

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
June 2011

## Your invitation to Summer Festival fun!



### YOUR INVITATION TO FUN IS INSIDE!

Don't miss out on the fun, food and fireworks at this year's Minnetonka Summer Festival and Burwell House Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 25! The annual full-color schedule of events is inside this edition of the June *Minnetonka Memo*.

*Note:* While we usually publish only the Summer Festival schedule in June, this year we had so much news to share with you we bundled the schedule inside a regular edition of the *Memo*. ∞

## City council filings close, election plans proceed for the fall

ON MAY 31, FILING FOR THE CITY'S four ward council seats closed. If more than two candidates have filed for one of the ward council positions (unknown at the time this newsletter went to print), then the city will have a primary that will occur earlier than in past years.

The city's traditional September primary has moved to the second Tuesday in August in order to meet a federal mandate to assist military and overseas voters in having their votes counted.

This year's municipal primary, if needed, will be held August 9.

The date of the general election remains the same – November 8.

A federal law change requires that absentee ballots for military and overseas voters be available at least 45 days prior to an election.



### About 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. Absentee ballots for a possible municipal primary will be available starting Friday, June 24. Absentee ballots for the November general election will be available starting Friday, September 23.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. Applications may be obtained by calling city hall at (952) 939-8200, through the city's website at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or by faxing a request to (952) 939-8244. Upon receipt of an application, the city will mail a ballot with instructions. ∞

## Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest is June 9

JOIN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest June 9, 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 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a complete list of plants by vendor.

### Eco Fun Fest

After buying plants spend some time with your family at the Eco Fun Fest. See an owl and learn about its habitat, visit the Zoo Mobile and get up close with live animals, participate in a plant walk to learn about our woodlands 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.*) Join the herpetology society and experience different reptiles or view tree planting and care demonstrations.

Master gardeners and tree care advisors, as well as 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.

See the complete schedule of events at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ∞



# News for Neighbors

## From the Minnetonka Police Department

**N**EWSPER FOR 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.

### Night for Neighbors is August 2

On Tuesday, August 2, from 6 to 9 p.m., Minnetonka residents are invited to participate in Minnetonka Night for Neighbors. Residents citywide will be asked to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors and get outside to spend an evening visiting with neighbors.

Minnetonka Night for Neighbors is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime fighting programs and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Many neighborhoods host special events such as block parties and cookouts. This event has proven to be an effective and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and positive police-community partnerships.

If you are planning on participating in this year's event and would like a visit from a city representative, please register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or pick up a registration form at the Minnetonka Police Department. New this year, active Neighborhood Watch Groups will receive priority for visits and visits will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Register early, as each year more than half of neighborhood parties are registered by July 1!

This year, neighborhoods participating in Minnetonka Night for Neighbors are encouraged to gather donations for the ICA Foodshelf. The neighborhood with the largest total donation (by weight) wins a prize that will be determined. Full participation guidelines are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



## MINNETONKA NIGHT FOR NEIGHBORS

For more information about Minnetonka Night for Neighbors or the Neighborhood Watch program, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or contact Nicole Nelson at [nnelson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:nnelson@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8546.

### Preventing garage burglaries

During the summer months, many homeowners look forward to gardening or

relaxing in the backyard – and burglars look forward to easy targets, like open garages. Because garage burglaries take a short time to commit, your overhead garage door and service door should always be closed and locked – even when you are home.

Follow these tips for securing your garage and the items you store inside:

- Always keep your garage door closed even if you are home or doing yard work.
- Before turning in for the night, check to make sure the garage doors are closed and locked. Sometimes homeowners forget to close garage doors after arriving home and do not notice they were left open until leaving the next morning.
- If the service door is paneled or hollow-core, reinforce it or replace it with a solid wood or metal door.
- If the door contains glass or is within 42 inches of a window, use a medium- to heavy-duty double-cylinder deadbolt lock. Reinforce or cover the glass to prevent breaking.
- Install a maximum-security strike plate secured with three-inch screws.
- Cover windows with curtains so people can't see what you keep in your garage.
- Consider installing motion detector lights that automatically turn on if someone passes by. Install lights out of reach in order to prevent removal of the bulb. ☺

## Reviewing bike safety with children

**I**S YOUR FAMILY READY FOR SUMMER FUN ON WHEELS? EVERY PERSON SHOULD KNOW the rules of the road – the bike road, that is. Review these safety tips with your family before heading out for a bike ride.

- Stop and look in every direction before riding into a street.
- Ride as far to the right side of the road as possible.
- Use trails if available.
- Obey all traffic laws, lights and signs.
- Always walk the bike across intersections.
- When biking in groups, always ride single file.

Remember parents, your children are counting on you to keep them safe. Take time to teach them the rules of the road. Following these rules can help keep you and your family safe on wheels all summer long. ☺



# Home repair and first-time homebuyer loan funds available

**A**RE YOU LOOKING FOR MONEY TO make repairs or improvements to your home? Or, are you looking to purchase your first home, and need money for a down payment or for closing costs?

Starting June 8, the city will accept pre-applications for the Emergency Repair Program, the Tonka Home Enhancement program, and the Welcome to Minnetonka first-time homebuyer program. Pre-applications for these three programs will be available:

- Online: [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com)
- In-person: Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka
- By mail or fax: call (952) 939-8285

The chart to the right provides information on all housing programs available to Minnetonka residents. ☺

Program	Description	Contact
<b>Emergency Repair Program</b>	Up to \$5,000 for home repair. Household income limits apply.	Elise Durbin City of Minnetonka (952) 939-8285
<b>Tonka Home Enhancement</b>	Up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements & some additions. Household income limits apply.	Elise Durbin City of Minnetonka (952) 939-8285
<b>Fix-Up Fund</b>	Up to \$35,000 for home repair and remodeling. Household income limits apply.	Jim Hasnik Ctr. for Energy & Environment (612) 335-5885
<b>Home Energy Loan Program</b>	Up to \$20,000 for energy improvements.	Jim Hasnik Ctr. for Energy & Environment (612) 335-5885
<b>H.O.M.E. Program</b>	Home maintenance & homemaker program for seniors	Tim Moron Sr. Community Svcs. (952) 746-4046
<b>Welcome to Minnetonka</b>	Up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time homebuyers. Household income limits apply.	Elise Durbin City of Minnetonka (952) 939-8285
<b>MN Mortgage Program</b>	First-time homebuyer mortgage program offering below-market interest rates. Household income limits apply.	Minnesota Housing (651) 296-8215

## Fall recreation brochure online only July 29

**O**NCE AGAIN THIS YEAR THE 2011 Recreation Services fall brochure will be posted online July 29 at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://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 35,000 brochures to Hopkins and Minnetonka residents. This approach was tried successfully for the first time last year 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 29 to [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto: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 2011 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](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com). ☺



## Music in the Park starts June 7

**T**HE 2011 MUSIC IN THE PARK series starts June 7, with concerts Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. Also, June 14-16, enjoy Theater in the Park, presented by the Minnetonka Community Theatre. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a complete list of Music in the Park concerts.

### June 7

Jeff Carver, Carol Zimmerman  
(smooth jazz/pop)

### June 14-16

Minnetonka Community Theater presents "Rugrats: A Live Adventure"  
(11 a.m. performances June 14, 15 and 16; additional 7 p.m. performance June 14)

### June 21

Brio Brass (30-piece, brassy jazz)

### June 28

Lehto and Wright (Celtic, folk rock) ☺



# 2010 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS ISSUING the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2010. Each of the past 13 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

This report fulfills an obligation the city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water, please contact Jim Malone at [jmalone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jmalone@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 988-8400. For information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400.

## Water source

The city of Minnetonka provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging in depth from 405 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the city of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable

the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call (651) 201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (press 5) during normal business hours. The report may also be viewed online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

## Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. ☺



## Lawn watering schedule

To effectively conserve the community's water resources, city of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar day before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call (952) 988-8400. ☺

# Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2010

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some other contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2010. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Water Testing Terms and Definitions

### MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

### MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

### MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

### MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

### AL — Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

### 90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest

result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) *Note:* In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

### pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

### ppb — Parts per billion

This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

### ppm — Parts per million

This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

### nd — No Detection

### N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

### Average/result

This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2010)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	4-8.5	8.5	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (8/24/2009)	ppm	2	2	N/A	0.15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	nd-2.3	2.3	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.99 – 1.7	1.27	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic acids (HAA5)	ppb	0	60	N/A	3	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10.4	10.4	nd – 0.65	0.65	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	0	80	N/A	3.7	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Radon (10/10/2006)	pCi/l	--	--	N/A	26	Erosion of natural deposits

Radon is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater. It poses a lung cancer risk when gas is released from water into air (as occurs during showering, bathing, or washing dishes or clothes) and a stomach cancer risk when it is ingested. Because radon in indoor air poses a much greater health risk than radon in drinking water, an Alternative Maximum Contaminant Level (AMCL) of 4,000 picoCuries per liter may apply in states that have adopted an Indoor Air Program, which compels citizens, homeowners, schools, and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 300 pCi/l may apply. Minnesota plans to adopt an Indoor Air Program once the Radon Rule is finalized.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	0.3 (Lowest) – 0.6 (Highest)	0.45	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	1.21	1 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	ppb	15	0	1.2	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The city of Minnetonka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If there are concerns about lead in the water, consider having the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Unregulated contaminants

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These unregulated contaminants are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected:

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	Range (2010)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (8/24/2009)	ppm	N/A	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (8/24/2009)	ppm	N/A	2.98	Erosion of natural deposits

Monitoring for unregulated contaminants as required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules (40 CFR 141.40) was conducted in 2010. Results of the unregulated contaminant monitoring are available upon request from Cindy Swanson, Minnesota Department of Health, at (651) 201-4656.



## Last garlic mustard workshop is June 2

**I**T'S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTROL GARLIC mustard! When garlic mustard stops flowering, there's still time to remove the plant before seeds are dispersed later in the summer.

Attend the season's last workshop Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. Learn the plant's biennial life-cycle and discover the growth stages when control is easiest. It's important to learn specific control methods for this plant, since it comes back easily when timing or methods are off-target.

RSVP is required and handouts will be provided. Register online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 988-8400. ☺



## Minnetonka named Tree City USA

**F**OR THE 17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the city of Minnetonka has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

Minnetonka has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA Community, including having a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. ☺

## Shade tree disease control program starts

**T**HE CITY'S ANNUAL SHADE TREE DISEASE control program, designed to keep Dutch elm disease and oak wilt at bay, starts June 1 and will continue until early September, when it becomes difficult to identify the diseases by their leaf symptoms.

If you see a tree with Dutch elm or oak wilt on your property or while driving around in the city, report it starting June 1 by calling (952) 988-8421. Be prepared to give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location. In order to be most efficient, inspection requests will be accepted and fit in when inspectors are scouting the neighborhood. The person who reports a diseased tree can remain anonymous—and the caller's name is not considered public information.

Two seasonal tree inspectors and the forester have been certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and will inspect public and private properties throughout the city for trees showing symptoms of Dutch elm or oak wilt, including wilting, curled leaves and branch death. On private property, they will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree.

If an elm tree or oak tree is found to have either of these diseases, it is important to act promptly with removal or the suggested treatments in order to protect other elms and oaks on your property and throughout the city. Both of these tree diseases are regulated by a city ordinance.

### Marked trees

If a tree has been identified as having Dutch elm disease or oak wilt, the city paints an orange ring around the tree and tags it with a special code. On the day the tree is marked, each underlying property owner receives a notice on the door, followed by a mailed letter. Both diseases have different management strategies, so be sure to read the letter carefully.

When a tree is marked in a yard, it is the property owner's responsibility to hire and pay for the costs associated with tree removal. If it is along the road edge within the right-of-way, the city will pay for half of the tree removal. When grinding is appropriate, the city will also pay for half of the stump removal. When the tree is in a park or other municipally owned property, the city of Minnetonka will pay for the full removal costs. The notification on the door and mailed letter will explain how you should take action.

### Other tree diseases

The city doesn't regulate other tree diseases or damaging insects because no other diseases or insects in Minnetonka are considered epidemic. Emerald ash borer would meet the epidemic criteria, but as of early May 2011 it had not yet been found in Minnetonka.

A tree disease is considered epidemic when it:

- Is economically catastrophic.
- Has far-reaching effects at a landscape level, not just in a single yard.
- Is difficult or nearly impossible to control.

The city's annual, active management of Dutch elm and oak wilt disease helps prevent a full epidemic. The city of Minnetonka and the metro area saw a dramatic increase in Dutch elm disease cases in 2004. While the number of diseased elms has fallen slightly, it still remains high due to drought conditions and warmer winters that have allowed beetle populations to increase. Since Dutch elm is spread primarily by beetles, it has been a challenge to keep the disease at bay. To learn more about common tree diseases, visit [www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/gardeninfo/) or visit the city's website at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Farmers' Market starts July 5

**T**HE MINNETONKA FARMERS' MARKET STARTS JULY 5 AND CONTINUES EVERY

Tuesday through September 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Enjoy the products of many local vendors selling a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, canned goods, syrup, honey, bread and other baked goods, pet treats and crafts. See the July *Minnetonka Memo* for a complete list of vendors and products, or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). See you at the market! ☺



## Join these exciting June adult programs

**D**O YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN engaging and lively activities that provide mental and/or physical exercise, and provide social interaction? Below is just a sample of the exciting 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or contact Nicole Gorman at [ngorman@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ngorman@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8369.

### Special Events

#### Evening Chair Yoga

*Weds., June 8-29, 6:15-7:15 p.m.*

Learn traditional Hatha yoga postures to increase flexibility, range of motion, balance and stamina. Please bring a yoga mat or towel to class.

#### Garden Club

*Mon., June 13, 1 p.m.*

This month's meeting will be at Venero Gardens in Shorewood. Many varieties of hostas and unusual perennials will be available for purchase. An optional lunch will be held at Hazelwood Restaurant in Excelsior at 11:30 a.m. Reservations required for lunch. Call Gwen McKernan for reservations/directions at (952) 922-8267.

#### Father's Day Grill Out

*Mon., June 20, 12 p.m.*

Enjoy a social afternoon with a grilled bratwurst lunch that includes chips, beans, watermelon and dessert. Cost is \$5 due by June 16.

#### Two-Mile Hike

*Tue., June 21, 9 a.m.*

Park and meet at Kingswood Terrance and Vine Hill Road, just southwest of Minnetonka High School.

#### Intro to Watercolor

*Weds., June 22-July 20, 1-2:30 p.m.*

Explore watercolor painting. Focus on key techniques, basic tools and ideas. No experience necessary. List of materials provided at registration. Cost is \$36 due by June 17.

#### Bike Club

Meet twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and enjoy 58 city and state trails. \$5 annual registration fee. Call (952) 939-8393 for more information.

#### 70-Plus Softball

On Mondays and Wednesdays, April through October, from 9 a.m. to noon, participate in slow-pitch softball at Big Willow Park. Modified rules allow for competitive play without risk of serious injury. Registration accepted throughout the season. Cost is \$15.

### Defensive Driving Classes

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

#### Four-Hour Courses

*Thur., June 2, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

*Tues., June 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Refreshments provided (no meal).

Cost: \$20. ☺

## Burwell House opens for tours June 11

**L**OOKING 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 11, continuing through August 31: Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 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? Arrange a time by calling Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219 or email [lronbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lronbeck@eminnetonka.com).

For more summer fun, don't miss the Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Look for details in the center of this issue of the *Minnetonka Memo*. ☺

## Hwy. 7 road work planned for June

**I**N EARLY JUNE, THE MINNESOTA Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) will be resurfacing Highway 7 from I-494 in Minnetonka to Vine Hill Road in Deephaven, including milling of existing asphalt, overlay of new asphalt and striping.

Work will occur overnight from approximately June 3 to June 15, and will require both full and partial closures of the highway. During full closures there will be posted detours as well as flaggers to assist motorists from neighborhoods with no other outlet besides Highway 7.

The work is weather dependent and schedules may change due to inclement weather. Visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) for traffic updates, and visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a link to Mn/DOT's website for this project. ☺

## Bridge removal slated for June



*A retaining wall under construction at the Hwy. 169 and Bren Road interchange project.*

**S**INCE MID-APRIL, construction has

been proceeding on expansion of the interchange at Highway 169 and Bren Road that leads into the Opus 2 business park. Removal of the Bren Road bridge over Hwy. 169 will take place in June, with replacement completed by early October. The entire project is expected to be complete by November of this year.

To receive updates on this project and to see detour maps for the area, visit [www.169bren.com](http://www.169bren.com) or follow the project on Twitter: @169Bren. Questions may be directed to [169bren@eminnetonka.com](mailto:169bren@eminnetonka.com) or to (952) 908-7099. This project is being led by the city of Minnetonka, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the city of Edina. ☺

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## Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
for meeting  
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
			1	2	3	4	1 Park Board, 7 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	4 Special One-Day Drop Off, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	6 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30			9 Native Plant Market/Eco Fun Fest, 3-7 p.m. (see page 1)
							14 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							16 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							20 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							23 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							25 Summer Festival/Ice Cream Social (see insert)

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

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16, and replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or anytime via videostream at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Agendas for council meetings are available on the city's website by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

## 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.

## Handmade gifts at The Landing Shop

IF YOU NEED A UNIQUE GIFT, THE Landing Shop is for you! Browse and buy handmade toys, doll clothes and furniture, sweaters, quilts, towels, booties and more. The shop is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (763) 591-4868 or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) (search "the landing shop"). The Landing Shop is a recreational program offered by the city of Minnetonka for area seniors.



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## BURWELL HOUSE

**10AM – 4PM**

### Arts, Crafts and Collectibles Market

Browse and buy the work of many local artists and crafters, including pottery, jewelry, hand-crafted soaps, textiles, handwork, woodwork, birdhouses and more. Also enjoy a stroll through reminders of the past at the collectibles market. No sales before 10 a.m.

## OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**10:30AM**

**Mini-parade** Everyone is invited to join this old-fashioned hometown parade. Decorate your bikes, wear costumes, make your own music – reveal your creativity! Meet at the old town hall (on the grounds of the Mills Church) and follow Minnetonka's first fire engine to the Burwell House. All participants receive a treat.

**11AM – 3:30PM**

- 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
- Children's activities, including spin art offered by local art gallery Your Art's Desire
- Try out working, antique hand-crank telephones and a telegraph machine
- Put out a fire with the Minnetonka Fire Department's 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 (corner of Minnetonka Boulevard and Baker Road) with limited handicap parking at St. David's Family Center (on Plymouth Road, across from the Burwell House).*

## SPORTING EVENTS

### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Times vary, \$100 per team  
This one-day men's softball tournament is held Saturday, June 25, at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. 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](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or [www.active.com](http://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 scenic wooded area with rolling hills and is police patrolled. Two water stations are provided.

### TOT TROT

Ages 2-8, 4 p.m., free  
The annual Children's Tot Trot will take place 4 p.m. again this year. This free event for boys and girls ages 2 through 8 is run through the Ice Arena parking lot. Route is approximately one-half to two blocks long (distance dependent upon age). No registration is required. 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! Please check in at the Summer Festival Information Tent.

### 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 be comprised of one adult and one child (age 8-15) with an 8 a.m. tee-off. Special contests will take place throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register, and refer to Course #21307 when registering for this tournament.



### BIKE TO SUMMER FESTIVAL AND THE BURWELL HOUSE

Attendees are encouraged to bike to the Summer Festival and Burwell House events! New this year, staffed bike corrals will be available for bikers to secure their bikes during events at the Burwell House from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at the Civic Center between 4 and 11 p.m. Those using the bike corrals will be entered into a drawing to win free prizes. 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.



### ORGANICS COLLECTION AT SUMMER FESTIVAL AND THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This year, the Summer Festival and Ice Cream Social are instituting organics/compost collection for waste. All food vendors will be providing compostable serving ware that can be disposed of in the organics collections bins, along with any food waste. Recycling bins will be available for cans and plastic bottles, and trash cans for any non-compostable, non-recyclable items. Please help us make these events environmentally friendly by taking the time to sort your compost, trash and recyclables into the appropriate containers!

*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.*



## SUMMER FESTIVAL & Ice Cream Social

CITY OF MINNETONKA



**SATURDAY 6•25•2011**



# YOUR INVITATION

**Don't miss this year's 34th Annual Summer Festival and Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 25!**

Participate in perennial favorites like the 8K race and tot trot, adult-child golf tournament, self-guided Burwell House tours, arts and crafts fair, collectibles market, kids' activities, police K9 demonstrations, open skating and fireworks (weather permitting).

If music's your thing, enjoy performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka, Splatter Sisters and R-Factor at Summer Festival. At the Burwell House hear the the Minnetonka Community Band and the always-popular Medicine Show Band.

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

## SCHEDULE

Please note: This schedule is subject to change. For weather information, call (952) 939-TELL (8355). This hotline will provide information about the status of live performances and the fireworks display in the event of inclement weather. Should the fireworks be cancelled, the make-up date is the Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 11.

## 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

**4PM Children's Tot Trot**  
*(see additional information under Sporting Events)*

**4-5PM Fire Department Open House**

**4-7PM Minnetonka Police car and tracker display**

**4-7:30PM Caricaturists**  
Have your likeness created by professional caricature artists. Free to kids of all ages!

**4-8PM**  
**Petting Zoo** Pet your favorite farm animals!  
**Pony Rides** Cowboys & cowgirls, saddle up!

**4-9PM Recreation Services Tent**  
Face painting, kids' arts and crafts.

**Inflatables** Bungy Trampoline, Circus City, Kraken Ship, Obstacle Course and Jungle Play

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

## COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES:

**4:30PM-7:30PM**  
Performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka

- **4:30** Choral Reflections & Symphony Chorus
- **5:30** Concert Choir & Chamber Choir
- **6:30** Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

**4-10PM Food & Fun**  
A variety of food and beverages available to purchase.

**5:30PM & 7PM**  
Police K9 demonstrations

**5:30PM-7:30PM** Fire Extinguisher Simulator Event

**5:30PM-7:30PM** Free ice skating and skate rental  
*(Minnetonka Ice Arena)*

**8-10PM** Special sale of neon glo sticks and necklaces!

**10PM Fireworks!**  
The grand finale—a spectacular finish to a great day! After the fireworks, beat the traffic by staying for a 30-minute encore performance by the **R-Factor**.

## MAIN STAGE:

**4:30-5:30PM**  
Karaoke All ages

**5:45-6:30PM**  
The Splatter Sisters  
Family and children's entertainment

**6:50-7PM** Announcements of the day's contest winners by Mayor Terry Schneider.

**7-11PM FEATURE SHOW** **The R-Factor** is back by popular demand. Enjoy their remarkable voices and big band sound. The **R-Factor** has provided back up for Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Huey Lewis, Donny Osmond and Smokey Robinson. New this year, the R-Factor will provide a 30-minute encore performance after the fireworks show.

# PARKING MAP

