

Your invitation

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S 31ST ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AND Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, set for Saturday, June 28.

Be sure to participate in perennial favorites like the 8K race, 2-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 Teddy Bear Band 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 offer an exciting combination of free activities for children, teens and adults. Please join us June 28!

Jan Callison
Mayor Jan Callison



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

Race Events

- 7:30 a.m. 8K (5 Mile) Race \$15**
- 8:45 a.m. Two-Mile Fun Run \$10**
- 10 a.m. Tot Trot Free**
(ages 8 and under)



Call (952) 939-8203 to register by phone or register online for the 8K and Two-Mile Run at www.eminnetonka.com or www.active.com. Race day registration is available beginning at 6 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. The cost is \$28 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will include one adult and one child (age 8-15) with an 8 a.m. tee-off. There will be special contests throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register. Please refer to Course #13996 when registering for this tournament.



Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament will take place at Big Willow (Minnetonka) and Central (Hopkins) parks. The tournament is limited to 12 teams, with each team guaranteed at least three games. Entry fees are \$95 with awards presented to the top three teams. Call (952) 939-8203 for a registration form.

Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Free self-guided house tours
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mini-parade

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. – 4 p.m.
Enjoy a stroll through these reminders of the past. No sales will be allowed before 10 a.m.



Fine Arts Fair
10 a.m. – 4 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.

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.

Please note: Due to increased cost, a shuttle bus to the Burwell House **will not** be provided this year. Please plan to park at the Minnetonka Community Church and walk to the Burwell House, or ride a bike, walk, or canoe the creek to the Ice Cream Social!



Civic Center

Civic Center Grounds

4–10 p.m.

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



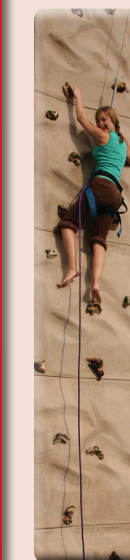
4–5 p.m. Fire Department Open House

- **4–7 p.m. Minnetonka Police car and tracker display**
- **Free Pony Rides:** Cowboys and cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony!



4–8 p.m.

- **Petting Zoo:** Come and pet your favorite farm animals
- **Free Wacky Hairdos!**



4–9 p.m.

- **Recreation Services Tent:** Face painting, games, kids' arts & crafts.
- **Inflatables:** Bungy Trampoline, Adrenaline Rush, Titanic Adventure Slide, Kiddie Pillar
- **Vertical Climbing Wall**
- **Race Car Track**
- **Water Wars**
- **Train Rides**



4–7:30 p.m.

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

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

4:30 p.m. Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club Exhibition

5:30–7:30 p.m. Free ice skating and skate rental



Main Stage

4–5:45 p.m. Karaoke: Open to all ages

6–6:45 p.m. Teddy Bear Band: Kids will love the interactive entertainment of this award-winning band!

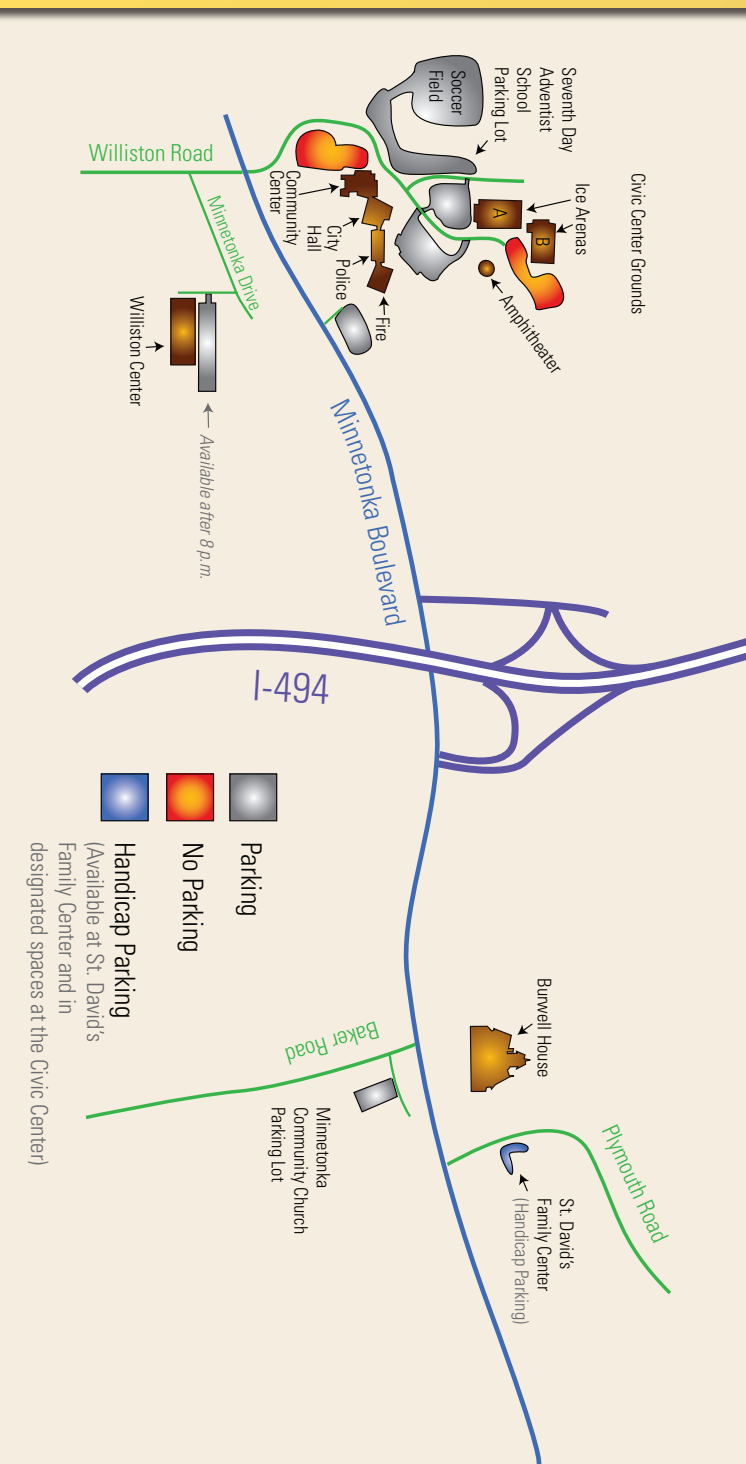
6:50–7 p.m. Announcement of the day's contest winners by Mayor Jan Callison



7–10 p.m. Featured show: Back by popular demand, the R-Factor. Enjoy their remarkable voices and big band sound. The R-Factor has provided back up for Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Huey Lewis, Donny Osmond and Smokey Robinson.

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

Parking Map



Conserve water throughout the summer

IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, THE TWIN CITIES METROPOLITAN AREA USES about 20 percent of its treated drinking water for outdoor purposes, such as lawn and garden watering and car washing. In dry years that figure can climb to more than 30 percent. Although it's too soon to tell if the metro region will experience the same drought conditions as the last two years, it is still a good idea to use water resources wisely all the time, not just during dry periods. Consider these tips to reduce outdoor water use:

- Convert lawns to native landscapes.
- Water early in the morning.
- Sweep with a broom instead of hose.
- Collect rain water in a rain barrel.
- Cut grass to no shorter than two inches to reduce evaporation and promote deep root growth.
- Use shut-off nozzles on hoses when washing cars.
- Calculate your water footprint at www.h2oconserve.org.



Using water wisely in landscaping

IF YOU ENJOY LANDSCAPING BUT ALSO WANT TO CONSERVE WATER AND protect local water quality, attend "Water Smart Landscaping" Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. at the Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka.

Gregg Thompson of the Association of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts will provide a general overview of Water Smart Landscaping, including lawn aeration, low-volume irrigation systems, rain gardens and rain barrels, and permeable paver driveways.

For those who provide information ahead of time, Thompson will provide a personal assessment of individual yards using high-quality aerial photography available via the Internet. To register, call (952) 847-8800.



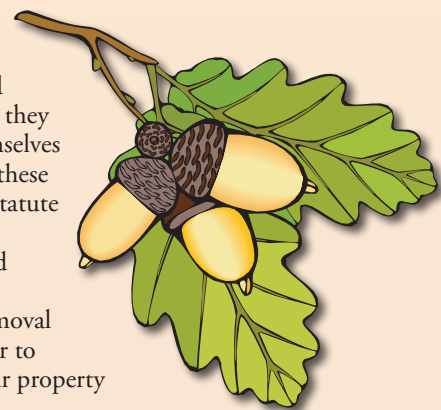
Shade tree disease control program underway

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA'S SHADE TREE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, designed to keep Dutch elm disease (DED) and oak wilt (OW) at bay, started June 2. If you see a tree you suspect to have DED or OW on your property or while driving around the city, you may report it 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 until September 1, when it becomes difficult to identify the diseases by their leaf symptoms.

Two seasonal tree inspectors and the city forester have been certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and are inspecting 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 knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree. Both of these tree diseases are regulated by state statute and 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.

For more information about how diseased trees are identified, visit www.eminnetonka.com.



"Schoolhouse Rock" starts June 24

MINNETONKA COMMUNITY THEATRE BRINGS THE JUNIOR VERSION of the pop culture phenomenon "Schoolhouse Rock" to Minnetonka this summer, performing free at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

Tom, a nerve-racked school teacher nervous about his first day of teaching, tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such beloved Schoolhouse Rock songs such as "Just a Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly," and "Conjunction Junction."

Performances

- Tuesday, June 24
10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 25
7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26
2 p.m.

Music in the Park starts June 10

THIS YEAR'S MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES STARTS JUNE 10, WITH ALL concerts Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater at the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. Bring along a blanket or chair, and enjoy local performers playing a wide variety of music for the whole family!

June 10
Porch Pickers
(bluegrass, country)

June 17
Mark Yannie Trio
(jazz)

July 8
James Moors
(folk)

July 15
Minnetonka Civic Orchestra
(classical)

July 22
Lehto & Wright
(Celtic, folk rock)

July 29
Eden Prairie Community Band
(show tunes)

August 5
Erin Rogue
(Irish, blues)

August 12
Blue Drifters
(bluegrass, jazz, folk)



More summer concerts!

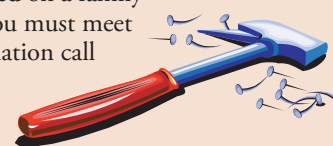
THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA will present three concerts in June, listed below. Concerts are free unless otherwise indicated, however, donations are always welcome. For more information call (952) 401-5954 or visit www.musicassociation.org.

Bon Voyage Concert
Minnetonka Youth Chamber Choir
Sunday, June 22, 3:30 p.m.
Ridgewood Church
4420 Highway 101 S., Minnetonka
Free

Summer Pops Concert
Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra
Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.
Excelsior Band Shell, Excelsior

Need emergency home repairs?

IF YOUR HOME IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND YOU MEET program income restrictions, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 emergency deferred loan with no interest and no payments. To qualify, your household gross annual income (based on a family of four) must be less than \$39,250 and you must meet certain asset restrictions. For more information call Bill at Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin County, (952) 933-9639, ext. 210.



Minnetonka Night for Neighbors is August 5

ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, FROM 6 to 9 p.m., Minnetonka residents can celebrate Minnetonka Night for Neighbors by locking their doors, turning on outside lights and spending the evening with their neighbors.

Minnetonka Night for Neighbors is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness; generate support for and participation in local anti-crime fighting programs; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Many neighborhoods host special events such as block parties and cookouts, with visits from the Minnetonka police and fire departments as well as other city departments.

Minnetonka Night for Neighbors has proven to be an effective and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and positive police-community partnerships. Registration information was mailed the week of June 2, and is also available online at www.eminnetonka.com. If you did not have an event last year and would like to register, contact Nicole Nelson at (952) 939-8546 to request a packet.

The Minnetonka Police Department thanks the following businesses for their generous contributions to last year's Minnetonka Night for Neighbors: Brunswick Zone Bowling, Caribou Coffee, CenterPoint Energy, Cub Foods, Davanni's, Lunds, Papa John's Pizza, Target, and Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America.

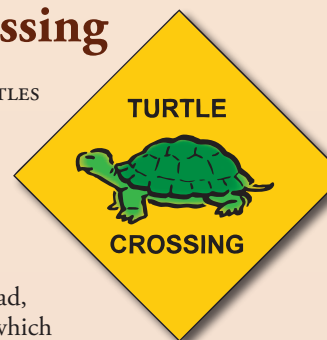
Caution: turtles crossing

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY TURTLES CROSS THE ROAD? HERE'S a hint: it's not because they're trying to get to the "shell" station. Many of the turtles crossing roadways in late spring are pregnant females looking for suitable upland areas in which to lay their eggs.

If you see a turtle trying to cross the road, do not put it back in the direction from which it came or it will simply try to cross the road again. Instead, give it a hand by gently lifting it by the shell and placing it off the roadway in the direction it was attempting to travel. Snapping turtles may be handled carefully by the back of the shell or both hind legs, but in order to prevent injury to yourself or others, keep the head clear of your body or anyone nearby.



**MINNETONKA
NIGHT
FOR NEIGHBORS**



New bus route 612 serves Minnetonka and Hopkins

WEST METRO RESIDENTS NOW HAVE A NEW EAST-WEST BUS ROUTE traveling between Minnetonka and Hopkins, providing job seekers access to employment centers in both cities. Funding for the new service comes from a federal Job Access and Reverse Commute grant, which supports transportation services that improve access to employment opportunities.

The new Bus Route 612 provides eight eastbound and eight westbound trips on weekdays, and ten eastbound and nine westbound trips on Saturdays. The route travels primarily on County Road 101 and Excelsior Boulevard, serving retail destinations in Minnetonka and downtown Hopkins.

The route is operated by Transit Team through a contract with the Metropolitan Council, and is considered a demonstration project, to last at least through September 2009.

When preparing for Route 612, planners at Metro Transit identified more than 4,500 entry-level jobs in the route's service area. Customers who take Route 612 also can transfer in downtown Hopkins to Route 12 and Route 615, providing access to even more employment centers such as Opus, Ridgedale, Knollwood, Uptown and downtown Minneapolis.

The cash fare for Route 612 is \$2 during weekday rush hours and \$1.50 at other times.

To celebrate the new service, transit customers can get a free children's ticket to see "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Stages Theatre in downtown Hopkins. To receive the offer, customers must present a valid transit pass, bus transfer or rail ticket at the Stages Theatre Box Office and buy one adult ticket to the show. The production runs June 27 through Aug. 3.

For trip planning services, route and schedule information call the Transit Information Center at (612) 373-3333 or visit the interactive Trip Planner at www.metrotransit.org.

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