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A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
September 2010

Minnetonka Fire Department and City Open House set for October 5

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA HOSTS ITS annual Fire Department and City Open House Tuesday, October 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. This popular event offers an informal and entertaining way to meet city staff and learn more about local government. Kids four and over can ride in city fire trucks and everyone can enjoy free hot dogs, cookies, pop and lemonade along with department tours and entertainment. Special this year, gather at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater to enjoy a fireworks display, rescheduled from this



year's Summer Festival! See the October *Minnetonka Memo* for a complete schedule of events, or visit www.eminnetonka.com.



Farmers' Market continues through Sept. 28

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, enjoy more than 40 vendors at the market selling a variety of products, including produce, crafts, chocolates, snacks, salsas, honey, maple syrup, barbecue sauce, pasta sauce, apples, 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.

Don't miss the last of this year's locally grown goodies!

Absentee voting for the general election

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 2 state general election begins September 17 and runs through November 1. 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:** Voters may vote absentee at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning September 17. Extended absentee voting hours also will be available Saturday, October 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, November 1, until 5 p.m.
- **By mail:** Absentee voting also may 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. To receive an absentee ballot you must first submit an application for the ballot. The absentee application can be found on the city's website or staff can mail one to you.

For more information, call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200 or visit the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com.

Photo contest entries due Sept. 13

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE AUGUST *Minnetonka Memo*, the city and the Minnetonka Community Commission are hosting a photo contest this year in conjunction with the October 5 Fire Department and City Open House. All photos must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 13, at 4:30 p.m. Rules and entry form are available in the August *Minnetonka Memo*, or visit www.eminnetonka.com. Emailing your photos? Simply include the entry form information in the body of the email.



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.

- Two reserves, Chris Tkachuk and Justin Gunderson, recently graduated from the **Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Police Reserve Program**. This ten-week training program covers a wide range of topics such as traffic control, use of force, radio communications, search and seizure and crime laboratory capabilities. The addition of these two new reserves brings the Minnetonka reserve complement up to 18 members.
- On June 3, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Maple Grove police departments conducted a **Safe and Sober traffic initiative** in the Minnetonka area with 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. An additional four citations were written for child seatbelt violations,

along with three citations and 10 warnings for speed. This is the tenth year that the three departments have partnered in the Safe and Sober grant.

- On July 5, the police department **welcomed a new police officer**, Officer Jim Giese. Officer Giese is a native of Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He spent the last 10 years with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Helping teens become safe drivers

Statistics show that young drivers between 16 and 19 years of age are less likely to belt up than older adults. Statistics also show that seatbelts are the most effective means of protecting oneself from injury during an automobile crash. To encourage seatbelt use among youth, traffic officers at Minnetonka and Hopkins high schools passed out a total of 800 candy bars, one to each student wearing a seatbelt as they departed the parking lot on the last day of school.

Parents also should set rules and limits for their teen driver and reinforce these Minnesota state laws.

- **Seat belt use** — drivers and all passengers are required to be buckled up. Law enforcement will stop and ticket unbelted drivers and passengers. Fines are more than \$100.
- **Passenger limitations** — no more than one passenger under age 20 during the first six months of licensure; no more than three during the second six months.
- **Nighttime limitations** — no driving between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. during the first six months of licensure.
- **Cell phone use** is totally banned for drivers during their first year of licensure.
- **Texting, email, web access** — It is illegal for all drivers to read and/or compose text messages or emails or access the internet while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. This law carries fines up to \$300.
- **Not-a-Drop** — Driving minors cited for any amount of alcohol use will lose their license from 30 to 180 days, and face up to a \$700 fine and 90 days in jail. ☺

Dribble, pass, shoot, score — sign up for basketball today

Youth Basketball League

Join the tradition of the Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League, an in-house recreational league for boys and girls in grades 2–6 living in the Hopkins-Minnetonka area. Separate boys' and girls' teams are formed by school and grade. Games will be played on Saturdays starting December 4 and concluding January 29 for second graders and February 19 for grades 3–6. Grades 3–6 will have one weekday evening practice starting the week of November 8. Call (952) 939-8203 to register. Registration fees are as follows:

- Register by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17: Grade 2, \$45; Grades 3–6, \$85
- Register by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8: Grade 2, \$55; Grades 3–6, \$95

- Deadline is Friday, Oct. 8. Registrations received after Oct. 8 will be placed on a waiting list. If placed on a team from the waiting list, an administrative fee is incurred. Grade 2: \$65; Grades 3–6, \$105

New! — First Grade "Little Dribblers"

Join us for this new first-grade basketball program, which will introduce boys and girls to the game of basketball through activities and group games that focus on skill development and fun! Skills development and introduction to the rules of the game will prepare the young player for the youth basketball league starting in second grade. Sessions will be led by instructors from Minnesota Developmental Basketball. Fee includes a Little Dribblers t-shirt.

- Saturdays, Dec. 11 & 18, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, Hopkins West Junior High, 9 a.m. or 10:10 a.m., \$45. Call 952-939-8203 to register.

Adult Basketball Five-Player League

A five-player, officiated adult basketball league takes place Wednesday evenings starting November 3. This 12-week program offers three divisions of ability with a chance to participate in a state tournament. Games will be played using full-size courts at Minnetonka High School, the Lindbergh Center and the Hopkins West Junior High Activity Structure. Call Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 to register by phone or visit us online at www.eminnetonka.com. ☺



September 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 Courses

Sept. 9, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Refreshments provided (no meal).
Cost: \$20.

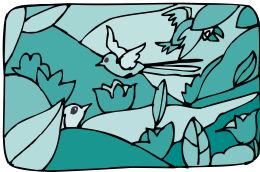
Sept. 28, 6–10 p.m.
Refreshments provided (no meal).
Cost: \$20

Eight-Hour Course

Sept. 21 & 23, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Refreshments provided (no meal).
Cost: \$24

Senior Garden Club

Sept. 13, 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. This month, learn how gardens provide a welcoming environment for birds. Call Irene Kostka at (952) 473-0862 for more information.



Caregivers website demo

Sept. 8, 6 p.m.
Senior Community Services in partnership with Independent Home Living will demonstrate a new web resource for caregivers. Free. RSVP by Sept. 3: (952) 939-8393.

Bratwurst Stand

Sept. 10, 11, 12, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
The senior hosts the bratwurst stand at Cub Foods, a great chance to earn funds to support ongoing center programs and activities.

Fall Fitness Fest

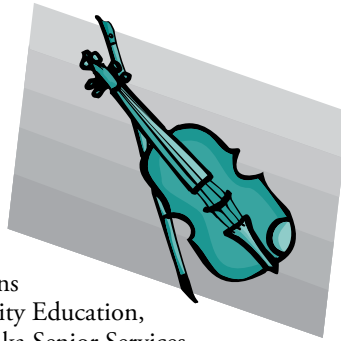
Sept. 15, 16, 17, various times
Minnetonka Senior Services, in partnership with the Plymouth Creek Center and

Senior Community Services, offers a three-day program to promote fitness in people 55 and over. Activities for all fitness levels will be offered. \$10 for all three days. Register by Sept. 8. Call (952) 939-8393 for details.

Bluegrass concert

Sept. 19, 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy bluegrass music from the Tangled Roots. Free.

Presented by Hopkins Community Education, Minnetonka Senior Services, Minnetonka Community Education and the Hopkins Activity Center. Visit www.hopkinscommunityed.org for information.



Lone Lake Park hike

Sept. 20, 9 a.m.
Park at the bottom hill lot. Maps are available at the senior center office for this and other hikes.

Changing Minnesota

Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Minnesota State Demographer Tom Gillaspay and State Economist Tom Stinson take a look at demographic changes and the expected effect on Minnesotans. Call (952) 939-8393 for information.

Navigating Medicare

Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about Medicare at this presentation sponsored by Senior Community Services. Cost: \$10, due Sept. 17.

Community Connections

Sept. 22, 10:15 a.m.
Visit with Jacque Larson, Minnetonka's community relations manager. Call (952) 939-8393 if you plan to attend this free program. Donations will be accepted for rolls and coffee.

Tonka Brass Quintet

Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m.
Cost is \$6, payable by Sept. 22.

Book and Pie Sale

Sept. 30, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Donations of books will be accepted Sept. 28 & 29. Call (952) 939-8393 for information. ☺

Join the Music Association of Minnetonka

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka begins its 37th concert season this fall and welcomes musicians and singers to join an ensemble. Visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954 to learn more about the Symphony Orchestra, Civic Orchestra, Concert Band, Senior Chorale, Symphony Chorus, Choral Reflections of Minnetonka; and four Youth Choirs: the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Cappella Choir for girls in grades 3–12, and the Choristers Choir for girls and boys in K–grade 2.

Fall concert

Sept. 26, 3 p.m.
Arts Center on 7
18285 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka

Under the direction of Dan Geldert, the Minnetonka Concert Band presents its fall concert featuring the music of Holst, Leroy Anderson and Grainger and selections from "My Fair Lady." Free-will donations accepted. ☺

What If? educators visit schools this fall

PAPER AND PENCILS have all been purchased and students are back in school. Minnetonka Fire Department firefighters and public educators Sara Ahlquist and Jim Lundeen are excited to be a part of this year's back-to-school routine, promoting fire safety and personal safety awareness in Minnetonka classrooms. We look forward to seeing your children soon! ☺



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Kick buckthorn to the curb with these fall workshops

STILL HAVE BUCKTHORN? YOU'RE NOT alone. "Managing Woodlands: Buckthorn and Beyond," is scheduled twice this fall to allow attendees time to take what they learn out to their woods and find native species among the buckthorn before the leaves drop. Don't know what this means? Come to the workshop and find out!

You'll also learn:

- How gradual, prioritized removal is usually much better for a site than an "understory clear-cut," especially if garlic mustard is present.
- How to avoid the most common errors made during buckthorn removal.
- About forest structure and re-forestation using native plants indigenous to our region, including measures to save high-value remnant plant species, prevent erosion on slopes and protect selected plants from deer.

Class schedule

Managing Woodlands: Buckthorn and Beyond

Thursday, Sept. 23, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Room
Minnetonka City Hall,
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Community Room
Minnetonka Community Center,
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Minnetonka Natural Resource Specialist Janet Van Sloun Larson will host the free workshops. Handouts are provided. Please RSVP to (952) 988-8400 or register online at www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

Coping with wild turkeys

MINNETONKA'S ABUNDANCE OF open space and natural areas attracts its share of wildlife, from birds and frogs to coyotes and deer and wild turkeys. While many resident enjoy finding these animals in their natural habitat, it's not so enjoyable when those same animals are destroying landscaping, soiling lawns and declaring your property their territory.

First and most important in helping keep the wild critters at bay — don't feed them. If you have bird feeders, follow these tips to avoid attracting other animals:

- **Keep bird feeder areas clean.** Use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground, as the seed attracts turkeys and other wild animals.
- **Clean up spilled seed** from other types of feeders daily.
- **Temporarily discontinue feeding birds** if other animals become a nuisance. Remove feeders in the spring, as there is plenty of natural food available for all birds.

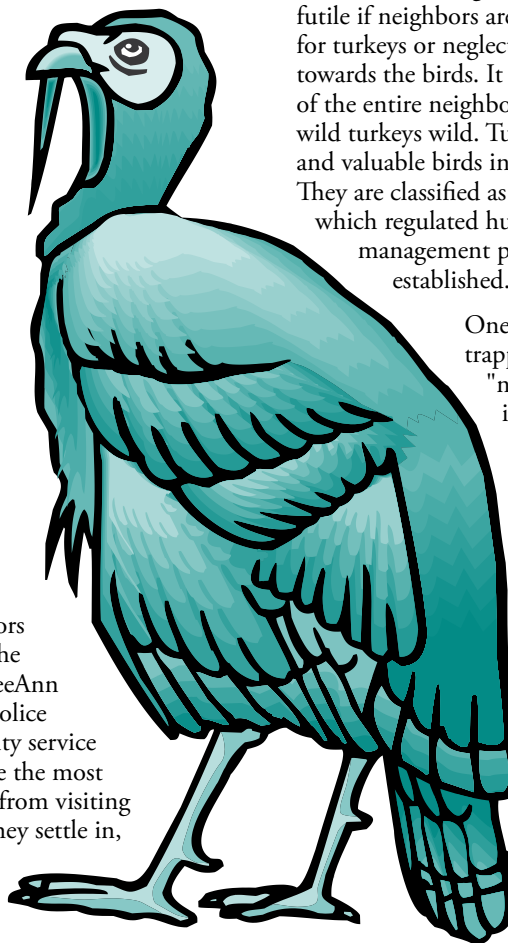
Read on for more tips on dealing with wild turkeys.

Wild turkeys

The number of wild turkeys in the city seems to rise and fall throughout the year. Much of this is due to new hatchings, predators and the migration of the birds. According to DeeAnn Bloom, Minnetonka Police Department community service officer, wild turkeys are the most difficult to discourage from visiting your property. Once they settle in, they are messy and territorial. However, here are a few tips that may help.

- **Don't feed them.** Keep wild things wild! Feeding, whether direct or indirect, can cause turkeys to act tame and may lead to bold or aggressive behavior, especially in the breeding season. If you are using bird feeders, follow the tips above for smart feeding.

- **Cover windows or other reflective objects.** If a turkey is pecking at a shiny object such as a vehicle or window, cover or otherwise disguise the object. String foil reflective tape at about knee level to keep turkeys out of certain areas of your property.
- **Do not allow turkeys to be comfortable in the presence of people.** Don't let turkeys intimidate you. Scare or threaten a bold, aggressive turkey with loud noises, swatting with a broom or water sprayed from a hose. Another method is to open and close an umbrella (preferably black) in the direction of the turkeys. This imitates a male turkey defending its territory and may scare off the turkeys.
- **Educate your neighbors** by passing this information along. Your efforts will be futile if neighbors are providing food for turkeys or neglecting to act boldly towards the birds. It requires the efforts of the entire neighborhood to help keep wild turkeys wild. Turkeys are important and valuable birds in Minnesota. They are classified as game birds for which regulated hunting seasons and management programs have been established.



One final note: trapping and relocating "nuisance" turkeys is not an option. The methods used to trap turkeys in remote areas are often impractical or ineffective in urban or suburban areas due to safety or disturbance. Released turkeys may also continue their inappropriate actions where they are released or may move substantial distances to other suburban sites.

For more information about wild turkeys, visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.mn.us and search "turkeys."

Watch for articles in upcoming *Memos* about dealing with coyotes and deer or visit www.eminnetonka.com. ☺

Black plastic: not for trees and shrubs

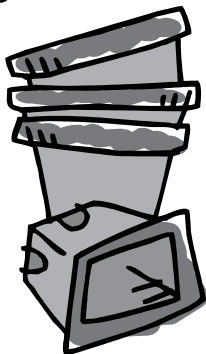
HOW CAN THE WELL-INTENTIONED mulching of your trees or shrubs lead to their ultimate demise? The answer: black plastic. Installing black landscape plastic under the mulch creates an anaerobic environment that prevents plant roots from getting the oxygen they need to survive. It also prevents mulch and other organic material from breaking down, preventing valuable nutrient cycling critical for plants.

If you're worried about weeds, consider using several sheets of newspaper between the grass or existing soil and the first layer of mulch. Spread mulch 3–4 inches deep to prevent weeds from growing up through the soil and keep it a few inches from the tree trunk. It should never be piled against the tree trunk. Good mulching should create a "bowl" around the tree trunk, not a "volcano." Keep an eye on mulch each year. Use a rake to loosen it each spring and add more as it breaks down and improves the soil.

Shredded, wood-based mulch protects trees from lawn mower and weed whip damage and conserves soil moisture for trees and shrubs. This is especially important because as soil temperatures rise, more water is lost from the soil. Mulch is crucial during summer and times of drought when water is a limiting factor for growth. Researchers have found trees have more fibrous roots and faster growth rates when surrounded by mulch as compared to grass. For more information on proper mulching techniques, visit <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2008/04/seasonal-care-for-trees-shrubs-mulching/>.

Recycle plastic garden pots

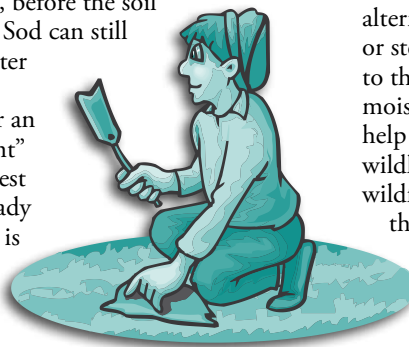
IF YOU HAVE PLASTIC pots, trays or hanging baskets left over from planting veggies, trees or plants, don't throw them away. Instead, take advantage of a free recycling program sponsored by the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association and Choice Plastics. Many garden center locations offer this free service from April through October. See www.GardenMinnesota.com for details and locations.



It's not too late to enhance your landscape!

SEPTEMBER IS A GREAT MONTH TO FIX up your lawn, finish your landscaping project or add some new plantings. Establishing groundcover before winter by planting or covering areas of exposed soil can help prevent erosion problems and minimize weeding and other potential issues next spring. Add these items to your fall to-do list:

- Repair (or finish) your lawn.** Lawn grasses grow best when the air temperatures are cooler and the soil is moist and warm, making late summer an excellent time for seed or sod. If seeding by hand or with a spreader, gently rake the seed just below the soil surface. Mowing before you seed can make it easier to rake the seed into thin spots in your lawn. Use grass mixes with fine fescues for shady areas or for a more drought-tolerant and lower-maintenance lawn. September is a good month to finish seeding, before the soil gets too cold. Sod can still be installed later in the season and makes for an almost "instant" lawn, but is best avoided in shady areas where it is less likely to survive.
- Aerate your existing lawn.** Aeration improves the ability of the soil to absorb and retain water and nutrients. Be certain to use a plug aerator and be wary of damaging tree roots. After aeration is a great time to add soil amendments such as compost or manure, as well as seed thinning areas.



Avoid applying fertilizers unless needed as determined by a soil test.

- Prevent (or fix) erosion issues.** To prevent soil loss, cover temporary stockpiles with tarps or sheet plastic until your project is complete. Erosion control blanket or a thin layer of straw mulch can help prevent erosion in seeded areas until vegetation is established. Consider adding a splashblock, some landscape stone, or even a rain barrel if small gullies are starting to form at the end of your downspout. Setting and staking trimmed branches or small logs across wooded slopes can help disperse water flows and contain area of wood mulch. Avoid creating brush piles that can harm underlying vegetation (potentially increasing erosion) or that can block water flows in existing drainageways.
- Consider lawn alternatives.** Mulched beds of trees, shrubs, flowers and other plantings can be easy to establish and make a great alternative in challenging areas of shade or steep slopes. Select species appropriate to the growing conditions (sun/shade, moist/dry, etc.). Select native species to help attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Most native species of grasses and wildflowers also have deep root systems that can help reduce soil erosion and absorb surface runoff. Vegetable gardens as well as fruiting trees and shrubs provide their own obvious rewards.

A little effort this fall can help make your yard more enjoyable next year as well as help protect water quality and our natural environment. For more ideas in your yard, please visit the "Backyard Conservation" page under the Natural Resources section at www.eminnetonka.com.

Lawn Care Guide		Post this information in your garage or shed for handy reference.								
		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	
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Broadleaf weed control		[Light Blue Bar]						[Dark Blue Bar]		

Indicates time of year when this lawn practice can be done.
 Indicates best time of year to carry out this lawn practice.

This information provided courtesy of the cities of Burnsville, Apple Valley, and Lakeville; Minnesota Department of Agriculture; University of Minnesota; Dakota County Master Gardeners; Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Metropolitan Council; Dakota County Environmental Education Program.

 2010 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Year-round household hazardous waste drop-off sites

Residents may bring household hazardous waste (HHW) to either of Hennepin County's permanent drop-off facilities:

1400 W. 96th St., Bloomington
8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park
There is no charge to drop off residential HHW.

Facilities are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Facilities are closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

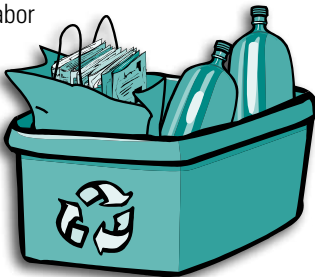
The HHW drop-off is open to any Hennepin County resident and only accepts items from households. No hazardous waste or problem materials can be accepted from business, including home businesses or non-profit organizations.

There is a limit to the annual quantities of materials dropped off or picked up. For more information visit www.hennepin.us or call Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777.

Household hazardous waste includes such items as paint, stain, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, gasoline, used oil, oil filters, aerosol cans, fire extinguishers, fluorescent, CFL and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries.

Labor Day delays recycling one day

The Sept. 6 Labor Day holiday will delay recycling collection in Minnetonka by one day. Residents west of I-494 will have recycling collection Tuesday, Sept. 7, while residents east of I-494 will have recycling collection Wednesday, Sept. 8.



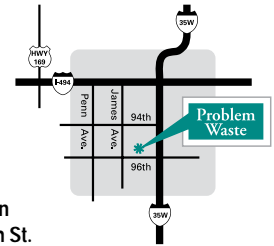
Also accepted for no charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers). No copiers or fax machines are accepted.

Household appliances (microwaves, water heater, stove, freezer, washer, dryer, etc.) may be dropped off for a \$15 fee.

Minimum charge for small loads of junk (only at Brooklyn Park site) is \$19. Mattresses and box springs are \$15 each. The fee and acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff.

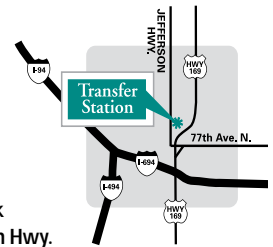
For more information call Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777.

Hennepin County Problem Material and HHW Drop-Off



Bloomington
1400 W. 96th St.

Hennepin County Transfer Station and HHW Drop-Off



Brooklyn Park
8100 Jefferson Hwy.

Fall bulk leaf drop-off starts Sept. 27

Bulk leaves will be accepted at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., on the following dates and times:

- **Mondays:** Noon to 8 p.m. 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25
- **Tuesdays:** Noon to 8 p.m. 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

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. Please bring proper equipment, like a stout pitchfork, to unload your truck or trailer load of leaves. Loads of leaves **must** be covered during transport!

The suggested method is to use many tarps between layers of leaves a foot or less, using the tarp to gather and move a small pile of leaves from yard to vehicle. Continue using small tarps until the vehicle is full.

If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, please use that option! All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste on the same day as your garbage collection for a fee (either an annual, monthly, per cart or per bag fee). Check with your garbage hauler for details. Please note new state law requiring proper compostable bags for curbside collection of bagged yard waste — regular plastic bags are not accepted.

Additional information on the fall leaf drop-off program and the dates the site will be open in November will be in the October issue of the *Minnetonka Memo*, or visit www.eminnetonka.com.



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Special one-day drop-off

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below. The charge for dropping off each item, if any, is listed in parentheses.

- **Air conditioner or water softener (\$20)**
- **Appliances (\$12 each)**
Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven, cooktop, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, home furnace, trash compactor, garbage disposer, humidifier, dehumidifier.
- **Batteries (No charge)**
All car, truck, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile and garden tractor batteries are accepted, as well as household batteries (D, C, AA, AAA, 6- and 9-volt cells, button batteries and rechargeable batteries).
- **Bicycles (No charge)**
Bicycles brought to the special drop-off will be given a second chance by Re-Cycle (612-209-6669)
- **Carpet & padding (\$1/sq. yd. for carpet and \$1/sq. yd. for padding)** Determine the number of square yards of carpet or room size the carpet came from. Roll carpet or pad and tape or tie rolls. Rolls must not exceed six feet in length and 12 inches in diameter.
- **Copier or fax machine (\$35)**
- **Doors (\$2 and up, depending on size)**
- **Electronics (\$1 for any item, including TVs up to 32"; \$5 for TVs larger than 32")**
TVs, radios, stereos, speakers, CD, VCR & DVD players, camcorders, telephones, computers, printers and monitors.
- **Fluorescent lamps (No charge)**
Up to ten fluorescent bulbs will be accepted per vehicle. No lamps will be accepted from business or commercial use. Please transport lamps in a manner to avoid breakage, **but don't tape bulbs.**
- **Furniture: Chairs (\$5 – small, \$10 – large); loveseat (\$15); couch/sofa (\$20); hide-a-bed (\$30); sectionals, dressers, chests, tables and other furniture (\$5 and up depending on size)**
- **Lumber (\$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard)** No railroad ties or concrete.
- **Mattresses and box springs (\$15 per piece for all sizes)** Mattresses are dismantled and acceptable materials recycled by the PPL Industries mattress recycling program.

**Saturday, Sept. 25,
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Minnetonka Public Works
11522 Minnetonka Blvd.
East entrance by recycling center

- **Propane tanks:** Small (\$1); Large — over a two-pound tank (\$5)
- **Scrap metal — clean (no charge)**
Clean scrap metal means all plastic, rubber, wood, concrete and hazardous materials must be removed.
- **Scrap metal — dirty (\$5)**
For example, lawn chairs with webbing, barbecues or lawn mower with wheels and/or non-metal parts still attached. All engines must be drained of oil and gas. Additional charges apply for riding mowers, garden tractors, snow blowers, trailers, or other large items.
- **Tires:** Car, trailer or light truck (\$4 each); tires on rim (\$8); tractor or truck tire on split rim (\$30)
- **Toilets and non-metal sinks (\$5 each)**
- **Windows (\$2 minimum, based on \$25/cubic yard)**

Payment will be accepted in cash or local checks payable to the city of Minnetonka.

NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please note: Charitable organization will **not** be at the special drop-off.

Local charitable organizations that accept clothing and household goods include the following:

- **ARC Hennepin-Carver**
Pickup route information: (612) 866-8820
- **Bethesda Thrift Shop**
4749 County Road 101, Minnetonka (952) 939-0988
- **Goodwill Industries**
1025 Hill Street, Hopkins (952) 935-2760
- **Salvation Army**
Pick-up route information (612) 332-5855
- **Value Village Thrift Store**
2751 Winnetka Ave, New Hope (763) 544-0006
- **Vietnam Vets**
Pickup route information: (651) 778-8387

For more information call Dean Elstad at (952) 988-8430. ☺

Brush drop-off open through 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. **The brush drop-off site will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.** Brush drop-off ends November 20, 2010.

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

Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. Please secure your load during transport, do not drag branches on the

road and do not cover the taillights. Proof of Minnetonka residency (driver's license or utility bill) is required to drop off brush.

Please note: trash, metal, concrete, lumber, fences, or wood scraps are **not** accepted.

Do not bring these materials with your load of brush. **Do not** put grass, weeds, loose leaves, dirt, sod or other non woody materials in with the brush pile. Find the appropriate disposal option for the unacceptable items. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
			1	2	3	4	1 Park Board, 7 p.m. 20 Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6 Labor Day, <i>city offices closed</i> 21 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 27 City Council study session, 6:30 p.m. (<i>Topic: to be determined</i>); Community Commission, 6:30 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	13 City Council, 6:30 p.m. 14 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m. Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30			16 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 28 Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 30 Police Advisory Committee, 5:30 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 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.

Gift shop moving, changing names

THE MILLS LANDING GIFT SHOPPE, currently located at 12810 Minnetonka Boulevard, will close September 11 to move to its new location at 11280 Wayzata Boulevard (northwest corner of I-394 and Hopkins Crossroad/Cty. Rd. 73). At the same time, its name will change to The Landing Shop.

Plan to attend the grand opening of The Landing Shop at its new location Friday, October 1. Hours for the shop will remain the same: Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The Landing Shop will continue to offer a variety of handmade goods by area seniors, including toys, doll



The Landing Shop opens in its new location, 11280 Wayzata Boulevard, on Oct. 1

clothes and furniture, sweaters, booties and more. For more information call (952) 933-5214.

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