

# Your invitation

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**D**ON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S 32ND ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, set for Saturday, June 27!

Be sure to participate in favorites like the 8K race, two-mile fun run and tot trot, adult-child golf tournament, pancake breakfast, Burwell House tours, antique market, kids' rides, police K9 demonstrations, open ice skating, and fireworks.

Enjoy musical entertainment from the Splatter Sisters and R-Factor, or try out your own singing ability on the karaoke stage! Look inside this special edition of the *Minnetonka Memo* for a full schedule and description of events.

This year's festival and ice cream social offers an exciting combination of free activities for children, teens and adults. Please join us June 27!

*Terry Schneider*

Mayor Terry Schneider



## Restrooms

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

## Schedule

**Please note:** This schedule is subject to change. For weather information, call (952) 939-TELL (8355). This hotline will provide information about the status of live performances and the fireworks display in the event of inclement weather.

# Sporting Events

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## Race Events

**7:30 a.m. 8K (5 Mile) Race \$15**  
(*\$20 race day*)

**8:45 a.m. Two-Mile Fun Run \$10**

**9:45 a.m. Tot Trot (ages 2-8) Free**

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



## Adult-Child Golf Tournament: 8 a.m.

Tournament is held at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. Cost is \$30 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will be comprised of one adult and one child (age 8-15) with an 8 a.m. tee-off. Special contests will take place throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register, and refer to Course #16911.



## Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament takes place at Big Willow (Minnetonka) and Central (Hopkins) parks. Tournament is limited to 12 teams with each team guaranteed at least three games. Entry fees are \$99 with awards presented to the top teams. Call (952) 939-8203 for a registration form.

# Burwell House Ice Cream Social

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**Free self-guided house tours**  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Mini-parade**  
10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join this old-fashioned hometown parade, led by Minnetonka's first fire engine. Meet at the old town hall (on the grounds of the Minnetonka Community Church) and proceed to the Burwell House. Decorate your bikes, wear costumes, make your own music — this is a great opportunity to reveal your creativity! All participants receive a treat.



**Antique market**  
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a stroll through these reminders of past.  
**Note:** No sales allowed before 10 a.m.



**Fine Arts Fair**  
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Browse and buy the work of many local fine artists at this juried art show!

**Musical entertainment**  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Children's activities**  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Facepainting**  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Food/ice cream available to purchase**  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Free parking** is available at the Minnetonka Community Church, with limited handicap parking at St. David's Family Center.



# Civic Center

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## Civic Center Grounds

4 – 10 p.m.

- Food & Fun:** A variety of food and beverages available to purchase.
- Outdoor BBQ:** Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips & pop will be for sale.



4 – 5 p.m.

- Fire Department Open House**

4 – 7 p.m.

- Minnetonka Police car and tracker display**



4 – 7:30 p.m.

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

4 – 8 p.m.

- Petting Zoo:** Come and pet your favorite farm animals
- Pony Rides:** Cowboys and cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony!

4 – 9 p.m.

- Recreation Services Tent:** Face painting, games, kids' arts & crafts.
- Inflatables:** Bungy Trampoline, Mystery Machine, Obstacle Course, Titanic Adventure Slide and Kiddie Pillar

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



5:30 & 7 p.m.

- Police K-9 demonstrations**

8 – 10 p.m.

- Special sale of neon glo sticks and necklaces!**

## Community Center Activities

8 – 11 a.m.

**Pancake breakfast** (sponsored by the Minnetonka Senior Center)



4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka**

- 4:30 p.m.** Choral Reflections & Symphony Chorus
- 5:30 p.m.** Concert Choir & Chamber Choir
- 6:30 p.m.** Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

## Ice Arena Activities

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Free ice skating and skate rental**



## Main Stage

4 – 6 p.m. **Karaoke:** Open to all ages

6 – 6:45 p.m. **Splatter Sisters:** Family-friendly entertainment that will get you moving and shaking!

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

7 – 10 p.m. **Feature show:**

The R-Factor is back by popular demand. The R-Factor has provided back up for Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Huey Lewis, Donny Osmond and Smokey Robinson. Enjoy their remarkable voices and big band sound.



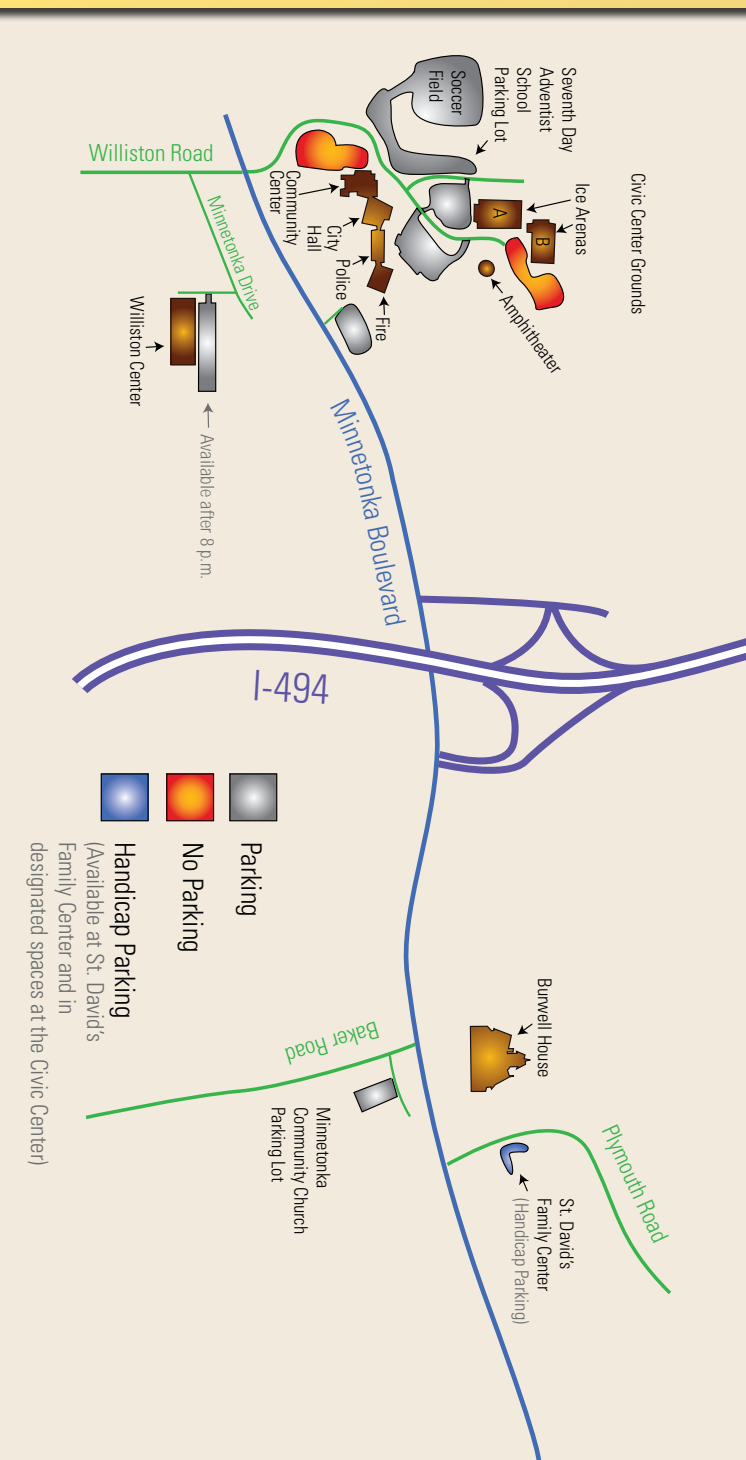
10 p.m. **Fireworks!** The grand finale — a spectacular finish to a great day!

**All activities are free! (except for food)**

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

# Parking Map

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## Using water wisely this summer

THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA HAS EXPERIENCED A DRIER-THAN-normal spring. If dry conditions continue, the entire region is at risk of experiencing a severe drought. To reduce the strain on Minnetonka's water supply, please consider following these tips to help minimize outdoor water use during the summer months.

- A healthy lawn needs only one to two inches of water per week, the equivalent of watering about one hour per week — even less when it rains. Water early in the morning and use a rain gauge to measure the amount of water you are putting on the grass.
- Cut grass to no shorter than two inches to reduce evaporation and promote deep root growth.
- Converting up to a fourth of your yard to drought-resistant turf, plants and shrubs can result in a 20 percent water savings.
- Collecting rain in rain barrels for outside use can result in significant water savings.
- Sweep with a broom, not a water hose.
- Use shut-off nozzles on hoses when washing cars.
- Calculate your water footprint at [www.h2oconserve.org](http://www.h2oconserve.org)



## Farmer's Market starts July 7

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO ATTEND THE NEW MINNETONKA Farmer's Market, starting Tuesday, July 7, from 3 to 7 p.m. and continuing every Tuesday through September 22! The market will take place in the parking lot of the Minnetonka Ice Arena A, located at the Minnetonka Civic Center campus at 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

More than 30 vendors have applied to sell at the farmer's market, with a wide variety of products from fresh, locally grown produce to homemade salsas and baked goods to craft items. Come for the farmer's market and stay for Music in the Park at 7 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheatre, just next to the Ice Arena! For updated weekly information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Kid's activity volunteers needed

If you have a youth organization that would like to volunteer to provide a children's activity at one of the farmer's market dates, please contact Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207 or Laura Ronbeck, administrative projects specialist, at (952) 939-8219.



## Tree disease control program started

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA'S shade tree disease control program, designed to keep Dutch elm disease (DED) and oak wilt (OW) at bay, will start again June 1. Three city tree inspectors survey the entire city through early September, scouting for diseased elm and oak trees. If you see a tree you believe to have DED or OW on your property or while driving around in the city, you may report it starting June 1 by calling (952) 988-8421. Be prepared to give the address and a detailed description of the tree's location. The city's forestry staff will accept inspection requests and scout for diseased elm and oak trees through early September, when it becomes difficult to identify the diseases by their leaf symptoms.

Two seasonal tree inspectors and the forester have been certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and will inspect public and private properties throughout the city for trees showing symptoms of DED or OW, including wilting, curled leaves and branch death. On private property, they will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree. Both of these tree diseases are regulated by city ordinance.

If an elm tree or oak tree is found to have either of these diseases, it is important to act promptly with removal or the suggested treatments in order to protect other elms and oaks on your property and throughout the city.

If a tree has been identified as having DED or OW, the city paints an orange ring around the tree and staples a pink work order tag to it.

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

## Tell us about your missing links!

WHILE MINNETONKA HAS AN EXTENSIVE AND IMPRESSIVE TRAILS SYSTEM for its residents, some "missing links" remain. While the completion of missing links is currently unfunded in the city's budget, we'd like to hear from you on where you think missing links should be completed. Your input will help the city prioritize construction of trail links as money becomes available.

Minnetonka Park Board members and city staff will be available at both the Ice Cream Social and the Summer Festival to take input from residents on where missing trail links should be completed. The newest edition of the Minnetonka parks and trails maps will also be available and is free. For more information call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400.

## Minnetonka Night for Neighbors is August 4

ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, from 6 to 9 p.m., Minnetonka residents are invited to join hundreds of other neighborhoods across Minnetonka in the tradition of an evening of getting to know your neighbor. Residents citywide will be asked to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors and spend an evening visiting with neighbors.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate, with a city representative visiting registered events. See the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for a registration form, or pick one up at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 10, to the Minnetonka Police Department. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains will receive a registration form and information in the mail the week of June 15.



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NIGHT  
FOR NEIGHBORS

## Mills Park hearing is June 22; design feedback invited July 13

THE MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers to consider use of the Community Investment Fund to partially finance the development of Minnetonka Mills Park. Interest earnings from the trust fund would be used to construct a park and trails in the area just north of Minnetonka Boulevard between I-494 and Bridge Street. Residents are welcome to attend and provide input. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may forward your comments to Assistant City Manager Geryl Barone at [gbarone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:gbarone@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8216.

In addition, residents are invited to provide feedback on the design for Minnetonka Mills Park at the Minnetonka City Council meeting set for Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Proposed amenities for the park, part of the Minnehaha Creek Corridor improvements, include walking paths, pedestrian bridges over Minnehaha Creek, restoration of natural areas, landscaping and creek overlooks. This plan was initially introduced at the June 3, 2009, meeting of the Minnetonka Park Board.

**Please note:** This project is unrelated to the Minnetonka Mills Corridor Development Initiative, which concerns planning and development throughout the Minnetonka Mills area. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for information on this initiative.

## Music in the Park starts June 9

THE BEAUTIFUL AMPHITHEATER ON THE MINNETONKA CIVIC Center campus is the site for this summer's annual Music in the Park concert series. Concerts are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and feature local performers playing a wide variety of music. Bring along a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free entertainment for the whole family!

A special performance has been added to this year's Music in the Park line-up — the Minnetonka Community Theatre will perform "Snoopy" June 23.\* Don't miss this special event!

**June 9**  
James Moors (*Folk*)

**June 16**  
Blue Feelin' (*Blues*)

**June 23**  
Minnetonka Community Theatre — "Snoopy"

**June 30**  
Mark Yannie Trio (*Jazz*)

**July 7**  
Don King Blues Band & Friends (*Blues*)

**July 14**  
Lehto & Wright (*Celtic, Folk Rock*)

**July 21**  
Brio Brass (*Brassy Jazz*)

**July 28**  
The Blue Drifters (*Bluegrass, Jazz, Folk*)

**August 4**  
Todd Menton (*Celtic, Eclectic Folk*)

New this year, the Minnetonka Farmer's Market will debut Tuesday, July 7, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Minnetonka Ice Arena parking lot, and will continue every Tuesday through September 22. So stop in early, do some shopping, then settle in at the amphitheatre for excellent musical performances!

\* Additional performances of "Snoopy" will be held on the following dates and times: **Tuesday, June 23 — 10 a.m.**; **Wednesday, June 24 — 7 p.m.**; **Thursday, June 25 — 2 p.m.**



## Summer concerts!

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka will present two concerts in June, in addition to the performances at this year's Summer Festival (see reverse side for schedule). Concerts are free, however donations are always welcome. Call (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org) for more information.

**Bon Voyage Concert**  
Minnetonka Chamber Choir  
Sunday, June 21, 3:30 p.m.  
Ridgewood Church  
4420 Highway 101 S., Minnetonka

**Summer Pops Concert**  
Minnetonka Civic Orchestra  
Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m.  
Staring Lake Band Shell, Eden Prairie

## Fall election filings open July 7

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA WILL HOLD MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THIS fall. City positions that will be on the November 3 general election ballot include mayor and the two at-large council seats. Filings for these offices open Tuesday, July 7, and remain open through Tuesday, July 21. Interested persons may file for these offices during regular city hall hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The filing fee is \$5.

To be eligible for office, candidates must be at least 21 years of age upon assuming office, and be a resident of Minnetonka for at least 30 days prior to the general election.

A primary will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, if more than two people file for any of these offices.

All three school districts (Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Wayzata) will have school board positions on the fall ballot. We do not yet know if they will have referendum questions. People interested in filing for school district offices must contact the district offices.

Questions about the election process or filings may be directed to the city clerk's office, (952) 939-8218 or (952) 939-8219, or by contacting [dmaeda@eminnetonka.com](mailto:dmaeda@eminnetonka.com) or [Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com).

## Take a neighborhood survey

MINNETONKA MAY BE KNOWN FOR ITS OPEN SPACES, TRAILS AND natural resources, but it's the city's residents who make Minnetonka a community. The Minnetonka Community Commission wants to learn more about your neighborhood so it can help in strengthening and reaching out to neighborhood groups. Tell us about your neighborhood in a survey at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Questions? Contact Jacque Larson, city of Minnetonka community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8207.

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