

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
November 2013

## Time to vote: General election is Tuesday, November 5

The general election is Tuesday, November 5. Read on for the answers most frequently asked by voters. For more specific or current information, call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### On the ballot

The ballot will include the mayor and two at-large council member seats. Ward positions are not up for election this year. Candidates are:

- **Mayor:** Terry Schneider and Grace Sheely
- **Council Member At Large Seat A:** Dick Allendorf and Angela Griffin
- **Council Member At Large Seat B:** Patty Acomb and Brian Grogan

In addition, each of the three school districts that serve Minnetonka residents will have items on the ballot, as follows:

- **Hopkins School District:** three school board seats and two ballot questions
- **Minnetonka School District:** three school board seats
- **Wayzata School District:** three school board seats

Sample ballots are available at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). A link to this page can be found at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### When and where to vote

Polling places will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, and remain open until 8 p.m. If you are in line at 8 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.

To find your specific polling place, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). A link can also be found at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

Voters may only vote in person at their assigned polling place. Be sure to know your correct polling place — it will save you time.

### Registering to vote on Election Day

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. You will need to register if you have never registered to vote; if you have changed your name

or address (including just moving to another apartment in the same building) since you last voted; or if you have not voted in four years.

### ID for voter registration

Minnesota state law requires specific forms of identification to register at the polling place. For more information about these forms, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### About voting absentee

Absentee voting is available if you cannot get to the polling place on Election Day due to absence from the precinct; illness or disability; religious observance; or service as an election judge in another precinct.

### How to vote absentee

Two options are available for voting absentee:

- **In person** at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended voting hours are available Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 4, until 5 p.m.

- **By mail** by requesting an absentee ballot application at (952) 939-8200. Applications may also be downloaded from the election section at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Upon receipt of your completed application, a ballot will be mailed. Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal delivery.

### Election results

Where will election results be available? Results will be available at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), and a link to these results will also be available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## 2013 Photo Contest winners announced

Ninety entries were received for this year's city of Minnetonka photo contest, held in conjunction with the October Fire Department and City Open House. This year's judges were Minnetonka Senior Advisory Boardmembers Dave Carroll and Fran Dranginis, and HOME (Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly) Program Coordinator Alyssa Kriesel.

See page 2 for more photo contest winners.



Second Place: Sonia Beccaria, "Ferry Turtles at Wing Lake 2"



First Place: Junnell Lonergan, "Fire in the Sky"



Third Place: Kristine Cooley, "Three Amigos"

# 2013 Minnetonka Photo Contest winners announced, continued

Judges' Choice Awards were selected in each of the three categories: Lifestyle, Wild and Natural Minnetonka.

The People's Choice Award winner, as chosen by visitors to the October 8 Fire Department and City Open House, was Paul Stearns, *"Hummingbird Feeding at Salvia."* This photo also received an Honorable Mention award from the judges.

An additional five honorable mentions were awarded:

- Georgette Christensen, *"Cardinal in Winter"*
- Mary Jean Gorton, *"Got Texture"*
- Mary Johnstone, *"Ready for Winter"*
- Jeffrey Wilk, *"Working Hands"*
- Briana Wilson, *"Best Friends Forever"*

All of the winning photos are displayed at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Winners were recognized at the October 28 meeting of the Minnetonka City Council. Thank you to everyone who entered this year's contest! ~



Judges' Choice — Lifestyle Minnetonka:  
Jason Bever, *"Sunsh Kiss"*



Judges' Choice — Wild Minnetonka:  
Dale Antonson  
*"Sunbathing Snapping Turtle"*



Honorable Mention:  
Mary Jean Gorton  
*"Got Texture"*



People's Choice/Honorable Mention:  
Paul Stearns,  
*"Hummingbird Feeding at Salvia"*



Judges' Choice — Natural Minnetonka:  
Christopher Geller, *"Spooky Trees"*



Honorable Mention:  
Georgette Christensen  
*"Cardinal in Winter"*



Honorable Mention:  
Briana Wilson  
*"Best Friends Forever"*



## An update on shade tree disease control

From June through September this year, the city's natural resources division staff issued more than 700 work orders to remove 800 diseased elm and oak trees within the city. Work orders require the property owner to remove a diseased tree in a set amount of time, and are issued by the city to private property owners, public agencies and businesses. The city also creates diseased tree work orders for its designated contractor to handle.

The city's shade tree disease control program is targeted at managing Dutch elm and oak wilt diseases and on early detection of emerald ash borer. With the cool spring, trees were slow to leaf out and show signs of Dutch elm disease, but at this point the annual numbers are looking very similar to previous years.

More than 300 of the diseased tree work orders have already been rechecked for compliance. Due to the summer

storms, some contractors had difficulty keeping up with scheduled diseased tree removals. Tree inspectors return to each site to ensure wood has been disposed of or handled correctly and leave a door hanger to let residents know they've met the city's ordinance requirements.

In November, the natural resources division will continue to recheck every site where diseased trees were given a work order and marked for removal.

Minnetonka's Natural Resources staff thanks residents who have already removed diseased trees this year, and also those who have treated their trees to prevent these diseases. Your diligence is appreciated, and since these tree diseases spread across many property lines, your role in helping protect Minnetonka's community forest is crucial. For more information about the program, call Emily Ball, city forester, at (952) 988-8400. ☺

## Reduce your (outdoor) salt use this winter

Since the early 1950s, metro area waters have become increasingly salty. Salt harms plants and animals, contaminates drinking water, damages buildings and corrodes vehicles, roads and bridges.

All that salt also gets into lakes, creeks and wetlands via storm drains, which carry water from any hard surface such as streets, parking lots or driveways to nearby water bodies. Use these strategies to help protect our waters and to prevent winter water pollution.

### Before the storm

Apply a liquid de-icer before snow storms to prevent snow and ice buildup and make shoveling more effective. Make your own liquid de-icer by mixing two cups of hot water with one cup of salt.

### Less is better

If leftover salt crystals are still visible after salt has been applied, you've used too much.

Sweep up the leftover salt and re-use it, or dispose of it in the trash.

### Shovel that snow

Shovel, snow blow, plow and/or sweep the snow. These are all effective in removing snow and minimizing ice buildup.

### Temperature matters

At low temperatures, salt becomes less effective, so check your product for details. When the temperature falls below 15 degrees Fahrenheit, consider using sand instead of salt for traction.

### Homeowner associations

If you live in a townhome, apartment or condominium, talk to your association about encouraging the snow removal contractor to reduce salt use. Remember to use salt only if needed — shovel first.

Information from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District: [www.ninemilecreek.org](http://www.ninemilecreek.org) ☺

## Sign up for the 2014 Citizen Academy

If you want to learn more about your city and get to know city staff, consider signing up to attend the 2014 Minnetonka Citizen Academy.

This free program takes place over six Tuesday sessions: January 28, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, and March 4, 6:30–9 p.m., at Minnetonka City Hall. Hear from the various city departments including police, fire, administration, community development, engineering, public works, recreation, legal and finance. This program hasn't been held since 2012, so don't miss your chance to participate!

Graduates of the program — those who attend four or more sessions — receive special city council recognition. To enroll, email Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8207. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Registration deadline is January 10. ☺

## Caring Youth Awards

If you know a young person in grades 7 through 12 who shows an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering or other activities, consider nominating him or her for a 2014 Caring Youth Award.

Each year the cities of Minnetonka, Hopkins and Golden Valley, the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts and the Glen Lake Optimists host a Caring Youth Recognition event to honor the contributions of caring young people. The 2014 event is set for Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

To qualify for the award, a Caring Youth must meet at least one of the following criteria: live in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley; attend school in Hopkins or Minnetonka; and/or volunteer (unpaid and not as a requirement for a class or co-curricular program) in Minnetonka, Hopkins, or Golden Valley.

Young people may only be nominated by the organization they are serving. For more information, including nominations guidelines and forms, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207. Nominations for the 2014 Caring Youth awards are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 3. ☺



Use salt only if needed...  
...shovel first

Help keep our  
waters clean.

## Ten tips to stay safe from fire in your home

In the United States from 2007 – 2011, an average of seven people died every day in a home fire, most of which could have been prevented. Sixty percent of these fires occurred in homes where there was either no smoke alarm or the existing alarm was not working.

Fortunately, home fires in Minnetonka are at an all-time low, and we want you to continue to be safe from fire. Stay safe with these ten tips from the National Fire Prevention Association:



- Be careful in the kitchen. Cooking is the leading cause of fires.
- Give space heaters space — at least 3 feet.
- Smoke outside and use ashtrays.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Inspect electrical cords and replace as needed.
- Be careful with candles.
- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it!
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and every level.
- Test smoke alarms at least once per month.
- Install sprinklers if building or remodeling.

For more information or to schedule a safety presentation for your group call the Minnetonka Fire Department public educators at (952) 939-8331. ☺

## MAM celebrates 40 years with gala event

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

## Preliminary property tax levy adopted

The 2014 adopted preliminary city tax increase of 2.87 percent, adopted by the city council in September, 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 non-personnel operating costs is largely held to 2013 levels.

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.

### 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.

### 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). The 2014 proposed budget includes funding for the first phase of the action plan, slated to start before EAB is found in Minnetonka.



Adult Emerald ash borer

- **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.

### 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 roughly estimated to decrease by less than one percent.

### 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. 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. ☺

## Special events and programs

### Medicare Advantage & Part D

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

Enjoy an unbiased educational presentation on 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**

### "You've Earned a Say"

*Wednesday, November 13, 10 a.m.*

"You've Earned a Say" is a national conversation committed to providing you with information about the proposals on the table in Washington, without the political jargon and spin. RSVP by Friday, November 8.

**Course #31807**

### Community Connections

*Monday, November 18, 10:15 a.m.*

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services is offering community connections. November's topic is coping with loss: how to get through the holidays. RSVP by Friday, November 15.

**Course #31808**

### Author Jan Dunlap Presents

*Monday, November 18, 1 p.m.*

Jan Dunlap, former Minnetonka resident and author of the Birder Murder Mystery series, shares a delightful look into the world of becoming (and succeeding as) an author. Learn some of her tricks of the trade for writing laugh-out-loud novels.

**Cost:** \$2 due Friday, November 15.

**Course #31809**

### National Memory Screening Day

*Tuesday, November 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

In partnership with Augustana Emerald Crest, there will be free, confidential memory screenings, as well as follow-up resources and educational materials to those concerned about memory loss.

National Memory Screening Day is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia and their caregivers. RSVP for an appointment time by Friday, November 15.

### Historical Travelogue

*Wednesday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.*

Presenter Dan Hartmann returns with a historical travelogue to the Battle of the Bulge in Europe. Dan is a military historian who has taught college and community education classes. A light lunch will be served following the presentation.

**Cost:** \$2 for presentation or \$6 for presentation & lunch, due Monday, November 18.

**Course #31810**

### Thanksgiving Party

*Thursday, November 21, 12 p.m.*

Enjoy a traditional meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries, dinner roll and pumpkin dessert. During your meal revel in the musical talents of Jim Berner. Thank you to Home Care Assistance for providing dessert.

**Cost:** \$7 due Thursday, November 14.

**Course #31815**

### Travelogue to Southeast Asia

*Monday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.*

Minnetonka resident Fred Leverenz will share his experiences of traveling to Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Cost:** \$2 due Friday, November 29.

**Course #31811**

### Stay Pain Free While Crafting

*Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.*

Do you ever notice pain that creeps up as you craft? Join us for a presentation on how to prevent these aches and pains so you can continue the hobbies and projects you love.

**Cost:** \$2 due Monday, December 2.

**Course #31812**

### Lunch and a Movie:

**"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"**

*Friday, December 6, 12 p.m.*

To make the most of their meager retirement savings, a group of British seniors moves to India to live out their golden years at the Marigold Hotel. But upon arrival, they discover the once-lavish resort has wilted considerably. **Menu:** Chicken chow mein, rice, egg roll & dessert.

**Cost:** \$5 due Wednesday, December 4.

**Course #31813**

### Gingerbread House Contest

*Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.*

Contestants will participate in teams to decorate pre-built gingerbread houses. Contest voting will take place at the holiday gala on Thursday, December 12.

**Cost:** \$2 due Thursday, December 5.

**Course #31814**



## 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.**

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

- Tuesday, November 5 – 26, \$20  
(Course #29569)
- Thursday, November 7 – 21, \$16  
(Course #29571)

### Intermediate Yoga Class ★★★

**11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

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, November 5 – 26, \$20  
(Course #29572)
- Thursday, November 7 – 21, \$16  
(Course #29574)

### Evening Yoga Nancy Holasek

**Wednesdays, November 6 – 27, \$20**

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

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★  
(Course #29570)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★  
(Course #29573)

### 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.

- Continuing 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, merengue, 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

**ursdays, November 7 – 21, 1 – 3 p.m.**

November's class will focus on the Knights Templar. Their magnificent courage and ferocious combat struck terror in their enemies. Their fabulous wealth made them the most powerful men in Europe. Yet their secret rites inspired rumors of hearsay—during the later Crusades, these sword-wielding monks were captured and burned at the stake. You may even speculate that remnants of this group survive today.

- \$20 (Course #29584)

### British History

#### Terry Kubista

**ursdays, December 5 – 19, 1 – 3 p.m.**

December's class will focus on the She Wolf Queen. Beginning with Matilda, a handful of extraordinary women decided they would wear England's crown. They were thwarted, betrayed, imprisoned and condemned until the day came when England had no choice but to name a female monarch. During the course we will look at the lives of seven British queens who challenged the male power of the system.

- \$20 (Course #29585)

### Life Saving Training with Minnetonka Firefighters

**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)

### 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, November 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Save the date...

Winter/spring registration begins Tuesday, December 3, for Minnetonka residents. See below for a listing of classes and trips.

### Classes

- Yoga (January–March)
- Line dance
- Tai Chi Chih
- Tai Chi for Health and Wellness
- Zumba Gold
- Art classes with Gin Weidenfeller
- Oil Painting
- British & Canadian History
- Navigating Medicare.

### Trips

- Landmark Center Tour
- Glass Blowing Tour
- Historic Centre Tour
- Tapestry & Angels Tour

# Trips

## Black Box eater ★

**Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m.**

*Crosswords* is an award-winning comedy written by local playwright Heidi FitzGerald. It is the bittersweet story of a lonely retired couple who go to creative extremes to entice their bored children back home for the holidays.

### Course #31816

- **Cost:** \$15 includes show. Transportation is on your own.
- **Registration deadline:** Tuesday, November 12

## 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 #31552

- **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.

### 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.

## Special interest group highlights

### Card Games Group

is fun group of people play Rummycube and Hand and Foot, alternating Mondays. Group meets Monday afternoons at 1 p.m. New members welcome.

### Chorale

Minnetonka Senior Chorale performs approximately 12-15 concerts from September through May at local retirement centers, church groups and senior centers. They rehearse Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.

The ensemble has no auditions, but the level of proficiency and the type of music the choir sings have set high standards for the choir. The music literature performed includes patriotic, folk and art songs, show tunes and religious compositions. New members welcome.

### Great Books

Looking for a monthly evening book club? New members are welcome to join the Great Books group. Group meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. is informal book group discusses various classic books.

### Pickleball

Use a plastic ball and a solid racket slightly larger than a Ping pong paddle to play on a half size tennis court. Play takes place indoors during the winter at the Williston Fitness Center. This is not a league. Rackets are provided for newcomers to test the game. Players who want to play on a regular basis will need to purchase a racket.

Free to Williston Fitness Center or Silver Sneakers members. Non-members pay \$4 per time.

#### Schedule:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 6:30–9 a.m.  
Tues.: 6:30–10 a.m. & Pickleball Drills: 1–3 p.m.  
Sat.: Pickleball Drills from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

### Single Mingle Club

The Single Mingle Club is a group of singles who gather for various monthly events. is group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Depot

in Hopkins, to brainstorm ideas for the next month's activities. Flyers promoting monthly activities can be found at the community center's flyer rack. For more information, or to sign up for an activity, contact Margie at 952-931-9470.

### Tale Spinners

Tale Spinners offers rapport and support for seniors interested in writing memoirs, fiction, short stories, poetry and more. Group meets every Tuesday from 1–3 p.m.

### e Landing Shop

Browse and buy handmade items crafted by Minnetonka residents 55 and older. Items available for sale include wooden toys, doll clothes and furniture, baby items, clothing, aprons, paintings, cards, books and much more.

The Landing Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Boulevard, at the northwest corner of I-394 and Hopkins Crossroad/Cty. Rd. 73 in Westridge Market. Shop is open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Interested in selling your handmade items at the shop? Shop consignors must be at least 55 years old and reside in Minnetonka. Consignors may volunteer at the shop. Questions, call Nicole at (952) 939-8369.



## 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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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.	November 1–Matt Schuth, Naturalist at Arboretum. Topic: Nests & Eggs.
<b>Book Club</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	November 21– <i>The Orchard</i> by Theresa Weir
<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: Business meeting. New members welcome!
<b>Great Books</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	November 26– <i>Ragtime</i> by E.L. Doctorow
<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.	November 18– <i>The Lost City of Z</i> by David Grann
<b>Parkinson's Support</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4 p.m.	November 5– Topic: Homecare Services.
<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.

## 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

[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.

### Bird Club

**Friday, November 1, 10 a.m.**

Featured Speaker: Matt Schuth

Topic: Nests & Eggs.

### Parkinson's Support Group

**Tuesday, November 5, 4 p.m.**

Topic: Home Care Services.

### Community Garden Club

**Monday, November 18, 1 p.m.**

Topic: Business Meeting.

### Nature, Novels & Non-fiction

**Monday, November 18, 2 p.m.**

*The Lost City of Z* by David Grann

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## 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/programs.

- **Pen Pal Program**—Seeking volunteer pen pals to write a series of four letters to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Scenic Heights Elementary.

**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.

 **2013 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

# Fall leaf drop-off closes Nov. 23

## Public Works Facility

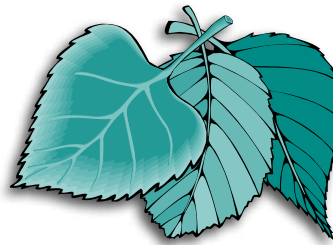
11522 Minnetonka Blvd., ¼ mi. west of Cty. Rd. 73  
Enter on the west side of the building (near the Big Willow ball fields)

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, including expanded November drop-off days on Fridays and Sundays. Brush will be accepted during all the days and times listed below.

- **Mondays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Nov. 4, 11, 18
- **Tuesdays:** 12 to 8 p.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19
- **Fridays:** 12 to 6 p.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23
- **Sundays:** 12 to 4 p.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17



**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!**

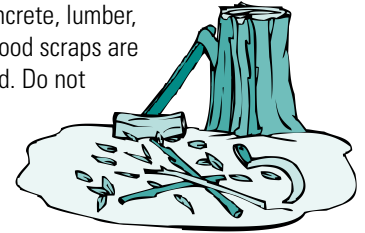
Information about composting and yard waste management is available from Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430.

# 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.

## Look for a 2014 recycling calendar in early December

In early December, Allied Waste will mail a 2014 recycling calendar to all Minnetonka homes. Be sure to look for the calendar and save it so you are aware of all your recycling collection days in 2014. The calendar lists holidays for 2014 along with information about how those holidays may affect recycling pickup, and a handy guide to what's recyclable and what's not.



*is is a sample of the 2014 recycling calendar. Calendar will be mailed to all Minnetonka homes in December.*



# Just for Kids: How animals survive the winter

Minnesota is a tough place for creatures to survive a harsh winter, but many have figured out unique ways to make it through this dark time of the year.

## Mammals



**Groundhogs** are Minnesota's longest hibernator. They enter their burrows in October with a lot of fat and they don't store any food to eat during the winter. While in hibernation, a groundhog breathes once every six minutes; the heart rate slows to four beats a minute;

and the body temperature drops to 38° F. By mid-March they leave their burrows having lost 40% of their fall weight.

**Chipmunks** make a burrow in the ground with a two-inch wide opening and stay in the burrow from late October to March. Chipmunks are sleepers, not true hibernators, and will get up and eat from the ten quarts of nuts, berries and seeds they've stored for the long winter.

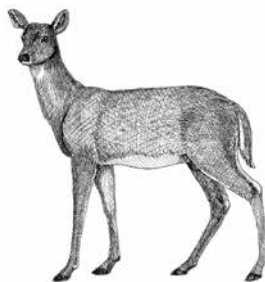
The burrow also has a nesting and a bathroom area.



**Raccoons** sleep for long periods of time in the hollow of a tree. However, raccoons are not true hibernators. If the temperature rises above 30° F, a raccoon will climb out of its home and hunt for food. In late winter, a male will leave its den and search for a mate living in a different tree hole.



**Deer** survive by eating roughly two pounds a day of tree buds. They rest in "deer beds" which are in protected wooded areas out of the wind. If there is deep snow, deer dig to find buds or get up on their hind legs to nip the buds off trees.



## Insects



The entire hive of **bald-faced hornets** dies when the temperature drops below 20° F. However, the queen leaves the hive in early fall and survives the winter under a log or in the ground. She lays

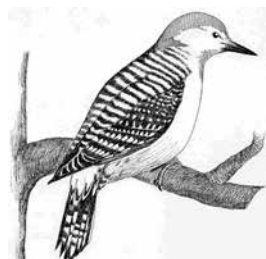
her first batch of worker eggs in her ground nest in the early spring. The workers hatch and begin making the nest for the summer colony.



**Monarch butterflies** are one of the earliest to leave Minnesota, starting their migration in late August. These amazing butterflies fly over 1,700 miles to the Sierra Madre Mountains in Central Mexico, then returning to Minnetonka in June.



## Birds



Not all northern birds migrate south for the winter. A few birds eliminate the dangers of migration and take their chances with the weather

and their ability to find food in the frozen northern climate.

Since food is at a premium in the winter, you can easily attract birds to your home by putting out a feeder. A covered feeding station with a suet feeder attached to it for **woodpeckers**, cardinals and blue jays and a thistle feeder for goldfinches are excellent choices.

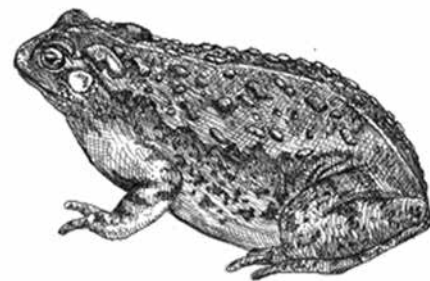
On cold winter nights, a **chickadee** will find a tight insulated place in the tree bark or a hollow.

It will puff out its feathers to conserve heat and then enter a state of hypothermia, lowering its body temperature about 20°F.



## Amphibians

**American toads** spend the winter in sandy soils one to two feet beneath the ground. They use their hind feet to dig. Some toads actually spend the winter in the window wells of homes, warmed by the heat from the house.



**Gray tree frogs** overwinter under leaves on the ground. Their body completely

freezes like an ice cube or "frog cube." The frog survives by filling major body organs with an "anti-freeze" substance.



## Learn more

To learn more about animals in winter visit [www.oldnaturalist.com/animal-homes-2/](http://www.oldnaturalist.com/animal-homes-2/)

Article submitted by *Larry Wade*, a local Minnetonka naturalist and educator. Illustrations by *Jeanette Dickinson* and *Amelia Ladd*. ♪

## Watch for deer on roads this time of year

Minnesota's a large deer population makes them safety hazards on the road all year but deer-vehicle crashes increase in early to mid-November when herds are most active. Here are some tips to stay safe.

- Drive at safe speeds and always be buckled up.
- Be especially cautious from 6 to 9 p.m. when deer are most active.
- It's safer to hit a deer than to swerve into oncoming traffic or to the side of the road and risk hitting another vehicle or roadside object. Apply brakes firmly, hold onto the steering wheel and bring the vehicle to a controlled stop. Move off to the side of the road as soon as possible to avoid being hit by oncoming traffic.
- Motorcyclists, avoid night and low-light riding periods. A rider's best response when encountering a deer is to use both brakes for maximum braking and then drive carefully around the animal at low speed if there is space. If a crash is imminent, keep eyes and head up to improve chances of keeping the bike up. Riders are encouraged to wear helmets and other high-visibility protective gear to prevent injury or death in a crash.
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.

- Deer are unpredictable. They stop in the middle of the road when crossing; cross and quickly re-cross back; and move toward an approaching vehicle. Blow horn to urge deer to leave the road. Stop if the deer stays on the road; don't try to go around it.
- It's illegal to take a deer without a permit. People who hit a deer or find a deer carcass must obtain a permit to tag the deer before it can be legally transported; all law enforcement officers can issue such a permit.
- If a deer is struck but not killed by a vehicle, keep a distance as deer may recover and move on. If a deer does not move on, or poses a public safety risk, call 9-1-1 to report the deer.



**Remember: if you see a deer that has just crossed the road, there may be another deer still in the brush about to cross.**

## Coloring contest winners announced

This year's Night for Neighbors coloring contest entries were once again judged by senior center participants, with the winners receiving a ride to school in a police vehicle driven by Police Chief Mark Raquet. This year's winners were Kate

Du, a first-grade student at Groveland Elementary School, and Ryan Holzer, a third-grade student at Scenic Heights Elementary School. Thanks to everyone who participated in the coloring contest!



*Coloring contest winner Kate Du y with Chief Raquet*



*Coloring contest winner Ryan Holzer with Chief Raquet*

## Pick up after pets

Did you know that pet waste left on lawns, sidewalks, and even in the woods can wash into lakes, creeks, and wetlands, carrying bacteria and nutrients with it that can promote the growth of weeds and algae and pollute waters?

If you don't pick up after Fido when you walk him or if you let him roam over the ice in winter, the waste will melt into the water in the spring. As pet waste decays, it consumes oxygen and may release compounds and microorganisms that can harm aquatic life.

Picking up after your pet protects our waters but it is also about being a good neighbor and a responsible pet owner. Please, pick up after your pet! 🐾

## Ice rink volunteers needed this winter

Since 2006, the city has used adult volunteers to expand the operating hours at city park warming house locations beyond regularly scheduled hours. Additional volunteers are needed for this season at Meadow, Covington, Spring Hill, Boulder Creek, Gro Tonka and McKenzie parks. The season is scheduled to start in mid-December and run through mid-February.

Volunteers are responsible for opening and securing their assigned building, operating the rink lighting, completing required forms and regularly communicating with the Recreation

Services Department. Volunteers are allowed to open their assigned warming house for extended use until 10 p.m. Days and times for volunteering are at the discretion of the volunteer. To be eligible, you must be at least 25 years of age.

If interested in volunteering, or for more information, please contact the Recreation Services office at (952) 939-8203, or email Dave Johnson at [djohnson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:djohnson@eminnetonka.com). Application materials can be found at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).







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## Calendar

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5	Municipal General Election ( <i>see page 1</i> )	14	Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
6	Joint Meeting of the City Council and Park Board, 5:30 p.m.; Park Board, 7 p.m.	18	City Council, 6:30 p.m.
7	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.	19	Charter Commission, 7 p.m.
8	Canvass of Municipal General Election, 12 p.m.	21	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
11	Veterans Day, city offices closed	25	City Council study session, 6:30 p.m.
12	Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.	28, 29	Thanksgiving, city offices closed

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.

## Search permit records online

For the last ten years, the city has offered homeowners and contractors the opportunity to apply for permits online through the ePermits system. Now, users can also search for permits, inspection results and scheduled permit inspections, dating back to 1988, for all Minnetonka properties. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and search keyword "ePermits" to use the system. Questions? Call (952) 939-8394.

## Burwell holiday open house is Dec. 1

Visit the annual Victorian Holiday Open House at the Charles H. Burwell House Sunday, December 1, from 1 – 4 pm. This free event is presented by the Minnetonka Historical Society and is the only date the Burwell House is open during winter months.

Visitors may take a self-guided tour to view typical Victorian holiday decorations in the home. Refreshments will be available in the adjoining cottage. 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 needed to help decorate

Volunteers are needed the morning of Saturday, November 16, to trim the house! Call (952) 938-3758, or if you have 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, 13209 E. McGinty Road, is owned and maintained by the city of Minnetonka. The city coordinates volunteer-led scheduled tours each summer and hosts the annual June Burwell House Ice Cream Social.