

## Fire Department and City Open House is October 8

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

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

### Plan your evening of activities:

- Take a tour of the Minnetonka Police Department's jail and visit with members of the city's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. *(Police Department)*
- Get moving with activities sponsored by Recreation Services. *(Community Center lower level)*
- View this year's photo contest entries and vote for your favorite. *(Community Center lower level)*
- Ride in a fire truck, ages 4 and over. *(5–7:30 p.m., Fire Station)* Please note: Due to large volumes of traffic expected for the fireworks, fire truck rides will end this year at 7:30 p.m.
- Sit inside heavy equipment from the public works department and enjoy a treat. *(Community Center south entrance)*
- Enjoy musical entertainment. *(Community Center, upper level)*
- Visit the House of Germs and learn how to stay healthy. *(Community Center)*
- Browse displays from city departments and boards and commissions; as well as community organizations. *(Community Center lower level)*
- See woodcarving demonstrations. *(Community Center upper level)*



- Snack on all-beef hot dogs and pop *(5–7:30 p.m., Fire Station)* and cookies, popcorn, and lemonade. *(5–7:30 p.m., Community Center upper level)*
- Fireworks at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus. In case of inclement weather, call (952) 939-TELL (8355) for fireworks status. Fire truck rides will end at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate traffic expected for the fireworks display. Note: Fireworks were rescheduled to this event after being rained out at Summer Festival in June.

### A word about parking

With the addition of the fireworks show, large crowds are expected at this year's Open House event. Please help by carpooling with friends and planning extra time for parking when you arrive at the event. Police staff will be on hand to direct traffic. We hope to see you at Open House!

## Election Day is November 5

**V** the Tuesday, November 5, general election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. This year's general election ballot includes the following candidates for city of Minnetonka offices:

### Minnetonka Mayor

- Terry Schneider
- Grace Sheely

### Minnetonka Council Member At-Large Seat A

- Dick Allendorf
- Angela Griffin

### Minnetonka Council Member At-Large Seat B

- Patty Acomb
- Brian Grogan

### School board

The Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata school districts will have school board members on the ballot, and Hopkins School District voters will see two ballot questions.

### Absentee voting

Absentee ballots for the general election have been available since September 20. Voters who can't make it to the polls on Election Day may vote absentee the following ways:

- **In person.** Vote absentee in person at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended absentee voting hours will be available Saturday, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, November 4, until 5 p.m.
- **By mail.** Request an absentee ballot application by fax (952-939-8244) or phone (952-939-8200) or download the application at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Once your completed application

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# Flashpoints

## From the Minnetonka Fire Department



**I**s the temperature at which combustible materials can burst into flame. The flashpoints in this quarterly feature, however, are not so volatile — rather, they are the initiatives and events that serve as the catalyst for the excellent service provided every day by the Minnetonka Fire Department to city residents and businesses. For more information about any of these items, call the fire department at (952) 939-8598.

### Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 6 – 13, and this year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." Help keep yourself and your loved ones safe with these tips from the public educators at the Minnetonka Fire Department. We look forward to seeing you at the Fire Department and City Open House October 8, from 5 – 7:30 p.m., with fireworks at 8 p.m.!

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, stay at home and use a timer to remind you to check on the food.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible and keep handles turned in. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels and anything else that can burn away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.
- Establish and practice a family escape plan, using a family meeting place.
- Have working smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom.
- Make sure everyone can locate a phone and call 9-1-1.
- Know two ways out of each room in your home.

- Don't ever go back into a burning building. That's the firefighter's job.
- Buy an extinguisher and learn how to use it.
- Make sure house numbers are clearly visible from the street, day or night.
- Keep your fire hydrant clear all year of landscaping, vegetation, snow, etc.

### Fire response

In rough August 2013, the fire department responded to 1,178 calls for service, compared to 1,043 calls for the same period last year. The three-person duty crew handles most of the calls, while about 35 paid-on-call members report for every structure fire.

### Survey cards

As part of the fire department's ongoing efforts to provide excellent customer service, department members are handing out survey cards on every call. These yellow, postage-paid cards have three simple "rate-the-service" questions and room for comments. The information from these cards is used to help ensure residents were satisfied with the service provided and to help identify any outstanding individuals or crews.

### Recreational fires

As a reminder, all recreational fires (campfires) within the city of Minnetonka require a burning permit from the city, available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Once issued, the permit does not have to be renewed annually, but may be rescinded

or cancelled by the Minnetonka Fire Department at any time.

Please be considerate of your neighbors! Be aware of where the smoke from your fire is going, such as smoke traveling onto an adjoining property with residents who may have respiratory problems. The person signing the application is responsible for conducting, controlling and extinguishing the recreational fire. The burning permit is valid only for the property for which it was issued.

### Make your October safe

October is the month for spooky fun! Minnetonka Fire's "What if?" public educators offer these ideas to keep Halloween safe for you, your kids and their friends.

- Buy only flame-retardant costumes and masks. While inexpensive, homemade costumes (such as using a bedsheet to make a ghost) can be very flammable.
- Ensure that costumes fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Masks should allow full vision.
- Try battery-operated candles inside carved pumpkins as a safe alternative to traditional candles.
- Kids who are trick-or-treating door-to-door should wear something reflective, carry a flashlight and travel in groups.



## Open to Business program can help you

**A** great idea for a business but would like an experienced business expert to help you work through the countless details of getting started? Are you a small business owner who needs help taking your business to the next level?

The Minnetonka Open to Business program, a collaboration between the city and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), is ready

to help. The program provides one-on-one assistance customized to meet the needs of small business owners and operators. Clients receive help in planning and organizing their business ventures, financial management, marketing and regulatory compliance. Additionally, a small business loan fund can help entrepreneurs access the capital they need to grow their business.

For more information contact Rob Smolund, MCCD, (612) 789-7337 ext. 11.

## MAM celebrates 40 years with concerts

**T** Minnetonka (MAM) is proud to announce the beginning of its 40th anniversary season. Founded in 1974 by Roger Satrang Hoel in partnership with the city of Minnetonka, MAM is one of the largest community music associations in the country. It's mission is to provide musical opportunities that expand the performer's creative, artistic and recreational goals while enriching the lives of audiences in Minnetonka and the greater metro area.

MAM includes three orchestras, a concert band and seven choirs with 300 musicians from 37 communities presenting more than 60 free concerts each year. Music lovers ages 8 to 80-plus of all skill levels learn and perform with others of similar talents, led by highly qualified music directors.

MAM has openings in all ensembles and welcomes all interested musicians to consider participating. While some ensembles require auditions, many do not. For more information, visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org) or call (952) 401-5954. Rehearsals began in early September.

### Upcoming concerts

#### Open House

October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Choral Reflections performs at the Minnetonka Open House (see page 1)

#### Spooktacular

The Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra presents its "Spooktacular" performance twice in October. Audience members of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend these concerts in costume. The orchestra will be in costume as well.

October 20, 3 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center

October 27, 3 p.m.

MN Landscape Arboretum  
3674 Arboretum Dr., Chanhassen

#### Gala

November 8

The Music Association of Minnetonka celebrates its 40th season with a gala event Friday, November 8, 6 – 10 p.m., at International Market Square, 275 Market St., Minneapolis. For ticket information, call (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org)

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is received, a ballot will be mailed to you. Be sure to allow sufficient time for postal delivery since ballots must be received by the city by Election Day in order to count.

### Registering to vote

If you have moved, or changed your name or address since the last election, you will need to register. Pre-registration is available until October 15. Registration forms are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), by calling (952) 939-8200 or by stopping into Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Pre-registering will save you a great deal of time when you vote at the polls. If you have not registered by the October 15 deadline, check [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the types of ID the law allows for Election Day registration or call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200.

### Polling places

Two of the city's polling places have changed since last year's elections. Redeemer Bible Church, 16031 Woodland Curve, had long been used as a polling place and was big enough to host two city precincts. The building was not available for the 2013 elections because it was under construction. Now that remodeling is complete, the building is once again being used as a polling place.

**Voters in Ward 4 Precinct D** who voted in 2012 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard, will now vote at Redeemer Bible Church, 16031 Woodland Curve.

**Voters in Ward 4 Precinct E** who voted in 2012 at the Glen Lake Activity Center will now vote at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard.

Voters in these two precincts received postcards in July notifying them of the changes.

A map of the city's 23 polling places is available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Please take a few minutes to ensure you go to the correct polling place on Election Day.

### New technology

This fall, voters will use a new vote tabulator machine when casting ballots at all Hennepin County voting locations, including Minnetonka. The basic voting process will remain the same, with voters completing a paper ballot and inserting it into the vote tabulator. However, the advanced optical scan vote tabulator with improved features will enhance the voting process by providing voters and election judges with better messages if the voter has made an error in marking the ballot. Also, the new technology is more accurate in differentiating between an actual vote and a stray mark.

Voters in some Minnetonka precincts will also notice laptops and tablets in use for the check-in and Election Day registration process, which is part of an electronic roster pilot project. Minnetonka was one of five cities chosen by the state legislature to take part in this pilot project. Other cities are Dilworth, Moorhead, St. Anthony and St. Paul. The Secretary of State's office will report back to the legislature on the results of the pilot project.

For more information about the new voting equipment or the electronic roster pilot project, contact David Maeda, city clerk, at (952) 939-8200.

### Election results

Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a link to the election results page of the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## Burwell holiday open house is December 1

**V** Holiday Open House at the Burwell House Sunday, December 1, from 1 – 4 p.m., presented by the Minnetonka Historical Society.

Visitors may take a self-guided tour to view typical Victorian holiday decorations in the home. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event. Limited parking, including handicapped spaces, is available close to the house with additional parking at St. David's Family Resource Center across Plymouth Road.

Volunteers are needed the morning of Saturday, November 16, to trim the house! Call (952) 938-3758 if you would like to help, or if you have appropriate Victorian-style trimmings you might wish to donate or lend for this event.

The Minnetonka Historical Society offers memberships to the public and appreciates donations to promote the preservation of Minnetonka's historical artifacts and stories.

The Burwell House, located at 13209 E. McGinty Road, is owned and maintained by the city of Minnetonka.

# City Council adopts 2014 preliminary

The City Council adopted a preliminary 2.87 percent increase in the city property tax, below the 3 percent levy cap imposed by the state legislature for 2014. The modest increase — along with savings from reinstatement of a sales tax exemption for most city purchases starting in 2014 — will finance the city's emerald ash borer (EAB) action plan, ensure appropriate maintenance of the city's gateways and streetscapes and enact management and spending changes to accommodate the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). With this proposed levy, city taxes on the average home in Minnetonka will likely decrease slightly in 2014, because home values were still decreasing last year while commercial property values remained steady.

## Impact of state legislation, sales tax exemption

Unlike most cities in the state and a number of comparable cities, the city of **Minnetonka does not qualify for the generous Local Government Aid (LGA) increases** adopted by the state legislature during its 2013 session. Nonetheless, reinstatement of a state sales tax exemption for most local government purchases starting in 2014 will be instrumental in absorbing new costs next year.

The city will now be exempt from paying the approximate \$485,000 it paid in state sales tax in 2012. Two-thirds of the savings next year will affect the city's property tax levy. The other third is associated with various fees, including the city-run water and sewer operation. City enterprises that compete with private businesses, such as the Williston Fitness Center and the city's marina, will continue to pay sales taxes.

## 2014 city budget

**EAB Action Plan.** Like many other metro cities, Minnetonka has adopted an action plan for managing the imminent arrival of the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) and its inevitable devastation of Minnetonka's ash trees. The 2014 proposed budget includes funding for the first phase of the action plan, slated to start before the EAB is found in Minnetonka.

The first phase includes the use of chemical treatment to protect the health of high-value, city-owned ash trees; removal of ash trees and replacement with other tree species in city parks and outlots; and thoughtful and cautious citation for removal of damaged or unhealthy ash trees in street rights-of-way. On the last point, because such trees in Minnetonka are owned by the adjacent landowners, the city will continue the current 50/50 cost sharing

program with those property owners.

**Roadway maintenance.** The 2014 budget includes funding for a seasonal work crew to maintain streetscapes and planted medians on various roadways, rights-of-way and gateways such as Shady Oak Road and County Road 101.

**Workforce & Affordable Care Act expenses.** Because the city is primarily a service business, workforce-related legislation has a significant effect on both the city's work and its finances.

The state legislature adopted additional plans for shoring up unfunded liabilities in the statewide public safety employee pension fund, requiring additional contributions in 2014 and 2015 by both the city and its employees.

Of even greater significance, new requirements of insurance carriers imposed by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) will cause health care premium increases and affect the city's contribution to employee plans. Although some provisions of the ACA were delayed until 2015, the city has evaluated workforce plans across city programs and adjusted standing structures on a case-by-case basis to accommodate the likely requirements of the act, to better serve customers and

## Yellow Ribbon action plan okayed

The Yellow Ribbon coalition, which includes Minnetonka, Hopkins, Eden Prairie and Edina, was notified recently that its action plan has been approved by Minnesota's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Action Plan Review Board, clearing the way for designation as official Yellow Ribbon cities. A proclamation ceremony event is being planned for Saturday, October 12, at 4 p.m. at Downtown Park in Hopkins, 40 Ninth Avenue South, Hopkins.

Volunteer assistance from the community is still needed for this effort, both for the October 12 event and as cities become active Beyond the Yellow Ribbon communities. For more information about the October 12 event or about volunteering, please visit [www.sw-btyr.org](http://www.sw-btyr.org)

## Sign up now for fall kids' recreation classes

Are you looking 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 classes are held at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka.

### Science Explorers

#### Fall Into Science

Oct. 9, 23, 30 & Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Learn how nature responds to autumn changes through migration, hibernation and adaptation. Ages 3.5 – 6 yrs. Cost: \$55. Course #29994

### Kidcreate Studio

#### Nursery Rhyme Time Art Class

Wednesdays, Oct. 9–30, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Young artists can't wait to rhyme and paint with KidCreate! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Ages 18 mos – 6 yrs. Cost: \$54. Course #29974

#### Halloween Craft Parties

October 17, 1–4 p.m.  
Create a spooky graveyard scene with tons of "sweet" art supplies including candy corn. Please pack a peanut- and tree-nut-free snack and drink for your child. Ages 4–9 yrs. Cost: \$30. Course #29979

October 31, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
Park your broom at the door and create something spooktacular. Get messy with paint and clay to make a black cat, ghost, or jack o' lantern. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Ages 18 mos – 6 yrs. Cost: \$15. Course #29975

# property tax levy below state limit

to accomplish city program goals. More changes are likely as new administrative rules on the ACA are released by the federal government.

### 2014 Levy

The 2014 adopted preliminary city tax increase of 2.87 percent is held beneath the 3 percent levy cap imposed by the state legislature largely as a result of the savings from the new state sales tax exemption. The budget for many non-personnel operating costs is held to 2013 levels.

### HRA Levy

Acting as the Economic Development Authority, the city council adopted no change in the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy for 2014 and it will remain at \$175,000.

### Homeowner impacts

With the proposed levy increase of 2.87 percent, city property taxes for the median valued home in Minnetonka (\$273,200 in 2013) are estimated to decrease slightly. The reasons for the decline are as complex as the state's property tax system, but it's primarily due to a shift next year in the city property tax burden away from residential

properties to commercial properties, which is associated with a decline in the median value of homes last year. Current changes in the sale prices of homes do not affect values for taxes payable in 2014.

### Summary

Responsible long-term financial planning has continued to position the city of Minnetonka to accommodate the ongoing but slow economic recovery, as well as federal and state political changes. The preliminary city tax levy will be limited to an increase of only 2.87 percent for 2014. This increase is around the middle of comparable cities. It ensures the city's position of fiscal responsibility, preserves its standards of excellence and encourages

innovative and creative thinking.

As always, the city of Minnetonka will continue to provide the excellent services residents and businesses have come to expect, and at a reasonable price, both in 2014 and well into the future.

### Feedback encouraged

The city always encourages feedback. Comment at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com); contact Finance Director Merrill King at [mking@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mking@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8200; or attend a public hearing Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. The city wants to hear from you!

### 2014 Levy

Property taxes (thousands)	2013	2014
Operating & Capital Levies	\$29,926	\$30,825
Park Bond Referendum	\$1,064	\$1,054
<b>Total City Levy</b>	<b>\$30,990</b>	<b>\$31,879</b>
EDA HRA Levy	\$175	\$175

← 2.87% increase

## Choosing the best way to dispose of leaves

**N** rid of your leaves? Fortunately, there's more than one option, depending on what works best for you.

**Mulching leaves** into the lawn with a mower is often the easiest way, unless leaves are extremely thick or wet. Start with a sharp mower blade and make multiple passes as needed until the pieces are small enough to disappear into the grass. Leaf pieces will decompose through winter and spring, adding nutrients to your lawn.

**Using a curbside yard waste collection service** is the most convenient if you prefer to bag your leaves. Call your waste collection service for details or to arrange for curbside pickup. You may also bring leaves to the city leaf drop-off (page 7).

**Composting bins** may not be practical for large yards with lots of leaves but you can still compost some leaves to use in the

garden or other areas next year. Or, spread leaves thinly across wooded areas on your property to decompose. Avoid leaving piles of leaves, as they can smother existing woodland plants and encourage weeds. Note: *don't spread or pile leaves or other yard wastes on public lands (including city property) or within or adjacent to wetlands, lakes, or creeks or any area that may drain to these water resources.*

Burning leaves or other yard wastes or debris is **not an option**. It's **not legal**, safe, or considerate. Neither is blowing leaves into the street. Consider one of the legal options above that puts the nutrients from leaves back into the soil where they can feed other plants, rather than into the air or water, or where they can cause a nuisance. Who knows, those leaves may supply the nutrients to feed another tree!

## Last buckthorn workshop is Oct. 10

**A** ursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Minnehaha Room at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. Registration is required: online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 988-8400.

## Sign up now for rec basketball

**S** player adult basketball leagues through recreation services. Youth basketball starts in December; adult basketball starts in late October. Call (952) 939-8203 for information or registration. More information is available in the fall recreation services brochure, or in the September *Minnetonka Memo*.

## Dispose of yard waste properly

**W** from creating habitat for wildlife to filtering and absorbing water runoff to adding nutrients to the surrounding soil.

While yard wastes contain nutrients that are beneficial to lawns, gardens and planting beds, those same nutrients become a problem when placed in or near wetlands (or any water resource). Dumping grass clippings, leaves, branches and other yard wastes into wetlands can impair the ability of wetlands to function properly. In addition to being unsightly and smelly as it decomposes, yard waste releases nutrients that provide a food source for algae and weeds, while also smothering existing beneficial wetland plants.

Proper disposal of yard waste is one of the easiest ways to protect water resources, so give yourself a pat on the back next time you carry your yard waste bag out to the curb, mulch some leaves into your lawn, or compost for reuse. Information about the city's fall leaf drop-off and brush drop-off is on page 7. A little effort can make all the difference in keeping wetlands functioning and waters clean.



*R. Fleming-Hayes, "Native Shoreline," 2012 Photo Contest*

## Take advantage of nature's free mulch

**W** than they did decades ago. Invasive species are becoming the norm in unmanaged woods; trees are lost to storms, disease and insect pests; and leaf litter is very thin due to the feeding of non-native earth worms. All these conditions contribute to erosion during heavy rains and drought stress when rain is scarce. Help reverse these trends by enjoying nature's free mulch — here's how.

### Natural mulch

Plant debris on the ground is nature's mulch, with great benefits. When dead wood of any size has soil contact, it helps retain soil moisture and reduce erosion. Dead logs provide habitat for small animals and a host of organisms that feed on one another. Decay fungi breaks wood down into crumbling pieces that resemble purchased mulch. Other small organisms break the wood down further into a peat-like texture. Decomposing wood and other plant parts release organic matter back into the soil.

### Log habitat

Logs on the ground provide habitat and egg-laying sites for frogs, toads, salamanders and reptiles, all of which eat mosquitoes. Rodents — food for owls, hawks and fox — use ground logs for shelter and nesting, too. Foresters call an old moist tree trunk on the ground a "nurse log," because as it breaks down it helps another tree grow in its place.

### Managing the mess

While the top of a fallen tree on the ground can look messy, it can also protect tree seedlings from early deer browse. However, too much brush, like buckthorn, non-native honeysuckle and storm damage, can clog woods and create an obstacle course and a safety hazard. Use these options for cleaning

up and recycling some wood on site:

- De-limb a tree trunk or two and lay it flat on the ground.
- Place a few trunks on a slope perpendicular to the downhill flow of water to slow velocity, increase infiltration and trap leaf litter and silt during heavy rain.
- Cut branches into sections, too, so they will lay flat on the ground. Soil contact retains moisture and allows for faster decomposition.
- Place logs and branch sections along a foot path to define a trail.
- Chip the finer brush on site and spread the chips evenly in the woods. This is easiest when plants are dormant and the ground is frozen.

### Wood debris dos and don'ts

- Spread wood mulch over bare soil, since that's where invasive species take root. Dig weeds out first.
- When removing buckthorn and non-native honeysuckles, treat the fresh-cut stumps and bag the berries (which contain seeds) and put them in the garbage.
- Don't create brush piles on your property — it's against city ordinance.
- Don't dump any plant debris on a city outlot, in a park or near a wetland.
- Use the city brush drop-off to dispose of material you can't use.
- Seek professional advice on proper disposal of a diseased elm or oak.

## Minnetonka Night for Neighbors has another successful year

**T** Neighbors had 175 registered events with 8,878 residents participating (6,075 adults and 2,807 children). Events were visited by HCMC Ambulance, Minnetonka Public Works, Minnetonka Fire and Police departments, Hennepin County Patrol and CenterPoint Energy.

103 events participated in the ICA food drive, donating 7,346 pounds of food. The Cedar Pass neighborhood was the individual winner, collecting 657 pounds of food.

Thank you to these sponsors for their support: Cub Foods Minnetonka,

Ridgedale Target, Minnetonka Super Target, Brunswick Bowling, Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America and Mathnasium in Minnetonka.

The 2014 Minnetonka Night for Neighbors event is set for August 5.

*At right: Cedar Pass neighbors donated 657 pounds of food for ICA. Pictured left to right: Nicole Nelson (Minnetonka Police Department station manager), Cedar Pass residents Leslie Orenstein and Sue Sadowsky, ICA representative Jayson Palm and Minnetonka Police Captain Scott Boerboom.*





## 2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# Fall leaf drop-off closes Nov. 23

### 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. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

**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!**

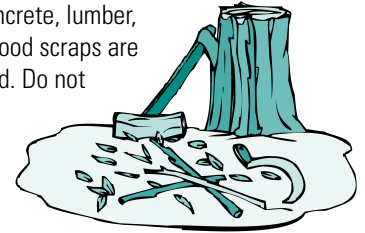
Information about composting and yard waste management is available from Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430. 

## 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.


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. 

### Compostable bags required for curbside yardwaste collection

Since 2011, state law has required that compostable bags be used for leaves, grass and yard waste set out for curbside collection.

Compostable bags may be either large brown paper bags or compostable plastic bags, both available in retail stores. Look for compostable plastic bags that state on the box they meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and that they are "compostable." Compostable plastic bags are usually clear or tinted an opaque shade of green, white or pink. "Biodegradable" or "degradable" and regular plastic bags don't meet state law requirements.

If your refuse hauler provides the option of yard waste carts, the materials inside the carts may be loose without bags. The city of Minnetonka leaf drop-off is a bag-free site.

For more information check with your refuse hauler or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Special events and programs

### 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 on-site for your convenience.

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

### Intro to Wine Making

**Wednesday, October 9, 1 p.m.**

Home wine maker Dewey Hassig will discuss what it takes to make wine at home; equipment needed, cost, time and space required and basic steps in winemaking.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, October 7.  
**Course #31509**

### Lunch and a Movie: “The Great Gatsby”

**Friday, October 11, 12 p.m.**

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as literary icon Jay Gatsby in this adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel. Fascinated by the mysterious, affluent Gatsby, his neighbor Nick Carraway bears witness to the man's obsessive love and spiral into tragedy.

**Menu:** Soup, sandwich & dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, October 9.  
**Course #31510**

### Community Connections

**Monday, October 14, 10:15 a.m.**

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services is offering community connections. October's topic is understanding Parkinson's disease. RSVP by Friday, October 11.

**Course #31511**

### Navigating Medicare

**Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 – 9 p.m.**

Thinking of getting ready to retire? Family

member or caregiver to someone who has Medicare coverages? Already have Medicare and just want to know more about it?

Topics covered include Medicare Parts A, B and D. The class is an educational opportunity and not a sales pitch; it is offered in cooperation with Senior Community Services (SCS), a non-profit agency. Anyone can attend.

**Cost:** \$10 due Monday, October 7.  
**Course #29598**

### Anniversary Party

**Thursday, October 17, 12 p.m.**

Celebrate with Minnetonka Senior Services on providing 33 years of senior programs, services, classes and trips. Enjoy a luncheon of baked lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, carrots and dessert. Entertainment provided by Tim Patrick, Sinatra singer.

**Cost:** \$7 due Tuesday, October 10.  
**Course #31508**

### Long Term Care Planning

**Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.**

This session will focus on how to pay for senior housing and unreimbursed medical expenses. Topics will include a review of types of senior housing, long term care insurance, veterans benefits, Medicaid benefits as well as a review of key legal documents every senior should have in place.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, October 21.  
**Course #31512**

### James Shaw Program

**Wednesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.**

Come enjoy the musical talents of pianist James Shaw.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, October 21.  
**Course #31513**

### Community Shred Event

**Friday, October 25, 1 – 3 p.m.**

A shredding truck from First Shred will be here for all your shredding needs. Take advantage of this great opportunity.

**Cost:** \$5 for up to five grocery bags, maximum of 10 bags. Payment is due at the shred event.

### Fall Prevention

**Monday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.**

Learn tips to prevent falls in the home and exercises to strengthen the appropriate muscles for fall prevention.

**Cost:** \$2 due Friday, October 25.  
**Course #31516**

### Medicare Advantage & Part D

**Wednesday, November 6, 10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy an unbiased educational presentation on topics including how and what the Medicare Advantage plan covers, comparison of various other plans, and their advantages and disadvantages. Part D topics include benefits, comparison of prescription coverage currently available from Medicare supplement or employer retiree plan versus Part D coverage and obtaining information about the plans that are available. The class is an educational opportunity and not a sales pitch; it is offered in cooperation with Senior Community Services (SCS), a non-profit agency.

**Cost:** \$5 due Monday, November 4.  
**Course #29599**

### Travelogue to Cuba

**Thursday, November 7, 1 p.m.**

Craig Wiester will share stories and photos from his travels in Cuba in 2011.

**Cost:** \$2 due Tuesday, November 5.  
**Course #31514**

### Lunch and a Movie: “42”

**Friday, November 8, 12 p.m.**

The life story of Jackie Robinson and his history-making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers under the guidance of team executive Branch Rickey.

**Menu:** Stuffed casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans & dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, November 6.  
**Course #31515**



## Classes

### Beginning & Intermediate Yoga Nancy Holasek

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

#### Chair-Supported Yoga ★★ 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., \$20

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

- Tuesday, October 1–22 \$20  
(Course #29563)
- Thursday, October 3–24 \$20  
(Course #29565)

#### 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, October 1–22 \$20  
(Course #29566)
- Thursday, October 3–24 \$20  
(Course #29568)

### Evening Yoga Nancy Holasek

**Wednesdays, October 2–23, \$20**  
Evening yoga classes have the same descriptions as the daytime classes.

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★  
(Course #29564)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★  
(Course #29567)

### Line Dance Eileen Ronning

**Thursday, October 31 – December 5  
(No class 11/28), \$25**

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 #29607)

- Intermediate ★★★, 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  
(Course #29608)

### Tai Chi ★★★ Ron Erdman-Luntz

**Thursdays, 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.

- October 31 – December 12 *No class 11/28* (Course #29604)

### Tai Chi Chih Monica Campbell

**Mondays, November 18 – December 16,  
\$24**

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 #29596)  
10–11 a.m.
- Intermediate ★★★ (Course #29597)  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### 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

- November 4 – December 16  
(Course #29588)

#### Wednesdays

- November 6 – December 11  
(Course #29589)

### British History Terry Kubista

**Thursdays, October 3–24, 1–3 p.m.**

The Norman Conquest will be the discussion topic for October's class.

- \$25 (Course #29583)

### 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)

### Watercolor Workshop Gin Weidenfeller

**Wednesdays, October 16, 1–4 p.m.**

Painterly is a style of painting. The focus is on the paint; color is rich and sensuous, brush strokes are free and expressive, edges are loose and blended depicting mass and volume with little detail. Have fun exploring this style to paint the autumn landscape, nature subject or an imaginary vignette. View examples of major art works depicting this style for inspiration. Please bring your own watercolor supplies.

- \$25 (Course #29634)

### Perspective & Shading Gin Weidenfeller

**Wednesdays, October 23–November 6,  
1–2:45 p.m.**

Learn and apply 3D methods to create depth and dimension in your drawings and paintings. Apply aerial, one and two point perspective to depict landscapes, architecture and nature objects. Explore shading and value contrast to capture volume and form. Experiment using a variety of drawing tools, water-soluble pencils and/or watercolor paints. Be inspired with examples of major art works illustrating perspective and modeling. Students who have watercolor supplies, please bring them. All drawing materials are furnished for classroom use.

- \$60 (Course #29633)

# Classes Continued & Trips

## Life Saving Training with Minnetonka Fire fighters

**Tuesday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.**

A simple, easy-to-learn action has the power to save lives, perhaps that of your spouse or friend. The Minnetonka Fire department presents a free life-saving bystander CPR/AED class, which teaches CPR skills and AED use to greatly increase rates of survival for cardiac arrest victims. Leave the class with both knowledge and a wallet reminder card of the steps to take in an emergency.



• **Free** (Course #29600)

## 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

## St. Paul Hotel★★

**Wednesday, December 18**

Enjoy a three-course meal in the famous Promenade Ballroom at the St. Paul Hotel. Revel in a three-course meal while taking in a play, "It's a Wonderful Life — A Live Radio Show."

### Course #3

- **Cost:** \$80 includes lunch, show, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 12:45 p.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 5 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, November 8

## Extended trips

For a further information and 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.

## Washington DC and Williamsburg (October 15 – 25)

Cost: \$1,599 per person, double occupancy.

## Branson Christmas (November 5 – 9)

Cost: \$755 per person, double occupancy.

## Branson Holiday (November 14 – 18)

Cost: \$755 per person, double occupancy.

## Chicago Christmas (November 29 – December 2)

Cost: \$675 per person, double occupancy.

## Christmas in New York City (December 6 – 14)

Cost: \$1,575 per person, double occupancy.

## 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)

- Tuesday, October 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Evening course (four-hour renewal)

- Thursday, October 24, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

## Community Dance

Come move your feet to the sounds of the Chris Kalogerson Orchestra at the annual community ballroom dance, Friday, October 11, 6:15 – 10 p.m. Free dance lesson will be provided from 6:15 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$13 per person and pre-registration is required. Cost will be \$15 at the door.

To register for this event, please call (952) 988-4070 or visit [www.hopkinsschools.org](http://www.hopkinsschools.org)

The community dances are brought to you by the partnership of Hopkins Community Education, Minnetonka Community Education, Hopkins Activity Center and Minnetonka Senior Services.



## 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 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

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### Senior & General Programs Manager

**Nicole Gorman**

(952) 939-8369

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### Secretary

**Kathy Kline**

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[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, October 1, 4 p.m.**

### Bird Club

**Friday, October 4, 10 a.m.**

Featured Speaker: Carrol Henderson

Topic: Bird study in Cuba.

### Community Garden Club

**Monday, October 14, 1 p.m.**

Topic: All about pumpkins.

### Nature, Novels & Non-fiction

**Monday, October 14, 2 p.m.**

*Born to Run: a Hidden Tribe, Superathletes,*

*and the Greatest Race the World has Never*

*Seen* by Christopher McDougall

### Book Club

**Thursday, October 17, 1 p.m.**

*State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

### Great Books

**Tuesday, October 22, 7:15 p.m.**

*The Haunting of Hill House* by

Shirley Jackson

## Services

### Over 50 & 60

**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 – 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. – 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 address 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.

- **October 14, 1 p.m.: Adopt A Highway.** Supplies provided. Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center.

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

### Senior Community Services

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

- **CareNextion**  
Free, easy-to-use online tool and complimentary phone service for caregivers and their families. For more information visit [www.carenexion.org](http://www.carenexion.org) or call (612) 770-7005.
- **Senior outreach**  
Available by appointment on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Contact Marian Danielson at (952) 939-8393 or [m.danielson@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:m.danielson@seniorcommunity.org)
- **Health insurance counseling**  
Available by appointment on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.
- **H.O.M.E.**  
Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (H.O.M.E.) is available for Minnetonka residents 60+. For more information call (952) 939-8363.

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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.	October 4–Carol Henderson, DNR Supervisor of non-game wildlife. Topic: Bird study in Cuba.
<b>Book Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	October 17– <i>State of Wonder</i> by Ann Patchett
<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: All about pumpkins. New members welcome!
<b>Great Books</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	October 22– <i>The Haunting of Hill House</i> by Shirley Jackson.
<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.	October 14– <i>Born to Run: a Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World has Never Seen</i> by Christopher McDougall
<b>Parkinson's Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4 p.m.	October 1– Topic: TBD
<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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## Calendar

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
		1	2	3	4	5	1 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2 Park Board, 7 p.m. 17 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	7 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. 24 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; City Open House, 5–7:30 p.m.; Fireworks, 8 p.m. (see page 1) 28 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
27	28	29	29	30	31		10 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 29 Joint Study Session of the Minnetonka and Hopkins City Councils, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change — please check [www.eminnetonka.com](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.

## Fall Fun Fest is October 20

**E** Sunday, October 20, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Amphitheater. Activities include musical entertainment by Kidpower with Rachael, storytellers, hayrides, face painting, pumpkin painting, hot apple cider by the fire, games, treats and more! Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Registration is required for this event. All pre-registered participants will receive a treat bag. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are **free!** In case of rain, the event will be moved into the Community Center. 1 – 10 year olds, \$8 per child. Call (952) 939-8203 to register.

## Apply for home repair, home buyer loans

**D** windows before the snow flies? Are you trying to purchase your first home and need help with a down payment or closing costs? The city might be able to help you with home repair and first-time home buyer loans through its Minnetonka Home Enhancement and Welcome to Minnetonka programs.

- **Minnetonka Home Enhancement:** Up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements and some additions. Household income limits apply. 1% interest rate.

- **Welcome to Minnetonka:** Up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time homebuyers. Household income limits apply. 1% interest rate.

The city is taking pre-applications for the Minnetonka Home Enhancement and the Welcome to Minnetonka programs. Pre-applications and program guidelines are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or by calling (952) 939-8285.