

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
February 2011

## Visit Minnetonka Kids' Fest Sunday, February 13

**H**OPKINS-MINNETONKA RECREATION SERVICES HOSTS KIDS' FEST Sunday, February 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

All activities are free and include dog sled rides, bingo with prizes, magic shows, face painting, ice sculpture demonstrations, s'mores by the fire, crafts, entertainment, open swimming, open batting cages, open skating and more.

Please bring canned goods to help area families in need. Collections will be received at the Minnetonka Community Center.

For ease of parking, a free van shuttle will run every 15 minutes among the three facilities at which activities take place: the Minnetonka Community Center, the Ice Arena and Williston Fitness Center, located at 14509 Williston Drive, Minnetonka. Visitors may park at any of these facilities for the afternoon.

For more information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8203. ☺



Children enjoy a dog sled ride at Kids' Fest. Hop on this Feb. 13!

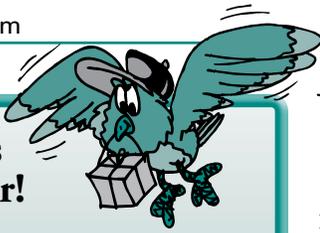
## State of the City event is Feb. 9

**Y**OU'RE INVITED TO THE 2011 STATE OF THE CITY EVENT Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 7:30–9 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Karen Telega at [ktelega@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ktelega@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8211. ☺

### Kids' Fest Schedule of Events

*All events are at the Minnetonka Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Activities and performances are subject to change without notice.*

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|----------------|---|
| 1–2:30 p.m.    | Dog sled rides (first come, first served)   |
| 1–2 p.m.       | Batting cage (grades 4 and up) —<br><i>Williston Fitness Center</i>   |
| 1–4 p.m.       | Amazing Nathan (strolling magician)<br>Shady Oak Beach season pass sales<br>Early childhood sensory activities (Hopkins ECFE)<br>Remarkable Reptiles display<br>Ridgedale Library display<br>Fire simulator station —<br><i>Minnetonka Fire Department</i><br>Create a handmade artist book with The Minnetonka Center for the Arts |
| 1–4:30 p.m.    | Bonfire and s'mores   |
| 1–5 p.m.       | Facepainting<br>Ice carving demonstrations<br>Dance instruction: hip-hop, creative moves<br>Wheat grass gardens creatures and bread—<br><i>Great Harvest Bread—Minnetonka</i>   |
| 1:15–1:45 p.m. | Woodland Puppets Show   |
| 1:30–5 p.m.    | Concession sales (all proceeds benefit the recreation scholarship fund)   |
| 2 & 3 p.m.     | Snowshoe nature walk (limited snowshoes available; leaves from community center)  |
| 2–4 p.m.       | Open swimming — <i>Williston Center</i><br>Strolling characters   |
| 2:15–3 p.m.    | Wonderful World of Woody Show (music, magic, juggling)  |
| 2:30–4:30 p.m. | Free ice skating/skate rental — <i>Ice Arena</i>  |
| 3:15–4 p.m.    | Teddy Bear Band   |
| 3:15–4:45 p.m. | Dog sled rides (first come, first served)   |
| 4:15–5 p.m.    | Bingo — win great prizes!   |



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## Garden plots for rent March 7

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GARDENING BUT don't have the property or the space for a garden plot, then a community garden plot might be the answer for you!

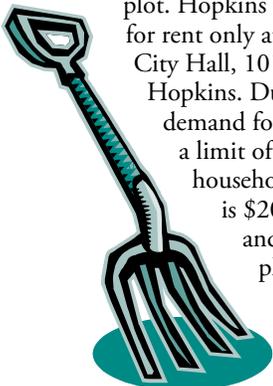
Recreation services offers garden plots for rent each year to residents of Hopkins and Minnetonka, for the sole purpose of gardening. For residents of both cities, plots are available for rent starting March 7. Non-residents may purchase plots starting March 14. Registration is in-person, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Proof of residency is required. Register early — these plot sites fill quickly!

### Minnetonka

The city of Minnetonka garden site is located at Excelsior Boulevard and Purgatory Creek. Minnetonka plots are available for rent only in-person at the recreation department at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. There is a limit of two plots per household. Fees are \$15 for each 20'x20' plot. For more information, call (952) 939-8203.

### Hopkins

The city of Hopkins provides a garden site area in Hopkins Valley Park in the Westbrooke/Nine Mile Creek area, where residents can rent a 20'x20' garden plot. Hopkins plots are available for rent only at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First St. S., Hopkins. Due to the high demand for plots, there is a limit of two plots per household. The new fee is \$20 for one plot, and \$50 for two plots. For more information, call (952) 935-8474.



## Visit the home remodeling fair February 27

MINNETONKA RESIDENTS ARE INVITED to the 19th annual West Metro Home Remodeling Fair Sunday, February 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins.

Sponsored by the cities of Minnetonka, Golden Valley, Hopkins and St. Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka community education, the Home Remodeling Fair is designed to promote improvements to these communities' housing stock.

Fairgoers can visit more than 75 displays by remodeling contractors, architects, electricians, landscapers, tool rental services, roofers, siding and window contractors, and lenders. Minnetonka planning department staff and city inspectors will also be at the fair.

Architects and landscape designers will staff the "Ask the Pro" booth and provide free, no-obligation advice to visitors; fairgoers are encouraged to bring their photos or sketches.

Seminars topics include kitchen and bathroom remodeling trends, decks and porches, window replacement and retrofitting options, landscaping, "green" remodeling products and others. Do-it-



yourselfers can attend seminars on kitchen design, ceramic tiling and more.

Advance registration is not required and admission is free. Food concessions will be available at the Wetlands Café.

Fairgoers may park at Eisenhower Community Center or take the **free shuttle bus** from the Oak Ridge Country Club parking lot, 700 Oak Ridge Road.

**Directions to Oak Ridge Country Club:** From Eisenhower Community Center/Hwy 7, go east on Hwy. 7 to Oak Ridge Road/5th Avenue, then turn left on Oak Ridge Road. The parking lot is one block north of Hwy. 7 on the west side of Oak Ridge Road. Look for signs.

For more information, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or [www.homeremodelingfair.com](http://www.homeremodelingfair.com), or call (952) 939-8200.

# Oopsy.

# Poopsy.



Dog poop. It's a serious health problem. Why? Because it contains disease-carrying bacteria that can make people sick and pollute our waters. And because there are more than 50,000 people in Minnetonka, many of them dog owners. Do the math. Then do this. Pick up after your pooch. Remind your neighbors to pick up after theirs. Good manners, great health policy. Your dog can't help it. But you can.



# News for Neighbors

## From the Minnetonka Police Department

**N**EWSPER NEIGHBORS APPEARS quarterly 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.

### Local student wins Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association essay contest

In December, Minnetonka Police Chief Mark Raquet visited Hopkins North Junior High in Minnetonka to present eighth-grader Kaitlyn Ho with an award certificate and \$100 check for being one of 37 winners statewide of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association's essay contest describing the good uses of electronics and technology.

The contest, sponsored in part by the Minnetonka Police Department, encouraged youth to think about how they can use personal phones and computers in constructive ways, and about how individuals, organizations and communities can integrate the use of technology toward thoughtful and benefit causes.



*Chief Raquet and Kaitlyn Ho*

The essay contest was also backed by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which has invested years of research and expertise in education and training about appropriate and safe use of technology for kids.

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association is a private, non-profit organization, started in 1954, that currently serves a membership of 320 chief law enforcement officers in the state.

### Get crime alerts via email

Want to receive crime alerts, crime prevention tips and information about Minnetonka Police Department programs, all delivered conveniently to your email inbox? Sign up for ePrevent, the Minnetonka Police Department's tool for providing important law enforcement information directly to you! Find the online sign-up form at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) — click on Police, then Crime Prevention, then ePrevent, and follow the directions to sign up.

### Police citizen's academy

The Minnetonka Police Department will host an eight-week police citizen's academy this fall, providing Minnetonka residents with an in-depth look at the workings of the police department. Sessions will be held Tuesdays from 6–9 p.m. starting September 6. Applications will be available starting May 16. Watch for more information in upcoming *Memos* and at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Safety first: Check your CO detectors and adopt a fire hydrant

**W**ITH A SNOWY WINTER UNDERWAY, the Minnetonka Fire Department's public educators want you to be informed about two important safety concerns: carbon monoxide poisoning and fire hydrant accessibility.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that you cannot see, feel, taste or smell. It is a byproduct of combustion, typically caused by malfunctioning or improperly vented furnaces and/or water heaters in your home. Sometimes idling motor vehicles in your attached garage can cause carbon monoxide issues in your home. Carbon monoxide poisoning is extremely dangerous and can happen to anyone.



Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu and include nausea, confusion, headache, weakness and dizziness. If all members of your household have these symptoms at the same time with relatively sudden onset it is best to get out of your home and call 9-1-1. As of August 1, 2009, it is a Minnesota state statute that all households must have a working carbon monoxide alarm within 10 feet of all bedrooms. The only way to know you may have a carbon monoxide issue in your home is by having working carbon monoxide alarms.

Secondly, we ask that residents work to keep the fire hydrants in their neighborhoods accessible. Fires grow very fast and the ability of our firefighters to access hydrants quickly can be the difference between extinguishing a small kitchen fire and dealing with a fully involved house fire. Please be considerate of your neighborhood and keep those hydrants accessible year round. The house you save may be your own!

Enjoy your winter and remember to install or check your carbon monoxide alarms today! ☺



*After reading about the importance of keeping fire hydrants accessible, Phoenix native Ken Egertson took the initiative to clear the hydrant in front of his daughter and son-in-law's Minnetonka home on Oakland Road. If a visitor from Phoenix can do it, so can you! Please be a neighborhood hero and help keep your nearest fire hydrant clear of snow. Photo courtesy of Garrett Young.*

# Municipal utility fee changes effective January 1

AT ITS DECEMBER 20, 2010, MEETING the Minnetonka City council increased municipal utility (water, sewer, and storm water) fees effective January 1, 2011. Changes to the fees are as follows.

- **Residential water rate tiers were restructured to encourage greater water conservation.** Tier 1 was adjusted so the upper cutoff was reduced from 25,001 gallons to 18,001 gallons. As a result, the lower cutoff for Tier 2 was reduced from 25,001 gallons to 18,001 gallons. The other tiers are unchanged. This modification conforms to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources guidelines for water conservation.
- **Residential rate tiers are now applied to multi-unit apartment buildings.** Water bills for multi-unit apartments will be calculated by multiplying the number of residential units in the building times each tier volume threshold. For example, two residential units in a single building will expand all the tier cutoffs by a factor of two.
- **Water rates were increased by 3.5% and sewer rates increased by 4.75%.** Since utility rates were last increased in 2009, this increase brings rates into line with operating costs and allows for increases passed on to the city by the Met Council for sewage treatment.
- **Stormwater rates were increased by 6.25%.** Since stormwater utility fees were also last increased in 2009, the 2011 increase ensures revenues cover the costs of the city's storm water system infrastructure as well as federally mandated analysis and reporting on water quality. The city's topography and development history require storm water system improvements to be made in conjunction with street reconstruction programs. Stormwater fees support these improvements as well as projects to correct residential street flooding, included in the city's five-year Capital Improvement Program.

In order to encourage water conservation and to reduce the overall costs of the water system for all customers, the tiered rate structure for both residential and commercial customers continues. The table to the right shows the rate increases for 2011. ☺

Rate changes	Rate per 1,000 gallons	
	2009 – 10	2011
<b>Residential water rate</b>		
Tier 1 (0 – 18,000 gallons)	\$1.75	\$1.81
Tier 2 (18,001 – 40,000 gallons)	\$2.00	\$2.07
Tier 3 (40,001 – 70,000 gallons)	\$2.52	\$2.61
Tier 4 (70,000+)	\$3.50	\$3.62
<b>Residential sewer rate</b>		
Standard rate	\$2.95	\$3.10
Minimum billing amount	15,000 gallons	
Senior discount	Actual consumption	
<b>Commercial/industrial water</b>		
Base rate	\$1.75	\$1.81
Summer surcharge (May – September)	\$1.95	\$2.06
<b>Commercial/industrial sprinkler accounts</b>		
Sprinkler I (0 – 75,000 gallons)	\$2.00	\$2.07
Sprinkler II (75,001 – 175,000)	\$2.52	\$2.61
Sprinkler III (175,001+)	\$3.50	\$3.62
<b>Stormwater</b>		
Open space, undeveloped (acre/month)	\$2.44	\$2.59
Single family, 2–3 family, residential (unit/mo)	\$5.42	\$5.76
Churches, schools, government (acre/month)	\$14.63	\$15.55
Apartment, condos (acre/month)	\$16.26	\$17.28
Commercial, industrial (acre/month)	\$40.98	\$43.55

*All other account fees, late payment, state of Minnesota testing fees and meter maintenance fees remain the same.*

## Grants available for natural resource projects

THE NINE MILE CREEK WATERSHED District is offering a Best Management Practices (BMP) Cost-Share/Grant Program for efforts that protect and improve water and natural resources within the Nine Mile Creek watershed.

Funds may be used by public or private landowners for projects that support one or more of the following:

- Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water;
- Preserve, protect and restore native plant and wildlife communities, with emphasis on lakes, rivers and wetlands;
- Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity.

The BMP Cost-Share Program will provide grants up to 75% of the total cost of the project on a reimbursement basis. The maximum grant amount is \$3,000 for residential projects, \$10,000 for lake and townhome associations and \$25,000 for commercial and government projects. The minimum grant amount is \$500. Projects completed or in progress when approved are not eligible for funding.

Projects applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2011, through April 1, 2011. Visit [www.ninemilecreek.org](http://www.ninemilecreek.org) for applications forms and examples of eligible projects, or contact Claire Bleser at [cbleser@ninemilecreek.org](mailto:cbleser@ninemilecreek.org) or (952) 358-2276 or Kevin Bigalke at [kbigalke@ninemilecreek.org](mailto:kbigalke@ninemilecreek.org) or (952) 835-2078. ☺

## DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

**D**EVELOPMENT DETAILS IS A new feature in the *Minnetonka Memo* highlighting larger building projects in the city. Watch for this feature quarterly in the *Memo*. If you have questions about any of these projects, contact Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200.

Generally, the city of Minnetonka has experienced an overall increase in all types of building permits, up from 4,800 in 2009 to more than 5,400 in 2010. In addition, about 21 new homes began construction in 2010—twice the amount as in 2009.

Minnetonka residents may notice several projects beginning or continuing in the upcoming months:

**UnitedHealth Group** started construction in November on the second building of its headquarters campus, located in the Opus business park near the northwest corner of Hwys. 169 and 62 (Crosstown). This second building is 11 stories with 350,000 square feet, and includes a parking ramp for 1,250 vehicles. Along with the first headquarters building, which is 10 stories tall and 350,000 square feet, and a third existing building on the campus, UnitedHealth will have total office space of more than a million square feet.

In March, works starts on the expansion of the **Hwy. 169 and Bren Road interchange** into the Opus business park. The city of Minnetonka has won several awards for its creation of a unique funding structure using multiple public and private resources, as well as traffic counts generated by new commercial development, to finance this project without burdening the general taxpayer. The project is expected to be completed by November of 2011 and will allow for future development and expansion of the business park. If you frequently travel in this area, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for information on how to receive updates on road closures or traffic impacts related to this project.

**Whole Foods** will move into the space on Plymouth Road previously occupied by Circuit City. A traffic study has been completed, and the city has worked through some identified issues to ensure safe traffic patterns in the area. The city



*New UnitedHealth Group headquarters*

is very pleased to welcome a tenant to this previously vacant big-box space, as these are often very challenging to fill. The project should open in November 2011.

The **Goodwill** store opened at the beginning of November 2010 in the building previously occupied by HomeValu, on the north side of I-394. The newly renovated building is a boost to the appearance of this commercial area, and the city continues to work with Goodwill to ensure it is a good neighbor to those living in the nearby residential neighborhood.

**Noodles & Company** will fill the space previously occupied by the Creative Kidstuff store in Ridgeway Square North on Ridgedale Drive. This project is underway and should be open by spring.

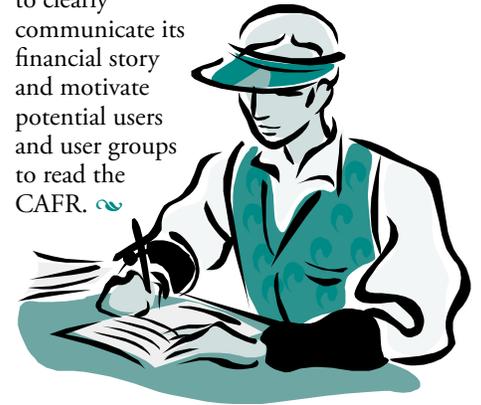
Construction continues on **St. Therese** in Glen Lake. This latest addition to the Glen Lake neighborhood will provide 150 independent, assisted living and memory care units along with associated common use facilities and underground parking. The project is slated for completion in early 2012. In addition, work on the **Glen Lake Station Plaza** was substantially complete this fall, including a fountain, and will be available for everyone to enjoy this spring.

**MGM Wine & Spirits** and **Walgreens**, both located near Highway 7 and County Road 101, will be switching places over the next few months. Walgreens will occupy the current MGM store west of County Road 101, while MGM will move to a temporary location in Westwind Plaza until they can remodel the Walgreens space. All final moves should be complete in mid-2011. ∞

## City recognized for excellence in financial reporting

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA HAS RECEIVED the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. ∞



## Learn how to protect water resources

**A**RE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT protecting water quality and resources? Then you might be interested in learning more about how groundwater and surface water are related. Presenter Geoff Nash will lead a seminar Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. on this topic. Nash is the administrator for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission and is a consultant at Watershed Management, LLC. He is also serves on the board of managers for the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, and has extensive experience with water resource management and groundwater protection. Hosted by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, this seminar will take place at 7710 Computer Avenue, Suite 135, Edina. Call (952) 358-2276 for more information. ∞

## Tree pruning drop-off opens in March

**T**HE CITY FORESTER RECOMMENDS November through March as the ideal time to prune oaks, as they are least susceptible to oak wilt disease during these months. This is also a great time to prune other trees, since insects and diseases are not active.

To assist residents who conduct proper winter pruning, the drop-off site at the Minnetonka Public Works facility (11522 Minnetonka Blvd.) will be open Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The site will not be open weekdays in March. The regular brush drop-off program starts Monday, April 11.

Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. Christmas trees (without plastic bags, stands or decorations) will also be accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency — driver's license or Minnetonka utility bill — is required to drop off brush.

**Please note:** trash, grass, leaves, dirt, sod, lumber, fencing, or wood scraps are **not** accepted.

No brush or trimmings will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services. ♻️

## Use caution on frozen lakes and ponds

**A**NY TIME YOU STEP ONTO A frozen body of water to ice skate, ice fish or walk you are taking a risk. Don't assume ice is safe because temperatures have been cold — thin or unstable ice is always a possibility. Ice can shift, and underwater springs can create unstable ice. Know the condition of your lake or pond, use caution and be safe. ♻️



## City tree sale orders due by March 1

**T**HE TREE SALE PROGRAM IS BACK TO help you diversify the tree species in your yard. Learn more about the species offered and which ones are best suited for the conditions in your yard at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Paper packets describing the trees are available at city hall and public works. Be sure to turn in your order as soon as you decide, since quantities are limited and based on nursery availability. The most popular species sell out within a few days. The earlier we receive your order, the better the chance to get your top selections. If you have a yard full of ash, then this is a good time to get other trees established before Emerald ash borer arrives in Minnetonka.

### Ordering trees

- This offer is open to Minnetonka residents only. The city is offsetting the cost of the trees for residents, since the intent of the sale is to reforest the city of Minnetonka. Please refrain from buying trees for cabins or for others who do not live in the city.
- You may order up to two trees per property. Orders will be processed for single family homeowners along with town/twin home and condo associations.
- If you represent a homeowner's association, you must contact the city forester prior to placing your order.
- Along with the tree order form, please fill out your name and address on the postcard to ensure you receive your order confirmation and reminder two weeks prior to the tree pick up. Enclose the postcard in the envelope with the order form and check. The city will fill in the quantity of each tree reserved once we receive your order.
- You may mail in your order or drop it off in person at Minnetonka Public Works (11522 Minnetonka Blvd — next to the Big Willow ball fields) between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you drop it off at city hall there will be a one-day delay in processing it.
- You may check the city's website at [www.minnetonka.com](http://www.minnetonka.com) prior to mailing your order to see if your species are still available.
- The white guards that are on the trees on the day of the pickup are only temporary for shipping purposes and should be replaced with a taller, larger diameter tree guard (or welded wire caging for the conifer species).

- For questions, contact Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400.

## Tree pick-up

Trees **must** be picked up on designated dates or you forfeit the tree and the money you paid for it. Leftover trees will be planted in a Minnetonka park.

**Friday, April 29, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**East Driveway, Public Works**  
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka, MN 55305

**(952) 988-8400**

### Picking up trees

- Trees **must** be picked up on designated dates or you forfeit the trees and the money you paid.
- Leftover trees will not be available to other residents. They will be planted in Minnetonka parks.
- You may have someone (neighbor, etc.) pick up trees on your behalf, but they must have your confirmation postcard. Please be sure to give them your confirmation postcard which will be turned in to city staff at pick up.
- Some assistance will be provided with loading trees into vehicles, but please order a tree that you can realistically transport home.
- Unlike a retail nursery, these trees do not have a warranty.
- The trees are all in a plastic pot (they are "container" stock).
- Written planting and care instructions are provided with each order. ♻️

## About conifer size

**D**UE TO LIMITED NURSERY availability, the tamarack, white pine and Canadian hemlock will be a smaller size at pickup than the other tree species offered. However, given their popularity with the tree sale program, along with their unique characteristics, wildlife benefits and beauty, we still think they are worth offering for purchase!

# Tree Order Form

## Due March 1

This offer available only to **Minnetonka residents**. You may order **two** trees per property.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
House number Street Zip code

**Daytime phone number:** ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Last name on check:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Species	Height *	Weight	Price	Quantity	Subtotal Due
<small>* At time of pick-up, approximate</small>					
<b>Large shade trees</b>					
Basswood	8–10 ft.	55 lbs.	\$30		
Bur Oak	8–10 ft.	55 lbs.	\$30		
Hackberry	8–10 ft.	55 lbs.	\$30		
Red Maple	6–8 ft.	40 lbs.	\$30		
Swamp White Oak	5–6 ft.	40 lbs.	\$30		
<b>Ornamental trees — suitable for planting near powerlines</b>					
Crabapple 'Sugar Tyme'	6–8 ft.	40 lbs.	\$30		
Redbud (Minnesota strain)	6–8 ft.	40 lbs.	\$30		
<b>Understory trees — suitable replacement for buckthorn</b>					
Blue Beech	8–10 ft.	55 lbs.	\$30		
Ironwood	8–10 ft.	55 lbs.	\$30		
<b>Conifers</b>					
Canadian Hemlock	2–3 ft.	20 lbs.	\$30		
Tamarack	2–3 ft.	20 lbs.	\$30		
White Pine	2–3 ft.	20 lbs.	\$30		
<b>Supplies</b>					
<b>Plastic Tree Guard</b> <small>(will protect trunk from deer, rodent and lawn mower damage—not suitable for conifers)</small>	3–5 ft tall with a 2–3" diameter		\$2		
<b>Total (Limit two trees per property; unlimited tree guards):</b>					<b>\$</b>

**Some species offered are in limited supply, and others are very popular, complete one of the options below in case your selections are sold out:**  
 If one or both of your selections is sold out, what species should we substitute to fill your order?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If my first choice(s) are not available, please mail my order & check back to me.

**Order form, check, and postcard must be received by March 1, 2011 at:**

Minnetonka Public Works (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)  
 Attn: City Forester  
 11522 Minnetonka Blvd.  
 Minnetonka, MN 55305

**Before you mail the order, please confirm:**

- Filled out order form completely?
- Checked [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) to see if selections are sold out?
- Enclosed check payable to City of Minnetonka for exact amount?
- Filled out and enclosed postcard for city to mail your confirmation?
- Checked your calendar to make sure someone can pick up your trees on April 29 or April 30?

## Caring Youth Award nominations due February 4

**I**F YOU KNOW A YOUNG PERSON IN grades 7 through 12 who shows an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering or other activities, consider nominating him or her for a 2011 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 to honor the contributions of caring young people. This year's event is set for Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, 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;
- Volunteer (unpaid and not as a requirement for a class or co-curricular program) in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley.

Young people may only be nominated by the organization they are serving. Nominations are due by Friday, Feb. 4, 2011. For more information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or contact Jacque Larson, Minnetonka community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8207. ☺



## February events for older adults

**A**RE YOU 55 OR OLDER? ARE YOU newly retired? Do you want to participate in engaging and lively activities that provide mental and/or physical exercise, and provide social interaction? Minnetonka Senior Services offers a wealth of exciting activities, 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or contact Nicole Gorman at [ngorman@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ngorman@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8369. Below are a just a few of the classes, programs and activities included in the monthly *Script*.

### Special Presentations

#### Otterly Wonderful Sea Otters

*February 7, 12:30 p.m.*

Learn more about otters through a program by Melonie Shipman, former naturalist in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. Grandchildren are welcome to join you for this program. Refreshments provided.

Cost is \$7, due Feb. 3.



#### Cooking on a Budget

*February 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Join Bill Lurth to learn to make a stew, salad, hot dish and a skillet meal. Bill will do most of the prep work before class, but you will create the dishes and taste test the results. Cost is \$8, due Feb. 7.

#### Valentine's Day Party

*February 14, 12 p.m.*

Enjoy baked lasagna, garlic bread, salad, corn and dessert. Entertainment by Jim Berner, with songs from the 1940s, 50s and 60s. Cost is \$7, due Feb. 7.

#### Garden Club

*February 14, 1 p.m.*

Join the Garden Club for its monthly meeting at the Minnetonka Community Center.

#### Winter Hike to Jidana Park

*February 22, 11 a.m.*

Enjoy a scenic winter hike to Jidana Park from the Minnetonka Community Center. Hike along Minnehaha Creek to Deer Island and roast bratwursts over a fire. Also enjoy hot coffee, snacks and dessert. Cost is \$5, due Feb. 18.

#### Dealing with Colds and Flu

*February 23, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn how to prevent or treat colds and flu using home remedies, and how to boost your immune system. Refreshments provided. Cost is \$5, due Feb. 18.

#### Potato in a Rice Bowl

*February 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Peggy Keener, author of the memoir "Potato in a Rice Bowl," shares her adventures as a Minnesota housewife and mother living in Japan during the 1960s. Special author discount offered on her book at this presentation. Cost is \$2, due Feb. 25.

### Defensive Driving Classes

Call the Minnesota Safety Center at 1-888-234-1294 to register. AAA members receive \$3 off class registration by providing member number and expiration date.

#### Four-Hour Day Courses

*Feb. 24 or March 8, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

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

#### Eight-Hour Evening Course

*March 1 & 2, 6–10 p.m.*

Refreshments provided (no meal). Cost: \$24. ☺

## Sponsors sought for city events

**I**F YOU'D LIKE TO GET THE WORD out about your business or organization while providing an enjoyable activity for the community, consider sponsoring a portion of one of the city's annual events! Various sponsorships levels are available to meet budgets large and small, and events are available throughout the year. For more information, contact Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8207. ☺

## Science and art classes for kids ages 3 – 12

**W**INTER HAS A WAY TO GO, AND perhaps your children are getting restless! Consider signing them up for one of these exciting art or science classes, hosted by Minnetonka Recreation Services. All classes take place at the Glen Lake Activity Center Call (952) 939-8203 for questions or to register, or register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Science Explorers (ages 3.5 – 6)

#### Under the Sea

Join Science Explorers as we explore the ocean by discovering dolphins, whales, sharks and more. We will investigate the differences between fish and mammals, learn how large whales really are, and explore the deepest parts of the oceans. Don't miss the fun as we journey to the world under the sea.

#### Course #20830

Tuesdays, February 15, 22 & March 1  
9:30 – 11 a.m.  
Cost is \$40

#### Rockin' Reptiles

Ever wonder why reptiles have scales? Are snakes really slimy? What do reptiles in Minnesota do in the winter? Join Science Explorers as we answer these questions while discovering the remarkable world of reptiles and their amphibian friends. We'll learn about a reptile's lifecycle and compare it to the lifecycle of the amphibians. We'll sing songs, read books and more.

#### Course #20831

Tuesdays, March 15, 22 & 29  
9:30 – 11 a.m.  
Cost is \$40.

### Art Expo/Art Skool

Learn how to use design concepts, illustration methods and a variety of art media to spark your art-making skills. Instructor Gin Weidenfeller is an artist-educator who works with metro elementary schools and has been an artist for the Minnesota State Arts Board Artist-in-Education Program. All art materials are provided.

#### Art Expo (ages 6 – 12)

##### Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief:

Explore a variety of art making materials and methods to depict the characters and events in Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief. Recreate some of your favorite imagery of Greek mythology (i.e., Mt. Olympus, Zeus, Medusa, Furies and much more).

#### Course #20824

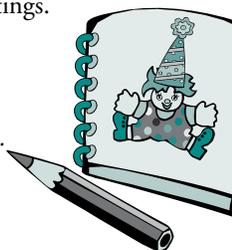
Wednesdays, February 16 & 23  
6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Cost is \$55.

#### Art Skool (ages 3 – 6)

**Toy Story 3:** Draw, paint and collage to create the special toy story characters and their adventures from leaving Andy's house to their escape from Sunnyside Day Care to their arrival at Bonnie's home. Create an artist sketchbook of Toy Story's drawing and paintings.

#### Course #20827

Monday,  
February 14 & 28  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Cost is \$30.



## Williston pool, spa and splash pad open

**T**HE WILLISTON Fitness

Center invites you to visit the new swimming pool and spa, include a new splash pad for kids! The splash pad is a zero-depth entry pool, perfect for young children, who can also enjoy the frog slide and water sprinkler features. Bring your children and grandchildren for some indoor fun this winter!

The splash pad is free for Williston Center members. For non-members, fees are as follows:

- **Ages 0–1:** free
- **Ages 1–14:** \$5
- **Ages 15 and up:** \$8

Children 7 years old and under must have direct in-water supervision by an adult. The responsible person must be in the water with a swimsuit on within arm's length of the child at all times.

Children 8 to 14 years old must be supervised by an adult. The adult must stay in the pool area but is not charged a daily fee.

We look forward to seeing you at the splash pad! For more information call the Williston Fitness Center at (952) 939-8370. ☺



## Brighten your winter months with these musical concerts

**T**HE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) provides enriching musical experiences for people of all ages and abilities. All concerts are free unless otherwise indicated. Donations are gratefully accepted. Visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org) or call (952) 401-5954 for more information.

### Young People's Concert

The Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra presents its 29th Annual Young People's Concert, featuring the Music Association of Minnetonka's Young Artist Competition winner, Bryan Duerfeldt, on the recorder.

The orchestra will be performing Britten's "Young People's Guide to the Orchestra," with narration by Minnetonka Mayor Terry Schneider, along with other pieces composed by Bach and Handel. Free-will donation at the door. For more information, call (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org).

**February 20, 3:30 p.m.**

**Normandale Highlands  
United Methodist Church**

9920 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington

**February 27, 3:30 p.m.**

**Minnetonka United Methodist Church**  
17611 Lake St. Ext., Minnetonka

### Spring Benefit Concert

Minnetonka Youth Choirs with special guest Cantus, a male vocal chamber ensemble named MPR's 2010 – 11 Artists in Residence. Reserved tickets available through [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org)—Adults: \$20; Students: \$15. Tickets purchased at the door are \$25. Call (952) 401-5954 for information or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org).

**March 5, 7:30 p.m.**

**Arts Center on 7**

18285 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka ☺

## Reflections Award winners honored Jan. 10

**I**N 1997 THE CITY OF MINNETONKA began its Reflections Award program, designed to recognize individuals, business and programs whose outstanding contributions reflect positively on Minnetonka. The award is presented every other year and takes its name from the Reflections sculpture at the entrance to the Minnetonka Community Center.

The Minnetonka Community Commission reviewed this year's applications and chose the following three co-winners for the 2011 awards:

### Judy Elling and Cathy Maes

Judy Elling and Cathy Maes were jointly nominated for a Reflections Award because of the extensive cooperation between their two organizations on behalf of residents needing food, financial support and other resources.

Nominator Katie Williams, director of community education for Hopkins Schools, wrote, "As new executive directors, Judy Elling and Cathy Maes have brought the strengths of their respective organizations to a higher level of collaboration to benefit the residents of the greater Minnetonka community."

In her supporting letter for the nomination, Shirley Buehler, special projects coordinator for the ICA Foodshelf, said, "It takes a special breed... to make these organizations successful as they are. Both Judy and Cathy reflect vibrant personalities, superior character and sincere dedication."

### Jean McSwiggen

Volunteer Jean McSwiggen has led the Minnetonka Senior Center exercise program three times a week, one hour per day, for the past 26 years. The daily average is 75 participants, with 178 people total participating in the exercise class, making it the largest of its kind among all Minnesota senior centers.

In a letter supporting the nomination, Minnetonka Senior Center Advisory Board President Bev Montgomery wrote, "The board felt Jean was very deserving of this recognition... based on her amazing dedication and longevity as a volunteer leading this group, during

her retirement years. Our exercise group would not be what it is today without her longtime commitment to volunteer leadership of this group."

### Ruth Stricker

In their nomination, members and staff of The Marsh wrote, "In 1985, Ruth Stricker founded The Marsh, A Center for Balance and Fitness. As the visionary, developer and owner of this unique community institution, she has brought national and international attention to the city of Minnetonka while serving residents."

Supporter Curt Paulsen, Ph.D., wrote: "...Ruth Stricker embodies highly developed personal traits that have carried her big dreams to fruition: intelligence, imagination, innovation, production, perseverance, the strength to sometimes stand alone, discipline, conviction and a desire to challenge and facilitate people to become fully developed as whole persons."

Supporter Yin Simpson wrote, "Ruth's vision and inspiration, present at The Marsh and through The Marsh's professional trainers, increases my energy and capacity to return more back to my community as well."

### Honorable mentions

Two nominees were selected to receive honorable mentions:

- **West Suburban Teen Clinic (WSTC)**, a nonprofit organization started in 1972 to serve young people, their parents and the general community in western Hennepin, Carver and Scott counties, provides basic medical care, reproductive health care and education and mental health counseling. In 2009, WSTC's education team reached more than 2,000 parents, educated nearly 18,000 students, visited 75 different schools and other locations, and provided small group education sessions to more than 150 at-risk youth.
- **Tour de Tonka**, an annual Minnetonka Community Education multi-distanced bicycle ride through Lake Minnetonka communities for cyclists of all ages, promotes and celebrates healthy lifestyles, friendship, teamwork and recreation through the collaboration of cities, sponsors, local charities and hundreds of volunteers. In just five years, there have been 8,423 riders — 2,425 in 2010 alone, with nearly \$3,000 raised this year for the ICA Foodshelf. ♡



## Mark your calendar for a fun-filled year

**N**O MATTER THE SEASON, THERE'S ALWAYS something exciting happening in Minnetonka! Be sure to mark your shiny new 2011 calendar with these city events, so you don't miss out on anything!

### Caring Youth Awards

*Nominations due February 4*

If you know a young person in grades 7 through 12 who shows an ongoing awareness of others through volunteering or other activities, consider nominating him or her for a 2011 Caring Youth Award. Nominations are due by Friday, Feb. 4, 2011. For more information see page 8 of this edition of the *Memo*.

### State of the City

*February 9, 7:30–9 a.m.*

Mayor Terry Schneider presents the State of the City Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 7:30–9 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

### Kids' Fest

*February 13, 1–5 p.m.*

Don't miss Kids' Fest, set for Sunday, February 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, Ice Arena and Williston Fitness Center. Enjoy dog sled rides, bingo with prizes, magic shows, face painting, ice sculpture demonstrations, s'mores by the fire, crafts, entertainment, open swimming, open batting cages, open skating, and more. For a complete schedule of activities, see the cover page of this edition of the *Memo*.

### Home Remodeling Fair

*February 27, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

A free Home Remodeling Fair featuring more than 75 contractor exhibits, seminars and an "Ask the Pro" booth is set for Sunday, February 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins. See page 2 of this edition of the *Memo* for more information, or visit [www.homeremodelingfair.com](http://www.homeremodelingfair.com).

### Burwell House Tours

*June-August*

No need to travel far to see a historical property — there's one in your own backyard! The Charles H. Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka, is open for tours June through August. See the May *Memo* for days and times. Want to schedule a special tour for your group? Call

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## Mark Your Calendar *continued from page 10.*

Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219. Don't miss seeing the only Minnetonka property listed on the National Register of Historic Places!

### Music in the Park

*Tuesdays, June 7–August 2, 7–8:30 p.m.*  
Enjoy musical performances Tuesdays, June 7 through August 2, from 7–8:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater located on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Special performance June 14: Theater in the Park! Look for a full schedule of music acts in the May *Minnetonka Memo*.

### Burwell House Ice Cream Social

*June 25, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*  
Enjoy a mini-parade, arts fair, antique market, self-guided house tours, children's activities and entertainment at the annual Burwell House Ice Cream Social at the Charles H. Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka. Look for more information in the June edition of the *Memo*.

### Summer Festival

*June 25, 4–10 p.m.*  
Enjoy the wide variety of activities offered at the annual Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 25. Look for a preview of events in the May *Memo*, followed by a full schedule in the June *Memo*!

### Farmers' Market

*Tuesdays, July 5–Sept. 27*  
Don't miss the third annual Minnetonka Farmers' Market, featuring more than 30 vendors offering fruits, vegetables, canned goods, flowers, salsas, baked goods, honey, syrup, craft items and a host of other locally produced foods and products!

### Fire Department and City Open House

*October 11, 5–8 p.m.*  
Ride in a fire truck, climb on public works equipment, see a police car up close, browse department displays and enjoy free food at the annual open house event at Minnetonka City Hall. Watch the October *Memo* for more information.

### Victorian Holiday Open House

Traditionally held the first Sunday in December, don't miss the Victorian Holiday Open House at the Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road. The Minnetonka Historical Society goes all out to decorate the house for Christmas and it's a sight not to be missed! After your tour, enjoy cookies and cider. Watch the November *Memo* for date and time. ☺

# Contacting an elected official

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL SHOULD YOU WISH TO CONTACT AN elected official. Minnetonka is in the 3rd Congressional District; State Senate Districts 33, 42 or 43, depending on where you live; Legislative Districts 33B, 42A or 43B depending on where you live; 6th County Commission District; and 4th Park Commission District. ☺

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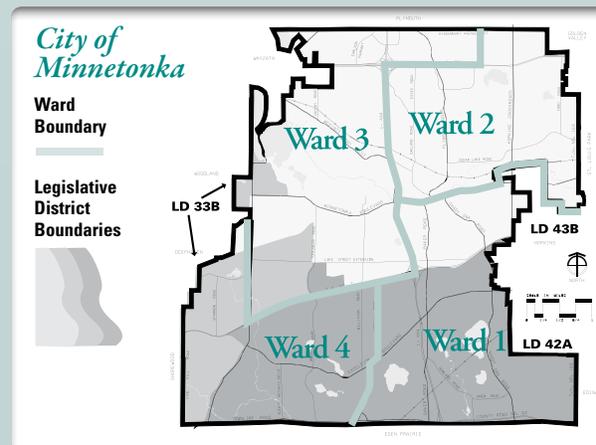
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## Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
for meeting  
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
		1	2	3	4	5	1 Citizen Academy, 6:30–9 p.m.
							15 Citizen Academy, 6:30–9 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2 Park Board, 7 p.m.
							17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	3 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							21 Presidents' Day, <i>city offices closed</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Citizen Academy, 6:30–9 p.m.
							22 Citizen Academy, 6:30–9 p.m.
27	28						24 Police Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m.
							28 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m. ; Community Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							9 State of the City, 7:30–9 a.m.
							14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change—please check [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the latest information.

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16, and replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or anytime via videostream at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Agendas for council meetings are available on the city's Web site 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com)—click on "MyMinnetonka" under "Top Picks." Through MyMinnetonka, you can learn about new projects in the city; provide online feedback on projects during their approval process, and receive email updates on projects. Planning commission meeting agendas are posted the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for information. ∞

## Minnetonka offers new business program

ARE YOU THINKING OF STARTING YOUR own business? Do you own a small business that is looking for assistance to grow or needs technical support?

If so, you might be interested in the Minnetonka's new Open to Business program, provided in collaboration with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). This program



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

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

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