August.
<b>Wood Carvers</b>	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Group members work independently but also share ideas with one another.

## 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

952.939.8393

14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

*Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

### Senior Services & Activities Manager

**Steve Pieh**

952.939.8366

*spieh@eminnetonka.com*

### Senior & General Programs Manager

**Nicole Gorman**

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### Secretary

**Kathy Kline**

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*kkline@eminnetonka.com*

## 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.

### Community Garden Club

*July 8, 1 p.m.*

Topic: Touring member's gardens

### Nature, Novels & Non-fiction

*July 8, 1 p.m.*

*The Rider* by Tim Krabbé

### Parkinson's Support Group

*July 2, 4 p.m.*

Topic: Traveling with Parkinson's

### Single Mingle Club

**Monthly meeting at the Depot**

*July 16, 1:30 p.m.*

### Tonka Tale Tellers

*July 8, 10:30 a.m.*

is group meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. New members welcome.

## 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.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

- **August 1: Adopt A Highway, 9 a.m.** Supplies will be provided. Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center. Picnic to follow pick-up at the Burwell house.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Everyone can help protect Minnesota's lakes

**P** “every curb is a shoreline.” Substances that run off yards, driveways and streets — from oil to trash to pet feces, grass clippings and fertilizer — can enter lakes via the storm water system. When nutrients enter the lakes they effectively fertilize them, allowing excess algae and invasive weeds to grow. Here's how you can help keep our waters clean!

- Apply properly and minimize (or eliminate) the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Wash vehicles on the grass so soapy water will be absorbed by the turf.
- Pick up after pets.
- Use rain barrels to collect water that would normally run into the street.
- Pick up litter so it stays out of lakes.
- Plant a buffer of native vegetation along

lake shorelines to reduce nutrients entering the water, deter geese and stabilize the shoreline.

- Avoid using coal-tar based driveway sealants that can contaminate waters.

Many lakes are also compromised by invasive species that compete with native animal and plant life, including

Zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil. Boaters can help prevent the spread of these two invasives by doing the following:

- Draining live wells.
- Removing mussels from boats that have been in infested waters.
- Disposing of unwanted bait on land.
- Rinsing equipment with high-pressure or hot (104 degree F) water.
- Cleaning vegetation from boats, motors or trailers. ♪

## Keep water safety in mind this summer

**W** boating, have a pool in your backyard or enjoy any of Minnesota's summer lake beaches, the following tips will help keep you and your family safe around water.



- Learn to swim and only swim within your ability. Use the buddy system while in the water.
- Always supervise all children near water.

- Wear approved lifejackets in boats — it's the law if you are 10 years old or younger.
- Drink lots of water and wear sunscreen.

Finally, consider learning CPR the new way — hands only. Drowning is a top cause of sudden cardiac arrest, and you may save a life by performing this simple but vital technique. Call the Minnetonka Fire Department public educators at (952) 939-8331 to schedule a class or to learn about a session near you. Enjoy your summer! ♪

## Help your trees thrive this summer with these watering tips

**G** this summer by following these tips.

- Water trees when rainfall amounts are under an inch a week. Trees need approximately one gallon of water per inch of diameter, per week.
- Water low, slow, deep and without runoff. Use low-flow or soaker hoses instead of sprinklers.
- Water to the ends of the branch tips, since most tree roots are within the first

foot of soil. During watering, move the hose around within the tree's drip line.

- Avoid watering open wounds, leaves or needles. Too much moisture can lead to fungal growth.
- Don't depend on irrigation systems to give trees the water they need. Trees need less frequent, but deep watering, which irrigation doesn't provide.
- The best way to tell if your trees need water is to feel the soil. After watering,

## Controlling the Japanese beetle

**T** appears in early July, is a serious pest of turf and more than 300 species of plants and trees.

Both grubs and adults are destructive pests. While the grubs damage plants by feeding on the roots of plants, the adult insect feeds on the leaves, flowers and fruits, causing aesthetic damage and weakening a plant over time when beetle populations are high.

Adults emerge from late July through September. Try these control methods:

- Hand pick adult beetles from leaves or shake small plants, then toss beetles into a bucket of soapy water. Start with high-value plants and tolerate some damage.
- Time insecticide treatments carefully between July and September to target the weakest time in the beetle's life cycle.
- Consider planting species that are not susceptible to the Japanese beetle, like red and white oak, red maple, balsam fir, Canadian hemlock, yew, lilac and rhododendron. ♪



*Japanese beetle consuming leaf*

the soil should be moist 6–8 inches deep throughout the drip line.

- Place 2–4 inches of wood mulch under the drip line of the tree to help retain moisture in the soil. Avoid volcano mulching, where piles are formed against the base of the trunk.
- The city offers free mulch to residents at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Pull into the east driveway and look for the wooden bin. ♪

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## Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
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locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Minnetonka Farmers' Market, 3 – 7 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	3 Park Board, 7 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	4 Independence Day, <i>city offices closed</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	9 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
28	29	30	31				11 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 15 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 22 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. <i>(Topic: Lot sizes and affordability)</i> 25 Economic Development Advisory 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](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.

## Minnetonka is “Open to Business”

**I** Minnetonka's Open to Business program is ready to assist you. Expert staff provide one-on-one assistance customized to meet the needs of small business owners. Clients receive help in planning and organizing business ventures; financial management; marketing and regulatory compliance. Additionally, a small business loan fund can help entrepreneurs access the capital needed to grow a business.

The Minnetonka Open to Business program is a collaboration between the city of Minnetonka and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). For more information call Rob Smolund at MCCD at (612) 789-7337, ext. 11. ☺

## News from the Minnetonka Police

### Two new officers sworn in

Minnetonka Police Officers Larissa Johnson and Brandon Harris were sworn in May 14. Officer Johnson graduated from the University of Minnesota and was previously the evidence and property specialist for the Minnetonka Police Department. Officer Harris graduated from Winona State University. At right, Officers Johnson (left) and Harris (right) are pictured at their swearing-in ceremony with Minnetonka Police Chief Mark Raquet (center).



### Try out the new online crime map

The Minnetonka Police Department now offers a new online map that shows crime data in the city, and allows residents to sign

up to be alerted to crimes in their area. To see the map, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and click on the Police tab, then Crime Prevention, then Crime Maps. ☺

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