

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
August 2010

Time to vote: state primary is Tuesday, Aug. 10

WHILE VOTING IN THE STATE PRIMARY has long been an end-of-summer ritual for many Minnesotans, this year it becomes a dog-days-of-summer ritual, as the state primary has moved up to August.

This year's state primary will take place Tuesday, August 10, with three state races on the primary ballot: governor/lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general. No local issues are on the 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.

For more detailed or specific information, call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

State primary

In Minnesota, primary 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. Voters may vote only for candidates within one party. If they "cross-over" (that is, if they 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.

Polling Place Information

Polls will be open August 10 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find out where you vote, please visit Hennepin County's website at www.hennepin.us. After typing in your residential address, you'll receive information about your polling place location and have the option to print a map to your polling place. You'll also be able to view a sample ballot for your precinct. You may also call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 for polling place information. Minnetonka's polling locations have remained the same since 2007.

Pre-registration for the state primary has closed but you may register to vote at your

Minnetonka precinct polling locations

Find which precinct you are in and where to vote by visiting www.hennepin.us. If you already know your precinct, find your polling location below.

1A Glen Lake Elementary School 4801 Woodridge Road	2D The Episcopal Parish of St. David's Church 13000 St. David's Road	4A/4B Ridgewood Church (formerly Minnetonka Baptist) 4420 County Road 101
1B Old Apostolic Lutheran Church 5617 Rowland Road	2E Lindbergh Center 2400 Lindbergh Drive	4C Minnetonka District Service Center 5621 County Road 101
1C Cross of Glory Baptist Church 4600 Shady Oak Road	3A Ridgepointe 12600 Marion Lane W.	4D Scenic Heights Elementary School 5650 Scenic Heights Drive
1D Faith Presbyterian Church 12007 Excelsior Boulevard	3B Freedom Pointe 500 Carlson Parkway	4E Redeemer Bible Church 16031 Woodland Curve
1E St. Paul's Lutheran Church 13207 Lake Street Extension	3C Minnetonka Community Center 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard	4F All Saints Lutheran Church 15915 Excelsior Boulevard
1F Minnetonka Community Center 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard	3D/3E St. Luke Presbyterian Church 3121 Groveland School Road	4G Glen Lake Activity Center 14350 Excelsior Boulevard
2A Minnetonka Community Center 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard	3F Minnetonka Lutheran Church 16023 Minnetonka Boulevard	4H Minnetonka District Service Center 5621 County Road 101
2B Ridgedale Hennepin County Library 12601 Ridgedale Drive	3G Redeemer Bible Church 16031 Woodland Curve	
2C Oak Knoll Lutheran Church 600 Hopkins Crossroad	3H Minnetonka United Methodist Church 17611 Lake Street Extension	

polling place on primary election day. You will need to register to vote if you have never registered, if you have changed your name or address, or if you have not voted in four years. To register on primary election day you must provide ID. The acceptable forms of ID are listed on the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting is available through Monday, August 9, 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

In Person

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. 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 primary 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 Minnetonka City Hall, visiting 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.

State primary results

A link will be provided on the city's website to the election results page of the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

City staff is available to help you with any questions you may have about the state primary or about the November 2 general election. Call (952) 939-8200 or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

Flashpoints

From the Minnetonka Fire Department



IN FIREFIGHTING LINGO, A “FLASHPOINT” is the temperature at which combustible materials may burst into flame. The flashpoints in this quarterly feature are not so volatile. Instead, they are the initiatives and events that serve as the catalyst for the excellent service provided every day by the Minnetonka Fire Department to city residents and businesses. For more information about any of these items, call the fire department at (952) 939-8598.

What If?

The Minnetonka Fire Department is excited to continue offering its new public education program, What If?, designed to prepare you for emergencies, big or small, with the goal of creating a proactive community.



Part of the “What If?” program includes our exciting new fire extinguisher simulator, which provides a safe and smart opportunity to learn how to put out fires. Another part of our program includes multi-media presentations to groups of all ages and sizes. The program can be customized to meet you or your group’s needs.

Keep your eyes peeled for “What If?” public educators from the Minnetonka Fire Department, who will be sharing “What If?” throughout the city and are looking forward to meeting you. For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com.



Fire department public education specialist Jim Lundeen demonstrates the new fire extinguisher simulator.

CODERED®

Sign up for CodeRED

In 2009, the city of Minnetonka implemented the CodeRED (reverse 9-1-1) notification system for use during emergencies, which gives city officials the ability to deliver urgent pre-recorded emergency telephone messages to targeted areas or to the entire city at a rate of 1,000 calls per minute.

While CodeRED begins with an existing database of telephone numbers, no one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. The following individuals are encouraged to add their information to the database:

- All businesses
- Residents with unlisted phone numbers
- Residents who have changed their phone number or address within the last year
- Residents who use a cellular phone as their primary phone
- Residents who have recently moved, but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number
- Residents who wish to receive text and/or email messages in addition to calls
- Residents who wish to opt out

Further information and instructions on how to update your information in CodeRED can be found at www.eminnetonka.com—click on “Fire,” then “Emergency Management.”

General information on how to prepare for emergencies may be found at www.eminnetonka.com—click on “Fire,” then “What If?”

Fire Department Responses

During the second quarter of 2010, the fire department responded to 323 calls for service. The three-person duty crew handles most of the calls, while about 40 paid-on-call members show up for every structure fire. The largest category of calls in the second quarter was 140 medicals, followed by 39 false fire alarms, 36 lift assists, 14 natural gas leaks, 12 mutual aid requests and seven structure fires, among other calls.

Significant events included:

- Structure fires on Larchmore Avenue, Charmy Downs, Old Bren Road and Manor Court Road
- A balcony fire at a Carlson Parkway apartment building
- A fire in a nursing home on Wayzata Boulevard
- A pedestrian struck by a vehicle on I-494

Fire Training Update

The average firefighter in Minnetonka attended more than 45 hours of training during the second quarter — about three hours per week. Training included:

- The annual refresher course on live fire, foam & fire extinguishers, cutting torches, and high-rise fires.
- Placing new airpicks into service, which meet current standards and were purchased jointly with five other cities.
- Placing new hydraulic rescue tools in service, replacing units from 1975. These rescue tools are capable of cutting and spreading the metals found in today’s vehicles.
- Helping plan and participating in the “Operation Mayday” exercise in St. Louis Park, which involved a mock school bus incident at St. Louis Park Junior High.
- Completion of quarterly EMS training, including triage skills, required medical documentation and basic EKG (heart rhythm) reading.
- Joint operations training with the Bloomington, Edina, Excelsior, Hopkins, Richfield, and St. Louis Park fire departments at a soon-to-be demolished funeral home in Richfield. ☺

Open House is Oct. 5

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY Open House will be held October 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. This year—fireworks at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater! ☺

Shop the farmers' market Tuesdays, 3–7 p.m.

NEW LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE continues to arrive at the Minnetonka Farmers' Market Tuesdays through September 28 from 3-7 p.m. in the Minnetonka Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Every week, browse and buy a variety of products, including produce, crafts, chocolates, snacks, salsas, honey, maple syrup, sauces, bread, flowers and more. Check www.eminnetonka.com for a weekly update on the market, or sign up for the email update list by emailing jlarrison@eminnetonka.com.



This month's special events

- **August 3 & 31:** The League of Women Voters will be available to answer all your voting questions.
- **August 10 & 24:** Enjoy children's activities hosted by St. David's Center for Child and Family Development
- **August 17:** Ride your bicycle to the market and receive a free market bag! Also be entered to win a \$100 gift card at the 494 Commuter Services booth.
- **August 24 & 31:** Purchase homegrown plants from the Minnetonka Senior Garden Club. All proceeds benefit Minnetonka Senior Services programs.

Come for the farmers' market and stay for Music in the Park at 7 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater, with performances taking place through August 10. See page 6 for performance details. ♪

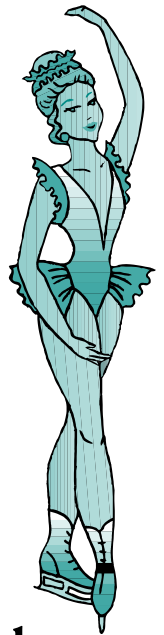
Going on vacation?

THE MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT offers a free service to check the exterior of your home when you are out of town. Register online for this service at www.eminnetonka.com. Go to the Police page, then Crime Prevention, then Vacation House Check. Please register at least ten days before leaving town.

Additionally, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home and take in papers and mail, water plants, open and close curtains, vary lighting and make the home look more "lived in." Having someone mow the lawn or shovel snow as the season dictates is a good idea too. ♪

Skating lessons start September 14

SIGN UP FOR FALL/WINTER skating lessons with the Minnetonka Ice Arena's All Season Skating School! The lesson program is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute and offers instruction for skaters ages 3 and up, including adults. Class information and registration materials are available by calling the Minnetonka Ice Arena at (952) 939-8310 or visiting the city of Minnetonka website at www.eminnetonka.com. The 12-week session begins September 14. Register now as space is limited! ♪



Tour Burwell House through September

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, remains open for regular tour hours through August, before moving to Saturdays only in September.

Through August 31, the Burwell House is open for tours Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m., Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m. and Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. In September, the house will be open Saturdays only, 12–4 p.m., (September 4, 11, 18 and 25), before closing for the season.

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. ♪

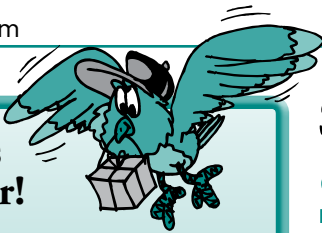


Photo of Burwell House submitted for the 2009 photo contest.

Minnesota and the "new normal"

IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT MINNESOTA and the "new normal" means to you, join the Community Needs and Issues Group Monday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Tom Gillaspay, state demographer, and Tom Stinson, state economist. Learn about demographic changes in the state and the economic impact for Minnesotans. Presentation takes place at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Call (952) 939-8393 for information. ♪

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Act now to prevent deer damage

IF YOU FREQUENTLY SEE DEER IN YOUR yard and also have a recently planted tree, you should keep hardware cloth or a plastic tree guard on your tree from mid-August to April. Deer can damage young, tender trees by rubbing their antlers on the thin-barked stems of deciduous trees. This kills the living tissue under the bark, which makes the tree susceptible to decay.

Prevent damage to the stem by placing a protective light-colored plastic tree guard around the tree or by fencing it off completely with welded wire. If you choose the welded wire fence, be sure to use hardware cloth around the base of the tree to protect the stem from rodent damage in the winter.

Once the tree guard is on, make sure it fits all the way around the tree and will be tall enough to protect the bark from a rutting deer. If you choose a tree guard, be sure to remove it in the spring in order to discourage borers and allow the tree trunk to capture light and photosynthesize. Welded wire fence and hardware cloth may be left on all year, but check it in the spring to ensure the tree hasn't outgrown it. For more information visit www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2009/12/tree-stem-protection/. ☺



Tree damage caused by deer.

Summer's uninvited guest: yellow jackets

SUMMER IN MINNETONKA MEANS MEALS on the patio, picnics with neighbors and ice cream socials. Unfortunately, yellow jackets can also be found buzzing around these and other outdoor activities.

While yellow jackets are beneficial as pollinators of plants and as predators of other pest insects, their stings can instantly make them an unwelcome guest.

So how do you know if you're dealing with yellow jackets?

Yellow jackets (and other wasps) are sometimes confused with honey bees because of their shared yellow-and-black coloring. However, bees have hair on their bodies and pollen baskets on their legs, while wasps have smooth, shiny, nearly hairless and slightly smaller bodies.

Unlike bees, wasps are able to pull their stingers out and can therefore sting more than once. Physical reactions to wasp stings can also be different from bee stings because the venom in each insect is different.

Many people may experience a non-allergic reaction to wasp stings which can include burning, itching and swelling at the sting site and can vary in duration. Minor allergic reactions can include non-local swelling and rashes, as well as stomachache, headache and minor respiratory difficulties. Other people may experience a more

serious allergic reaction and must receive immediate medical attention. Symptoms may include difficulty breathing, swelling, and fainting that manifest within minutes after the sting.

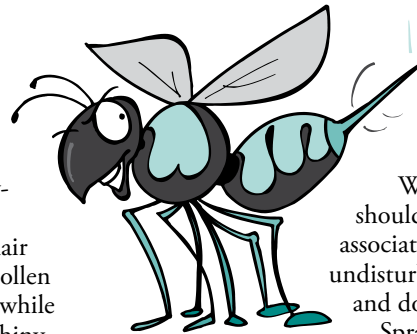
Yellow jackets can build nests in a variety of places, such as inside abandoned rodent tunnels, on trees or shrubs, under eaves, in attics or inside walls. Their nests are made of a pulpy and fibrous mix of chewed wood and saliva.

Treatment of yellow jackets can depend heavily on the location of their nesting site and the threat they pose to humans.

Wasp nests near human activity should be treated because of the risks associated with stings, but wasps in undisturbed nests shouldn't bother you and don't need to be controlled.

Sprays approved for homeowner and professional use can be effective in killing yellow jackets, but should be applied only to the nest site. Spray nests at night (they cannot fly well in temperatures under 50 degrees Fahrenheit) and according to label instructions. If live wasps are observed the next day, repeat the application every three days until no more activity is noticed.

Other control measures for yellow jackets include limiting the amount of time sugary food and drinks are left out, serving food immediately before eating and removing ripe or damaged fruit from gardens if wasps are nearby. ☺



EAB park preparation work begins in August

IN JANUARY, THE CITY OF MINNETONKA received a \$75,000 competitive grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to prepare for Emerald ash borer. Although the insect has not yet been detected in Minnetonka, it's important to start making plans to reduce the number of ash trees in the maintained areas of the parks and to start replanting now.

Unlike a private property owner, the city manages thousands of ash trees and must start to prioritize removals before EAB is found here. This helps spread costs over time, and will help reduce the number of standing dead trees once EAB becomes established. The grant dollars will help the city get a substantial head start on preparedness.

Using grant dollars, a forestry intern has surveyed the city's 50 parks to determine where the largest numbers of ash trees are located. The parks affected this fall will include Groveland, Boulder Creek, Big Willow and Meadow parks. As work begins, on-site signs will be posted and information will be available on the city website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Primarily, ash trees with structural defects or poor health will be removed and replaced with new trees. Ash trees found to be structurally sound and healthy will be treated professionally in an effort to avoid removal.

Questions? Call Emily Ball, city forester, at (952) 988-8421. ☺

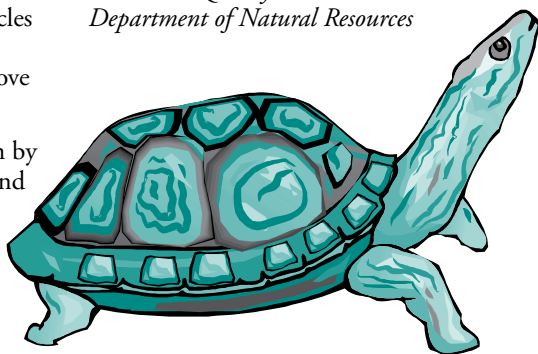
Why should you protect native lake habitats?

PLANTS ARE THE SINGLE MOST important part of every lake's ecosystem, yet are the most easily disturbed component. If you have lakefront property, consider the following before you disturb existing vegetation along the shoreline.

- Native plants play a vital role in protecting water quality by filtering sediment and other pollutants from snowmelt and rainwater runoff, by improving settling of suspended particles in the water, and by absorbing excess nutrients to minimize algae and improve water clarity.
- Native plants help prevent soil erosion by absorbing the energy of wave action and anchoring soil to the lake bottom.
- Native plants support the fish and wildlife in and around the lake by providing food and shelter for insects, birds, turtles, frogs and mammals.

Help preserve the quality of lake habitats by avoiding disturbance of existing vegetation along the shoreline as well as by adding areas of native plants above the lake edge. Learn more about the benefits of native plants for wildlife and water quality under "Native Landscaping" at www.eminnetonka.com.

Adapted from "Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality"—Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



Tour a local native landscape August 21

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GROWING native plants or converting a portion of your property to a native landscape, you're invited to tour the yard of Minnetonka residents Heather and Brent Holm. The Holms transformed their turf yard into a prairie, mesic woodland and dry woodland landscape with more than 255 species of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses and sedges.

In addition to touring the yard, see before and after photographs of the landscape conversion, and learn about the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District cost share grant the Holms used for their project.

Tour is one day only, Saturday, August 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 15327 Lake Shore Avenue, Minnetonka. Can't wait for the tour? Follow what's happening in the Holms' yard through their blog at www.restoringthelandscape.com.

Identifying and controlling curly dock weed: a persistent problem

IN THE SAME FAMILY AS BUCKWHEAT AND rhubarb, the curly dock weed was introduced to the United States and Canada from Europe and western Asia. By August, the seed tops of this plant, which grows to as high as four feet, are chocolate brown.

Habitat

Curly dock can be found in open disturbed sites such as along travel corridors, old fields and low-maintenance areas. It will grow in a variety of soils but does well in ditches where soil is moist and nutrient-rich. Spot curly dock at the interchange at Hwy. 169 and Minnetonka Boulevard in Minnetonka.

Lifespan

Curly dock lifespan varies — it can be a biennial or a short-lived perennial. The first year it may show only leaves, then flowers in the second year. After seeds ripen or die the weed may live on as a perennial, with multiple stems per plant.

Identification

Identify this plant by the following:

- **Basal leaves** grow low in a rosette at the ground level during the first year, with long leaves (12 or more inches), oblong to lance-shaped with an un-toothed, wavy, rippled or "curly" margin.
- **Stem leaves** decrease in size as they alternate up the plant stalk.

- **Stems** are tall, two to 4 or more feet in height, and usually unbranched. The stems are round and smooth to somewhat ridged, turning red as the seeds mature. Leaves make a unique attachment to the stem with a papery sheath that surrounds the stem at each slightly swollen node.
- Curly dock **flowers** do not have petals. They are small, green, papery, three-sided, heart-shaped sepals (about 3/16" dia.), born in tight vertical clusters, narrowly branching off the top end of the stem. Flower clusters also arise from upper leaf axils. One small triangular, red-brown **seed** develops inside each 3-sided bract. When maturing, the flower clusters turn pinkish-red, and then ripen to a chestnut brown.
- The **root** is a forked yellowish taproot, one or more feet long.

Control

Dig curly weed out by the root. If it has ripe brown seed tops, cut them off and throw them in the garbage. If the plant has dropped seed in the area, new plants will germinate for years to come. Dig seedlings. Careful herbicide application when the plant is young and actively growing will give best chemical control.

Interesting facts:

- Dried curly dock seed stalks have been used in flower arrangements and wreaths. Unfortunately, this is a good way to spread the plant by seed, which remain viable for many years.
- When leaves are young, they are edible and nutritious as cooked greens, but only in small amounts because they contain soluble oxalates that can be toxic in certain quantities.
- Parts of curly dock have been used medicinally for ailments such as rheumatism, jaundice, scurvy and skin diseases.



Curly dock seeds are ripe when the tall flower stalks turn chocolate-brown.

MAM introduces new ensemble

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) invites interested musicians to come play an instrument or sing in one of ten ensembles: the Symphony Orchestra, Civic Orchestra, Concert Band, Senior Chorale, Symphony Chorus, Choral Reflections of Minnetonka or Youth Choirs.

The Minnetonka Youth Choirs are very excited to announce their newest ensemble, the Choristers Choir, for boys and girls in kindergarten to grade two. To learn more, visit the Youth Choirs' Open House afternoon event Sunday, August 29, on the Minnetonka High School campus.

The Minnetonka Symphony Chorus and Choral Reflections of Minnetonka will host auditions Tuesday, August 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Arts Center on 7, 18285 Highway 7, Minnetonka. No appointment necessary.

For more information about joining any MAM ensemble, call (952) 401-5954 or visit www.musicassociation.org

Fall recreation brochure now online

THE RECREATION SERVICES FALL brochure was posted online July 30 at www.eminnetonka.com and will not be mailed to homes.

Residents may request a printed copy of the brochure by calling (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 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. This test trial affects the fall 2010 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 services, reduce printing costs and become a more environmentally friendly organization. Please let us know what you think by emailing recservices@eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8203. ∞

August events for Minnetonka seniors

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 Course

August 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Refreshments provided (no meal).
Cost: \$20.

Fall class registration

August 5, 8:30 a.m.
For non-Minnetonka residents, registration starts August 6.

Senior Garden Club

August 9, 1 p.m.
Whether you are a beginning, advanced or master gardener, you're invited to join the Senior Garden Club! Enjoy speakers, demonstrations, tours and volunteer projects. Club meets the second Monday of each month at the community center. Call Irene Kostka at (952) 473-0862 for more information.

Community Connections

August 11, 10:15 a.m.
Learn about the city's recreation services and Williston Center renovations from

Dave Johnson, recreation director. Call (952) 939-8393 to attend this free program. Donations accepted for rolls and coffee.

Help "rip off" the Minnetonka Police

August 12, 9 a.m.
Volunteers are needed to remove patches from several Minnetonka Police Department uniforms that are being discarded. Bring a seam ripper if you have one. Refreshments provided. Call (952) 939-8393 to RSVP.

Pork chop dinner

August 16, 4:30 or 5:30 p.m. seatings
Cost is \$7, due by August 9

Shady Oak Lake hike

August 17, 9 a.m.
Park at Shady Oak Beach,
5200 Shady Oak Road.

Natural ways to manage arthritis

August 25, 10:30 a.m.
Cost is \$2, due by August 23.

Ole and Lena dinner

August 26, 5 p.m.
Cost is \$7, due by August 23.

Mills Landing Gift Shoppe

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

Music in the Park concludes in August

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, concludes in August. Don't forget to shop the Minnetonka Farmers' Market before visiting Music in the Park!

Aug 3: Blue Feelin' (Blues)

Aug 10: John Kujda Quartet (40s-60s)

These dates were accurate as of mid-July—be sure to check the website at www.eminnetonka.com for updates. ∞



Photo contest entries due Monday, September 13

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA AND THE Minnetonka Community Commission are hosting the annual photo contest in conjunction with the Fire Department and City Open House. Below are this year's contest rules!

- Photographers must be residents of Minnetonka.
- Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than you. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.
- Photos must be appropriate for posting in city government publications. Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed model release form (available online at www.eminnetonka.com).
- Entries may be digital images or color or black-and-white prints. You are encouraged to submit a digital image — only digital images will be considered for the People's Choice Award. See specific rules regarding digital images.

- Prints must be labeled with name and address. If submitting multiple entries, number each print to match a corresponding entry form (see form below).
- Up to three entries may be submitted.
- Submit each photo in one of three categories:
 - **Lifestyle Minnetonka** (cityscapes, people, activities)
 - **Natural Minnetonka** (landscapes, plants)
 - **Wild Minnetonka** (animals, pets)
- Photos will not be returned and become the property of the city of Minnetonka to be used in city publications.

Digital Images

Digital images should be emailed to jarson@eminnetonka.com or submitted on a CD. Images should be submitted in JPG (high quality) or TIFF format. Please submit digital images at the original size and resolution at which they were taken.

Images must be in natural color or black and white — sepia tone and duotone images are not eligible.

Image Modifications

Minor digital enhancement is allowed, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

Deadline

All photos must be submitted by Monday, September 13, at 4:30 p.m.

Awards

A first-, second-, and third-place entry will be selected. In addition, a People's Choice Award (digital images only) will be chosen by attendees at the Oct. 5 Open House. Winning photos will be published on the city website and in the *Minnetonka Memo*; and a certificate of appreciation will be presented to the winners at a city council meeting. ∞

A look at two of last year's entries...



Flannery Daley, "Tree Frogs on the Porch"



Reed Nelson, "Lake the Director"

Photo contest entry form

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Category: Lifestyle Minnetonka Natural Minnetonka Wild Minnetonka

Caption (*photo location, description of event*) _____

Day phone _____ Age (if under 18) _____

Mail (or drop off) entries to:

Minnetonka Photo Contest
City of Minnetonka
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

City employees and their families are not eligible to enter.
Questions? Call (952) 939-8207.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.; Music in the Park, 7–8:30 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4 Park Board: natural resources tour, 5:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	5 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	10 Primary Election, 7 a.m.–8 p.m. Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m. Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. Music in the Park, 7–8:30 p.m.
29	30	31					16 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 17 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 19 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 23 Community Commission, 6:30 p.m. 26 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m. 30 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m. (Topic: 2011 Budget) 31 Farmers' Market, 3–7 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.

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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.

Fireworks show rescheduled for October 5 at Fire Department and City Open House

THE SUMMER FESTIVAL FIREWORKS SHOW, which was cancelled due to heavy rain, has been rescheduled for this fall's Fire Department and City Open House, which takes place Tuesday, October 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. The fireworks show will be at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Look for more Open House event details in the September *Minnetonka Memo* or in the fall recreation brochure, which is available online at www.eminnetonka.com.



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