

minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
September 2009

Minnetonka Fire Department and City Open House set for October 6

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY-WIDE Open House Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., 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. See the October *Minnetonka Memo* for a complete schedule of events, or visit www.eminnetonka.com.



Try spraying a fire hose at this year's open house!



Enjoy free hot dogs and pop.

No city primary election this fall

NO PRIMARY IS REQUIRED IN THE CITY this fall based on the number of candidates who filed for the three positions. One candidate filed for mayor, and two candidates filed for each at-large council position, so all the candidates will go directly on the November 3 Election Day ballot.

Absentee voting will be 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 the Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning October 2. Extended absentee voting hours also will be available Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, November 2, 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.

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

Farmers' Market continues through September 22

A FALL BOUNTY OF SQUASH, pumpkins and apples as well as produce, baked goods and flowers will be available at the Minnetonka Farmers' Market Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15 and 22, 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. Parking is available in the city hall parking lot or the Ice Arena A parking lot.

Don't miss the last of this year's locally grown goodies! Check www.eminnetonka.com for a weekly update on the market, or sign up for the email update list by emailing jl Larson@eminnetonka.com.



Love to sing or play an instrument?

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) invites singers and musicians of many ages to join its community programs. Concert season is September through June. For more information, visit www.musicassociation.org, call (952) 401-5954, or email mamoffice@musicassociation.org. Opportunities include:



Youth ensembles

- Cappella Choir for boys and girls in grades 3–5
- Concert Choir for girls in grades 6–9
- Chamber Choir for girls in grades 9–12

Adult Ensembles

- Symphony Chorus and Choral Reflections of Minnetonka for men and women singers of all ages
- Senior Chorale for singers ages 55 and older
- Symphony Orchestra for auditioned instrumentalists
- Civic Orchestra for non-auditioned instrumentalists
- Concert Band for musicians who prefer a shorter concert season

Community Days of Service Oct. 3–4

JOIN WITH OTHERS IN THE HOPKINS-MINNETONKA FAITH COMMUNITY IN Community Days of Service Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4. More than 500 volunteers will work on different projects from painting and cleaning up parks to writing letters to service members. Opportunities will be available for individuals and groups of all ages and abilities. Sign up for projects as a church or as an individual at www.glconline.org. Days of Service will conclude with a celebration event and community meal Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5 pm at Central Park in Hopkins (or Hopkins Fire Hall in case of rain.) Volunteers will tell the stories of what it means to serve together, enjoy live music by a Dixieland band and share in fellowship with a meal sponsored by the Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA).

Upcoming events for Minnetonka seniors

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN AND friendship at Minnetonka Senior Services! 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 Highway Safety Center at 1-888-234-1294 to register.

Four-Hour Courses: \$18

Sept. 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Refreshments provided but no lunch.

Sept. 29, 6 – 10 p.m.
Refreshments provided.

Eight-Hour Course: \$20

Sept. 22 & 24, 6 – 10 p.m.

Special Events

Late Bloomer Plant Sale

Sept. 8, 3 – 7 p.m.
The Minnetonka Senior Garden Club will sell perennials from their own gardens at the Minnetonka Farmers' Market Tuesday, September 8, 3–7 p.m., at Ice Arena B parking lot, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Proceeds will benefit senior services programs.

Evergreen Park Hike

Sept. 11, 9 a.m.
Call (952) 939-8393 if you plan to attend. Bring water and meet at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Senior Chorale First Rehearsal

Sept. 9, 10 a.m.

New Friend Social Club

Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Meet new people in a non-threatening social environment.

James Shaw Music Presentation

Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.
Presentation and lunch. Cost: \$5, due by Sept. 16.

Coffee and Cakes Social Time

Sept. 24, 1–3 p.m.
Free. RSVP at (952) 939-8393.

Book and Pie Sale

Oct. 1, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For donation details call (952) 939-8393.

Navigating Medicare

Oct. 1, 7–9 p.m.
Cost: \$10, due by Sept. 28.

Managing Yourself through the Retirement Transition

Thursdays, Oct. 8 & 15, 6:30–9 p.m.
Explore a model that will help assess how you are managing changes and help you identify next steps. Taught by Karen Greer.
Cost: \$30, due by Oct. 2.

Eagle Center Trip

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Cost: \$60, includes tours, lunch, transportation and escort. Pay by Sept. 18.

Fall Festival

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$33, includes lunch, transportation and escort. Pay by Sept. 18.

Runners with Heart event is September 26

MAINTEIN YOUR RUNNING FITNESS throughout the winter months—Runners with Heart run all year long! Winter maintenance provides a much needed offseason for marathoners and half-marathoners who have been training hard since spring.

Attend a kickoff event Saturday, September 26, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Williston Fitness Center and learn about:

- Runners with Heart running club
- Nutrition for endurance athletes
- Chiropractic care and injury prevention
- Williston Fitness Center

- Yoga instruction
- Personal training
- Gear and running shoe recommendations
- Gait and biomechanical evaluations
- Massage therapy

Food and drink will be available. Four- and six-mile runs start at 9 a.m.!



Photo contest entries due Sept. 14

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE AUGUST *Minnetonka Memo*, the city and the Minnetonka Community Commission are again hosting a photo contest this year in conjunction with the October 6 Fire Department and City Open House. All photos must be submitted by Monday, September 14, at 4:30 p.m. Rules and entry form are available in the August *Minnetonka Memo*, or visit www.eminnetonka.com for rules and entry forms. ∞

Planning ahead for emerald ash borer

IF YOUR YARD INCLUDES ASH TREES, NOW is a good time to learn more about the non-native invasive insect called emerald ash borer (EAB), discovered earlier this summer in St. Paul.

Eradication attempts in other states have been unsuccessful, so it's important to plan ahead for the arrival of EAB in Minnetonka. Visit www.eminnetonka.com and click on the emerald ash borer picture on the left side of the home page to learn more about emerald ash borer, as well as how to identify ash trees, gather ideas on replacement trees, and learn the proper use of insecticides that are being advertised.

Residents without access to the internet may pick up handouts at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. ∞

From farms to skyscrapers Oct. 8

THE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY hosts "From Farms to Skyscrapers" Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Learn more about the area of the city best known for the Carlson Center towers, featuring members of the Jondahl family who continue to operate a sheep ranch — one of the last agricultural entities in Minnetonka. ∞

INNOVATION

Saving tax dollars one idea at a time

DURING THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, THE CITY'S LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF instituting innovative ideas in order to use taxpayer dollars wisely, while still providing excellent service to residents, is more important than ever. Each month, some innovative practices from the city will be highlighted — some ideas are new, while others have been in use for years.

Williston starts daytime tennis league

Near the end of the 2008–09 tennis season, the Williston Center was notified that a local private health club would no longer allow outside tennis teams, including Williston's, to participate in its leagues. This development would have meant the loss of nearly \$90,000 in revenue for the Williston Center — revenue that might have had to be made up through taxpayer dollars, since ordinarily the center is supported entirely through user fees.

Instead, Williston Center Tennis Manager Felicia Tebon led a group of area tennis managers in asking the United States Tennis Association (USTA), which had never been part of the daytime tennis season, about starting a new daytime tennis league. The USTA agreed, and the new league, set to start in 2009–10, will ensure that Williston retains the \$90,000 annual revenues from daytime tennis leagues.

Farmers' Market supported by vendor fees

This summer, the city introduced its first-ever farmers' market. This event, which has quickly become the place for residents to gather and catch up with each other on Tuesday afternoons, provides a convenient location for residents to find locally grown foods and for local vendors to sell their products. Already attended regularly by many hundreds of Minnetonka residents, the market is entirely supported through vendor fees, not taxpayer dollars. In addition, entertainment at each market, including music and facepainting for children, has been provided through a generous donation of services by local musicians Lin Mulhern and David Seeba, and by facepainter AJ Lindell. ∞

Following Minnesota's new seat belt laws

ON JUNE 9, 2009, MINNESOTA'S NEW seat belt laws became effective, requiring every person of every age in every seating position in the vehicle to be buckled up or riding in an approved child passenger safety restraint. The seat belt use law includes a primary enforcement provision, which means police officers may stop and cite drivers and passengers who are not buckled up — giving the seat belt use law the same status as every other Minnesota traffic safety law. The fine for a seat belt use violation remains the same as in the past — \$25 — but with surcharges that can reach more than \$100.

A few quick facts about seat belts

- Seat belts are the most effective safety devices in vehicles. In potentially fatal frontal crashes, they increase the chance of survival by 45% in a car and 60% in a light truck.

- An airbag is a supplemental restraint system, which means it is meant to work with a seat belt, not by itself. Airbags in your dashboard only work in frontal crashes. If your car is rear-ended, hit on the side, or rolls over, the airbag can't protect you — but the seat belt can.
- Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death of people in Minnesota ages 4 to 33. (Source: *Centers for Disease Control*).
- Because the majority of crashes occur close to home at speeds 45 miles per hour or less, wear your seat belt all the time. In addition, parents should set a good example for their children. The American Academy of Pediatrics published a study that showed a direct correlation between driver seat belt use and child restraint use. When a driver buckles up, child passengers are restrained 87% of the time. ∞

Buckthorn workshops set for this fall

STILL HAVE BUCKTHORN? YOU'RE NOT ALONE. THE SAME WORKSHOP 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!

Managing Woodlands: Buckthorn and Beyond

Presented by Janet Van Sloun Larson, natural resource specialist

Thursday, September 17 or October 15, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Community Room, Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Workshop is free, and handouts are provided. Register by visiting www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 988-8400.

Topics covered include:

- Why gradual, prioritized removal is preferred over “understory clear-cut,” especially if garlic mustard is present.
- Avoiding the most common errors made during buckthorn removal.
- Forest structure and re-forestation using native plants indigenous to the region.
- Saving high-value remnant plant species, preventing slope erosion, the importance of ground cover, and protection from deer. ♪

Prepare your lawn for winter

PUT IN A LITTLE TIME ON YOUR lawn this fall, and your efforts will be rewarded in the spring! Consider adding these tasks to your September yard work list.

- **Reseed dead lawn grass.** Consider using mixes containing fine fescues, which tend to be more drought and shade tolerant. Select salt-tolerant mixes for areas adjacent to streets or other paved areas where salts may be used in the winter. Use sod in sunny areas.
 - **Aerate your existing lawn with a plug aerator.** Improve the ability of the soil to absorb and retain water and nutrients. After aeration is a great time to seed bare spots or to add compost or manure. Avoid applying fertilizer unless needed, as determined by a soil test.
 - **Cover exposed soil.** If you can't finish your yard project before winter, plant winter wheat or annual ryegrass. They generally will not grow back very well but will help prevent erosion until the next growing season. Stockpiles can be covered with tarps or sheet plastic. Wood mulch (3 to 4 inches deep) can be used to provide an easy groundcover in shady areas. Applying straw mulch or erosion control blanket over seeded areas improves germination and helps prevent erosion while the grass grows.
 - **Resolve erosion issues.** Setting and staking small logs or branches into the soil across slopes can help break up surface runoff and retain soil. Avoid creating unsightly brush piles or dumping logs, branches, or other yard waste into channels, as it can block drainage, and may actually increase existing erosion issues. Capture or reduce surface and roof runoff using rain barrels, rain gardens, or other techniques. Protect existing trees and shrubs and plant new ones to help reduce the effects of rainfall, absorb surface water, and retain soil on slopes. Native grasses and wildflowers have deeper root systems than lawn grasses and can also help reduce erosion.
- Since eroded soil often ends up washing onto other properties or into the street, storm sewer, and adjacent waters such as wetland, lakes, and creeks, shaping up your yard this fall can help protect water quality while saving time and effort next year. ♪

Register now for adult and youth basketball

Grades 2 to 6 youth basketball league

Join the Hopkins-Minnetonka Youth Basketball League and be a part of this in-house recreational league for boys and girls in grades 2 to 6 living in the Hopkins and Minnetonka area. Separate boys' and girls' teams are formed by school and grade. Games will be played Saturdays starting December 5, concluding January 30 for second graders and February 20 for grades 3 to 6. Grades 3 to 6 will have one weekday evening practice starting the week of November 9. The cost is \$50 for grade 2 and \$90 for Grades 3 to 6. Register at (952) 939-8203 by September 25 and receive a \$20 early bird discount!

Adult basketball open gym

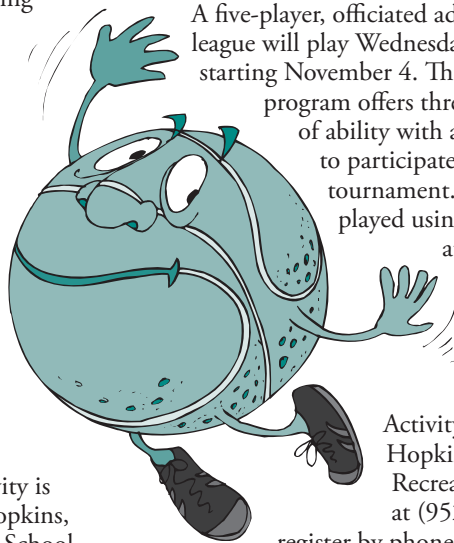
Adult basketball open gym will be available Wednesday evenings from October 7 through February 24, 6:30–9 p.m., at the Hopkins West Junior High Activity Structure. No open gym on November 25 or December 23. This activity is for residents of the cities of Hopkins, Minnetonka and the Hopkins School District, ages 18 and over.

This basketball program consists of pickup games played in a social, yet competitive, atmosphere. Participants are asked to come dressed to play, although locker rooms are available if needed, and to bring their own basketballs.

Cost is \$5 per adult per night, but participants may purchase a 15-session punch card for \$60. Advance registration is not required.

Adult basketball five-player league

A five-player, officiated adult basketball league will play Wednesday evenings starting November 4. 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 register online at www.eminnetonka.com.



Discover the trails and updated amenities at Lone Lake Park

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER of Minnetonka, Lone Lake Park's 146 acres serve as a community park with tennis and basketball courts, athletic fields, horseshoes, picnic shelters and play areas, as well as a natural open space. Park features include views of Lone Lake from the shore and dock; expansive open space; and nearly two miles of formal trails, including a 1.2-mile loop from the lower main parking lot that offers scenic views of the various ecological areas in the park, including wetlands, woodlands and prairies.



Basketball court at Lone Lake Park

Lone Lake's history

Among the early settlers homesteading what is now Lone Lake Park were the Dvoraks, who owned a dairy farm and raised fruits and vegetables. The cabin they purchased in 1888 remained in the park until 1989, many years after the city's 1973 purchase of the land for a park. Park construction began in 1977 with a grant from the Nine Mile Watershed District and the state of Minnesota.

Lone Lake's trails

Lone Lake's 1.6 miles of trails are covered with crushed limestone, although trails in the hilly areas are paved with asphalt to prevent erosion. During the winter season, trails are not plowed to facilitate snowshoeing.

- The Big Hill/Lake Trail (1.2 miles)**
 Just off the lower parking lot is access to the 1.2-mile Big Hill/Lake Trail that starts by the dock at the lake, travels along the south side of the lake to the northwest corner of the park, up and down the hills, then returns to the lake. The south segment from the Bren Road parking lot joins this loop after a 0.7-mile trail along the lake or 0.5 mile back to the parking area. This trail includes several steep segments.
- The South Segment (0.2 miles)**
 The trail segment accessible from the



Lone Lake picnic shelter

Bren Road parking area travels 0.2 miles north to the Big Hill Loop, then continues to the southeast for 1.5 miles to Bryant Lake Regional Park, operated by Three Rivers Park District.

- The North Segment (0.2 miles)**
 Just west of the athletic field parking lot, the north trail segment heads south to the lake and to the lower parking area that connects the athletic field and the lake. This trail provides access to the restrooms, play equipment and the Big Hill/Lake Trail.
- Access to other parks and trails**
 Aside from the 1.5-mile trail access to Bryant Lake Regional Park to the south, trails from Lone Lake park head north to Shady Oak Beach along Shady Oak Road (0.75 miles) and also west along Rowland Road from the south parking lot to the Three Rivers Parks Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Trail (0.6 miles).

If you go

- Park is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- The park is accessible by car from Shady Oak Road (main entrance) or from Bren Road (southwest access).
- A park building with restrooms (seasonal) and a drinking fountain is located near the lower parking lot by the lake. Picnic spots abound near the lake.
- Dogs must be on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) on the trails, in the formal areas of the park and in the parking lot.
- Please pick up after your pet. Mutt Mitt dispensers are available along the trail.
- The play area at the lower parking lot was just completed as part of the Minnetonka Park Renewal program. New play equipment, seating area, basketball courts and paths were part of the park renewal process. ♾



Lone Lake Park play area



 **2009 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.

As of March 1, 2006, 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.

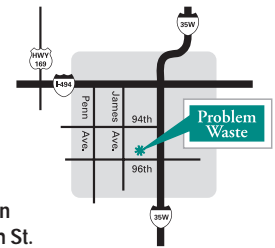
Household hazardous waste includes such items as paint, stain, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, gasoline, used oil, oil filters, aerosol cans, fire extinguishers, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries.

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

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

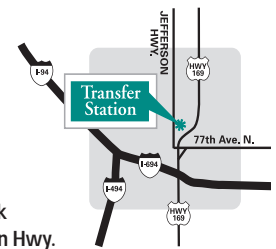
Minimum charge for loads of junk (only at Brooklyn Park site) is \$19. The fee and acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff.

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.

For more information call Dean Elstad, city of Minnetonka recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430, or Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777. ♻️

Fall bulk leaf drop-off starts Sept. 28

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

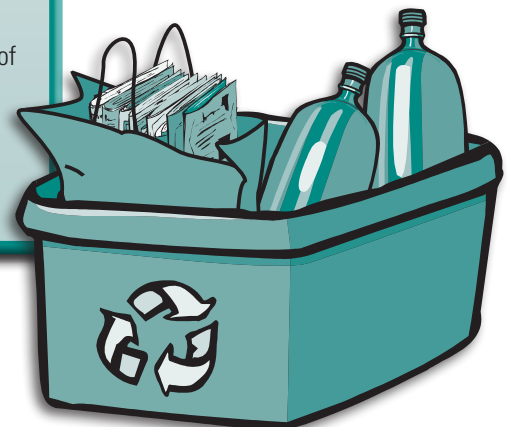
- **Mondays:** Noon to 8 p.m. 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9
- **Tuesdays:** Noon to 8 p.m. 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10
- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14

Minnetonka residents may bring bulk loads or bags of leaves, yard and garden materials. Residents will unbag and unload their own leaves onto the bulk pile — please bring the proper equipment to unload leaves. **Tip:** Using many layers of tarps between a foot or two of leaves makes unloading leaves easier and faster.

Loads of leaves must be covered during transport. Leaves will not be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services. For more information on the fall leaf drop-off program read the October *Minnetonka Memo*. ♻️

Labor Day delays recycling collection

The Sept. 7 Labor Day holiday will delay recycling collection in Minnetonka by one day. Residents west of I-494 will have recycling collection Tuesday, Sept. 8, while residents east of I-494 will have recycling collection Wednesday, Sept. 9. ♻️





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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** (\$15)
- **Electronics** (\$1 for any item, including TVs up to 32"; \$5 for TVs larger than 32")
TV, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, radio, small appliance, vacuum or VCR.
- **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:** Single or twin size (\$8 per piece); double, queen or king (\$12 per piece)
- **Propane tanks:** Small (\$1); Large — over a two-pound tank (\$6)

**Saturday, Sept. 12,
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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

- **Scrap metal — clean (no charge)**
Clean scrap metal means all plastic, rubber, wood, concrete and hazardous materials must be removed. Clean scrap metal includes pipe, gutters, swing sets, barbecues, ducting, fencing, etc.
- **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 (\$3 each); tires on rim (\$5); tractor or truck tire on split rim (\$20)
- **Toilets and non-metal sinks** (\$5 each)
- **Windows and doors** (\$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**
913 Mainstreet, Hopkins
(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, recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430. ♻️

Brush drop-off open through Nov. 21

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. 7.** Brush drop-off ends November 21, 2009.

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	5	1 Minnetonka Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 15 Minnetonka Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m. 22 Minnetonka Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	24 Police Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m. 28 Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. (Topic: Joint meeting with Economic Development Authority); Community Commission, 6:30 p.m.
27	28	29	30				7 Labor Day, city offices closed 8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Minnetonka Farmers' Market, 3–7 p.m. 14 City Council, 6 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.

Southwest Transitway hearing is Sept. 17

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY POLICY Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, will hold a public hearing Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input on a preferred light rail transit (LRT) route for the Southwest Transitway, which is anticipated to serve Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis. For information on the Southwest Transitway LRT project, including updates, upcoming events, and announcements, visit www.southwesttransitway.org.

Volunteers keep signs maintained

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA THANKS THE volunteers who participated in this summer's Adopt-A-Sign program and kept the city beautiful by planting and maintaining the flower beds surrounding the park entrance signs. The adopt-a-sign program is open to individuals, families, and organizations in Minnetonka who wish to volunteer their time and share their gardening talents with the community. For more information about the program or to find out how you can be involved in 2010, contact Kathy Kline at kkline@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8393.