

minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
June 2012*

Geralyn Barone takes over as city manager June 1

AT ITS MONDAY, APRIL 30, MEETING, the Minnetonka City Council officially hired Geralyn Barone as the new city manager for the city of Minnetonka. Geralyn has worked for the city since 1994. As assistant city manager and director of administrative services, Barone oversaw human resources and labor relations, information technology, communications, the city clerk's office and risk management. She participated in city-wide budgeting and capital planning, is responsible for the city's

performance management program, and served as staff liaison to the park board.

Barone has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in public affairs from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota.

"The city of Minnetonka is fortunate to have a very capable and qualified person to step into the city manager position," said Mayor Schneider. "Geralyn has proven time and time again that she has the leadership capabilities and commitment to maintain the city's excellent culture, as well as the city's goal of providing quality services at great value to our citizens."

The public is invited to meet Geralyn at a welcome reception Monday, June 25, from 4:30–6 p.m. in the Minnetonka Community Center dining room, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. ☺



City Manager Geralyn Barone

Welcome reception

Monday, June 25, 4:30–6 p.m.

Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Boulevard

City bids farewell to former city manager John Gunyou

JOHAN GUNYOU, WHO SERVED AS Minnetonka's city manager since 2000, retired effective June 1.

During his tenure, Gunyou steered the city through multiple fiscal challenges while ensuring the continuity of the excellent services residents have come to expect. He consistently took the long view to ensure the cost effective delivery of services and ongoing integrity of the city's infrastructure, investing in public safety, streets, utilities

and parks, despite economically trying times.

"John was an exceptional leader for the past 11 years," said Mayor Terry Schneider.

"The city was fortunate to have John's unique skills in fiscal management combined with a leadership style that enabled a talented city staff to grow and flourish. He left the city in an excellent position to continue to provide our citizens and businesses a quality, sound community."



*Former city manager
John Gunyou*

John's willingness to be an outspoken advocate for innovative thinking in the public sector, from public-private partnerships to cooperative agreements between cities, propelled Minnetonka to the forefront of forward-thinking government agencies.

High-profile examples of these partnerships include the recently completed Hwy. 169 and Bren Road interchange project; cooperative agreements with neighboring cities to share everything from building inspections to environment health services to traffic enforcement initiatives and more; and a collaborative effort between the city and several other agencies to revitalize the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor and create a premier natural resource for residents to enjoy.

Gunyou said, "It has been a true honor to serve the city of Minnetonka, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to do so." ☺

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— Mayor Terry Schneider



News for Neighbors

From the Minnetonka Police Department

NEWSPERIODICALS APPEAR periodically in the *Minnetonka Memo* with news for you about happenings in the Minnetonka Police Department. If you have questions about these items, contact Nicole Nelson, crime prevention analyst, at (952) 939-8546.

Night for Neighbors

On August 7, from 6-9 p.m., residents are invited to get together with their neighbors to celebrate Minnetonka's Night for Neighbors, an event designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support in local crime prevention program and strengthen police-community partnerships.

During the event, residents of neighborhoods in Minnetonka and across the nation will lock their doors, turn on their outdoor lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many neighborhoods host special events such as block parties with visits from police, fire and other city departments.

All residents are encouraged to participate. Register online at www.eminnetonka.com or pick up a registration form at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Registration must be received by Friday, July 13. It has been proven that neighborhoods where people know one another often see a reduction in criminal activity. Celebrate Night for Neighbors!

New police officer

Minnetonka is pleased to announce the hiring of Officer James Comings. Officer Comings is originally from Atlanta, Ga., and grew up in the Savannah, Ga., area. He attended high school in Savannah and attended the University of Georgia and Michigan State University,



where he received his bachelor's degree. Officer Comings most recently worked for the United States Border Patrol and was assigned to Blythe, Calif., on the border of California and Arizona. He worked as a Border Patrol agent for four years before being promoted to a supervisory agent in their training division.

Police Explorers

The Minnetonka Police Explorers attended the 2012 Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in late April, where they participated in a number of competitions around 13 scenarios. Explorers train all year for these scenarios.

At this year's conference, the Minnetonka Explorers earned two individual shooting trophies, first place in Police Job Interview, first place in Internet Safety Academic, third place in Drug Interdiction Academic, third place in White Collar Crime, and fourth place in Emergency First Aid.

In July, the Minnetonka Police Explorers will compete nationally in Ft. Collins, Colo.

"Our Explorers competed very well and we are very proud of their accomplishments," said Minnetonka Police Officer and Explorer Advisor Shannon Odegaard. "They train hard, and it shows."

Exploring is a youth organization developed to give young adults ages 14-21 the chance to learn about and experience the field of law enforcement. Explorer Post members are given training in all basic areas of law enforcement to enable them to assist police officers in their daily duties and in times of emergencies. The Explorer program is a part of the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life division.

The Minnetonka Police Explorers will be accepting applications through August. Applications and requirements are available at www.eminnetonka.com.

Minnetonka's social host ordinance

The city of Minnetonka's social host ordinance is designed to discourage underage consumption of alcoholic beverages by making the host of an underage drinking party criminally responsible. A violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor.

A person can be responsible under the ordinance even if the person is not present at the party. However, an absent person is not responsible if the person did not know that a gathering would occur, or did not

know that alcoholic beverages would be present, or did not know that an underage person was likely to be present. Parents who have alcoholic beverages in their homes are not responsible under the ordinance if they have issued a standing order that alcohol is not to be consumed by underage persons while in their home. A copy of the full ordinance can be found on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Curfew for minors

A reminder about the curfew ordinance for Hennepin County:

- **Under 12 years old:** Sunday – Thursday, home by 9 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, home by 10 p.m.
- **12 -14 years old:** Sunday – Thursday, home by 10 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, home by 11 p.m.
- **15-17 years old:** Sunday – Thursday, home by 11 p.m., Friday & Saturday, home by midnight

Glen Lake Optimists Officer of the Year

Minnetonka Police Detective Terri Swanson has been named Officer of the Year by the Glen Lake Optimists. Since joining the police department in 1992, Swanson has served as a patrol officer, as a retail investigator at Ridgedale Mall, as a field training officer for new police officers and most recently as a detective. She was honored at a banquet in late May. ☺



Officer Comings



Officer Terri Swanson

Election season gears up: primary is Aug. 14

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE STATE primary election is Tuesday, August 14, and the general election is Tuesday, November 6.

Absentee ballots for the Minnesota primary election will be available starting June 29.

Absentee Voting

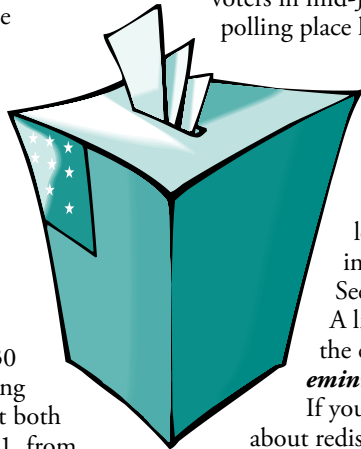
Absentee voting is available for those who are unable to get to the polling place on Election Day due to:

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

Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail.

In person

Beginning June 29, Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at the Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended absentee voting hours will also be available at both locations Saturday, August 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, August 13, until 5 p.m.



By mail

Absentee voting may also be done by mail. Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. Applications may be obtained by calling city hall, through our website, or by faxing a request to (952) 939-8244. Upon receipt of an application, the city will mail a ballot with instructions.

Redistricting

As a result of the newly drawn precinct boundaries in the city, voters may find that their polling place location has changed. Hennepin County will mail a notice to all voters in mid-July informing them of their polling place location.

City staff is working with the county to update the voter registration system to reflect the redistricting changes. As soon as that work is done, voters may look up their polling place information on the Minnesota Secretary of State website. A link will be provided on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

If you have any questions about redistricting or where you will be voting this fall, please contact city hall at (952) 939-8200. ☺

Boy Scout builds outdoor flag stands

WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR MINNETONKA polling place this election season, take special note of the flag stands outside the entrance. They were built by Minnetonka resident Parker LaPlant as his Eagle Scout project.

State election law requires an American flag be flown outside the entrance to every polling place. However, free-standing outdoor flags large enough for voters to see often fell over in a strong wind – bases that were adequate inside couldn't hold up to outdoor weather.

Enter Parker, who learned of this problem and proposed finding a solution as his Eagle Scout project. Parker designed a new type of stand, then built 27 — enough for every Minnetonka polling place. Total cost: \$325.

The stands were first used in last November's election, and received rave

reviews from election judges, who in the past often found themselves seeking makeshift solutions to prop up flags.

Thank you to Parker LaPlant for his ingenuity and hard work! ☺



Parker LaPlant with flag stands.

Don't let a fire be your fault

THE "WHAT IF?" public education program has some helpful safety tips for you to help prevent fires in and around your home:



While cooking:

- Use a timer.
- Keep combustibles away from the stove.
- Be aware of loose clothing and hair.
- Always put a lid on a grease fire. Never use water!
- Use extra caution when children are present.
- Turn handles inward.

Candle use:

- Stay in the same room as the candle.
- Use proper candle holders — glass, metal, ceramic.
- Never burn near combustibles, such as drapes.
- Don't burn candles all the way down.
- Try a battery-operated flameless candle!



Other tips:

- Don't overload your electrical outlets.
- When having a recreational fire, be sure to have a garden hose handy.
- Put your fire completely out at the end of the night.
- Ensure all ashes are thoroughly extinguished (or cooled for at least a week) before placing them in your trash.
- Use an ashtray when smoking and extinguish butts completely. ☺

Visit the Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 7

JOIN US FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 7, 3–7 p.m., at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. The event will take place in the city hall parking lot, rain or shine.

Native plant market

Many residents have asked for an opportunity to buy native plants, and now's your chance! Prairie Restorations, Dragonfly Gardens, Natural Shore Technologies, Minnesota Native Landscapes, Naturally Wild and Outback Nursery will be at the native plant market to sell a variety of native plants ranging from woody plants to grasses and wildflowers. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a complete list of plants by vendor.

This is a cash/check-and-carry event so bring a box to make it easier to carry your plants home. Remember, native plants may be a bit more expensive than common horticultural varieties, but the benefit to the natural environment is worth every penny.

Eco Fun Fest

After buying plants, spend some time with your family at the Eco Fun Fest. Visit the Zoo Mobile and view live animals, join the herpetology society for an up close look at reptiles, watch the honeybee hive, participate in a plant walk or watch your kids as they learn how to climb a tree with a rope and saddle. (Guardians will need to sign a liability waiver for their child to participate in the tree climbing.)

Master gardeners, tree care advisors, the Audubon Society and watershed district representatives will be available to answer all your plant, tree, bird and surface water questions. Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase.

What to bring:

- Cash or checks for plant purchases.
- A box to carry away your new landscape treasures.



Explore the Native Plant Market June 7!

- Your own water bottle, so you remember to hydrate.
- Rain gear if rain is predicted. This is a rain-or-shine event, although it may be cancelled if there is severe weather. ☁

Native Plant Market & Eco Fun Fest Schedule of Events

Native Plant Market

3–7 p.m.

See above for vendor names. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for a complete list of native plants by vendor.

Zoo Mobile

Minnesota Zoo

4–6 p.m.

See native and exotic animals.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Minnesota Herpetological Society

3–7 p.m.

Visit and touch some cold-blooded critters.



Information Tent

3–7 p.m.

- Audubon Society
- Blue Thumb display
- Master Naturalists
- Master Gardeners
- Tree Care Advisors
- Tree House of Horrors
- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Honeybee Pollinator Display

University of Minnesota Bell Museum

4–6 p.m.

View and learn about honeybees.

Tree Climbing Activity*

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture

3:30–7 p.m.

Kids can learn to climb a tree with a rope and saddle.

* Guardian signature on liability waiver required for participation.

Native Plant Walk

5–6 p.m.

Learn about plants and restoration in progress in two habitats on the Civic Center Campus: oak woodland and creek floodplain forest. Led by Cheryl Culbreth, master naturalist.

Free Native Plants to the first 150 visitors

Plant a plug in a pot

3–7 p.m.

Black eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) plugs will be available to “upgrade” into a larger pot. Limit one per person. Bring a 4” pot or we will provide one. ☁

Farmers' Market returns July 3

THE MINNETONKA FARMERS' MARKET starts Tuesday, July 3, and continues every Tuesday through October 2, 3–7 p.m., at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Enjoy many of your favorite produce and specialty vendors from past years, as well as some new offerings! A complete list of vendors will be available in late June at www.eminnetonka.com.



Attend these exciting June activities

PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE activities offered each month for adults, all of which are advertised in a weekly email as well as a free monthly publication, the *Minnetonka Script*. Subscribe to one or both of these publications by visiting www.eminnetonka.com, or contact Nicole Gorman at ngorman@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8369.



Several special interest groups meet at the center and welcome new members, including Art Drop In, AA, Al Anon, Billiards, Bingo, Bridge Groups, Chess, Computer, Ham Radio, 500, Red Hat Society, Woodcarving and discussion groups.

The center also offers a variety of services, including blood pressure checks, health insurance counseling, outreach, HOME, bus trips, foot care and community resources. Call (952) 939-8393 for information.

To register, or for general information about any of the activities listed below, call (952) 939-8393.

Meadow Park Hike

June 4, 9 a.m.

Two-mile hike through Meadow Park. Bring a water bottle and meet at the designated park.

Stay Active Without the Gym

June 4, 1 p.m.

This presentation, given by a fitness specialist, will teach you how to design and

implement a fitness program tailored to meet your physical needs outside of a gym. Cost is \$2, due June 1.

Summer Grill Out

June 18, 12 p.m.

Enjoy the summer with a grill out! Menu includes bratwursts, chips, beans, watermelon and dessert. Cost is \$5, due by June 13.

Adopt a Highway

June 19, 9 a.m.

Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center. Picnic lunch to follow highway clean up.

Bike Club

Tuesdays, Thursdays

The bike club rides twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), for distances of 10 to 20 miles at moderate speed. Annual fee is \$5. Call (952) 939-8203 to register. New members welcome.

70+ Softball League

Plays Monday and Wednesday mornings at Big Willow Park. \$15 for season.

Pickleball

Played Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30-10 a.m. at Meadow Park.

Defensive Driving Classes

To register, call the Minnesota Safety Center at 1-888-234-1294 or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org. AAA members receive \$3 off class registration by providing member number and expiration date.

Four-Hour Day Courses

June 5 or 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Refreshments provided (no meal). Cost: \$20

Minnetonka Reads: "The Red Umbrella"

THE MINNETONKA READS COMMUNITY reading initiative, a partnership of the Minnetonka Community Commission and Hennepin County Library, invites Minnetonka families to join in summer reading fun with "The Red Umbrella" by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. This moving fiction book tells the story of a teenage girl's journey from Cuba to America as part of Operation Pedro Pan. Appropriate for grades 5 and up, families are encouraged to read the story together.

As part of the Minnetonka Reads experience, this year's Music in the Park series features Salsa del Soul playing Cuban and salsa music Tuesday, June 26, from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus outdoor amphitheater, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard (see page 6). An adult-child book discussion is set for Tuesday, July 17, at 1 p.m. at the Ridgedale Library. Visit www.hclib.org after June 1 to register.



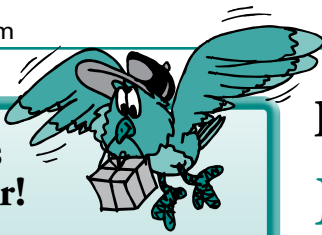
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IF YOU'RE RECEIVING A PURPLE BAG WITH ad circulars on your driveway or in your non-postal mailbox, and you don't want the information, the city of Minnetonka wants you to know that you can opt out of the delivery by calling (612) 673-7305 or by emailing TCV@startribune.com.

"Twin Cities Value" is primarily intended for homeowners who don't subscribe to the *Star Tribune*, as the ads are included in the newspaper.



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Music in the Park starts June 5

THE ANNUAL MUSIC IN THE PARK series takes place summer Tuesday evenings from 7–8:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Bring along a blanket or chair, and enjoy local performers playing a wide variety of music for the whole family!

- **June 5:** BZ Girls Band (*light jazzy pop*)
- **June 12, 13, 14:** Theater in the Park (*see below*)
- **June 19:** Jumpin Jehosaphats (*Dixieland, gospel, jazz*)
- **June 26:** Salsa del Soul (*Cuban, salsa*)
- **July 3:** Tangled Roots (*bluegrass*)
- **July 10:** Eden Prairie Community Band (*45-piece concert band*)
- **July 17:** Plymouth Concert Band (*50-piece concert band*)
- **July 24:** Tom Hunter Band (*blues, jazz*)
- **July 31:** Bend in the River Big Band (*big band*)
- **August 7:** River City Jazz Orchestra (*big band jazz*) 🐦

Theater in the Park is June 12, 13, 14

ENJOY THE “101 DALMATIANS MUSICAL” at Theater in the Park June 12, 13 and 14 at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Performances are June 12 at 7 p.m.; June 13 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and June 14 at 11 a.m. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a free performance! 🐦

Burwell House opens for tours June 9

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET IN TOUCH with Minnesota’s past this summer? Then make plans to visit Minnetonka’s own Charles H. Burwell House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Burwell House will open for regular tours Saturday, June 9, continuing through August 29: Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. The house is also open Saturdays only in September, 12–4 p.m.

Tours are free and no reservations are required—just stop by the house at 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka. Parking is available on the grounds, the main floor of the house is handicap accessible, and the entire house is air-conditioned. The Burwell House is owned, operated and maintained by the city of Minnetonka.

Want to bring a group for a special tour? Enjoy history and want to volunteer as a Burwell tour guide? Contact Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219 or email lronbeck@eminnetonka.com.

For more summer fun, don’t miss the Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Summer Festival Saturday, June 23. Look for more details in the special insert inside this *Memo*. 🐦



Make sure to plan your summer birthday party at the Williston Treehouse!

CLIMB THE LADDER TO ADVENTURE AT Williston Fitness Center’s Treehouse, an indoor play structure!

Reserve your child’s party Monday through Thursday evening for the months of June, July and August and save money.

Birthday package includes:

- Two-hour, non-private room, with access to the Treehouse

- 10 friends
- Paper products
- Plastic cutlery
- Two table liners
- Williston Fitness Center drawstring backpack

For more information contact Mary Jo Gardner at (952) 939-8359. 🐦

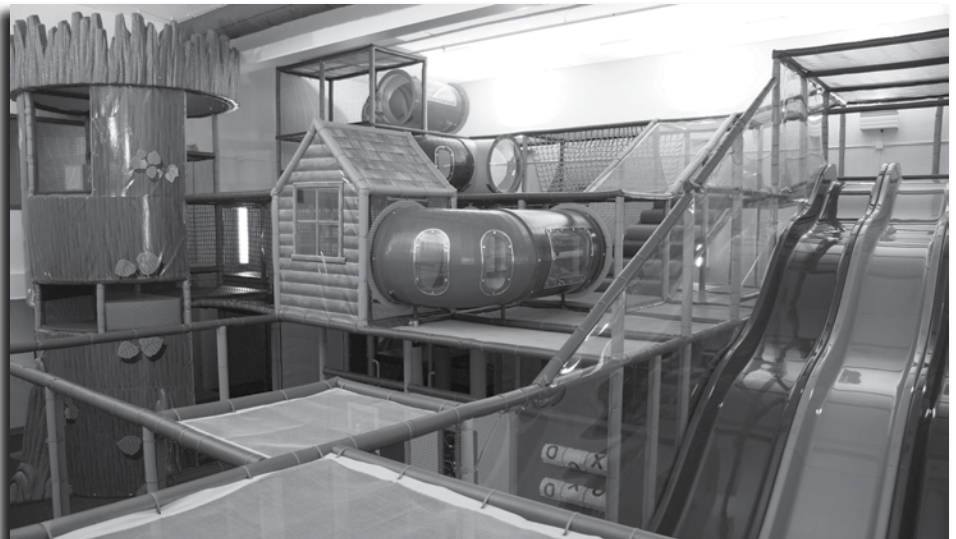


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Fall recreation brochure online only July 27

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR THE 2012 Recreation Services fall brochure will be posted online July 27 at www.eminnetonka.com. It will not be mailed to homes. A postcard will be sent out later this month to all homes, reminding residents to check online for the fall brochure.

The online-only publishing of the fall Recreation Services brochure is an effort to save tax dollars involved in printing and bulk mailing 40,000 brochures to Hopkins and Minnetonka residents. This approach was tried successfully for the first time with the 2010 Recreation Services fall brochure.

Residents without internet access who wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure may send a request after July 27 to recservices@eminnetonka.com. A black-and-white copy of the brochure will be printed by the recreation department and mailed to your household. Non-residents requesting a copy of the brochure will be charged \$3 to cover mailing costs.

Only the 2012 fall brochure will be offered exclusively online — the winter and summer brochures will continue to be printed and mailed, as well as posted online.

We welcome your feedback and appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive to enhance our services, reduce printing costs and become a more environmentally friendly organization. Please let us know what you think by emailing recservices@eminnetonka.com.

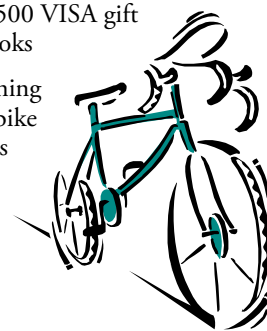


Bike expo at Williston June 2

COMMUTER SERVICES AND WILLISTON Fitness Center will host a bike expo Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Williston Fitness Center, 14509 Minnetonka Drive, Minnetonka.

- Bring in your bike for a free safety check (tire pressure and brakes, with adjustments made on the spot)
- Attend a class to learn how to bike in traffic: 10:45-11:45 a.m.
- Sign up for the Commuter Challenge! Prizes include Amazon Fires and Kindles, \$500 VISA gift card and netbooks
- Get route planning assistance and bike commuting tips

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.494corridor.org.



An update on the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor project

THE UPPER MINNEHAHA CREEK Corridor extends from the creek headwaters at Gray's Bay for six miles through the city of Minnetonka, encompassing nearly one-third of the creek's length. This area is unique in many ways — most notably, about 85% of the adjoining land is either publicly owned or controlled.

Recognizing that this represented an extraordinary opportunity to collaborate on creating a premier natural resource for residents to enjoy, the Minnetonka City Council and Park Board, Minnehaha Creek

Watershed District Board, Three Rivers Park District Board and Hennepin County's area commissioner met nearly five years ago to discuss a shared vision for the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor.

Since then, the most visible improvements have taken place in Minnetonka Mills Park, surrounding the Burwell House.

A serpentine stone wall has been installed on the property, featuring etched stones with icons representing Minnetonka's history. This area is known as "Heritage Gardens." This spring, a blue stone patio areas and an extension of the boardwalk connection within the large stonewall circle of the Heritage Garden has been completed. At present, the boardwalk stops just short of its planned connection to the site of a future pedestrian bridge over Minnehaha Creek that will provide access from the Baker Road and Minnetonka Boulevard intersection. Construction of the bridge abutments began in May, and installation of a wrought-iron arbor is also planned in this area.

Improvements to this area have been funded not through taxpayer dollars

but through interest from the city of Minnetonka's Community Investment Fund. This fund was created to be used solely to pay the capital costs for projects of general benefit to the residents of Minnetonka. Examples of other projects for which the Community Investment Fund's interest has been used in the past include construction and/or renovation of the Williston Center, the Ice Arena, Shady Oak Beach Gray's Marina, and the Minnetonka Public Works building.



The nearly complete stone wall and boardwalk.



The stone wall contains 19 historical images of Minnetonka. Can you find them all?

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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

THE CITY REGULARLY RECEIVES 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 the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for information. ∞

Planning a concrete driveway?

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO INSTALL A concrete driveway this year, and the road you live on does not have concrete curb and gutter, Minnetonka Public Works reminds you to have the contractor end the concrete driveway two feet short of the road edge. Residents may then contact Minnetonka Public Works to have an asphalt apron installed in the two-foot gap. This accomplishes two objectives: it prevents damage to your driveway from snowplows and it provides flexibility to connect the driveway with any new paving or overlays that may take place on the street in the future. Public Works does not repair damaged concrete driveways that are installed to the edge of the street.

Again, this measure is only for residents living on streets without concrete curb and gutter—if you have concrete curb and gutter, the driveway should be tied to the curb without leaving room for a blacktop apron. If you have questions or need more information, call Steve Malecha, street maintenance field supervisor, at (952) 988-8413. ∞



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BURWELL HOUSE OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET

10 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Browse and buy the work of local artists and crafters, including woodwork, handwork, textiles, birdhouses, garden art and more.

MINI-PARADE 10:30 A.M.

Join this old-fashioned hometown parade, where everyone is invited to participate! Decorate your bikes, wear costumes, make your own music – anything goes! Meet at the old town hall (on the grounds of The Mills Church, across Minnetonka Boulevard from the Burwell House) and follow Minnetonka's first fire engine to the Burwell House. All participants receive a free treat.

11 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

- Musical entertainment by the Medicine Show Band and Minnetonka Community Band
- Free self-guided tours of the Burwell House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Guided walking tours of improvements to Minnetonka Mills Park, surrounding the Burwell House
- Children's activities, including spin art offered by local art gallery Your Art's Desire
- Display of working, antique hand-crank telephones and a telegraph machine
- Put out a fire with the Minnetonka Fire Department's fire extinguisher simulator
- Walk the history maze
- Food and ice cream available to purchase (Volunteers are always needed to scoop ice cream. Call 952-939-8219 if you'd like to help.)

Free parking is available at The Mills Church, 13215 Minnetonka Drive, with limited handicap parking at St. David's Family Center, 3395 Plymouth Road.

SPORTING EVENTS



SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TIMES VARY \$100 PER TEAM

This one-day men's softball tournament is held Saturday, June 23, at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. The tournament is limited to 12 teams with each team guaranteed at least three games. Call (952) 939-8203 to register.

8K (5 MILE) RACE 7:30 A.M. \$20 (\$25 RACE DAY)

Call (952) 939-8203 to register by phone or register online for the 8K at www.eminnetonka.com or www.active.com. Race day registration is available beginning at 6:30 a.m. The race begins and ends in front of the Minnetonka Ice Arena on the Civic Center Campus. The 8K race is run on a certified course in a beautiful wooded area with rolling hills and is police patrolled. Two water stations are provided.

TOT TROT AGES 2-8, 4 P.M. FREE

This free event for boys and girls ages 2 through 8 takes place in the Minnetonka Ice Arena parking lot and is approximately 1/2 - 2 blocks long (distance dependent upon age). No registration is required, but please check in at the Summer Festival Information Tent. All participants will receive a race number at the start line and a medal at the finish line. Come for the race and stay for all of the Summer Festival activities!



ADULT/CHILD GOLF TOURNAMENT 8 A.M. \$30 PER TEAM

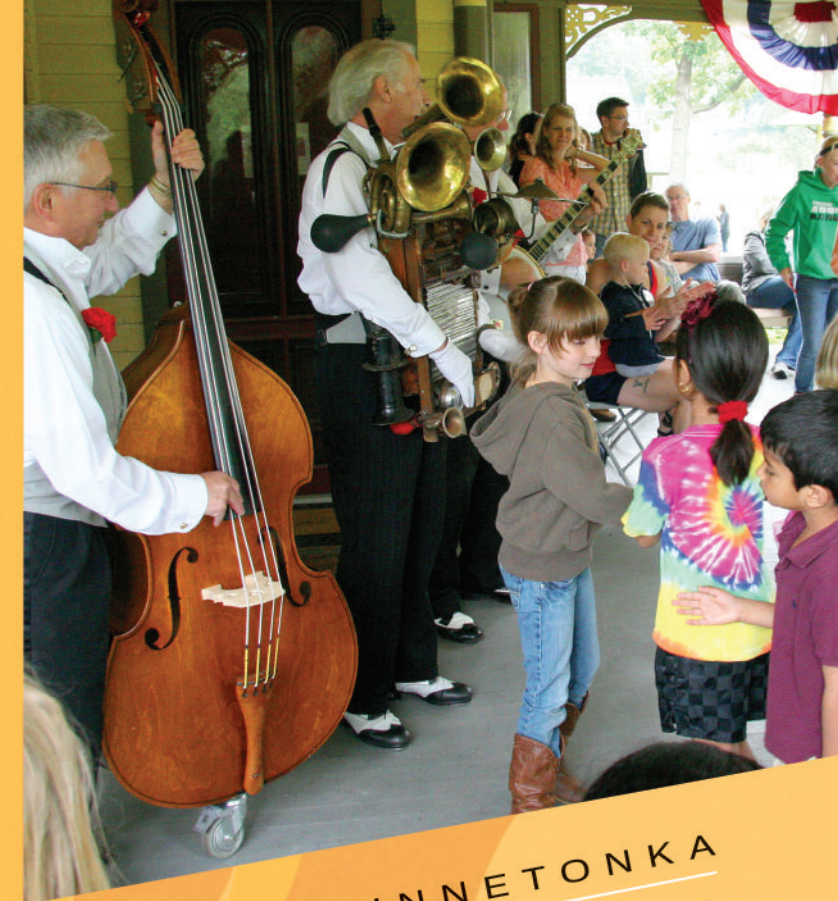
Tournament is held at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. Teams will include one adult and one child (ages 8 and older) with an 8 a.m. tee-off. There will be special contests throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register, and refer to Course #25625 when registering for this tournament.



BIKE TO SUMMER FESTIVAL AND THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Attendees are encouraged to bike to the Summer Festival and Ice Cream Social events! Bike racks will be available for bicyclists to secure their bikes during events at the Burwell House from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at the Civic Center from 4 to 11 p.m. The city of Minnetonka is committed to providing physical activities to our community members and is a proud partner of the Active Living Hennepin County initiative.

Thank you to Minnetonka resident and volunteer photographer Jason Stenvold, who provided the photos featured in this year's Summer Festival and Ice Cream Social schedule of events.



CITY OF MINNETONKA SUMMER FESTIVAL & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Don't miss the 35th annual Summer Festival & Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 23!

Run the 8K race and Tot Trot, play in the adult-child golf tournament or the men's softball tournament, take a tour of the Burwell House and the new Minnetonka Mills Park features, browse the arts and crafts market, see police K9 demonstrations and stick around for a spectacular fireworks show to wrap up a fun-filled day!

If music's your thing, we have a little something for everyone at the Summer Festival and Ice Cream Social. Enjoy performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka, Medicine Show Band, Minnetonka Community Band, The Okee Dokee Brothers and Synergy.

All activities are free, except for food concessions. For more information call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.



SCHEDULE

Please note: This schedule is subject to change. For weather information, call (952) 939-TELL (8355). In event of inclement weather, this hotline will provide information about the status of live performances and the fireworks display. Should the fireworks be cancelled, the make-up date is the Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 9. You may also follow the city on Twitter (@MinnetonkaMN) for tweets from the Ice Cream Social and Summer Festival.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available in Ice Arenas A and B, police department, city hall, community center and the Summer Festival and Burwell House grounds.

CIVIC CENTER GROUNDS

4:00 P.M.
Children's Tot Trot (see additional information under Sporting Events)

4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Fire Department Open House

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Minnetonka Police car and tracker display

4:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Caricaturists: Have your likeness created by professional artists—free to kids of all ages!

4:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Petting Zoo: Come and pet your favorite farm animals!

Pony Rides: Cowboys & cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony!

4:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Recreation Services Tent: Face painting, kids' arts & crafts.
Inflatables: Bungy Trampoline, Ultimate Modular Challenge, Kraken Ship, Jurassic Survivor and Scooby Doo 5 in 1 Jumper

- Vertical Climbing Wall
- Sports Challenge
- Water Wars
- Train Rides
- Wacky Hairdos

4:00 - 10:00 P.M.
Food & Fun! A variety of food and beverages available to purchase.

5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Police K-9 Demonstrations

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Fire Extinguisher Simulator Event

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Free ice skating and skate rental (Minnetonka Ice Arena)

8:00 - 10:00 P.M.
Special sale of neon glo sticks and necklaces!

10:00 P.M. FIREWORKS!



SUMMER FESTIVAL & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MAIN STAGE

5:45 - 6:30 P.M.
The Okee Dokee Brothers – One of Minnesota's most popular kid's bands

6:50 - 7:00 P.M.
Announcements by Minnetonka City Mayor Terry Schneider

7:00 - 10:50 P.M. FEATURE SHOW!
Synergy – from classic and swing, to Mo-town and 70's and 80's disco to today's chart toppers, Synergy plays it all!



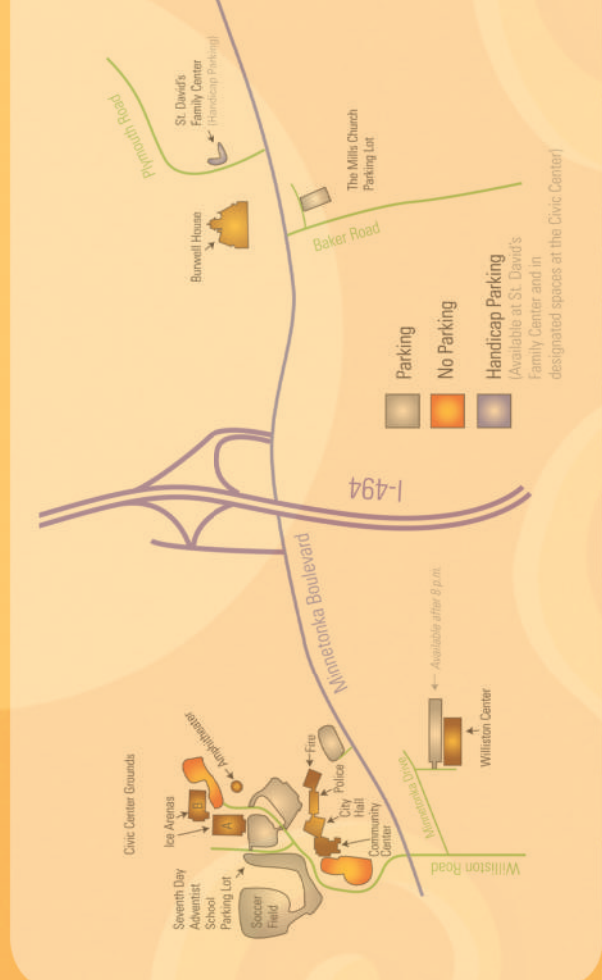
4:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka

4:30 P.M.
Choral Reflections & Symphony Chorus

5:30 P.M.
Concert Choir & Chamber Choir

6:30 P.M.
Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

COMMUNITY CENTER



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