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*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
November 2011*

2011 Minnetonka Photo Contest winners announced

NEARLY 250 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED for this year's city of Minnetonka photo contest, held in conjunction with the October Fire Department and City Open House. Minnetonka Community Commission members met to evaluate the entries and chose three winners.

In addition, the commission chose a Judges' Choice Award in each of the three categories: Lifestyle, Natural and Wild Minnetonka.

"*What a Fox*" by Mary Gorton was also the People's Choice Award winner, as chosen by visitors to the October 11 Fire Department and City Open House event.

Finally, the commission gave out several honorable mention awards. We've printed one photo here — to see more visit www.eminnetonka.com.

- Kris Cooley, "*Spring Rising of the Ferns*"
- David Engelstad, "*Barred Owl on Branch*"
- Darwin McKeen, "*Taking Shelter*"
- Marcelo Montero, "*We Can Share (Shady Oak Lake)*"
- Christine Petersen, "*Wood Sprite (Big Willow Park)*"
- Rene Porter, "*Spring's Berry Surprise*"
- Katie Robison, "*Farmers' Market*"
- Jennifer Stapek, "*Cool Drink*"
- Christopher Sullivan, "*Purgatory Creek at Purgatory Park*"
- Tyra Thomson, "*Wayzata Dock Friends*"
- Jennifer Wistrand, "*Summertime House Guests*"

All of the winning photos are displayed on the city of Minnetonka's website at www.eminnetonka.com. Winners were recognized at the October 24 meeting of the Minnetonka City Council. Thank you to everyone who entered this year's contest! ☺



First Place: *Sheryl Papp, "Purgatory Creek"*



Second Place: *Josefina Montero, "Bright Morning at Shady Oak Beach"*



Judges' Choice — Lifestyle Minnetonka: *Eric Raarup, "Morning Fog"*



Third Place: *Jim Stroner, "Green Heron Lift Off"*



Judges' Choice — Natural Minnetonka: *Rick Bruce, "Minnehaha Creek in Transition"*



People's Choice and Judges' Choice — Wild Minnetonka: *Mary Gorton, "What a Fox"*



Honorable Mention: *Katie Robison, "Farmer's Market"*

Avoiding autumn auto-deer collisions

WITH DEER MIGRATING AND MATING season occurring between October and December, a higher number of deer are on the roads this time of year, which means it's a good time for drivers to be on the alert to avoid vehicle-deer collisions.

While attentive driving is always the best deterrent for such accidents, here are a few other tips for avoiding a collision with a deer:

- Use high-beam headlights as much as possible to illuminate deer hiding on the road.
- Do not rely on car-mounted "deer whistles," which studies show do not affect deer.
- Be aware of "deer crossing" signs, which are placed in areas where deer are common.
- Deer are most active between 6 and 9 p.m., and often travel in herds.

If a collision with a deer is unavoidable, it's best not to swerve to avoid the animal, which could increase the risk of injury and cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle. ♪



2011 Photo Contest entry:
Heidi Skarie, "Hidden Fawn"

Recreation registration starts December 1

THE HOPKINS-MINNETONKA RECREATION SERVICES WINTER-SPRING BROCHURE WILL be mailed to all residents the week of November 21. Program registration for residents begins Dec. 1. Open registration begins Dec. 15. Non-residents can purchase a copy of the recreation brochure for \$3 each by calling (952) 939-8203. The brochure will be available to view online November 14 at www.eminnetonka.com. ♪

Plan your winter concert schedule

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) offers the following concerts in November and December to brighten those dreary winter days! All concerts are free unless otherwise indicated. Donations are gratefully accepted. Visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954 for more information.

Toast to the Holidays

Food and fun with the Choral Reflections of Minnetonka

December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka

By reservation only. Tickets: \$20. Call (952) 401-5954.

Annual Messiah Community Sing-Along

Minnetonka Chamber Orchestra and guest soloists

Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska

Free concert with gate admission.

Sounds of Youth

Minnetonka Youth Choirs (chamber, concert and cappella)

Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.

All Saints Lutheran Church
15915 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka

Annual "A Child's Christmas"

Minnetonka Youth Choirs (chamber, concert and cappella)

Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church
125 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Juletide

Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Chorus and Youth Chamber Choir

Two performances:

Sunday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.

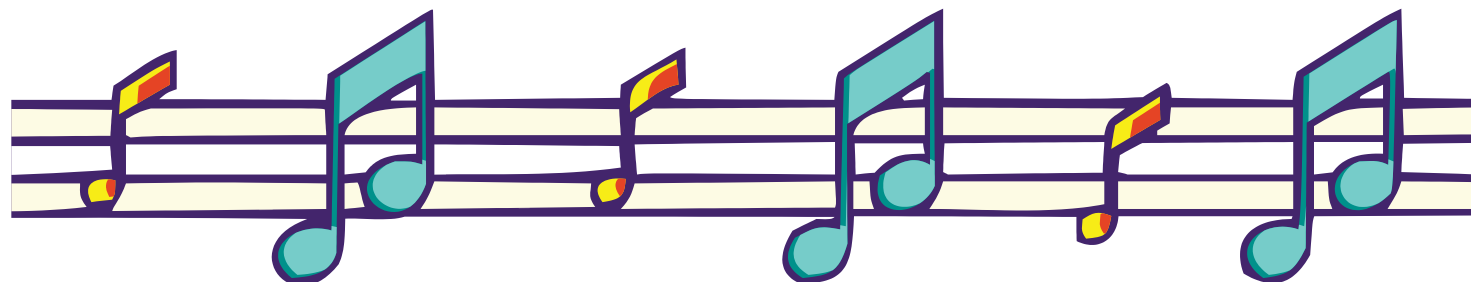
Immanuel Lutheran Church
16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie

Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church
125 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Accompanist wanted

The Minnetonka Senior Chorale is seeking a volunteer piano accompanist for the 2011-2012 concert season. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon from September through May at the Minnetonka Community Center, with 12-15 performances throughout the Twin Cities area. For more details, contact Roger Hoel at (952) 401-5954. ♪



General election is Tuesday, November 8

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS SET FOR Tuesday, Nov. 8. Below are the questions voter most frequently ask, and their answers. For more specific or current information about these topics, call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 or visit the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

What's on the ballot?

The ballot will include Minnetonka City Council seats in all four of the city's wards. At-large positions are not up for election this year. Candidates are:

- **Ward 1:** Robert L. "Bob" Ellingson (incumbent), Peggy Kvam
- **Ward 2:** Tony Wagner (incumbent)
- **Ward 3:** Brad Wiersum (incumbent)
- **Ward 4:** James Hiller (incumbent), Jason Iannone

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

- **Hopkins School District:**
four school board seats
- **Minnetonka School District:**
four school boards seats
- **Wayzata School District:**
four school boards seats

Sample ballots are available on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us. A link to the page can be found on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

What are the hours to vote, and where do I vote?

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

To find your specific polling place, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.mn.us. A link can be found on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

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



Can I register to vote on Election Day?

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. You will need to register if you have never registered to vote; if you have changed your name or address (including just moving to another apartment in the same building) since you last voted; or if you have not voted in four years.

What identification is needed to register?

Minnesota state law requires specific forms of identification to register at the polling place. For more information about these forms, see the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Who can vote absentee?

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

How do I vote absentee?

Two options are available for voting absentee:

- In person at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended voting hours are available Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday, November 7, until 5 p.m.
- By mail by requesting an absentee ballot application at (952) 939-8200. Applications may also be downloaded from the election section at www.eminnetonka.com. Upon receipt of your completed application, a ballot will be mailed. Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal delivery.

Where will election results be available?

Results will be available on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us. A link can be found on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Don't let your turkey go up in flames

THE DEEP-FRIED TURKEY TREND continues, with more and more people undertaking this unique cooking endeavor each Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, each year dangerous mistakes are made before and during cooking the birds. Follow these safety tips from the Minnetonka Fire Department's "What If?" program to ensure your Thanksgiving feast doesn't have unexpected visitors from the fire department.



- Completely thaw and dry before submerging it in the hot oil.
- Place your turkey fryer in an open area – a level driveway works best.
- Deep frying on decks or balconies, under a patio cover, in a garage, or in an enclosed space is not advised.
- Do not overfill the fryer.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Don't let children or pets near the fryer while in use **or after use**, as the oil can remain hot for several hours.
- Make sure no combustibles are nearby when deep frying the turkey.
- Place the propane tank as far away from the cooking kettle as possible and make sure the connections are tightened.
- Use well-insulated potholders/oven mitts and wear long-sleeved clothing to help protect from splatter.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby, and know how to use it. **Call 9-1-1 immediately if a fire occurs.**



Home repair, first-time home buyer loans available

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO MAKE repairs or improvements to your home? Do you want to purchase your first home, and need funds for a down payment or for closing costs?

The city continues to take pre-applications for the following programs:

- **Minnetonka Home Enhancement:** Up to \$15,000 for home repair, green improvements and some additions. Household income limits apply.
- **Welcome to Minnetonka:** Up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time home buyers. Household income limits apply.

Pre-applications and program guidelines are available on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com or by calling (952) 939-8285. ☺

Sign up for the 2012 Citizen Academy

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR city and have the opportunity to meet city staff, consider signing up to attend the 2012 Minnetonka Citizen Academy.

This free program takes place over six Tuesday sessions, January 24 and 31, February 14, 21 and 28, and March 6, 6:30–9 p.m., at Minnetonka City Hall. (Note: this year's academy skips a week due to the February 7 caucuses). Hear from the various city departments including police, fire, administration, community development, engineering, public works, recreation, legal and finance. Also enjoy a short presentation on Minnetonka history by Betty Johnson, official city historian and long-time Minnetonka resident!

Graduates of the program — those who attend four or more sessions — receive special city council recognition. To enroll, email Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at jl Larson@eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8207. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Registration deadline is January 10, 2012. ☺

Adults, plan your November calendar

DO 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, or contact Nicole Gorman at ngorman@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8369. For general information about any of the activities listed below, call (952) 939-8393.

Monthly Interest Groups

The center has many groups that meet monthly and welcome new members, including art drop in, AA, Al-Anon, billiards, bingo, bridge, chess, computer, ham radio, 500, Red Hat Society, woodcarving and a discussion group.

Ongoing Services

The center offers blood pressure checks, health insurance counseling, HOME outreach, bus trips, foot care and other community resources.

Special Events

Bird Club

November 4, 10 a.m.
Gus Axelson, editor of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer magazine, presents on Gray Jays. New members welcome.

Osteoporosis

November 9, 10:30 a.m.
Learn simple guidelines for exercise and bone health. **Cost:** \$2, due by Nov. 7.

Answering the Call

November 14, 10:30 a.m.
Learn how to create a senior emergency kit. **Free**, RSVP by Nov. 10.

Garden Club

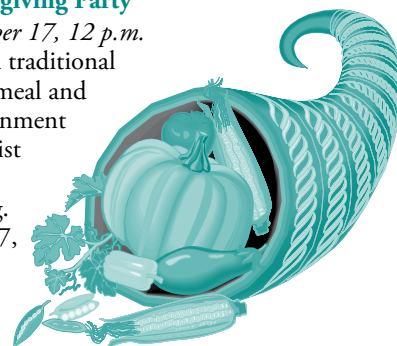
November 14, 1 p.m.
Meet at the Minnetonka Community Center for a seed exchange. New members welcome.

Health & Wellness Q&A

November 15, 10:30 a.m.
Pre-submitted questions will be answered at this presentation. **Free**, RSVP by Nov. 10

Thanksgiving Party

November 17, 12 p.m.
Catered traditional turkey meal and entertainment by pianist Vern Drilling. **Cost:** \$7, due by Nov. 10.



Let's Talk Energy

November 21, 10:30 a.m.
Inna Sicard presents. **Cost:** \$5, due by Nov. 17.

Art Grant Trip to Penumbra Theatre

November 30, 9:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Enjoy a performance of "I Wish You Love" by Dominic Taylor. **Cost:** \$10, due by Nov. 18 (includes transportation from the community center).

Defensive Driving Classes

To register, call the Minnesota Safety Center at 1-888-234-1924 or visit www.mnsafetycenter.org. AAA members receive \$3 off class registration by providing member number and expiration date.

Four-Hour Course

November 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Refreshments provided (no meal). **Cost:** \$20 each. ☺



New recycling program starts in January; carts arrive after Thanksgiving

AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND INTO early December, Allied Waste will begin dropping off 60-gallon, wheeled, lidded recycling carts to each Minnetonka household as part of the city's new recycling contract, which begins in January 2012. Each cart will include information about the new recycling program, and residents will receive by mail a 2012 calendar of the scheduled recycling collection dates.

While you'll want to find a place for your new recycling cart, don't start filling it yet — continue to use your blue plastic recycling bin through the end of December. (Note: If you leave town for the winter, consider asking a neighbor to watch for your new bin and put it away until you arrive home in the spring.)

Here's what you need to know about the new program:

- **All the recyclables go together** — no more sorting and separating. Sorting takes place at the recycling center.
- **More items will be accepted for recycling**, including plastic bags from retailers, foil-lined containers (juice boxes) and all types of plastic food and beverage containers (#1–#7), including yogurt cups and butter/whip cream tubs. A list of acceptable items will be imprinted on the top of your new recycling cart for handy reference.
- Your **recycling pickup day won't change, but pickup will take place every two weeks** instead of every week. You'll receive a 2012 calendar in the mail, showing your recycling pickup weeks. Recycling should be out by 6:30 a.m. on your pickup day.
- Starting in January, be sure to **place your new recycling cart and your garbage cart on opposite sides of your**



driveway — don't place them next to each other. Carts should be at least three feet apart from each other and any other objects. This ensures the carts aren't mixed up by the haulers, and also makes it easier for the truck arms to retrieve the carts.

Why switch to this new program?

The new recycling program offers several advantages, including less truck traffic in neighborhoods; increased participation in recycling due to ease of use and additional recyclables collected; and carts with lids (no more recycling blowing in the wind) and wheels (no more heavy lifting).

What should I do with my old recycling bin in January?

Once the new recycling program starts in January, you can keep your old blue recycling bin and use it as you wish, or you can bring it to Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, and leave it by the recycling drop-off center or watch for information in the January *Minnetonka Memo* about a citywide collection of the old blue bins. ♪

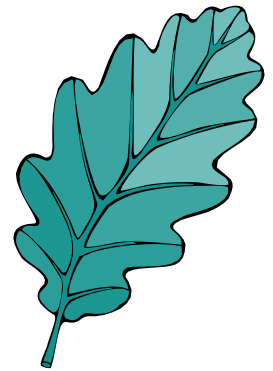
Shade tree disease control program annual update

THE CITY'S SHADE TREE DISEASE control program is currently targeted at managing Dutch elm and oak wilt diseases in the city of Minnetonka. This summer, the city's natural resources division issued nearly 850 work orders to remove 1,477 diseased elm and oak trees within the city, which requires the property owner to remove a diseased tree in a set amount of time.

More than 500 of the disease tree work orders have already been rechecked for compliance, with tree inspectors visiting each site to ensure wood has been disposed of or handled correctly. Inspectors leave a door hanger to let residents know they have met the city's ordinance requirements. In November, the city forester and tree inspector will continue to recheck every site where diseased trees were given a work order and marked for removal.

Minnetonka's Natural Resources Division thanks the residents who have already removed diseased trees this year, and also those who have treated their trees to prevent these diseases. Your diligence is appreciated, and since these tree diseases spread across many property lines, your role in helping protect Minnetonka's community forest is crucial!

For more information about the program, call Emily Ball, city forester, at (952) 988-8400. ♪



Find gifts galore 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 — Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and extended hours in December, Mondays — Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop is located at 11280 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka (northwest corner of I-394 and Hopkins Crossroad). For more information call (763) 591-4868 or visit www.eminnetonka.com (search "the landing shop"). The Landing Shop is a recreational program offered by the city of Minnetonka for area seniors. ♪



Help prevent storm water pollution

SINCE THE EARLY 1950S, METRO AREA waters have become increasingly salty. Chloride levels have risen so high that many metro area creeks are now considered unhealthy. Chlorides harm plants and animals, contaminate drinking water, damage buildings and corrode vehicles, roads and bridges.

Storm drains carry excess water from streets and homes to nearby lakes and creeks; which effectively makes every property a waterfront property! During the cold winter months, salt applied to streets, driveways and sidewalks eventually flows into lakes and creeks.

Use these strategies to prevent winter water pollution.

Before the storm

Apply a liquid de-icer before snow storms to prevent snow and ice buildup. This also makes shoveling more effective.

Want to make your own liquid de-icer? Mix two cups of hot water with one cup of salt, then apply.

Less is better

If leftover salt crystals are still visible after salt has been applied, then you've used too much. Sweep up the leftover salt and re-use it, or dispose of it in the trash. Remember, shoveling is the most effective way to prevent ice buildup.

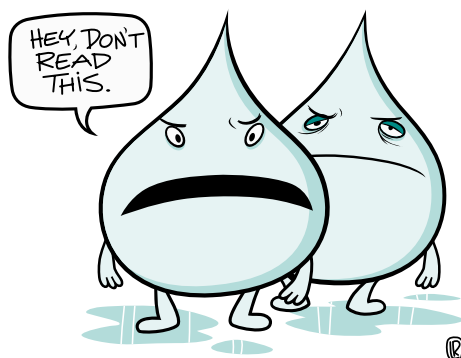
Shovel that snow

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

Temperature matters

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

Information provided by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Visit www.ninemilecreek.org for more information. ♪



What you should know about snow removal

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THE FARMERS' almanac or the woolly caterpillar, one thing's for certain — snow in some quantity will undoubtedly soon return to Minnetonka. Don't get left out in the cold! Read through these top ten tips for snow removal in Minnetonka.

1. **Timing of the start of snow removal depends on many things.** In most cases, plowing operations begin between midnight and 4 a.m., but the exact time depends on the predicted start and end of the snowfall, and its intensity. Because it is environmentally critical to limit salt use, plowing will occur for even modest amounts of snow, prior to salt applications.
2. **Heavy or above average snowfalls may require a multi-day operation** to clear (in this order) streets, parking lots, sidewalks, trails and ice rinks. In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets within 10 hours.
3. The city doesn't have snow emergencies, but year-round, **parked vehicles are required to be off city streets between 2 and 6 a.m.** Illegally parked vehicles may prevent snowplows from fully clearing streets. Call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 if you are concerned about a vehicle parked on your street.
4. **Place curb markers** to show the edge of your lawn or driveway. The city provides free markers to residents — stop by Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., or Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., to pick up your markers. Installation is easier when the ground isn't frozen!
5. **Avoid mailbox damage** by inspecting and, if necessary, refurbishing your mailbox post and structure prior to the snow season to ensure it can withstand rugged winter conditions. Mailboxes physically hit and damaged by city snowplows will be repaired, but mailboxes that break from the force of the snow coming off the snowplow will not be repaired.
6. **Boulevard damage caused by snowplows will be repaired** by the city. However, the city *does not repair or replace sprinklers, fences or rock gardens that are placed in the city right-of-way* (generally extending several feet behind the edge of the roadway). Report snowplow damage to Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400. Repairs usually are made in May and June.
7. **Snowplowing takes place in three steps.** Understanding this process may help you plan your driveway shoveling/blowing accordingly. The first pass provides an initial access path down the streets. After all streets have received a first pass, full-width plowing takes place, often within a few hours of the first pass. Final cleanup typically occurs the following day and includes intersection cleanup, salting, and plowing where vehicles had been parked.
8. **Garbage cans and recycling containers** should be set out behind the curb line so they won't be knocked over by snowplows. The local raccoons won't thank you, but your neighbors will.
9. **Clear snow from your driveway**, but don't push it into or across the street. City ordinances require snow to be placed on the right-of-way adjacent to your property. Please make contractors aware of city snow removal ordinances.
10. The city **has dramatically reduced its use of chemicals in snow and ice removal**, due to concerns about the negative effects of salt on lakes and creeks as well as on roads and bridges (see article on this page). The public works department has implemented a number of very progressive initiatives designed to reduce chemical use and save money while continuing to provide high levels of winter maintenance service. Please use caution in the winter, however — driving conditions in January are bound to be more challenging than in July.

One final tip, embrace the snow! Make like Ann-Margret and Jack Lemmon in Grumpy Old Men and create a snow angel; shoot some pucks at an outdoor rink; or head over to Glen Lake Golf Course for some cross country skiing. Spring will be here before you know it! ♪



2011 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Fall Leaf Drop-Off Program

Open through November 20

Public Works Facility

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

Leaves and non-woody yard waste (grass, weeds, pine cones and needles, garden trimmings, fruit, etc.) will be accepted from Minnetonka residents at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., on the following days and times (same as the brush drop-off hours):

- **Mondays:** 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 7, 14
- **Tuesdays:** 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19

Expanded Friday and Sunday fall leaf drop-off hours:

- **Fridays:** 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4, 18 (closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day)
- **Sundays:** 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20

Proper identification to verify Minnetonka residency (driver's license, state ID, or Minnetonka utility bill) is required each time a resident enters the site.

The city leaf drop-off site is bag-free. Residents will unbag their leaves and yard waste at the large bulk leaf pile and take all empty bags home for reuse or disposal — including paper and compostable bags.

Loads of leaves must be covered during transport! The suggested method of loading and transport is to use many tarps, each with a layer of leaves a foot or less. Use the tarps to gather up and move small piles of leaves from your yard to your trailer or vehicle, continuing to use lots of tarps until the vehicle is full. This makes unloading your leaves much faster and easier at the site, since all you need to do is flip the tarps one at a time to dump the leaves. If you don't use this method, please bring proper equipment, such as a stout pitch fork, to unload your truck or trailer load of leaves.

Sticks and branches smaller than ½" in diameter are acceptable with leaves. Anything larger than ½" in diameter goes to the brush drop-off pile.

If you have other means of disposing of your leaves, such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option. For a fee (annual, monthly or per

cart or bag), all garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste on the same day as your garbage collection. The hauler yard waste collection usually runs April through November. Check with your garbage hauler for details. ♪

Brush drop-off closes Nov. 20

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents is open Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. This service is only available to Minnetonka residents. Proper I.D. proving residency is required each time a resident enters the site (driver's license, state ID or Minnetonka utility bill).

Please note: trash, metal, plastics, concrete, lumber, fences or wood scraps are not accepted. **Do not** bring these materials with your load of brush.

Do not put grass, loose leaves, dirt, sod or other non-woody materials in with the brush pile.

The brush drop-off is located at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Use the west entrance near the Big Willow Park ball fields.

No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services. Brush drop-off closes Nov 20, 2011. For more information call (952) 988-8430. ♪

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. ♪

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Calendar

City of
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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	5	2 Joint Meeting of the City Council and Park Board, 5:30 p.m.; Park Board, 7 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. (<i>Topic: 2012 budget</i>)
27	28	29	30				8 General Election (<i>polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.</i>); Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							24/25 Thanksgiving holiday (<i>city offices closed</i>)
							11 Veterans Day, <i>city offices closed</i>
							28 Charter Commission, 7 p.m.

All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change—please check www.eminnetonka.com for the latest information.

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

Staying informed about city projects

THE CITY REGULARLY RECEIVES applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's website. If you'd like to stay informed, visit "MyMinnetonka" at www.eminnetonka.com—click on "MyMinnetonka" under "Top Picks." Through MyMinnetonka, you can learn about new projects in the city; provide online feedback on projects during their approval process, and receive email updates on projects. Planning commission meeting agendas are posted the Monday prior to the meeting. Visit www.eminnetonka.com for information. ∞

Victorian holiday open house is Dec. 4

THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host its annual Victorian holiday open house Sunday, December 4, from 1–4 p.m. at the historic Charles H. Burwell House, 13209 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka.

The house will be decorated in lavish Victorian holiday fashion and self-guided tours will be offered. Tea, cider and bakery treats will be provided in the cottage on the grounds. Attendance is free, but donations to the Minnetonka Historical Society are appreciated. Limited parking is available on the Burwell Park grounds, including handicapped spaces, with additional parking across Plymouth Road at St. David's Family Resource Center.

The historical society welcomes participation by youth groups in decorating the Burwell House for this holiday event. To volunteer, contact Florence Bogle at (952) 938-3758. ∞



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