

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
September 2013

## City open house, reworks Oct. 8

**M**innetonka Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 8, 5–7:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. At 8 p.m., enjoy a fireworks show (make-up date for the cancelled June 22 Summer Festival). Look for more details of activities in the October *Minnetonka Memo* and at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



## Know the rules about election signs

**W**ith it's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs could be posted any time after June 26, 2013, and must be removed by November 15, 2013.

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

- Signs must be at least five feet from the edge of a public street.
- Signs must not obstruct driver visibility at intersections.
- Signs must have the approval of the underlying property owner.
- Signs must not be posted on fences, trees, shrubs, or public utility poles.

- Signs must not be painted on rocks or other natural features
- Signs must not be located within the right-of-way of state or county roads.
- Signs must be no larger than six square feet, except on collector or arterial streets where up to 32 square feet is permitted.

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

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

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

## Primary election results announced

**P**the top two vote earners in the August 13 municipal primary for the Council Member At-Large Seat B. Both Acomb and Grogan's names will now appear on the November 5 general election ballot.

Acomb received 628 votes compared to Grogan's 280. Dan Martin received 26 votes and Rick Ranta received 19 votes.

Minnetonka voters will also be voting for the seats of Mayor and Council Member At-Large Seat A in November. Candidates for Mayor are Terry Schneider and Grace Sheely. Candidates for Council Member At-Large Seat A are Dick Allendorf and Angela Gri n.

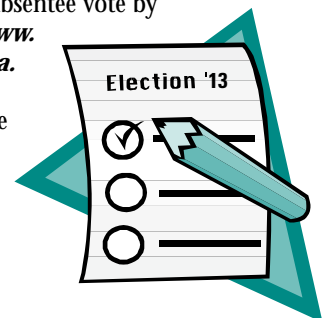
Absentee voting for the November general election begins September 20 (see article below).

School board elections will also appear on the November ballot for the Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata school districts. ☺

## Absentee voting starts September 20

**A** general election starts September 20. Absentee voters may vote at city hall during normal business hours or by mail. To absentee vote by mail, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and download the absentee application or call (952) 939-8200. e

November ballot contains the Minnetonka Mayor and two Minnetonka City Council Member At-Large seats as well as school board races (see above). Look for more election information in the October and November *Minnetonka Memos*. ☺



## Phones, tablets and more: [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) refresh!

**M**phones and tablets to access the city of Minnetonka's website. e e years ago, only 3.5% of our site visits were on mobile devices: today, that's increased to nearly 33%.

To make sure [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) is easy to use whether you are on the go, on your couch or at your desk, we recently

refreshed the design of our site. e layout of this responsive design shifts depending on the size of your screen to make sure it's easy to use, even on a phone.

We're also working on other improvements to the way content is organized on the site. Take a look at [eminnetonka.com](http://eminnetonka.com) and send feedback to [webmaster@eminnetonka.com](mailto:webmaster@eminnetonka.com). ☺

## A reminder about home fire safety

Minnetonka Fire Department's "What If?" public educators want to remind you of some fire and life safety basics.

Fire safety hasn't changed much over the years, but one thing that has changed dramatically — for the worse — is the amount of time occupants have to escape from a house fire. In the mid-1970s, occupants had about 17 minutes to safely escape. Now, it's three minutes.

Why? It's because the items in homes have changed significantly. Forty years ago, homes contained mostly natural fibers and materials. Now, take a look around your house and note all of the synthetic materials, like plastics and nylons. These synthetic materials burn hotter and faster and produce more toxins than natural materials.



Follow these reminders to help keep your family safe from fire:

- Have working smoke alarms on every level and in every sleeping room.
- Make sure your family has a fire escape plan in place. Practice it!
- Know two exits from every room.
- Maintain windows that open and have easily removable screens.
- Make sure everyone knows where the family meeting place is.
- Encourage your children to know how and when to call 911.
- Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

For more information or to schedule a fire extinguisher training session, call Jim or Sara, Minnetonka Fire Department public educators, at (952) 939-8331.

## Giving credit...

The August *Minnetonka Memo* was written and submitted by Larry Wade, a Minnetonka naturalist and retired educator. Jeanette Dickinson was the illustrator who provided the accompanying drawings.

Thanks to both Larry and Jeanette for their contributions to the *Memo*.

## Follow these tips to keep kids safe in cars

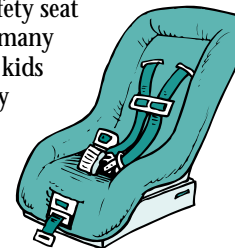
The safest approach to securing the youngest members of your family while transporting them in a vehicle:

- **Rear-facing infant seats in the back seat:** from birth to at least one year old and at least 20 pounds.
- **Forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat:** from age one to about age four and 20 to 40 pounds.
- **Booster seats in the back seat:** from about age four and 40 pounds to at least age eight, unless 4' 9". Boosters are seat lifts that raise a child up so a seat belt fits properly. Seat belts should not cut across the neck and should never be tucked behind the back or under an arm.
- **Safety belts (seatbelts):** at age eight or older or taller than 4' 9". All children 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

Moving to a safety belt too early greatly increases risk of injury in an accident. Children age two to five who are prematurely graduated to safety belts are four times more likely to sustain a serious head injury in a crash than those restrained in child safety seats or booster seats.

Because many state laws only require children to be in a safety seat up to age four or so, many parents assume older kids are safe in just a safety belt.

However, all children need to be restrained correctly whenever they ride in a motor vehicle.



Want to be sure your child safety seat is properly installed? The Minnetonka Police Department offers free child safety seat inspections by appointment — call (952) 939-8576.

## Sponsor a 2014 Music in the Park concert

Enjoyed the Music in the Park concert series hosted by the city of Minnetonka at the Minnetonka Civic Center outdoor amphitheater. This year, Minnwest Bank hosted one of the more popular bands in the concert series, Salsa del Soul, drawing 400 people in one evening.

Plans are already being made for the 2014 Music in the Park concert series. For information about how your business can sponsor a concert and be part of Music in the Park, call Steve Pieh at (952) 939-8366.



Minnwest Bank sponsored the Music in the Park Salsa del Soul performance July 23.

## Take a ride on Minnetonka's newest bus route

Residents with shopping centers and community services began operating in Minnetonka in late August.

Route 614 provides service between Ridgedale Center and the Minnetonka Heights apartment complex, running along Ridgedale Drive, Plymouth Road, Minnetonka Boulevard and County Road 101. Buses run once an hour between 5:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays and between 9 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. on Saturdays.

The route serves several activity centers, including the Ridgedale YMCA, Hennepin County Service Center, Ridgedale Library, Ridgedale Mall, North Memorial Clinic, ICA Food Shelf, Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, retail shops at Minnetonka

Boulevard and County Road 101 and the 7-Hi shopping center, and the Minnetonka Library.

At Ridgedale Center, Route 614 customers can connect to Route 675, which offers express service to downtown Minneapolis, and local Route 615, with service to Hopkins and St. Louis Park. Route 615 moved to an extended weekday schedule in late August, with buses running every hour from 6:50 a.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Standard local bus fares apply to Route 614. For trip planning services, call a transit expert at (612) 373-3333 or use the online trip planner at [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org). NexTrip predicted real-time departures include Route 614.

## Sign up now for fall recreation programs

### Youth basketball league

(early bird deadline: Sept. 13)

Join a local tradition! The Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League is an in-house recreational league for boys and girls in grades 2 – 6 living in the Hopkins-Minnetonka area. Separate boys' and girls' teams are formed by school and grade. Season starts December 7, and concludes February 1 for grade 2 and February 15 or 22 for grades 3 – 6. Grades 3 – 6 will have one weekday evening practice starting the week of November 11. For grade 2 only, practice will be held on Saturdays before each game, starting December 7.

Roughly Sept. 13, cost is \$45 for Grade 2 and \$85 for Grades 3 – 6. Price increases to \$55 and \$95 between September 14 and October 10. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. Teams are formed by school and grade. Call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register or for more information about volunteering as a coach.

### Adult basketball 5-player league

(Deadline is October 9)

Participate in a five-player, organized adult

basketball league Wednesday evenings starting October 30. This 11-week program offers three divisions of ability with a chance to participate in a state tournament. Games are played using full-size courts at Hopkins High School, the Lindbergh Center and the Hopkins West Junior High Activity Structure. \$525 per team. Call Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register.

### Parent's Night Out: October 5

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

## Chamber Choir earns raves at music festival

During the 500 International Music Festival in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, the Music Association of Minnetonka's (MAM) Chamber Choir was recognized for excellence in musical performance.

Peter Cowan, a critic with the Canadian Broadcasting Company, offered the following critique of the choir's performance this year at Festival 500: "I don't often give standing ovations but wow! The Minnetonka Chamber Choir gave one of the best performances I've ever heard." The choir, under the direction of Roger Hoel, travels annually to a choral festival and has frequently been recognized as one of the finest youth choirs in the world. ☺

Chamber Choir is one of eleven performing ensembles of the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM), which has been a partner with the city of Minnetonka for nearly 40 years, providing enriching musical experiences for residents and friends of all ages.

If you, your family or friends are interested in making music, MAM has lots to offer. Programs include four youth choirs, three adult orchestras, a concert band and three adult choirs. Rehearsals for all ensembles begin in September. For more information on joining an ensemble or attending some performances, contact the MAM office at (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org) ☺

## Historical Society hosts meeting October 1

The Historical Society will host its annual meeting Tuesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Enjoy a presentation about

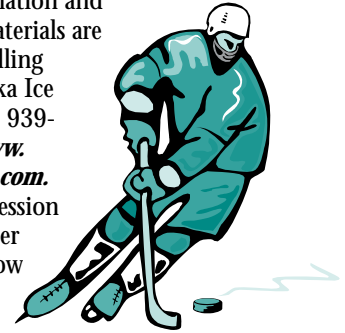
the history of the Glen Lake area with a focus on Minnetonka's oldest continuous business, Kraemer Hardware. Visit [www.minnetonka-history.org](http://www.minnetonka-history.org) for more information. ☺

## Fall skating lessons start September 17

Start with the Minnetonka Ice Arena's All Season Skating School! The lesson program is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute and offers instruction for skaters ages 3 and up, including adults. **New this year — introduction to hockey skating!**

Class information and registration materials are available by calling the Minnetonka Ice Arena at (952) 939-8310 or at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

The 12-week session starts September 17. Register now as space is limited! ☺



## Enjoy the farmers' market through Oct. 1

The market takes place Tuesdays, 3 – 7 p.m., through October 1 at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Enjoy the full range of fall produce, including apples, melons, squashes, onions, pumpkins and more. Don't miss out on bread, honey, maple syrup, fresh meats (September 2 and October 1) and lots of other handmade foods and crafts.

Short on cash? Stop by the credit card booth and swipe your credit card for your selected amount in exchange for tokens, then spend your tokens like cash at any market vendor. EBT cards are also accepted at the Minnetonka Farmers' Market.

We look forward to seeing you at the market! ☺



## Grow fruit in your own back yard

**A** own fruit? Have you wondered what varieties are most hardy for a Minnesota climate and where to plant them in your yard? Are you wondering what insect or disease has been taking your apples before you have a chance to harvest them?

For answers to these questions and more from a professional with a passion for edible landscaping, plan to attend a presentation **uesday, September 12, from 6:30p.m. – 8:15 p.m. at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.**

Presenter Rebecca Koetter formerly managed demonstration plots covering different methods of fruit production for the home gardener at the Urban Forestry & Horticulture Research Institute at the University of Minnesota. She now has her own small business. Rebecca will focus on a few of the most common fruit trees and shrubs along with a couple interesting ones to try. The first hour will cover species selection and fruit growing basics, and the second half will cover basic care as well as how to identify and manage the most common insects and diseases that affect fruit trees and shrubs.

Registration is required and limited to 40. Call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 or register at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Tackle buckthorn before the snow flies

**L** buckthorn gradually, while curbing its spread, at free fall workshops **uesday, Sept. 19 or ursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Topics include:

- How forest and woodland structure and diversity is affected by invasive species.
- Avoiding common buckthorn removal mistakes.
- Reducing erosion on slopes.
- Saving high-value remnant plant species.
- Selecting native species for replanting

Please RSVP at (952) 988-8400 or [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Workshops are at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. ☺

## Follow these tips for autumn yard care

**K** reminders in mind while working in your yard this fall.

- Mulch leaves with a mower. Shred leaves enough so they don't smother your grass. Areas thick with leaves may take extra passes with the mower but it's still easier than raking, eliminates disposal concerns and provides a nutrient source for your lawn.
- Compost some leaves and grass clippings for use in planting beds or to add nutrients to the soil next spring. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and search "composting" for tips. Avoid placing compost bins adjacent to water bodies as they can leak nutrients that can harm water quality.
- Use the city drop-offs or a curbside yard waste service from the garbage hauler to dispose of yard wastes properly. See page

5 for city drop-off dates and times or contact your garbage hauler to ask about their curbside yard waste services.

- Don't blow, rake or dispose of yard wastes in the street or any water resource or drainage way. Grass clippings, leaves, twigs and other debris release nutrients as they break down, which then promotes weed and algae growth. Debris can also block drainage in ditches and channels, storm drains and culverts, causing flooding.
- Don't burn yard waste. It's dangerous, harmful to air quality and illegal, so please explore other options for disposal.

Everyone can be a good steward when it comes to protecting natural resources! Check out the "Backyard Conservation" page at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for more yard tips and tricks. ☺

## Keep watering trees, shrubs through fall

**T** or mature ones — need an inch of water per week. If rain isn't providing enough moisture, supplemental watering is necessary.

Why is adequate watering so important? Drought conditions can cause trees and shrubs to become stressed, making them vulnerable to other diseases and insect attacks as well as severe winter damage. Water is crucial to many plant processes that allow trees to protect themselves from attack and to photosynthesize and grow.

Late summer and fall of 2011 and 2012 were very dry, resulting in many trees with winter drought stress. 2013 seems to be following the same pattern. Trees and shrubs that start winter at a water deficit yet survive until spring may exhibit browning

needles, branch and leader dieback, and insects and disease. Sometimes winter damage can kill plants entirely, and other times it just stresses the plant significantly, causing aesthetic damage.

Winterize your trees and shrubs by properly watering them not only during the water-stressed summer months but well into autumn until the ground freezes. Don't be tempted to shut off your outside water connection too early! In Minnesota, you could water plants as late as November, depending on autumn temperatures.

Another side benefit of fall watering is that tree roots grow most vigorously two seasons of the year — spring and autumn! Take advantage of the season to ensure your plants' root systems are the healthiest they can be. ☺

## Use your firewood at home, not the cabin

**M** have a newly acquired pile of firewood, due to the June storms that felled many trees in the city. As tempting as it may be to haul that wood to a cabin, there is a state-imposed quarantine prohibiting firewood from leaving Hennepin and Ramsey counties. Enacted after Emerald ash borer was detected in St. Paul, the quarantine is designed to keep invasive

species and tree diseases from spreading further in Minnesota. Firewood can move between these two counties, but not outside of them. Please help keep Emerald ash borer from spreading, and use your firewood at home. For more information about the details of the quarantine, visit <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab/eabquarantine.aspx>. ☺



## 2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# Fall leaf drop-off opens Sept. 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 non-woody yard waste (grass, weeds, pine cones & needles, garden trimmings, fruit, etc.) from Minnetonka residents. You must present proper identification to the site monitor to verify you are a Minnetonka resident (driver's license, state 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.

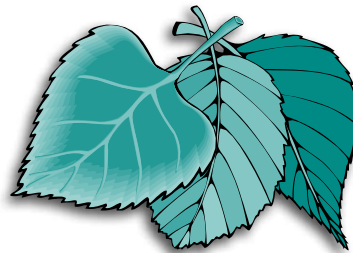
**LEAVES** — Truck and trailer loads of leaves will be accepted only at Minnetonka Public Works and only during brush drop-off hours on the following dates:

- **Mondays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Sept. 16, 23, 30
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Sept. 17, 24
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 14, 21, 28

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

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

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



## Brush drop-off ends Nov. 23

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 23, 2013.

**The brush drop-off site will be closed for 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 (see related article). The brush drop-off and leaf drop-off programs have different processing methods and distinct end markets for the different materials, so it's important they stay separate.

No brush is accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

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

### Labor Day holiday delays grey week recycling

The Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 2, will delay the grey week recycling collection areas by one day. Residents west of I-494 (south of Hwy. 7 and south of the LRT Trail west of County Rd. 101) will have recycling collection Tuesday, Sept. 3. Residents east of I-494 (south of Minnetonka Blvd.) will have collection Wednesday, Sept. 4. ☺

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# Special one-day drop-off: September 21

**Saturday, Sept. 21,  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
Minnetonka Public Works  
**11522 Minnetonka Blvd.**  
East entrance by recycling center

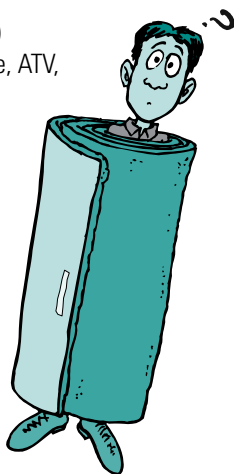
Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below. The charge for dropping off each item, if any, is listed in parentheses.

• **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.

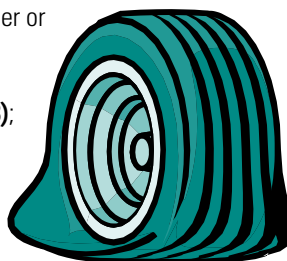
• **Mattresses and box springs: (\$15 per piece for all sizes).** Mattresses are dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by PPL Industries.

• **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 permanent drop-off sites (page 7); 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.ftheo.org](http://www.ftheo.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). The next special drop-off will be Saturday, June 7, 2014. ☺

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## 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).

## Apply by Sept. 20 for a home repair loan

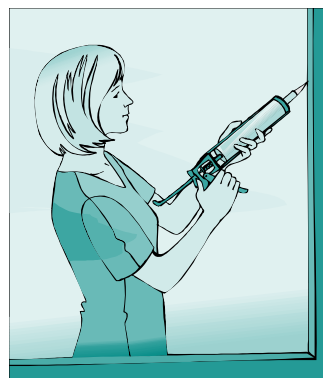
**F** be accepting applications for the Small Projects housing rehabilitation loan program. This program offers up to \$5,000 through a zero percent, no-interest, no-payment deferred loan for homeowners who want to make eligible home improvements. If you continue to own and live in your home for 10 years after receiving a loan, the loan is completely forgiven.

To be eligible, your income must not exceed the following:

Household Size	Income Limit
1 person	\$45,100
2 person	\$51,500
3 person	\$58,000
4 person	\$64,400
5 person	\$69,600
6 person	\$74,750
7 person	\$79,900
8 person	\$85,050

Pre-applications will be available starting 8 a.m. Monday, September 9, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until Friday, September 20. Pre-applications will be available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), at Minnetonka City Hall, or by calling (952) 939-8285. A limited number of loans are available, so act quickly!

Minnetonka residents who don't meet the guidelines for the Small Projects program may take advantage of several other home repair loan programs. Contact Elise Durbin at (952) 939-8285 or [edurbin@eminnetonka.com](mailto:edurbin@eminnetonka.com) for more information.



## Recycling reminders

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

## Special events and programs

### Book and Pie Sale

**Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The annual book and pie sale is provided by Minnetonka Senior Services in conjunction with the Senior Advisory Board.

Most books are \$1. From 4–5 p.m. there will be a book blow-out sale: \$2.50 for all you can fit into a bag.

- **Book donation drop-off times:** Friday & Monday, September 6 & 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Acceptable donations:** hard- and soft-cover books, CDs and DVDs in good condition.
- **Pie sale:** Pies by the slice and sloppy joe meals will be available for purchase.

### Senior Open House

**Thursday, September 12, 3–7 p.m.**

Minnetonka Senior Services and the Senior Advisory Board host an open house. Bring a friend or neighbor and explore the opportunities available at the center for active adults. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

### Community Connections

**Monday, September 16, 10:15 a.m.**

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services is offering community connections. September's topic is understanding Medicare benefits. RSVP by Friday, September 13.  
**Course #30214**

### Finding Balance in Nature

**Monday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.**

Improve your mental health by walking with naturalist Larry Wade. Learn several techniques for connecting with nature and creating more balance in your life. Meet in the lower level parking area at Lone Lake Park. Please bring a journal or clipboard and a camera. Register early, space is limited!

**Cost:** \$5 due Friday, September 13.  
**Course #30215**

### Pillsbury Family of Minnesota

**Monday, September 16, 7 p.m.**

Come hear *Star Tribune* columnist Lori Sturdevant as she chronicles the Pillsbury family's pioneering role in making Minneapolis the milling capital of the world.

**Cost:** \$2 due Friday, September 13.  
**Course #30216**

### Dinner Party

**Thursday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of good food, conversation and entertainment. Baked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll and dessert will be served. Listen to the musical talents of the BZ Girls.

Thank you to Homewatch Caregivers for providing dessert.

**Cost:** \$7 due Thursday, September 12.  
**Course #31465**

### Lunch and a Movie: “Trouble with the Curve”

**Friday, September 20, 12 p.m.**

Slowed by age and failing eyesight, baseball scout Gus Lobel takes his grown daughter along as he checks out the final prospect of his career. Along the way, the two renew their bond, and she catches the eye of a young player-turned-scout. **Menu:** Tator tot hotdish, green beans & dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, September 18.  
**Course #31466**

### The Last Keeper at the Split Rock Lighthouse

**Tuesday, September 24,**

**10:30 a.m.**

Mike Roberts turned on the light at the Split Rock Lighthouse at the end of the 1968–69 shipping season. Little did he know that the light would



never shine again for the mariners of this iconic Lake Superior National Landmark. Mike will enthrall you with stories from his U.S. Coast Guard and personal search and rescue stories, and his memories of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975. Mike has written a book on the lighthouse that will be available for purchase after the program. A light lunch will be served after the presentation.

**Cost:** \$2 for presentation or \$6 for presentation & lunch due Thursday, September 19.  
**Course #31467**

### Hearing & You

**Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.**

Hearing, hearing loss and today's hearing technology are a few of the topics that will be covered by presenter Steve Chargo of Afinity Hearing.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, September 23.  
**Course #31468**

### Lunch and Learn Series

**Monday, September 30, 12 p.m.**

In conjunction with Encore Senior Home Care, Minnetonka Senior Services presents a lunch and learn series. September's featured speaker is Dr. Grootwassink, ObGyn.

**Cost:** \$5 due Thursday, September 26.  
**Course #31469**

### Organizing Photos

**Tuesday, October 1, 1 p.m.**

Join professional photo organizers Judy Schuette and Layne Steingas for a hands-on photo organizing class focusing on a step-by-step process of how to sort, categorize, prepare, scan and preserve memories.

*Optional service:* For \$20, have 100 of your photos scanned onto a provided CD to take home and view on your computer that day. Judy and Layne will have a high-speed scanner onsite for your convenience.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, September 30.  
**Course #31470**



## 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 increase flexibility. Guided breath-work and visualization help to release, relax, and restore the body, and calm the mind. **Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.**

#### Chair-Supported Yoga ★★

9:45 – 10:45 a.m., \$20

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

- Tuesday, September 3 – 24 \$20  
(Course #29557)
- Thursday, September 5 – 26 \$20  
(Course #29559)

#### 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.

- Tuesday, September 3 – 24 \$20  
(Course #29560)
- Thursday, September 5 – 26 \$20  
(Course #29562)

### Evening Yoga

#### Nancy Holasek

Wednesdays, September 4 – 25, \$20

Evening yoga classes have the same descriptions as the daytime classes.

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★  
(Course #29558)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★  
(Course #29561)

### Line Dance

#### Eileen Ronning

Thursday, September 26 – October 17, \$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 #29605)
- Intermediate ★★★, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
(Course #29606)

### Tai Chi ★★★

#### Ron Erdman-Luntz

Wednesdays, 6 – 7 p.m., \$48

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

- September 12 – October 17  
(Course #29603)

### Tai Chi Chih

#### Monica Campbell

Mondays, September 9 – November 4, \$40

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

- Beginner ★★ (Course #29594)  
10 – 11 a.m.
- Intermediate ★★★ (Course #29595)  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Bridge Workshop

#### Lee Solee

Monday, September 9, 1 – 3 p.m.

Are you an intermediate bridge player and have questions? If so, join instructor Lee Solee for a bridge workshop.

- \$10 (Course #29591)

### Beginning Bridge

#### Lee Solee

Mondays, September 16 – October 21, 1 – 3 p.m.

For those who want to learn bidding, scoring and playing the challenging game of bridge. Bring a deck of cards.

- \$35 (Course #29590)

### Zumba Gold ★★★

#### Jan Gamble

1 – 2 p.m., \$22

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

- September 23 – October 28  
(Course #29586)

### Wednesdays

- September 25 – October 30  
(Course #29587)

### British History

#### Terry Kubista

Wednesdays, September 12 – 26, 1 – 3 p.m.

William Shakespeare will be the discussion topic for September's class.

- \$20 (Course #29582)

### Botanical & Floral Art

#### Gin Weidenfeller

Wednesdays, September 18 – October 2, 1 – 2:45 p.m.

Explore contemporary and traditional methods in drawing, watercolor and mixed media to depict

realism or abstract life studies of plant forms. Draw or paint from live floral specimens applying your individualistic style and interpretation to capture a likeness or symbolic essence.

Be inspired with examples of major contemporary and traditional artists' work. If you have watercolor supplies, please bring them. All drawing materials are furnished for classroom use.

- \$60 (Course #29632)



### Writing Class

#### Larry Wade

Mondays, September 23 – October 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

Writing a memoir, autobiography or biography? This class will examine six areas of writing: main topics of your life, early years to age five, childhood, teen-age years, twenties and later adult life. From this class, students will get one edited paper by the instructor, per person. Peer editing amongst students is also encouraged.

- \$30 (Course #30219)

# Classes Continued & Trips

## Canadian History & Life 101

**Dick Sadler**

**Wednesdays, September 18 – December 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

“Canadians know everything about America, but Americans know nothing about Canada,” says University of Calgary’s Bart Beaty. “It’s like looking through a one-way glass. We can see them, but America doesn’t see us.” This is a beginner’s class: historical and biographical perspective will be gained from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp’s DVD series, “Canada, a People’s History.” The pursuits and culture of the people will be explored through various texts. This class meets every other Wednesday.

- \$30 (Course #29581)

## Mah Jongg

**Carol Harris**

**Wednesdays, October 9 – November 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Learn to play the intriguing game of Mah Jongg, a game of chance and skill. The Chinese ruling class developed this game of tiles back in the time of Confucius, but it has been modernized, simplified and Westernized for all to enjoy. Played previously? Refresh your skills.

- \$45 (Course #29593)

## Harvest Sampler ★★

**Tuesday, September 17**

In Cadott, Wisc., take a horse-drawn carriage ride to a rustic cabin for lunch. Menu includes baked chicken breast, assorted breads, baked beans, beverage and dessert. Sample Yellowstone cheeses. Taste wine and apples at Autumn Harvest. Lastly, stop at the Leinie Lodge for shopping and sample their handcrafted beer.

### Course #30220

- **Cost:** \$56 includes lunch, tours, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 8 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, August 30

## Historic St. Peter ★★

**Tuesday, October 8**

Explore the Hillstrom Museum of Art on

the Gustavus Adolphus Campus. Visit the Christ Chapel and the Paul Granlund sculptures. Enjoy lunch at Whiskey River Emporium. Menu includes half sandwich, cup of homemade soup, beverage and dessert. Hear the history of St. Peter on a guided riding tour.

### Course #30221

- **Cost:** \$50 includes lunch, tours, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 4 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, Sept. 13

## Science Museum: Maya ★★

**Tuesday, October 29**

Enjoy lunch at Tavern on Grand. Menu includes a walleye basket (alternative is chicken, request at the time of registration). Following lunch arrive at the Science Museum to watch the film *Mystery of the Maya* in the Omnitheater and then tour the exhibit *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*.

### Course #30222

- **Cost:** \$58 includes lunch, film, tour, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, October 4

## St. Cloud Paramount Theatre ★★

**Wednesday, November 6**

Enjoy lunch at Ciatti’s Ristorante in St. Cloud. Menu includes sautéed chicken marsala, house salad, vegetable of the day, bread, beverage and a cookie. Following lunch arrive at the Paramount Theatre for the Ozark Jubilee, featuring an all-star cast of Branson entertainers for a classic country Christmas show.

### Course #31471

- **Cost:** \$68 includes lunch, show, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 4:45 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, October 11

## Extended trips

For a full list of extended trip offerings and brochures, 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.

## 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. Save 10% on your car insurance by taking these classes!

### Day course (four-hour renewal)

- Thursday, September 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

### Evening course (eight-hour intro)

- Tuesday, September 24 & Thursday, September 26, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

## Free Rivers Park Sampler

**Sunday, September 8, 12 – 5 p.m.**

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. Program is free for all ages. Pick up a flyer at the center.

This program is offered in collaboration with the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Department, the Hopkins Activity Center and the Free Rivers Parks District.

## 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 or trip.
- **By phone**  
Registrations are accepted over the phone at (952) 939-8393, with a credit card.
- **Online**  
For more information, call the center at (952) 939-8393.

### Cancellation information

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

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

### Senior & General Programs Manager

**Nicole Gorman**

(952) 939-8369

[ngorman@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ngorman@eminnetonka.com)

### Secretary

**Kathy Kline**

(952) 939-8393

[kkline@eminnetonka.com](mailto:kkline@eminnetonka.com)

## Interest groups

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

### Parkinson's Support Group

**Tuesday, September 3, 4 p.m.**

Topic: Probate & Planning

### Bird Club

**Friday, September 6, 10 a.m.**

Featured Speaker: Jan Dunlap

### Community Garden Club

**Monday, September 9, 1 p.m.**

Fall Clean-Up & Winter Preparation.

### Nature, Novels & Non ction

**Monday, September 9, 2 p.m.**

*A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean

### Book Club

**ursday, September 19, 1 p.m.**

*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

### Great Books

**Tuesday, September 24, 7:15 p.m.**

*The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer  
This book can also be found under the title:  
*No Fear* (Spark Notes LLC)

## Services

### Over 50 & t

**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> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

To schedule or cancel an appointment, call (763) 560-5136. Cost: \$35.

### Weekly E-mail Updates

To receive weekly e-mail updates on center happenings, send your e-mail to [spieh@eminnetonka.com](mailto:spieh@eminnetonka.com).

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

**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.carenextion.org](http://www.carenextion.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>2</b></p> <p><b>Center Closed in Observance of Labor Day</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Poker Club 10:00                      Craft Committee 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Tale Spinners 1:00                      Billiards 1:00                      Parkinson's Support 4:00</p>	<p><b>4</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>5</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Carvers 10:00                      Cribbage 10:00                      Scribblers 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>6</b></p> <p>Book Drop-O 9-3                      Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Blood Pressure 9:30                      Bird Club 10:00                      Computer 10:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Book Drop-O 9-3                      Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Tonka Tale Tellers 10:00                      Ham Radio 10:00                      Tai Chi Chih 10:00/11:30                      Bridge Workshop 1:00                      Hand &amp; Foot 1:00                      Garden Club 1:00                      Health Insurance 1:00                      Billiards 1:00                      Nature &amp; Novels 2:00</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      500 Cards 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Book &amp; Pie Sale 11-5                      Bingo 12:45                      Tale Spinners 1:00                      Billiards 1:00                      Senior Outreach 1:00</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Blood Pressure 9:30                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      Chorale 10:15                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Billiards 1:00                      Yoga 6:15                      500 Cards 6:30                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Defensive Driving 9:00                      Yoga 9:45                      Carvers 10:00                      Cribbage 10:00                      Scribblers 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Chess 12:00                      Beg. Line Dance 12:30                      Bunco 1:00                      British History 1:00                      Int. Line Dance 1:45                      Billiards 3:00                      Open House 3-7                      Duplicate Bridge 6:00                      Tai Chi w/Ron 6:00</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Computer 10:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Art Drop In 9:00                      Tai Chi Chih 10:00/11:30                      Zumba Gold 1:00                      Beginning Bridge 1:00                      Writing Class 1:00                      Hand &amp; Foot 1:00                      Health Insurance 1:00                      Billiards 2:00</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      500 Cards 10:00                      Split Rock Program 10:30                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Bingo 12:45                      Tale Spinners 1:00                      Billiards 1:00                      Senior Outreach 1:00                      Defensive Driving 5:30                      Great Books 7:15</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Mah Jongg Group 10:00                      Chorale 10:15                      A.A./Al-Anon 10:30                      Social Bridge 12:45                      Zumba Gold 1:00                      Botanical &amp; Floral Art 1:00                      Billiards 2:00                      Yoga 6:15                      500 Cards 6:30                      Int. Yoga 7:30</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Yoga 9:45                      Carvers 10:00                      Cribbage 10:00                      Scribblers 10:00                      Int. Yoga 11:00                      Chess 12:00                      Beg. Line Dance 12:30                      Bunco 1:00                      British History 1:00                      Int. Line Dance 1:45                      Billiards 3:00                      Defensive Driving 5:30                      Duplicate Bridge 6:00                      Tai Chi w/Ron 6:00</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Exercise 9:00                      Happy Feet 9:00                      Computer 10:00                      Billiards 1:00</p>
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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.	September 6–Jan Dunlap, author. Topic: Birders and Murders, Oh My! Real stories behind fictional ones.
<b>Book Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	September 19– <i>The Kitchen House</i> by Kathleen Grissom
<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>	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>	Thursdays 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: Fall clean-up & winter preparation. New members welcome!
<b>Great Books</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	September 24– <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> by Geoffrey Chaucer. AKA: <i>No Fear</i> by Spark Notes LLC
<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.	September 9– <i>A River Runs Through It</i> by Norman Maclean
<b>Parkinson's Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4 p.m.	September 3– Topic: Probate & Planning.
<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.	Attention all writers (amateur to professional), if you enjoy writing poems, storytelling, fiction or short stories come join us and share your work with fellow writers. New members welcome!
<b>Single Mingle Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at The Depot	Various events scheduled monthly. Stop by the center to pick up a listing of events. 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.	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.

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

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.

## Staying informed about city projects

Applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's website. If you'd like to stay informed, visit "MyMinnetonka" at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) — click on "MyMinnetonka" under "Top Picks." Through MyMinnetonka, you can learn about new projects in the city; provide online feedback on projects during their approval process, and receive email updates on projects. Planning commission meeting agendas are posted by the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for information.

## Minnetonka not a state aid recipient

Ylately about state aid to cities, or Local Government Aid (LGA), affecting some cities' proposed property tax levies for 2014. State LGA is distributed using a complex formula that compares a city's spending needs with its ability to raise revenue. After several years of cuts to the appropriation, the 2013 Legislature enacted the first significant reforms to the state LGA program since 2003. The Legislature also increased the appropriation for city aid payments. As a result, some cities that have not received LGA will now be recipients in 2014, while others may see increased LGA money. However, Minnetonka won't be an LGA recipient in 2014.

City staff and the Minnetonka City Council work diligently throughout the budget process to ensure that city property taxes increases remain reasonable while continuing to provide for the excellent services residents and businesses expect.

The budget process began in late August at a Minnetonka City Council meeting, and will culminate in December when the final 2014 budget and property tax levy is approved by the council. Throughout the process, citizen feedback is encouraged and welcome. Please be sure to watch upcoming editions of the *Minnetonka Memo* for details of the proposed 2014 budget and levy, and for information on how you can comment on the process.