

Your invitation

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S 33RD ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 26!

Participate in favorites like the 8K race, two-mile fun run and tot trot, adult-child golf tournament, Burwell House tours, arts and crafts fair, antique market, kids' activities, police K9 demonstrations, open skating and fireworks.

Enjoy musical entertainment from Jungle Sam and the Safari Band, the Music Association of Minnetonka and the perennially popular R-Factor. Try your hand at putting out a fire with the extinguisher simulator.

Some events and times have changed this year, so be sure to look inside this special edition of the *Minnetonka Memo* for a full schedule and description of events. For more information call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 or visit the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

There's something for everyone at this year's festival and ice cream social. We look forward to seeing you June 26!

Terry Schneider

Mayor Terry Schneider



Restrooms

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

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.

Sporting Events

Race Events

7:30 a.m. 8K (5 Mile) Race \$20
(*\$25 race day*)

8:45 a.m. Two-Mile Fun Run \$15

4 p.m. Tot Trot (ages 2-8) Free
New time! (see Civic Center schedule for more information)



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

Adult-Child Golf Tournament: 8 a.m.

Tournament is held at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. Cost is \$30 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will be comprised of one adult and one child (age 8-15) with times beginning at 8 a.m. Special contests will take place throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register, and refer to Course #19600.



Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament takes place at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. The tournament is limited to 12 teams with each team guaranteed at least three games. Entry fees are \$100 per team. Call (952) 939-8203 to request a registration form.



Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

10:30 A.M.

Mini-parade

Join this old-fashioned hometown parade, led by Minnetonka's first fire engine. Meet at the old town hall (on the grounds of the Minnetonka Community Church) and proceed to the Burwell House. All children receive a treat.



10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Antique market

Enjoy a stroll through these reminders of past. No sales before 10 a.m. Organized by the Minnetonka Historical Society.

Arts and Crafts Fair

Browse and buy the work of many local artists and crafters, including pottery, jewelry, handwork, woodwork, birdhouses and more. No sales before 10 a.m.

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Musical entertainment by the Medicine Show Band and Minnetonka Community Band.
- Free self-guided tours of the Burwell House.
- Children's activities, including spin art offered by local art gallery Your Art's Desire, and face painting by AJ Lindell of Funny Faces.
- Try out 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 Minnetonka Community Church, with limited handicap parking at St. David's Family Center.

Civic Center

Civic Center Grounds

4 p.m.

Tot Trot: The annual Children's Tot Trot takes place at a new time this year — 4 p.m.! The Tot Trot is a free event for boys and girls ages 2 through 8 and is approximately one-half block 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 evening Summer Festival activities! Please check in at the Summer Festival Information Tent.



4-10 p.m.

Food & Fun: A variety of food and beverages available to purchase.

4-5 p.m.

Fire Department Open House

4-7 p.m.

Minnetonka Police car and tracker display

4-7:30 p.m.

Caricaturists: Have your likeness created by professional artists — free to kids of all ages!

4-8 p.m.

Petting Zoo: Come and pet your favorite farm animals

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

4-9 p.m.

Recreation Services Tent: Face painting, kids' arts & crafts.

Inflatables: Bungee Trampoline, Circus City, Kraken Ship, Obstacle Course and Jungle Play

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

5:30 & 7 p.m.

Police K-9 demonstrations

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fire extinguisher simulator event
Free ice skating and skate rental (Minnetonka Ice Arena)

6:30 p.m.

Music Association of Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra (Community Center)

8-10 p.m.

Special sale of neon glo sticks and necklaces!

10 p.m. Fireworks! The grand finale — a spectacular finish to a great day! After the fireworks, beat the traffic by staying for an encore performance by the R-Factor, who will play until 11 p.m.

Main Stage

4-5:15 p.m.

Choral Reflections Chorus (Music Association of Minnetonka)

5:45-6:30 p.m. Jungle Sam and the Safari Band: Family and children's band

6:50-7 p.m. Announcement of the day's contest winners by Mayor Terry Schneider

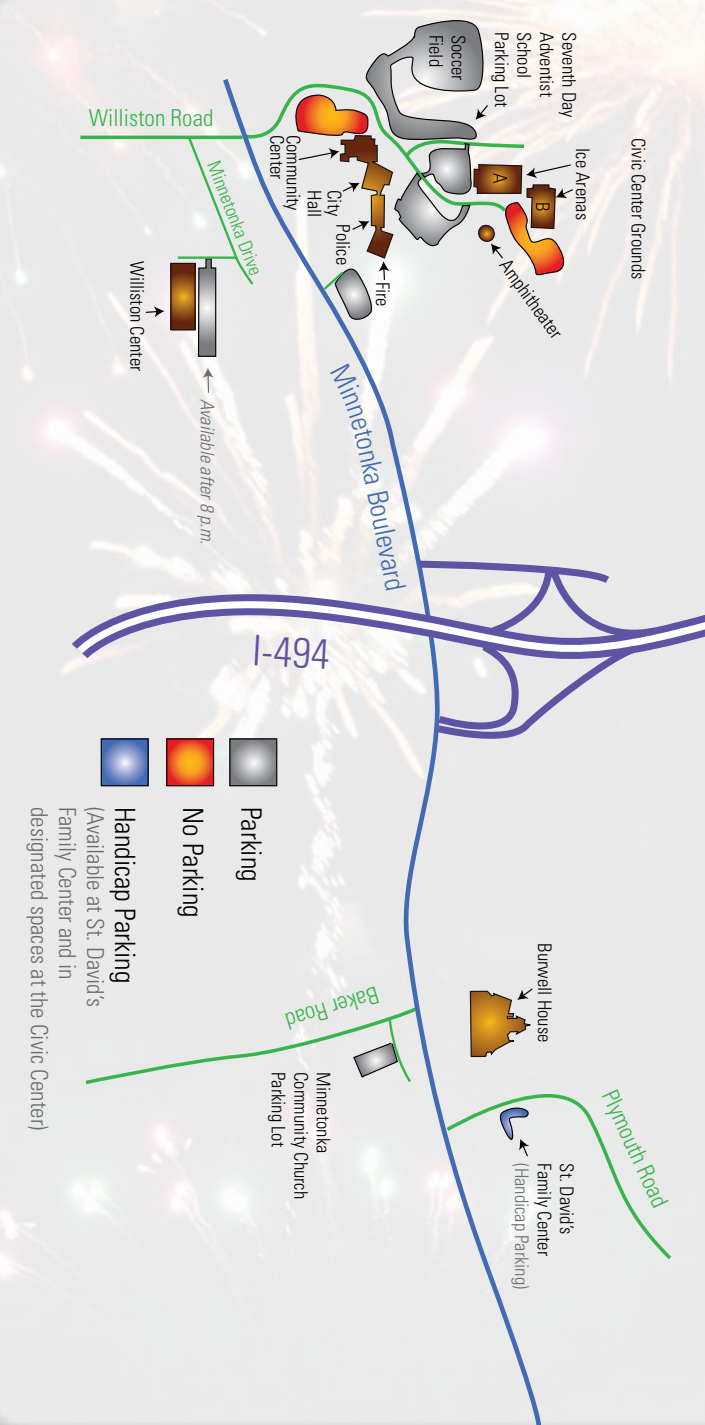
7-11 p.m. Feature show:

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.

All activities are free! (except for food)

Thank you to Minnetonka resident and volunteer photographer Jason Stenvold for the Summer Festival and Ice Cream Social photos featured in this month's *Memo*.

Parking Map



Primary election is August 10

A RECENT CHANGE IN FEDERAL LAW, DESIGNED TO ENSURE THE VOTES of military and overseas voters are counted, requires that absentee ballots for military and overseas voters be available at least 45 days prior to an election.

In order to meet this time frame, a new state law moves the state primary election up one month, to the second Tuesday in August—this year, August 10. The date of the state general election remains the same—November 2.

Absentee voting

Absentee voting is available for those who are unable to visit the polling place on primary election day for one or more of the following reasons.

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

Absentee ballots for the August 10 primary election will be available starting Friday, June 25.

In-person absentee voting

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Extended absentee voting hours will be available at both locations Saturday, August 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday, August 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Absentee voting by mail

Absentee voting may also be done by mail. Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by the primary election date—August 10—for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. For an application, call city hall at (952) 939-8200, visit the city website at www.eminnetonka.com, or fax a request to (952) 939-8244. Once an application is received, the city will mail a ballot with instructions.

Tour Burwell House

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MINNESOTA'S PAST THIS summer? Then make plans to visit Minnetonka's own Charles H. Burwell House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Burwell House is open for tours Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m., Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m. and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m., through August 31. 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.

Canoe scenic Minnehaha Creek

A GAIN THIS YEAR, THE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS OFFERING A CANOE rental and shuttle service for those interested in canoeing the beautiful Minnehaha Creek corridor through early summer.

The program runs through July 11, contingent on adequate creek water levels. Services are provided weekends during the entire season, and Friday evenings starting June 4. The cost to rent a canoe and shuttle is \$40 for a trip from Headwaters Park to County Road 73. This trip is about four miles in length and takes from one to two hours to complete.

Feel free to stop at any of the city parks along the way to explore or eat lunch, including at the historic Charles H. Burwell House, which is located between Baker and Plymouth roads and is open for tours Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Stop in and learn about Minnetonka's early history!

For more information or to reserve a canoe, call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203. For weekend information, contact the canoe shuttle staff at (612) 360-8235.

Native Plant Market & Eco Fun Fest

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE ALL-NEW NATIVE PLANT MARKET AND Eco Fun Fest Thursday, June 10, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

Buy native plants from vendors, then enjoy outdoor activities including native plant walks, water resource mini-golf, tree climbing and planting demonstrations, bug collecting for kids, a live owl program and opportunities to meet and learn about some native and exotic animals.

Remember to bring cash or checks and boxes for your plant purchases, a blanket or chair for sitting on during the raptor program, a water bottle to quench your thirst, and appropriate clothing for the weather. Event takes place rain or shine. For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com or see the May edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*.

Farmers' Market starts July 6

THE MINNETONKA FARMERS' MARKET TAKES PLACE TUESDAYS, JULY 6 through September 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Enjoy the products of more than 40 local vendors selling fresh and organic produce, frozen meats, handmade cheese, baked and canned goods, salsa, maple syrup, honey, candies, pet treats, fresh-cut flowers, bread, sauces, handmade soaps and skin products, apples, and a variety of crafts. See the July *Minnetonka Memo* or visit www.eminnetonka.com for a complete list of vendors and activities.

Fall recreation brochure available online July 30
Printed copies will not be mailed. Visit www.eminnetonka.com.

Tree disease control underway

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA'S SHADE TREE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, aimed at keeping Dutch elm disease (DED) and oak wilt (OW) at bay, has begun. Three city tree inspectors cover the entire city each summer, scouting for diseased elm and oak trees. Scouting continues until early September, when it becomes increasingly difficult to identify the diseases by their leaf symptoms.

If you see a tree you believe to have DED or OW, report it by calling (952) 988-8421. Be prepared to give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location. The person who reports a diseased tree can remain anonymous—and the caller's name is not considered public information. In order to use inspector time most efficiently, inspection requests will be fulfilled at the same time inspectors are scouting the neighborhood.

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 DED or OW. They will look for elms and oaks with wilting, curled leaves and branch death. On private property, they will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree. Both of these tree diseases are regulated by city ordinance.

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. 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. For more information, call Emily Ball, city forester, at (952) 988-8421.

Apply now to be a firefighter

IF YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A FIREFIGHTER, NOW IS THE TIME! The Minnetonka Fire Department is accepting firefighter applications for several open positions. Worried about how the life of a firefighter might fit into your work or home schedule? The fire department recently instituted duty crews, which limits the amount of unexpected calls and allows you to choose the times you can work as a firefighter.

To apply, you must be at least 18 years of age; live within 15 minutes of any Minnetonka fire station; have a valid Minnesota driver's license; and be in acceptable physical condition. Applicants must also be able to pass all required tests. For more information or to apply, call (952) 939-8330 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

Music in the Park starts June 8

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2010 MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES, set for Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. starting June 8. All concerts take place at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy local performers playing a wide variety of music for the whole family. A special performance has been added to this year's Music in the Park line-up, with the Minnetonka Community Theatre performing "Free to Be You and Me" June 15. Three additional performances of "Free to Be You and Me" will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15, 16 and 17, at 11 a.m.

June 8

John Kujda Quartet
(40's–60's)

June 15

Minnetonka
Community Theater—
"Free To Be You and Me"

June 22

Don King Blues Band and
Friends (blues)

June 29

Lee Engele Quartet
(jazz vocal)

July 6

Lehto and Wright
(Celtic, folk rock)

July 13

Eden Prairie Community Band
(variety)

July 20

Tom Hunter Quartet (blues, jazz)

July 27

Brio Brass (25 piece, brassy jazz)

August 3

Blue Feelin' (Blues)



Summer concerts!

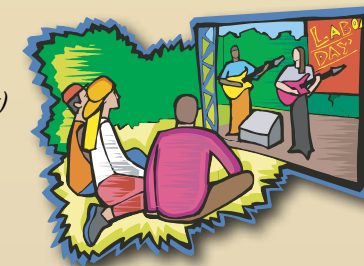
THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) will present two concerts in June, in addition to performances at Summer Festival (see reverse side for details). Concerts are free. Call (952) 401-5954 or visit www.musicassociation.org for more information.

Bon Voyage Concert

Minnetonka Chamber Choir
Sunday, June 13, 3:30 p.m.
Wayzata Community Church
125 E. Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata

Summer Pops Concert

Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra
Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m.
Excelsior Band Shell, Excelsior



Night for Neighbors is August 3

ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, FROM 6 to 9 p.m., Minnetonka residents are invited to join hundreds of other neighborhoods across Minnetonka in the tradition of an evening of getting to know your neighbors. Residents citywide will be asked to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors and spend an evening visiting with neighbors.

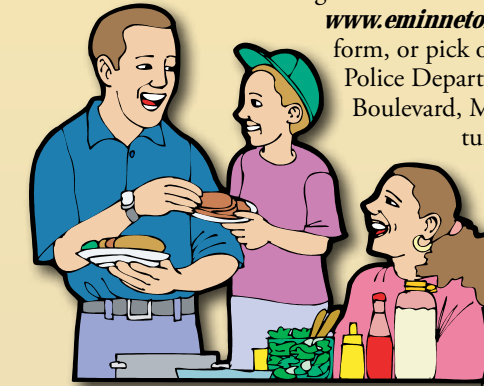
All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate, with a city representative visiting the

first 100 registered events. See the city's website at

www.eminnetonka.com for a registration form, or pick one up at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 9, to the Minnetonka Police Department. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and last year's neighborhood participants will receive a registration form and information in the mail in June.



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