

Be prepared for the snow season

Through these top tips for snow removal in Minnetonka.

- In most snowfalls, **plowing operations begin between midnight and 4 a.m.**, but the exact time depends on the predicted start and end of the snowfall, and its intensity. Because it is environmentally critical to limit salt use (see p. 6), plowing will occur for even modest amounts of snow, prior to salt applications.
- Heavy or above average **snowfalls may require a multi-day operation** to clear (in this order) streets, parking lots, sidewalks, trails and ice rinks. In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets within 10 hours.
- The city doesn't have snow emergencies, but year-round, **parked vehicles are required to be off city streets between 2 and 6 a.m.** Illegally parked vehicles may prevent snowplows from fully clearing streets. Call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 if you are concerned about a vehicle parked on your street.
- **Place curb markers** to show the edge of your lawn or driveway. The city provides free markers to residents — stop by Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., or Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., to pick up your markers. Installation is easier when the ground isn't frozen!
- **Avoid mailbox damage** by inspecting and, if necessary, refurbishing your mailbox post and structure prior to the snow season to ensure it can withstand rugged winter conditions. Mailboxes physically hit and damaged by city snowplows will be repaired, but mailboxes that break from the force of the snow coming off the snowplow will not be repaired.
- **Boulevard damage caused by snowplows will be repaired** by the city. However, the city **does not repair or replace sprinklers, fences or rock gardens that are placed in the city right-of-way** (generally extending several feet behind the edge of the roadway).

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Minnetonka voters re-elect incumbents to city council

Held Tuesday, Nov. 5, and 17% of Minnetonka's registered voters visited the polls, casting 5,981 ballots. Re-elected to office were incumbents Mayor Terry Schneider and At Large Councilmembers Patty Acomb and Dick Allendorf.

Mayor Schneider earned 63% of the votes and 22 of 23 precincts, with challenger Grace Sheely earning 36% and winning Ward 4, Precinct A.

Councilmember Acomb earned 69% of the votes, while challenger Brian Grogan earned 31%. Acomb won all 23 precincts.

Councilmember Allendorf earned 66% of the votes and 21 of 23 precincts, with challenger Angela Griffin earning 34% of the votes and winning Ward 3, Precinct A and Ward 4, Precinct A. ∞

Apply now for boards and commissions

Minnetonka's city government, consider applying for current openings on the Economic Development Advisory Commission or Planning Commission.

Applicants must have a desire to serve their community in a volunteer capacity and be willing to contribute the number of hours necessary for the commissions. Applicants are interviewed by the city council and appointed by the mayor.

To apply, complete the application at www.eminnetonka.com. Completed applications may be saved electronically and emailed to Karen Telega at ktelega@eminnetonka.com. Or, print out your completed application and mail it to City of Minnetonka, Attn: Karen Telega, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than January 3, 2014. For more information about boards and commissions, visit www.eminnetonka.com. ∞



2013 Photo Contest: "Currier and Ives Christmas," Junnell Lonergan

2014 levy results in city property tax stability for average home

The 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 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.
- **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.

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 slightly.

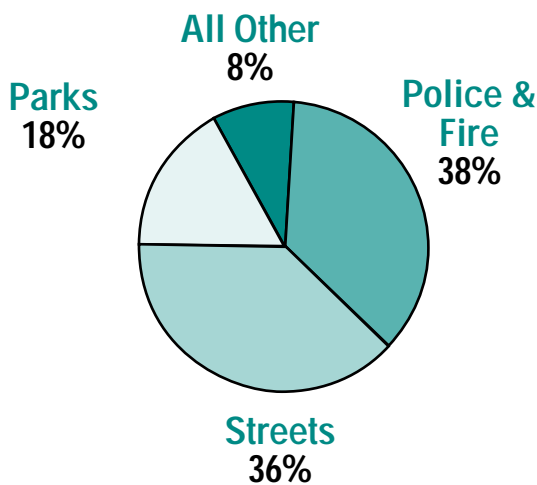
Summary

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; contact Finance Director Merrill King at 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. ☺

Your 2014 property taxes will buy...



An explanation of your tax bill

Proposed 2014 Property Taxes (average \$273,200 Minnetonka home)

	2013	2014
County	\$1,351.57	\$1,345.01
City	1,019.39	1,016.62 ↓.01%
School (based on Hopkins School District)		
Voter approved	865.06	700.79
Other	372.47	549.59
School Total	1,237.53	1,250.38
Metro Districts	85.88	86.69
Other Districts	192.65	192.21
Total	\$3,887.02	\$3,894.91 ↑.2%

2013 taxes are based on the 2012 median value and 2014 taxes are based on the 2013 median value.

Outdoor skating rinks open December 21

S locations. Weather permitting, rinks will open Saturday, Dec. 21, and will remain open until Monday, Feb. 17. Call the weather hotline at (952) 939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. For holiday and winter break hours, visit www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8355. ☺

Minnetonka Rink Hours

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Boulder Creek	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–5 p.m.
Covington	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–5 p.m.
Gateway	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–5 p.m.
Glen Lake	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–9 p.m.
Gro Tonka	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–9 p.m.
McKenzie	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–9 p.m.
Meadow	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–9 p.m.
Spring Hill	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	12–5 p.m.

Hopkins Rink Hours

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Burnes	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	Closed	12–5 p.m.
Central	12–5 p.m.**	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.**	12–5 p.m.
Harley	12–5 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	12–5 p.m.
Interlachen	12–5 p.m.	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	12–5 p.m.
Oakes	12–5 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	12–5 p.m.
Valley	12–5 p.m.*	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.	Closed	4:30–9 p.m.*	Closed	12–5 p.m.

* Due to adult broomball, only the general skating rink is available for public use at Valley Park on Thursdays, from 6–9 p.m.

** Only the general skating rink is available for public use at Central Park on Fridays and Sundays at variable times. Schedule will be posted at Central.

Christmas Eve (12/24) Hours: 12–5 p.m.

Christmas Day (12/25): All sites closed.

Cross country skiing at Glen Lake Course

T with Three Rivers Park District and Hennepin County to provide a cross country ski trail each winter at the Glen Lake Golf Course. Using the golf course's natural landscape, the 2.5-kilometer cross country trail provides skiers of all levels and abilities with a dedicated trail groomed exclusively for both ski skating and traditional skiing.

Snow will not be made at this location, so the planned dates for the course — December 15 through March 7 — are weather dependent. Ski trails are not lit.

The golf center will be open for ski rental, concession sales and restrooms. Ski trails and golf center will be open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A season or daily pass will be required for use of the Glen Lake trail. Season ski

passes may be purchased for \$30 for the first family member and \$15 for each additional family member. Daily ski passes may be purchased on site for \$4. All passes may be purchased on site. In addition, Three Rivers Park District season passes will be honored at the Glen Lake location. Visit www.threeriversparkdistrict.org for more information.

For more information, or to purchase a ski pass, call Minnetonka Recreation

Services at (952) 939-8203 or the Glen Lake Golf Course at (763) 694-7824. ☺



Don't hibernate!

H Services offers a variety of fun activities to get you and your family through the long winter months. Below is just a sampling of what's available — check out the winter/spring recreation services brochure for a full listing!

S'mores and More

December 27, 6–7:30 p.m.

Gro Tonka Park

17003 Prospect Place, Minnetonka

Experiencing cabin fever? If so, get outdoors this winter with Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services and Three Rivers Park District for s'mores by the fire, hot chocolate, ice skating, sledding, snowshoeing and kick-sledding. Bring your skates and a chair to sit by the bonfire. Registration is not required. Call (952) 939-8355 to check on any weather cancellations.



Kidcreate Studio Classes

Classes are held at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka. For a complete list of December Kidcreate art classes, take a look at the winter/spring recreation services brochure online at www.eminnetonka.com. Register by calling (952) 939-8203 or online at www.eminnetonka.com.

Holiday Craft Party

December 12, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Join us for an ornament making party! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Ages 18 mo.-6 yrs. Course #29977, \$15.

Frosty the Snowman Art Camp

January 2 & 3, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Create snowman themed art using a variety of materials. Ages 4-9. Course #29978, \$60.

Kids' Fest

February 9, 12–3:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka

Free. Look for a full schedule of events in the February *Minnetonka Memo*. ☺

Apply for Gray's Bay Marina slips

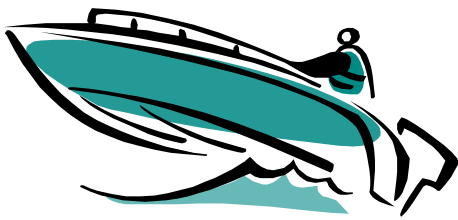
S December 2, the city will begin accepting applications from Minnetonka residents to be placed on the waitlist for future boat slip vacancies at Gray's Bay Marina. Applications will be accepted throughout the year for placement on the waitlist. This is a change in procedure from the lottery system previously used to fill boat slip vacancies.

Eligible applicants can either mail or drop off the completed application and \$100 deposit to City of Minnetonka Facilities Division, Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Once an applicant is accepted for an available boat slip, the deposit will be applied to the first-year lease payment.

The application and other conditions outlined in the waitlist guidelines can be found at www.eminnetonka.com (search "Gray's Bay Marina").

For questions, please contact the Facilities Division at (952) 939-8390. ☺



Winter/spring rec registration starts December 3

T Services winter-spring brochure was mailed to all residents in late November.

Program registration for residents begins December 3, and open registration starts December 17. Non-residents can purchase a copy of the recreation brochure for \$3 each by calling (952) 939-8203. The brochure is available to view online at www.eminnetonka.com. ☺



Minnetonka Police Detective Tim Olson shows SWAT equipment to a young visitor to the October Fire Department and City Open House. Next year's event is Tuesday, October 7.

News from Williston Fitness Center

T Located at 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka, is owned and operated by the city of Minnetonka. Stay up to date on the latest news from the Williston Center via Facebook — just search "Williston Fitness Center" on Facebook and click the like button to stay informed. Here's what's new for 2014!

Change in insurance?

If your health insurance coverage or plan has changed, be sure to submit those changes to Williston Fitness Center to ensure continuation of frequent fitness reimbursements. Stop by the front desk at Williston to fill out a change form.

Silver and Fit

Effective January 1, 2014, the Williston Fitness Center will be accepting Silver and Fit. For more information, call (952) 939-8370 or stop by the front desk at Williston.

Weight loss challenge

Join "Don't Sit, Get Fit," a nine-week weight loss challenge with Williston staff guiding you toward your weight loss goals. Program includes:

- Two presentations with a licensed nutritionist
- Online nutrition tracking and coaching
- Five 60-minute personal training sessions
- 16 group fitness classes for participants
- Wellness coaching
- Prizes

Program runs January 6 to March 9, 2014. Registration starts Tuesday, December 3. Look in the winter/spring Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services brochure, mailed in late November, for course number and registration instructions. ☺

Remember Route 614 this winter

L Looking for holiday shopping? Want to avoid driving on snow and ice? Bus Route 614 provides weekday and Saturday service from southwest Minnetonka to the Ridgedale area.

Locations served by this route include Minnetonka Heights apartments, Minnetonka Library, the 7-Hi shopping center, the Minnetonka Boulevard-County Road 101 retail area, Minnetonka City Hall, Minnetonka Mills area, Hennepin

County Service Center/Library and the Ridgedale shopping center. Service runs from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. Route 614 also allows riders to make connections to other bus routes that serve downtown Minneapolis.

For more information on the route, including route map, fares and connections to other bus routes, visit www.metrotransit.org. ☺

Protect seniors and yourself from fraud

S credit and financial assets, which make them an attractive target for financial schemes, although a fraudulent scheme can ensnare people of all ages. Follow these tips from the Minnetonka Police Department so you or a loved one doesn't become a victim of fraud.

- Don't fall for any deal that sounds "too good to be true" or that offers something for nothing.
- Never do business over the telephone with callers you don't know. A friendly voice on the other end of the line may be a con artist.
- Ask for written materials before you commit yourself to any offer.
- Never pay with cash and always check out the company with the Better Business Bureau.
- Never give your credit card, Social Security or bank account number to anyone over the phone **if you did not initiate the call.**
- Walk away from a "deal" if you're being pressured to make an immediate decision.
- If you have elderly parents, talk to them about scams.
- Don't give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you have initiated the contact and trust who you are dealing with.
- Shred discarded documents such as bank statements, pre-approved credit card offers and insurance forms that contain financial information.
- Do not use your mother's maiden name, birth date or last four digits of your Social Security number when creating a password.
- Never carry your Social Security card, birth certificate or passport unless necessary. Store these in a secure place.
- Check your credit report regularly for unusual or fraudulent activity. Every 12 months you may obtain one free credit report from each of the three national credit agencies. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com for more information. ☺

Stay safe this winter with these quick tips

T "What if?" program offers the following tips to stay safe this winter.

- If using an alternative heating devices, maintain a three-foot minimum clearance from all combustibles
- Call 9-1-1 for damaged and down power lines.
- Frozen water pipes can burst, causing water-damaged appliances that can be electrically charged. Use caution.

- Generators produce carbon monoxide. Always run them outdoors and use the correct power cord to carry the electrical load.



- Use flashlights, not candles, for emergency lighting ☺

Nominate a young person for a 2014 Caring Youth award

I 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.

Enjoy a winter concert with MAM

S life? Look no further than the Music Association of Minnetonka. Enjoy a variety of concerts throughout the winter season. For more information visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954.

Toast to the Holidays

Choral Reunions

December 7, 6 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka
Call (952) 401-5954 for tickets.

34th Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Chamber Orchestra and soloists

December 14, 2 p.m.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Dr., Chanhassen

Juletide

Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Chamber Choir

December 15, 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie

December 22, 3 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church
125 East Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

A Child's Christmas

Youth Choirs

December 15, 3 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church
125 Wayzata Blvd. E., Wayzata

December 21, 3 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church
322 2nd St., Excelsior ☺

"Snow Season" *continued from p.1*

Report snowplow damage to Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400. Repairs usually are made in May and June.

- **Snowplowing takes place in three steps.** Understanding this process may help you plan your driveway shoveling/blowing accordingly. The first pass provides an initial access path down the streets. After all streets have received a first pass, full-width plowing takes place, often within a few hours of the first pass. Final cleanup typically occurs the following day and includes intersection cleanup, salting, and plowing where vehicles had been parked.
- **Garbage cans and recycling carts** should be set out behind the curb line so they won't be knocked over by snowplows. Remember to take in your garbage/recycling carts after collection occurs, and put them out of sight in your garage or behind a screened enclosure.
- **Clear snow from your driveway**, but don't push it into or across the street. City ordinances require snow to be placed on the right-of-way adjacent to your property. Please make contractors aware of city snow removal ordinances.
- The city **has dramatically reduced its use of chemicals in snow and ice removal**, due to concerns about the negative effects of salt on lakes and creeks as well as on roads and bridges (see article on this page). The public works department has implemented a number of very progressive initiatives designed to reduce chemical use and save money while continuing to provide high levels of winter maintenance service. Please use caution in the winter, however — driving conditions in January are bound to be more challenging than in July.
- Follow the city on Twitter (@MinnetonkaMN) for snow removal tweets and updates during winter snowstorms. This is the best place to get timely updates on what the city has planned for snow removal and where we are in the snow removal process during large-scale snow events.

For more information about salt use and streets, see the article at right, "Reducing salt use and keeping streets safe." ☺

Reducing salt use and keeping streets safe

Mare currently or will be degraded due to the use of chlorides (winter salt). According to Environmental Protection Agency standards, both Nine Mile and Minnehaha creeks are unhealthy due to high chloride levels.

The city of Minnetonka is very concerned about its own salt use in its winter maintenance operation and has been recognized as a leader in incorporating salt reduction strategies. This year the city will once again modify its current program to better monitor and reduce the amount of salt applied to roadways, while still keeping the streets safe. Here's what we're doing.

- **Incorporating electronic monitoring** The city closely monitors the amount of salt applied on all streets throughout the city. Electronic sander controls in trucks gather information about when chemicals are applied, how much is applied and when the application started and stopped. This monitoring assists supervisors in managing the amount of salt applied on the roadway. This snow season, all plow trucks with electronic monitoring will have real-time data that provides instant alerts if an equipment error occurs, possibly resulting in distributing too much salt. Each truck can also be checked as it is plowing to see that the appropriate pounds of salt per mile are being applied.
- **Expanding anti-icing techniques** When conditions allow, a diluted liquid of salt brine will be applied to dry pavement prior to a snowfall. This light coating of chloride prevents ice from sticking to and building up on the pavement during the snowfall, preventing ice buildup on the roads. This allows for easier removal and the application of less salt, as compared to the amount that

Salt effectiveness varies

The effectiveness of salt is affected by the moisture content of the snow, the surface temperature of the roads, and air temperature. These conditions are used to determine the appropriate amount of salt applied to the roads.

would be needed to remove compacted snow from the roads later.

- **Pre-treating salt to prevent "bounce and scatter"**

Rock salt needs moisture in order to melt ice. Pre-wetting the salt allows the salt to stay where it's put, instead of "bouncing and scattering." This results in using 30 to 60 percent less salt. The wet salt starts melting ice and snow almost immediately, instead of depending on activation from vehicle traffic or absorption from snow and ice on the ground.



Pre-wetting road salt with salt brine is the standard practice for all Minnetonka snow routes. The majority of Minnetonka trucks are equipped with pre-wet equipment and all trucks operating in the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District have pre-wetting equipment.

The city's main goal is to continue to keep our streets safe while reducing salt use.

This is a win-win for our water resources and for your wallet. You can help by doing the following:

- Slow down. No amount of anti-icing or plowing methods can make a January street as safe as one in July.
- Don't follow plow trucks too closely.
- Report any unsafe or icy areas to the city's public works department at (952) 988-8400. ☺

15°F required for salt

Did you know that salt is effective only at temperatures 15 degrees and above? When temperatures dip below 15 degrees the salt has to be treated. In order to reduce costs, the city treats winter salt with a "hot mix" of magnesium chloride, organic beet juice and salt brine, which allow the salt to be effective to 10 degrees below zero.

City hosts GreenCorps sta member

T fifth year of pairing passionate emerging environmental professionals with cities, schools, and non-profits across Minnesota, and for the second year, the city of Minnetonka's natural resources division is hosting a GreenCorps member. Monica Sweeney will be shadowing City Forester Emily Ball and working on tree inspections, public outreach and education, site monitoring and environmental restoration. The goal of GreenCorps, an AmeriCorps program coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, is to increase

green practices and environmental understanding while decreasing environmental impacts. AmeriCorps is a national government program with the purpose of offering young adults the opportunity to serve their country while earning valuable experience, work skills and money for education. Many other programs are offered within the AmeriCorps organization including Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), FEMA Corps and the Conservation Corps. ☺

Victorian holiday open house is Dec. 1

I holiday calendar, be sure to mark Sunday, December 1, 1 – 4 p.m., for the annual Victorian holiday open house at the Charles H. Burwell House, 13209 E. McCinty Road, Minnetonka.

The house will be decorated in Victorian holiday fashion, and self-guided tours will be offered along with refreshments. Attendance is free, but donations to the Minnetonka Historical Society are appreciated. Limited parking is available on the Burwell grounds, including handicapped spaces, with additional parking across Plymouth Road at St. David's Family Resource Center. The Burwell House is owned and operated by the city of Minnetonka. ☺

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



Holiday decorations at the Burwell House

Volunteer with Minnetonka Police Reserves

T maintains a police reserve unit of volunteer men and women who provide support services to the residents of Minnetonka and members of the police department. The Police Reserve program is a way for community members to learn how the Minnetonka Police Department works, and also provides experience to students who are beginning to train for careers in law enforcement.

Police reserves assist the Minnetonka Police Department in a variety of ways, including patrol support, crime prevention and traffic control. Reserves also assist at sporting events, parades and community events such as Summer Festival, Night for

Neighbors, Fire Department and City Open House and others.

New reserve officers attend the Hennepin County Reserve Training School for 40 hours of comprehensive training. After completion of that program, reserve officers attend monthly training with other Minnetonka Police Reserve Officers and undergo a field training program while working in the squad car.

Applications are now being accepted. For an application packet, requirements and complete description of this volunteer opportunity, visit www.eminnetonka.com or call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500. ☺

Sign up for the 2014 Citizen Academy

I city and have the opportunity to meet 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 or call (952) 939-8207. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Registration deadline is January 10, 2014. ☺

Winter energy tips

W don't end when winter begins. By changing your household habits, you can save money and stay "wintergreen" throughout the chilly months. A few tips for saving energy this winter:

- Wear more layers instead of turning up the thermostat.
- Dry clothes on indoor hanging racks. You'll add moisture to the dry winter air and save energy by not turning on the clothes dryer.
- Seal windows, doors and other gaps in your home to ensure heat stays inside. An open gap that allows a draft can be the equivalent of leaving a window open 3 inches.
- Continue to watch water consumption, even in the winter — take shorter showers, fix leaks and switch to low-flow showerheads and toilets.
- Water is also used in manufacturing products. It takes nearly 2 gallons to make a plastic bottle and 31 gallons of water to make a wine bottle. Think about what you're using and be sure to recycle. ☺



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Programs and services for those 55+
December 2013 Newsletter

Special events and programs

Travelogue to Southeast Asia

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

Minnnetonka resident Fred Leverentz will share his experiences traveling to Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Cost: \$2 due Monday, December 2.

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 preventing 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 move 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

Community Connections

Monday, December 9, 10:15 a.m.

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections. Celebrate December with a holiday social. Enjoy treats and create a holiday centerpiece to take home. RSVP by Wednesday, December 4.

Course #32108

Gingerbread House Contest

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

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

Cost: \$2 due Thursday, December 5.

Course #31814

Holiday Gala

Thursday, December 12, 12 p.m.

Celebrate the holidays with friends, entertainment and food. Meal is hamburger goulash, scalloped potatoes with hot dogs, vegetable, fruit salad and dessert.

Cost: \$7 due Monday, December 9.

Course #32105

Historical Travelogue

Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.

Military historian and teacher Dan Hartmann returns with a historical travelogue on the attack of Pearl Harbor. A light lunch will be served following the presentation.

Cost: \$2 for presentation; \$6 for presentation & lunch. Due Monday, December 16.

Course #32109

New Year's Eve Luncheon

Tuesday, December 31, 12 p.m.

Join us for a social lunch while be-bopping to music from the 50's & 60's. Enjoy a cheeseburger with fixings, French fries, cherry cokes and ice cream sundaes!

Cost: \$5 due Friday, December 27.

Course #32106

Winter Picnic

Thursday, January 9, 12 p.m.

Join us for an indoor winter picnic with a hot dog bar, potato salad and dessert. Enjoy the musical stylings of Patsy Kline performer Ardyce Elayne.

Cost: \$7 due Monday, January 6.

Course #32110

Traveling Naturalist—Wild Cats

Monday, January 13, 1 p.m.

Melanie Shipman, who has served as an environmental educator for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and is currently co-director of the Audobon Center of the North Woods, gives a presentation about Minnesota and Alaska's wild cats!

Cost: \$2 due Thursday, January 9.

Course #32111

International Folk Dance

Tuesday, January 14, 1 p.m.

Come alone or with friends—no partners needed to enjoy line dances from countries around the world such as Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel and more! Lift your spirits and raise your heart rates in the company of others. Wear comfortable shoes.

Cost: \$2 due Friday, January 10.

Course #32112

Lunch and a Movie: “Oz the Great and Powerful”

Friday, January 17, 12 p.m.

In this Wizard of Oz prequel, circus magician Oscar Diggs is magically transported to the Land of Oz, where he deals with three witches and uses his illusionist skills and resourcefulness to become the wizard the residents have been hoping for.

Menu: Soup sampler, bread and dessert.

Cost: \$5 due Wednesday, January 15.

Course #32113

Community Connections

Monday, January 27, 10:15 a.m.

In partnership with the Lake Minnetonka Senior Care Providers, Minnetonka Senior Services offers Community Connections. January's topic is balance and fall prevention, presented by Dr. Eva Norman from Live Your Life Physical Therapy. RSVP by Wednesday, January 22.

Course #32114

Investment Club or Forum

There has been some interest for the center to start an investment club or forum. If you would be interested in such a group, please contact Nicole at (952) 939-8369 or ngorman@eminnetonka.com.

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, December 3 – 17 \$16
(Course #29575)
- Thursday, December 5 – 19 \$16
(Course #29577)

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, December 3 – 17 \$16
(Course #29578)
- Thursday, December 5 – 19 \$16
(Course #29580)

Evening Yoga Nancy Holasek

Wednesdays, December 4 – 18, \$16

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

- Chair Yoga, 6:15 p.m. ★★
(Course #29576)
- Intermediate Yoga, 7:30 p.m. ★★★
(Course #29579)

British History Terry Kubista

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)

Winter/spring registration begins Tuesday, December 3, for Minnetonka residents and December 4 for non-residents. See below for a listing of classes and trips.

Zumba Gold ★★★ Jan Gamble

1 – 2 p.m., \$18

Zumba Gold offers a complete body workout while learning the basic steps to salsa, meringue, cha-cha and other rhythms. No dance experience is necessary. Comfortable clothing and workout shoes are recommended. Bring water; you will sweat!

Mondays

- January 6 – February 10 No class 1/20
(Course #31587)

Wednesdays

- January 8 – February 12 (Course #31590)

British History Terry Kubista

ursdays, January 9 – 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

January's class will focus on the Windsor Castle. Visit four of the highlights of a trip around England. From the home of Elizabeth, the Queen, journey to the home of Emily Brontë.

- \$25 (Course #31580)

Canadian History & Life 101: Examining Its Political System Dick Sadler

Wednesdays, January 8 – March 5,
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This is a beginner's class: historical and biographical perspective will be gained from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp's DVD series, Canada, a People's History; the pursuits and culture of the people will be explored through various texts. The course facilitator, himself a fledgling among things Canadian, welcomes all interested in learning together about Maple Leaf country over coffee and exchange. This class meets every other Wednesday.

- \$25 (Course #31583)

Oil Painting Marcella Nordseth

Fridays, January 10 – February 28,
1 – 3:30 p.m.

Learn about composition, how to look at objects and how to mix colors. Bring supplies you have to the first class. For intermediate to advanced level students. Supply list will be provided in class.

- \$56 (Course #31578)

Tai Chi Chih Monica Campbell

Mondays, January 13 – March 24, \$40

Tai Chi Chih is a series of 19 easy-to-learn movements and one pose. This moving meditation may improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress, increase energy and more. No class January 20 & February 17.

- Beginner ★★ (Course #31571)
10 – 11 a.m.
- Intermediate ★★★ (Course #31572)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tai Chi ★★★ Ron Erdman-Luntz

ursdays, 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.

- January 23 – February 27
(Course #31575)

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 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, December 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Trips

Navigating Medicare

Tuesday, January 28, 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 Friday, January 24.

Course #31591

Landmark Center Tour ★ ★ ★

Wednesday, January 29

A docent will reveal past and present features of the magnificent Landmark Center. Enjoy a home-style lunch at Anita's. Following lunch, visit the History Center to tour the exhibit of "American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition."

Course #32115

- **Cost:** \$52 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 9:15 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3:45 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, January 10

Glass Blowing Tour ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Wednesday, February 12

Descend into the Glow Hole at building number 10 within the artisans industrial park. Experience a glass blowing demonstration, as artisans create wonderful pieces. Artisans' works are available to purchase at the gift shop. Enjoy a half sandwich, cup of soup, cookie and beverage for lunch at Hell's Kitchen. This tour requires participants to travel up and down stairs. Please wear comfortable and stable footwear for this trip.

Course #32116

- **Cost:** \$58 includes tour, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 10 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 2:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, January 17

Historic Theatre Tour ★ ★ ★

Monday, March 31

Enjoy lunch at Capital Grille. The Hennepin Theatre Trust includes the State, Orpheum and Pantages theatres. Experience a behind-the-scenes tour of one of these historic theatres.

Course #32117

- **Cost:** \$58 includes tour, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 10:15 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3:15 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, February 28

Tapestry Tour ★ ★ ★

Tuesday, April 10

A docent will present the tapestry on display at the Plymouth Congregational Church. Have lunch at Jax Cafe. Tour the Basilica of St. Mary.

Course #32118

- **Cost:** \$58 includes tours, lunch, transportation & escort.
- **Pick-up time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Estimated return time:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Registration deadline:** Friday, March 21

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 and click on programs and go to senior tours.

Christmas in New York City (December 6 – 14)

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

Florida (February 18 – March 6, 2014)

Cost: \$2,650 per person, double occupancy.

Special Interest Group Highlight

Minnetonka Senior Computer Interest Group Celebrates 20 Years

The Minnetonka Seniors Computer Interest Group (MSCIG) celebrated its 20th anniversary September 20 at the Minnetonka Community Center. Thirty-seven members enjoyed a decorated sheet

cake and coffee. Member Larry Everett organized the event, and asked several "old timers" to reminisce about the history of the group.

Twenty years ago, when the personal computer was gaining widespread popularity along with user unfriendliness, about a half dozen Minnetonka Seniors met and came up with the idea of getting together once or twice a month to talk about how they used their computers and solved operating problems. Little did they know they were the nucleus of a group that not only would grow to a 124 current members, but also meet every Friday 50 times a year in the Minnetonka Mills Room at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Some meetings are "open," during which members provide information or raise questions about using computer programs and solving problems. Other meetings are presentations either by members or guest specialists who provide information about a particular computer topic of general interest. The meetings are not class-room style training sessions. Typical attendance is thirty or more members whose computer knowledge ranges from novice to professional. Guests are welcome to observe a few meetings before deciding to become members.

Becoming a member requires a one-time \$50 contribution that is used mainly for maintaining and updating the computers and other electronic equipment, plus program software. The group meets Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, with a social break at 11 a.m. Members take turns providing treats. Fresh coffee is also served.

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...

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14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Minnetonka, MN 55345

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Interest groups

For more information on these groups and a calendar of events, please visit www.eminnetonka.com or stop by the center.

Parkinson's Support Group

Tuesday, December 3, 4 p.m.

Topic: Parkinson's Treatment: 10 Secrets to a Happier Life (*Discussion*)

Bird Club

Friday, December 6, 10 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Stan Tekiela

Topic: Wolves or Bears

Community Garden Club

Monday, December 9, 1 p.m.

Topic: Holiday Party

Great Books

Tuesday, December 17, 7:15 p.m.

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Book Club

Thursday, December 19, 1 p.m.

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Nature, Novels & Non-fiction

Will reconvene in May of 2014. Watch for book and activity listings in the April Script.

Services

Over 50 & t

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.

Annual Fee: \$12 (*Course #28578*)

Blood Pressure Screenings

1st & 3rd Fridays; 2nd Wednesdays

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Happy Feet

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th 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.

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 5th 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.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

- **Health insurance counseling**

Available by appointment on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month.

- **H.O.M.E.**

Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (H.O.M.E.) is available for Minnetonka residents 60+. For more information call (952) 939-8363.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Group	Meeting day	Information
Advisory Board	2 nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
AA/AI-Anon	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	All ages welcome. New members welcome.
Billiards	Every afternoon - time varies	See calendar page for times.
Bingo	Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m.	
Bird Club	1 st Friday of the month at 10 a.m.	December 6–Stan Tekiela, Naturalist, author & photographer. Topic: The Lives of Wolves, Coyotes & the Fox.
Book Club	3 rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.	December 19– <i>Olive Kitteridge</i> by Elizabeth Strout
Social Bridge	Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd place and grand slam prizes awarded.
Bunco	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays at 1 p.m.	Don't know how to play? They will teach you.
Duplicate Bridge	Thursdays at 6 p.m.	Partners needed.
Card Games	Mondays at 1 p.m.	Rummycube & Hand and Foot, alternating Mondays. See calendar page for game dates.
Chess	Thursdays at 12 p.m.	If you have general knowledge of chess, join us.
Chorale	Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.	New members welcome.
Computer Interests	Fridays at 10 a.m. Website: mscig.wordpress.com	This group examines topics of interest. Experience ranges from beginner to expert.
Craft Committee	1 st Tuesday at 10 a.m.	
Cribbage	Thursdays at 10 a.m.	Bring your cribbage boards and a deck of cards.
500 Card Club	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday at 10 a.m.	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Mtka Community Garden Club	2 nd Monday at 1 p.m.	Topic: Holiday party. New members welcome!
Great Books	4 th Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.	December 17– <i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck (<i>Due to the holiday, please note the date change</i>)
Ham Radio	2 nd Monday at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
The Landing Shop	Open for holiday hours starting Monday, December 2. Monday-Saturday, 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+.
Mah Jongg	Wednesdays at 10 a.m.	New members welcome.
Parkinson's Support	1 st Tuesday at 4 p.m.	December 3–Topic: Parkinson's Treatment: 10 Secrets to a Happier Life (discussion).
Pickleball	Monday-Friday, times vary.	Indoor play available at Williston. For more information call (952) 939-8370.
Poker	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.	Join us for a good game of poker.
Scribblers	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!
Single Mingle Club	3 rd 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.
Tonka Tale Tellers	2 nd Monday at 10 a.m.	This group travels to elementary schools within the area to tell and animate stories.
Tale Spinners	Tuesdays at 1 p.m.	This group offers rapport and support for seniors interested in writing memoirs, fiction, etc.
Wood Carvers	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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Call (952) 939-8200
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 Burwell holiday open house, 1–4 p.m. (see p. 7)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4 Park Board, 7 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
29	30	31					10 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							12 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
							16 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							19 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							25 Christmas, 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 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. Agendas for council meetings are available on the city's website by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Staying informed about city projects

T applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's website. If you'd like to stay informed, visit "MyMinnetonka" at www.eminnetonka.com — click on "MyMinnetonka" under "Top Picks." Through MyMinnetonka, you can learn about new projects in the city; provide online feedback on projects during their approval process, and receive email updates on projects. Planning commission meeting agendas are posted by the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for information. ☺

City council considers changes to city utility rates

I Council will consider an increase to utility rates, including water, sewer, storm water and recycling fees, to ensure systems and programs remain fiscally sound and financially sustainable, infrastructure can be maintained into the future, and the city's conservation and ecological goals can be met. The meeting will be held as part of the Minnetonka City Council's regular meeting Monday, December 16, at

6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

Questions regarding water and sewer rates may be directed to Public Works Director Brian Wagstrom, at bwagstrom@eminnetonka.com or (952) 988-8400. Questions regarding storm water utility rates may be directed to City Engineer Lee Gustafson at lgustafson@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8239. ☺