

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
July 2010

Minnetonka Farmers' Market starts Tuesday, July 6

THE MINNETONKA FARMERS' MARKET returns for its second year Tuesday, July 6, continuing every Tuesday through September 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Minnetonka Ice Arena B parking lot, located at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus at 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Vendors will be offering their own grown and produced items including fruits, veggies, flowers, honey, maple syrup, breads, eggs, frozen meat, cheese, salsa, jams/jellies, canned goods, cookies/candies, barbecue sauces, nuts, bath/body products, pet treats and more. Not all vendors will be at all markets — check www.eminnetonka.com for a weekly list of vendors, or sign up for the weekly email update by contacting Jacque Larson at jl Larson@eminnetonka.com.

Additionally, this year the market is pleased to offer visitors the opportunity to visit with city staff and community organizations, including the city of Minnetonka forester, Minnetonka Fire Department, Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services, 494 Commuter Services, MnPASS, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and others.

Enjoy musicians Lin Mulhern, Dave Seeba and Brian Peterson, along with kids' crafts and face painting. After the market, stay for Music in the Park at the neighboring outdoor amphitheater (see full schedule on page 6 or visit www.eminnetonka.com).

Limited parking, including handicapped parking, is available in the ice arena B parking lot near the market. Parking is also available in the city hall and Ice Arena A parking lot, just a short walk from the market.

Follow these tips for a successful market experience:

- Bring cash — credit and debit cards are not accepted. Some vendors may accept checks, but cash is preferred. There is no ATM on the civic center campus.
- No beverages or prepared food will be for sale at the market. Please plan ahead by bringing a reusable water bottle.



- The market is outdoors, rain or shine. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes — you may have to walk a short distance from the parking lot to the market.
- Visit the market early for a better selection. Walk through the entire market before you buy. Make a list of what you want then return to those vendors to make your purchases.
- Bring a stroller or wagon for children. It can also be useful for storing and transporting your purchases.
- Bring a cloth bag or foldable cart to carry your produce.
- If you have questions about certain fruits or vegetables, ask the farmer.
- Bargaining is not recommended but asking to buy smaller amounts is acceptable. ☺

State primary election is Tuesday, August 10

FEDERAL, STATE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, county and judicial offices may be on the ballot for the state primary election Tuesday, August 10. No local issues are on this year's ballot. The purpose of the state primary is to determine the candidate from each party who will advance to the state general election November 2.

City staff is available to help you with election information — call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200, or visit the city website at www.eminnetonka.com. This article will help you with the following topics:

- How is voting in the state primary different from voting in the state general election?
- How do I vote absentee?
- Why should I pre-register?

State primary

In Minnesota, voters receive a ballot that lists candidates for all eligible major parties. Minnesota has three major parties: the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, the Independence Party and the Republican Party.

Unlike the general election, in the primary election voters may vote only for candidates within one party. If they “cross-over” — that is, vote for a candidate from one party for one office, and a candidate from another party for a different office — the ballot is considered defective and the votes on that ballot will not count. If this mistake happens at the polling place, an election judge will advise the voter and offer a replacement ballot. If this happens with an absentee ballot, the voter will be sent a replacement ballot if there is time to receive it back prior to August 10.

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News for Neighbors

From the Minnetonka Police Department

NEWSPER 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.

Citizen police academy concludes

The eight-week Minnetonka Citizen Police Academy concluded in May, with 20 participants completing the class. Participants learned about various aspects of police operations including SWAT, dispatch, the drug task force, K-9s and crime scene investigations. Attendees had hands-on participation in DWI exercises and use of force tactics and took a ride-along with a Minnetonka police officer.



Twenty residents graduated from the first-ever police citizen academy.

News for neighbors

- In 2009, police reserves performed **4,400 hours of volunteer service** for the community. In appreciation, the police department hosted the Police Reserve Recognition Dinner in February, attended by 30 police reserves, family members and staff.
- Officer Mark Christiansen was selected in May as the 2010 Glen Lake Optimists Officer of the Year. Officer Christiansen was hired by the city in November 1998 and has served in a variety of positions including SWAT, retail investigation, field training officer, bike patrol and use-of-force instructor.
- On May 15, **75 kids attended a bicycle rodeo**, co-hosted by the Minnetonka and Hopkins police departments at the Minnetonka Ice Arena parking lot. Bike patrol officers led the program, along with Minnetonka police reserve officers. Target stores donated snacks and Glen Lake Cycle and Penn Cycle were both on hand to conduct bicycle safety inspections and helmet fittings.
- In early June, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Maple Grove police departments conducted a **Safe and Sober traffic initiative** in the Minnetonka area with



Participants line up at the May bike rodeo.

a primary focus on seatbelt enforcement. More than 100 traffic stops were made throughout the day, with 75 citations and 13 warnings issued for seatbelt violations, four citations written for child seatbelt violations and three citations and ten warnings issued for speed. This is the tenth year that the three departments have partnered in the Safe and Sober grant.

- In May, Minnetonka officers participated in the annual **“Standing of the Guard”** at the Law Enforcement Memorial site on the grounds of the state capitol. Every year, law enforcement personnel from around the state participate in this memorial event to honor fallen officers. ☺

Night for Neighbors is August 3

ON TUESDAY, AUG. 3, BETWEEN 6 AND 9 P.M., 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. The first 100 neighborhoods to register will be scheduled to receive a visit from one city representative. Register early, as there were more than 160 events last year! While visits from city staff are scheduled, remember, there is no guarantee—emergency response may keep city personnel from attending your event.

Minnetonka Police will partner with the ICA food shelf again this year in asking residents to bring a donated food item to their block party. The block party with the most donated food (by weight) will win a prize. It has been proven that neighborhoods where people know one another often see a reduction in criminal activity. Celebrate Night for Neighbors!

Registration is available online at www.eminnetonka.com. If you would like a registration packet mailed to you contact Nicole Nelson at (952) 939-8546. ☺



**MINNETONKA
NIGHT
FOR NEIGHBORS**

Photo contest entries due Sept. 13

THE MINNETONKA COMMUNITY Commission will host the annual photo contest again this year, in conjunction with the October Fire Department and City Open House. Deadline is Monday, Sept. 13, by 4:30 p.m. Complete rules, categories and entry form will be published in the August *Minnetonka Memo*. In the meantime, keep those cameras busy taking great photos of Minnetonka! ☺

Primary election, *continued from page 1*

Nonpartisan county and judicial races may also be on the ballot if more than two candidates file for an office.

A sample ballot will be posted on the city's website as soon as one is available. If you don't have internet access, a sample ballot will be posted in the city hall lobby at 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

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
- Service as an election judge in another precinct

Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail. Absentee ballots became available on Friday, June 25. Absentee voting continues through August 9.

In person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at the Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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, until 5 p.m.

By mail

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

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

Pre-registering to vote

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote on Election Day at the polls. However, the lines can be long, so it is to your advantage to register before Election Day. Pre-registration for the state primary closes July 20 to allow the county time to update the precinct voter lists for Election Day. Contact city hall for a voter registration application form if you would like to pre-register. You will need to register if:

- You have never registered.
- You have changed your name or address (including just moving to another apartment in the same building) since you last voted.
- You have not voted in four years.

Upcoming election information

In the August *Memo*, we'll provide information about the following:

- The hours the polls will be open on primary election day
- Polling place locations
- Availability of state primary results
- Absentee voting for the November 2 state general election

This promises to be a busy election season, and we encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Please let us know how we can help you in this process. ☺

Know the rules about election signs

DURING ELECTION SEASON, IT'S important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs can be posted any time after June 25, 2010, and must be removed by November 12, 2010.

Signs may not be posted on publicly owned land. On private land, the following rules for temporary political signs apply:

- Signs must be at least five feet from the edge of a public street.
- Signs must not obstruct driver visibility at intersections.
- Signs must have the approval of the underlying property owner.
- Signs must not be posted on fences, trees, shrubs, or public utility poles.
- Signs must not be painted on rocks or other natural features.
- Signs must not be located within the right-of-way of state or county roads.

On election days, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places:

- On private property, signs must be 100 feet from the door where voters will enter.
- For public property, signs must not be within 100 feet of the building in which a polling place is situated, or anywhere on the public property.

If you have questions or complaints about campaign signs, please call the planning division at (952) 939-8290. ☺

Minnetonka Fire Department asks you to consider — What If?

HAVE YOU GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO a possible emergency? If not, the Minnetonka Fire Department has an exciting new program called "What If?", an emergency management public education program that explores the possibilities of unexpected emergencies, big or small, and helps to prepare you for those events.

Minnetonka Fire Department Public Educators Jim Lundeen and Sara Ahlquist will be at events throughout the summer talking about the What If? program, and helping residents try their hand at putting out a fire with the fire extinguisher simulator.

Want a presentation for your group? Jim and Sara can visit you with an interactive presentation covering topics from fire to home to personal safety. These presentations, tailored for various groups, can take place at any location and any time that fits your needs.

For more information, contact Jim Lundeen or Sara Ahlquist at (952) 939-8331 or via email at jlundeen@eminnetonka.com or sahlquist@eminnetonka.com. ☺



A summer reminder: ci

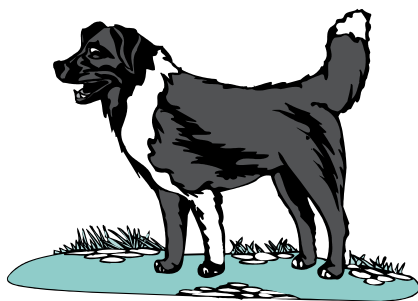
PETS, NOISE, PARKING, RECREATIONAL FIRES, OUTDOOR STORAGE — these are just a few of the concerns that peak each summer as residents are out and about more.

If you recognize yourself in any of these, but think your neighbor hasn't noticed or isn't bothered, you may want to reconsider — it's more likely your neighbor hasn't complained because they don't want to cause hard feelings. While they may seem like minor issues to you, take a few minutes to consider your behavior and to think about what kind of neighbor you'd like to be so that Minnetonka's neighbors can be pleasant for everyone.

If you have questions about any of these items, call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200.

Pet ownership

- Make sure your dog wears an ID tag. The ID is not a license and no fee is paid to the city, but it is required. The tag should contain as much information as possible — at minimum the owner's phone number. ID tags are recommended but not required for cats.
- Have your dog vaccinated for rabies and keep proof of the vaccination.
- Pick up after your pet. Picking up your dog's feces helps control the spread of parasites, keeps the city clean and helps protect water quality.
- Pet urine is often damaging to sod and plants. Don't allow your pet to urinate on other peoples' lawns and gardens.
- Apply for a multiple animal location permit if you have more than two dogs over the age of six months. The permit expires annually on May 31 and costs \$10 per year.
- All dogs must be leashed when in the maintained portion of parks or on trails. Pets must be kept on leash or under voice command in areas that are not improved and not maintained. A dog can be under voice command in neighborhoods only if it is at heel, directly beside its owner.
- Report all animal bites to the Minnetonka Police Department, for the safety of pets and humans alike. In most cases, no action will be taken against the animal or owner except for the required quarantine.
- Monitor your dog and be sure it isn't barking continuously while outside — even if you can't hear it, your neighbors probably can. Excessive barking is defined by city ordinance as "repeated noise over at least a ten-minute period with one minute or less lapse of time between each animal noise during that ten-minute period." This ordinance is enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year.



- Call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 if your pet is missing. Animals that are picked up by an officer and cannot be returned home will be impounded. You may pick up your pet by calling the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500. Impound and boarding fees will apply.

Parking

Parking is prohibited on any city street in Minnetonka between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., all year round. At no time may a vehicle be parked on the street for a period longer than six hours.

In addition, no more than four vehicles may be parked or stored anywhere outside a home. If parked in the front yard, vehicles must be on an approved surface. All vehicles must be owned by the residents of the dwelling (excluding occasional guests).

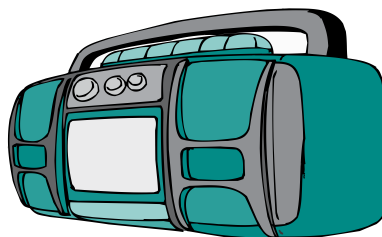
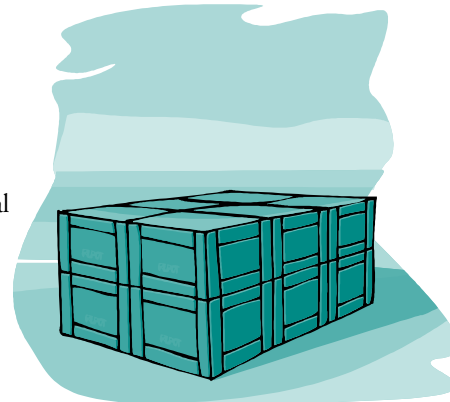


Outside storage

According to city ordinance, no outside storage of personal property is allowed.

Exceptions include items to be used in conjunction with normal outdoor residential activities such as outdoor furniture and cooking equipment and recreational equipment.

Exceptions also include construction and landscaping material and equipment that is used or intended to be used on the property in a period no longer than three months or in connection with a building permit on the property.



Noise

Minnetonka's "quiet hours" are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week, all year. Please be considerate of your neighbors, especially during the summer months when windows are often open.

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Trail safety and etiquette

During the summer, more people are out using the trails, including bicyclists, hikers, runners, walkers and dog walkers. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please review the following trail etiquette tips, and please respect the rights of others to use and enjoy the trails.

- Dogs must be on a leash six feet long or less. Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. Pet owners are encouraged to carry their own bags for picking up waste. For emergencies, “Mutt Mitt” plastic bag dispensers are placed along the trail.
- When overtaking fellow trail users, warn them by sounding a bell, horn or whistle and saying “Passing on your left” or “Passing.” Pass on the left, in single file.
- Travel on the right.
- If you stop, move off the trail.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Signal your turns.
- Stop at road crossings and look for approaching and turning vehicles.
- Proceed at a reasonable speed — 15 mph maximum. Yield to slower trail users.
- Watch for children, strollers, dogs on leash, wildlife and other trail users.
- Proceed slowly around blind curves, steep hills, and bridges.
- Watch for wet or slippery surfaces, sand, rocks, leaves or acorns on the trail.
- Travel in pairs if possible. Trails close at 10 p.m.



Recreational fires

Residents who wish to have recreational fires are required to have a permit from the Minnetonka Fire Department, but that permit does not excuse the holder from being aware of weather conditions and from being considerate of neighbors’ concerns about the recreational fire and the resulting smoke. The following conditions apply to recreational fire permit holders:

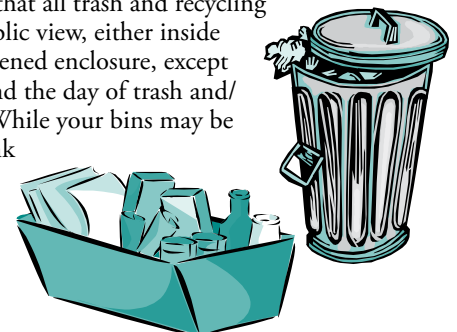


- The applicant is responsible for conducting, controlling and extinguishing the fire.
- The fire must be attended at all times and completely extinguished when finished.
- A means of extinguishing the fire must be readily available.
- The applicant agrees to extinguish the fire if the smoke is unreasonably offensive or injurious to others as determined by the city.
- The size of the fire shall not exceed 3 feet by 3 feet.
- Fire pits must be a minimum of 10 feet off the property line.
- Wood for burning must be a minimum of three inches in diameter or bigger. No trash, brush, leaves or treated lumber may be burned.
- The fire permit is valid only on the property listed, and the fire may not extend beyond the boundaries of that property.
- A recreational fire permit does not relieve the applicant from liability due to damage resulting from the fire or smoke.
- The recreational fire permit is not required to be renewed annually, but may be rescinded or cancelled by the Minnetonka Fire Department at any time.

If you have questions about recreational fires, please contact the Minnetonka Fire Department at (952) 939-8339.

Trash and recycling bins

City ordinance requires that all trash and recycling bins be stored out of public view, either inside a garage or behind a screened enclosure, except for the evening before and the day of trash and/or recycling collection. While your bins may be out of sight for you, think about the view your neighbor has of your property, and store your bins accordingly. ♡



Enjoy July events for senior residents

LOCATED AT THE MINNETONKA Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, Senior Services offers a wide variety of classes, programs, and activities for active older adults. For more information, or to sign up for the free monthly newsletter, the *Minnetonka Script*, visit www.eminnetonka.com.

Defensive Driving Classes

Call the Minnesota Safety Center at 1-888-234-1294 to register.

Four-Hour Courses:

July 13, 6–10 p.m.

or July 22, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Refreshments provided (no meal).

Cost: \$20.

St. David's Center for Child & Family Development Tour

July 13, 1:30 p.m.

RSVP by July 9 to (952) 939-8393.

Community Connections:

What If? program

July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the Minnetonka Fire Department's new What If? program, and try your hand at putting out a fire with a fire extinguisher simulator.

Meadow Park Hike

July 14, 9 a.m.

Meadow Park is located at 2725 Oakland Road in Minnetonka. Maps are available at the senior center office for this and other hikes.

Summer Celebration Picnic

July 15, 12 p.m.

Cost is \$5, due by July 12.

Mills Landing Gift Shop

Open Wednesday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Mills Landing Gift Shop at 12810 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, offers a wide selection of homemade gifts. Visit www.millslandingshoppe.com or call (952) 933-5214. ☺

Music in the Park continues through August

SEVERAL DATES REMAIN IN THE 2010 Music in the Park concert series, which takes place at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Don't forget to shop the Minnetonka Farmers' Market before visiting Music in the Park!

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)

Aug 3: **Blue Feelin' (Blues)**

Aug 10: **John Kujda Quartet (40s–60s)**

MAM hosts July concerts, choir auditions

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) Civic Orchestra presents its summer pops concert at multiple locations this summer. All concerts are free but donations are always gratefully accepted. Visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954 for information.

Monday, July 19, 7 p.m.

Centennial Lakes Park Amphitheater
7499 France Ave S., Edina

Sunday, July 25, 7 p.m.

Staring Lake Amphitheater
14800 Pioneer Road, Eden Prairie

Friday, July 30, 7 p.m.

Chaska City Square Park
300 Chestnut Street, Chaska

The MAM Youth Cappella Choir (for girls entering grades 3-5 in September) will hold auditions Monday, July 26, from 6–7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information about the youth choir program for girls and boys in grades K-2 and for girls in grades 3-12, please visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954. ☺



Dr. Roger Hoel directs the Minnetonka Civic Orchestra.

Tour Burwell House through September

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET IN TOUCH with Minnesota's past this spring and summer? There's no need to travel far—make plans to visit Minnetonka's own Charles H. Burwell House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a treasure loaded with stories about Minnetonka's early history.

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. The house is open Saturdays only, 12–4 p.m., in September.

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. Want to bring a group for a special tour? Arrange a time by calling Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219 or email Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com. ☺

Conserve energy and water this summer while staying cool

RISING TEMPERATURES DON'T HAVE to mean rising energy and water use. Conserving water and energy this summer can be easy and may help save some money as well.

- **Plant a shade tree** on the south side of your home to help reduce cooling costs in the summer while allowing the sun's heat in the winter. Trees also help shade your yard, reducing the amount of watering needed for lawn and plantings.

- **Convert parts of your lawn** that require the most watering to more drought-tolerant species. Many native prairie plants have deeper root systems and other adaptations that require little or no watering once established. Reseeding areas with fine fescues — a more drought-tolerant type of turf grass — also can help reduce watering and mowing.
- **Apply wood mulch** over the root systems of trees, shrubs and other plantings to

help protect them from mower damage, minimize weeds and reduce water use. Keep the mulch back from the trunks and stems but build it up slightly along the outside edges to form a "dish" to help when you water. Avoid using rock or plastic weed barriers.

- **Water over the root system** of trees, shrubs and other plants — not at the trunks or stems. Install a rain or moisture sensor on automatic irrigation systems to avoid wasting water.
- **Clean refrigerator coils** and replace the filters on your cooling system to increase efficiency. Dirty coils and filters can cause appliances to work harder and run longer.
- **Run washing machines and dishwashers with full loads** to reduce both water and energy use. Set the washer to "cold" or "cool" to save more energy.
- **Repair or replace leaking pipes** and appliances. One drip per second can waste as much as 3,000 gallons of water per year.
- **Open your windows** on cool nights and close drapes and blinds during the day to help keep your house cool without using energy. Close vents and doors in unused rooms to save more energy. ☺

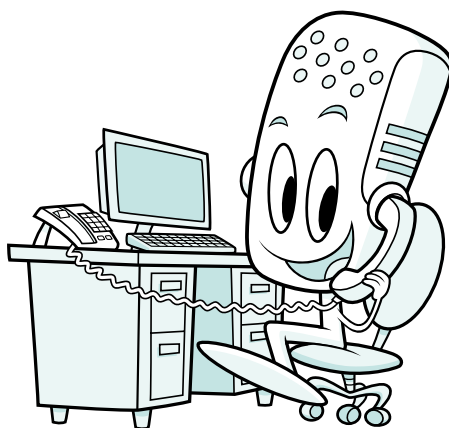
Ask Mike: Carpenter ants and your trees

MINNETONKA MIKE, THE CITY OF Minnetonka's online request system, is always standing by to help you with any questions, comments or concerns you may have about your city. This month, Mike addresses a resident's question about carpenter ants.

Dear Minnetonka Mike:

I found a nest of carpenter ants in one of my trees, and I'm worried they will damage the tree. What should I do?

Signed, Antsy Pants



Dear Antsy:

Carpenter ants live in moist or rotting wood, including trees, wood piles and indoor wooden structures. Unlike termites, they do not eat the wood. Instead, they either make use of already rotten wood or they chew through the wood (creating sawdust) to form galleries and tunnels. They are one of the largest kinds of ants in Minnesota, and range in color and size, depending on their role in the colony.

In trees, carpenter ants typically live in areas that are already rotten or decayed, such as the center of the tree stem. They take advantage of previously weakened wood to establish their colony. Because of this, they do not actively harm their habitats and control measures are usually unnecessary.

However, the ants can cause damage if they move from their tree or wood pile into your home. To avoid this:

- Don't store wood near your house or other wooden structures. If this can't be avoided, then keep the wood pile dry and elevate it to promote air circulation.
- Trim branches overhanging your home or other wooden structures.
- When possible, replace moisture damaged wood indoors.

- Reduce existing high moisture conditions of indoor wood.
- Practice good sanitation in your kitchen so ants are not attracted to food scraps.

Indoor wood is particularly susceptible to structural damage when colonies are large and have been active for a long time. In these instances, professional application of insecticidal control measures may be necessary, as well as replacement of moisture-damaged wood.

Often an inside infestation can act as a satellite colony for an outside nest. But unless your tree-residing ants decide to take refuge in your home, there's no need to apply a chemical treatment to kill the ants.

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If you have a question, comment or concern about the city, let Minnetonka Mike know! Visit www.eminnetonka.com and click on Minnetonka Mike's image. Follow the directions to set up your account, then go ahead and submit your comment. Or, call (952) 939-8386 to leave your comment. ☺

Apply now for 2011 nonprofit funding

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS NOW accepting requests for a limited amount of 2011 nonprofit funding. Last year, in addition to funds for affordable housing, the city provided social services allocations of \$28,000, spread among several agencies.

A competitive process will consider the following criteria: community-wide benefit (meets an important city-wide need and serves a proportionately high number of Minnetonka residents); access to funding (reasonable efforts must be made to raise funds from other sources); and cost effectiveness (services are not duplicated; volunteers and in-kind contributions are already used to reduce costs).

Applications are due September 3, 2010. To review the city's policy regarding nonprofit funding, and to download an application, visit www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

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Calendar

City of
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Call (952) 939-8200
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locations.

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				1	2	3	1 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							15 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5 Independence Day observed, <i>city offices closed</i>
							19 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	20 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.; Music in the Park, 7–8:30 p.m.
							26 Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m. (no council meeting)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	13 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.; Music in the Park, 7–8:30 p.m.
							27 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.; Music in the Park, 7–8:30 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

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 Web site by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

Staying informed about city projects

THE CITY REGULARLY RECEIVES applications for projects that require planning commission and/or city council approval. Information on these, as well as many other city projects, is regularly updated on the city's Web site. 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. ∞

Fall recreation brochure online July 30; printed copies will not be mailed

THE 2010 RECREATION SERVICES FALL BROCHURE WILL BE POSTED ONLINE JULY 30 AT www.eminnetonka.com. It will not be mailed to homes. A postcard will be sent out later this month to all homes, reminding residents to check online for the fall brochure.

This trial of online-only publishing of the Recreation Services brochure is an effort to save tax dollars involved in printing and bulk mailing 35,000 brochures to Hopkins and Minnetonka residents.

Residents without Internet access who wish to receive a printed copy of the brochure may send a request **after July 30** to recservices@eminnetonka.com or call 952.939.8203. 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.

This test trial will affect the 2010 fall brochure only—the winter and summer brochures will continue to be printed and mailed. 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. ∞