

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
July 2008

## City offers new tools for better public access to government

**L**IVE ONLINE VIDEOSTREAMING OF CITY meetings; a project feedback site; and project and news update feeds—these are three tools the city of Minnetonka is introducing this month on its web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) in order to make city government even more accessible to residents.

“The Minnetonka City Council has made open and transparent government a priority,” said Mayor Jan Callison. “We are excited about these three new web site features as further examples of our ongoing efforts to increase public input and involvement in government.”

### Live and on-demand online videostreaming

While the city of Minnetonka has provided live cable broadcasts of city council and planning commission meetings for several years, the introduction of live, online videostreaming of these meetings at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) allows residents to view the meetings whenever and wherever they



want. In addition, the meeting agendas and supporting materials are available alongside the meeting video, so that viewers can follow along as the meeting proceeds.

The new system is powered by San Francisco-based Granicus, Inc., a leading provider of government webcasting and public meeting management solutions.

Residents may view past meetings of the city council and planning commission, and can conduct keyword searches of meetings to find an issue they are interested in watching the council or planning commission discuss. Web site visitors will also find other on-demand video available for viewing, such as special city events and meetings of other city and regional commissions.

Residents may also watch regular, daily cable channel 16 programming via the online videostreaming page.

### MyMinnetonka

Through the new MyMinnetonka system at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), residents now have additional ways to receive information on meetings and projects, as well as to

provide feedback on projects during the public comment period.

By creating a MyMinnetonka account, residents

can sign up for e-mail updates on the information they are most interested in receiving. As new updates are posted on the Web site, residents receive an e-mail with that updated information. For example, when a new project is posted online, a short e-mail is sent out with a description of that project. Updates are available for individual projects as well as city meetings, allowing residents to receive an e-mail update when a city council agenda is posted or when planning commission minutes are available, for example.

MyMinnetonka accounts may also be used to provide feedback on individual projects, which is then incorporated into project staff reports for planning commission or city council meetings.

The MyMinnetonka system is integrated with the city's new videostreaming service, with links provided via email to the portion of a planning commission or city council meeting where that project was discussed.

### Project, Meeting and News Update Feeds

Project, meeting and news updates from the city of Minnetonka are now available to residents as feeds, sometimes referred to as RSS, which allows residents to receive updates without actually visiting the city's web site. Many feed readers are available, and current versions of most web browsers typically have built-in feed readers.

Detailed information for using the MyMinnetonka system, and instructions on setting up feeds, are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), under “Top Picks.”

Both MyMinnetonka and the feeds were developed and implemented in house by Minnetonka city staff. For more information about live and on-demand videostreaming, MyMinnetonka, or feeds, contact Jacquie Larson, community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or at (952) 939-8207. For technical assistance, contact Marc Drummond, web technologies coordinator, at [mdrummond@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mdrummond@eminnetonka.com) or at (952) 939-8384.

### Comprehensive guide plan public hearing is July 22

**A**CITIZEN STEERING COMMITTEE has completed drafting the comprehensive guide plan, a document that will set the stage for future development of the city through 2030. The Minnetonka Planning Commission will conduct a formal public hearing on the draft plan Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Visit the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) to view the draft plan. ☺



## Know the rules about election signs

**W**ITH ELECTION SEASON FAST approaching, it's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs can be posted any time after August 1, 2008, and must be removed by November 14, 2008.

Signs may not be posted on publicly owned land. On private land, the following rules for temporary political signs apply:

- Signs must be at least five feet from the edge of a public street.
- Signs must not obstruct driver visibility at intersections.
- Signs must have the approval of the underlying property owner.
- Signs must not be posted on fences, trees, shrubs, or public utility poles.
- Signs must not be painted on rocks or other natural features.
- Signs must not be located within the right-of-way of state or county roads.

In accordance with state law, signs must contain the following language: Prepared and paid for by [insert name and organization here]; and address.

On election days, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places:

- On private property, signs must be 100 feet from the door where voters will enter.
- Signs must be 100 feet from the edge of any public property line.

If you have questions or complaints about campaign signs, please call the planning division at (952) 939-8290. ☺



## Julie Wischnack named community development director

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS PLEASED to announce Julie Wischnack as the city's new community development director. Julie takes over the position from Ron Rankin, who retired May 31, 2008, after 31 years of service to the city.

Prior to joining the city of Minnetonka as city planner in 2006, Julie served as planning director for the city of Hutchinson and city planner for the city of Minnetrista. She earned a bachelor's degree in geography from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and a master's degree in urban and regional studies from Minnesota State University at Mankato, Minn. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

As community development director, Julie leads employees in the community

development, inspections, planning, and environmental health divisions.

"I am very excited to be leading departments that have direct relationships with community members, assisting them with their projects and ideas and making sure they are implemented," said Julie.

Taking over Julie's position as city planner is Loren Gordon, who most recently served as Wayzata's city planner. Prior to that, Loren worked for Hoisington Koegler Group in Minneapolis; a consulting firm in Dayton, Ohio, and as a staff planner in Ankeny, Iowa. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in community and regional planning from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and is a



Julie Wischnack

member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). ☺

## City council adopts U.S. Conference of Mayors climate protection agreement

**T**HE MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL recently adopted the U.S. Conference of Mayors climate protection agreement, which includes pledging to strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution.

Many cities in the U.S. and abroad already have strong local policies and programs in place to reduce global warming pollution. Adopting this climate protection agreement serves as a nonbinding pledge by the city of Minnetonka to do its part.

The city has already taken many actions to comply with this commitment, and has plans to do more. Examples include:

- Expanding the trail system.
- Retrofitting city facilities with lighting upgrades, heat controls, new roofs/insulation and other conservation measures.
- Purchasing Energy Star equipment with new acquisitions.

- Implementing a city vehicle anti-idling policy.
- Establishing a curbside composting pilot program.
- Expanding reforestation efforts with tree plantings and tree sales.
- Publishing articles in the *Minnetonka Memo* regarding environmental practices.
- Continuing the city's long-standing open space preservation program.
- Updating the comprehensive guide plan to include land use policies that incorporate mixed use developments and create walkable village centers.
- Encouraging or requiring developers to adopt traffic demand management plans.
- Encouraging builders to meet LEED or similar program standards. ☺



# News for Neighbors

## From the Minnetonka Police Department

**N**EW 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, call Nicole Nelson, crime prevention analyst, at (952) 939-8546.

- Congratulations to **Officer Troy Denneson and his K-9 partner Ringo**, who were narcotics certified in a United States Police Canine Association qualification event in Minnetonka earlier this year.
- **Reserve Officer Billy Gerard** was selected as the 2008 recipient of the Ronald E. Perry Lifetime of Service Award, which recognizes exceptionally dedicated reserve officers who have served their communities for at least 30 years. In June, Reserve Gerard completed 33 years with the Minnetonka Police Reserve Program. The Minnetonka Police Reserves donated nearly 5,000 hours to the city in 2007, serving in a variety of functions. Four new reserve officers were added to the current complement in March.
- The police department recently welcomed **Matthew Vellance** as its newest police officer and **Chris Cook** as a part-time community service officer. Officer Vellance grew up in Bloomington and attended North Dakota State University. This is his first job as a police officer. Cook graduated from Hopkins High School, was a Minnetonka Police Explorer and worked as a Minnetonka trail patrol officer the past two summers.
- In 2007, the **Minnetonka Police Explorer Post** dedicated more than 2,500 hours of volunteer service to the community and surrounding areas, including helping with traffic control during various city events, acted as role players for the Emergency Response Team and assisting with new officer training. Additionally, the Explorers successfully participated in competitions at Breezy Point and Duluth, bringing home four first-place trophies, one second-place trophy, one fourth-place trophy and three fifth-place trophies. Also, a recruiting video produced by the Minnetonka Explorers received the Northern Star Council's 2007 Marketing

Award. The Minnetonka Police Explorers is an organization for youth ages 14 to 21 who are interested in a career in law enforcement.

- **Detective Steve Owens** was selected as the 2008 Glen Lake Optimists Officer of the Year. Detective Owens has been with the department since 1991 in a variety of assignments, serving for the past several years in the investigative division.



## MINNETONKA NIGHT FOR NEIGHBORS

### 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 in June and is also available online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://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. ☺

## Business owners, beware of check fraud

**A**VOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF check fraud by recognizing the indicators of a check fraud scam and by helping employees understand their responsibility in preventing check fraud.

### How checks are altered

- Reformatting existing routing numbers on checks.
- Erasing routing numbers and retyping over them
- "Washing" the document of ink and replacing type with stolen or fictitious numbers
- Replacing existing account numbers with stolen or fictitious numbers

### Signs of fraudulent check activity

- Multiple check purchases at multiple locations in a short period of time
- Multiple purchases of gift cards with even dollar increments
- Account number and/or routing line looks tampered with or altered
- Quick selection of product or service with disregard for price
- Pre-writing the driver's license or state ID number on the check

### To prevent check fraud

- Do use a check authorization system.
- Do decide whether or not your business should accept checks.
- Do ensure that accepted checks have the specified information required by individual cash handling procedures.
- Don't accept checks under 1000.
- Do verify that the signature and the name match on the check, and that the ID matches personal information on the check.
- Don't accept pre-signed or pre-dated checks. ☺

## Keep grass clippings out of the street

**D**O OUR LAKES, PONDS AND CREEKS A favor—keep your grass clippings out of the street! Grass clippings equal phosphorus, and one pound of phosphorus equals 300 pounds of algae! If you don't mow your own lawn, but you or your homeowner's association hires a lawn care company, please ask them to keep grass clippings out of the streets. ♪

### Do you know this plant?



#### Poison Ivy

##### *Toxicodendron rydbergii*

In Minnesota, poison ivy grows as ground cover or as a thin, low shrub, with compound leaves and three leaflets. A key identifying feature is the center leaflet, which extends on a longer stem than the leaves on either side. Urushiol (yoo-ROO-she-ol) is the "poison" oil found in the leaves, twigs and roots of poison ivy, which causes contact dermatitis, including itching, blistering, and watering skin. The oil can vaporize when burned and oil droplets may land on skin and be inhaled, sometimes requiring hospitalization.

Clinical trials have found that 85% of those tested are susceptible to urushiol. Oil can be transferred directly from the plant or indirectly from clothing, boots, tools and animal fur.

To prevent symptoms after contact with poison ivy, immediately wash skin thoroughly with cold soapy water. Use calamine lotion, hydrocortisone (5%), or prescription drugs to alleviate the itching.

See more photos and read more about this plant at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). No internet access? Call (952) 988-8400 and ask for a copy of this plant's information. ♪

## Maintain your landscaping while saving water

**D**ID YOU KNOW THAT CITY RESIDENT water consumption more than doubles from 8 million gallons per day in the winter months to 19 million gallons at the peak of summer? Much of the increased water use can be attributed to the watering of lawns and landscaping during the summer months.

It doesn't take much to reduce water consumption—just a few simple changes to planting and yard maintenance practices. So, if you'd like to save yourself some green and do the planet a favor in the process, consider following these tips:

- Plant drought-tolerant native species. In general, native plants that are adapted to the local area, soil, and sun exposure only require natural rainfall for survival. For a list of drought-tolerant plants native to Minnesota, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).
- Mulch with wood or bark materials. Maintained at a depth of two to three inches, mulch retains soil moisture and helps control weeds.

- Reduce lawn size. Turf requires much more water to maintain than plants in a mulched area. There's no need to strip your sod—instead, smother it with ten layers of newspaper topped with four inches of mulch. Part the mulch next spring to install new plantings.
- Install rain barrels at gutter downspouts for watering potted and outdoor plants.
- Choose the right plant for the right place.

Love your lawn? You can have a lush lawn and save water! Follow these tips:

- When re-seeding, use low-maintenance fine fescues; they require less water.
- Don't fertilize in the summer when grass is not growing; wait until fall.
- Aerate your lawn in the fall. It improves infiltration and reduces runoff.
- Direct gutter downspouts to the lawn instead of pavement. Also be certain not to re-direct water toward neighboring properties. ♪

## Life jacket loaner station installed at Gray's Bay Marina

**M**INNETONKA MAYOR Jan Callison and several young friends are pictured at the new life jacket loaner station at Gray's Bay Marina, which was installed in June as part of the "Kids Don't Float" campaign to keep kids safe while boating. The station contains life jackets in multiple sizes which are available on the honor system to those who may have forgotten or misplaced their own lifejacket. The program is sponsored by Safe Kids Northwest Metro Minneapolis through a grant from Safe Kids USA and the U.S. Coast Guard.

"Drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death for kids ages 1 to 14," said Alison Pence, coordinator of Safe Kids Northwest Metro Minneapolis. "It's our hope that by providing the public with these life vests, we can reduce the chance



*Mayor Jan Callison with life jacket users.*

of a child drowning or getting severely injured on the lake." A study of nationwide drowning deaths in 2004 revealed that 55 percent of children ages 14 and under who drowned in boating accidents were not wearing life jackets.

Stations were installed at two other locations on Lake Minnetonka: Maxwell Bay in Orono and Spring Park Bay. ♪

## Applications available for 2009 nonprofit funding

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS NOW accepting requests for a limited amount of 2009 nonprofit funding. Last year, in addition to CDBG funds for affordable housing, the city provided social services allocations of \$28,000, spread among several agencies; and \$7,500 for arts-related organizations.

A competitive process will consider the following criteria: community-wide benefit (meets an important city-wide need and serves a proportionately high number of Minnetonka residents); access to funding (reasonable efforts must be made to raise funds from other sources); and cost effectiveness (services are not duplicated; volunteers and in-kind contributions are already used to reduce costs).

Applications are due August 1, 2008. To review the city's policy regarding nonprofit funding, and to download an application, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Are your trees and shrubs thirsty?

**I**F RAINFALL IS INADEQUATE (LESS THAN one inch per week), your trees and shrubs will benefit from summer watering. In most cases, water and mulch are the two surest ways to ensure a tree's strength. Last summer's drought conditions left many trees and shrubs in a stressed condition going into winter. Follow these summer watering tips:

- The best way to tell if your trees need water is to feel the soil.
- Avoid sprinkling open wounds on tree trunks. Moisture provides a friendly environment for decay.
- If the root zone is mulched, less water is required. Organic mulch — such as wood chips, shredded bark, etc. — helps retain soil moisture.
- Trees and shrubs have different watering needs than a lawn. Irrigation systems may not give trees the water they need.
- Conserve water by not watering during the day when water readily evaporates. Evening and morning are best.
- See the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for watering restrictions, or call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400.

## CO detectors required in homes by Aug. 1

**A**CCORDING TO MINNESOTA STATE statute, by August 1, 2008, all single-family residences in Minnesota must have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector installed by August 1, 2008.

Smoke alarms and CO alarms are different and should not be used interchangeably. When a smoke alarm sounds, all occupants should immediately vacate the home and call 9-1-1.

If a CO alarm sounds, occupants should check for signs of CO poisoning, including headache, nausea, vomiting and/

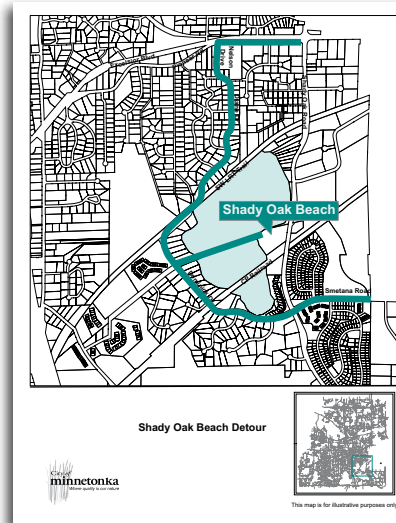
or disorientation. If anyone in the house shows symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately. If no one has symptoms of CO poisoning, open windows or doors to allow fresh air to enter and contact the utility company or appliance company for inspection as soon as possible.

For more information about CO detectors and the state requirements, visit [www.fire.state.mn.us/CO/CO.htm](http://www.fire.state.mn.us/CO/CO.htm), or call Minnetonka Fire Marshal Kevin Fox at (952) 939-8339.

## Walking or biking to Shady Oak Beach? Follow the detour!

**I**N LATE JUNE, SHADY Oak Road between Bren Road and Excelsior Boulevard was closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Hennepin County decided to close the road due to safety concerns related to the road reconstruction. Unfortunately, this closure affects access to Shady Oak Beach by those patrons who are walking or biking.

Because the city of Minnetonka wants to continue encouraging people to walk or bike to the beach, the city has designated a pedestrian and bicycle detour route to the



beach, to stay in effect for the duration of the road construction. At the Excelsior Boulevard intersection, the detour travels west on Pioneer Road to Nelson Drive, then jogs south to Diane Drive until it meets the Southwest LRT Trail. The detour then continues southwest on the trail to Dominick Drive, then southeast on Dominick Drive until it reaches the turnoff for Shady Oak Beach.

For more information or for a map of the

detour, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## Grateful resident donates to Crime Prevention Fund

**I**N MAY, MINNETONKA Councilmember Dick Allendorf and Minnetonka Police Chief Mark Raquet accepted a generous donation to the Minnetonka Crime Prevention Fund from resident George Burke. Mr. Burke donated to the fund in appreciation for services rendered by the police department during an emergency situation at his home. The Crime Prevention Fund is a non-profit, tax-exempt community effort to support crime prevention through the purchase of specialized crime prevention equipment and to pay for rewards that lead to the apprehension and conviction of criminals. Contributions may be sent to: The Minnetonka Crime Fund, PO Box 1255, Minnetonka, MN 55345.



*Minnetonka Councilmember Dick Allendorf (left), George Burke (center), and Minnetonka Police Chief Mark Raquet (right).*

# Municipal utility fees to change starting July 1

AT ITS JUNE 30, 2008, MEETING THE Minnetonka City Council increased municipal utility (water, sewer, and storm water) fees, effective July 1, 2008. In addition, the council adopted several changes to the way water and sewer fees are charged, including the following:

- To encourage water conservation among homeowners, the four residential water rate tiers have been restructured. This means that the heaviest water users (70,000+ gallons) will be charged twice what the lightest water users (0–25,000 gallons) are charged — \$3.40 versus \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons. The middle two tiers are spread proportionately between the highest and the lower tiers. This practice is common in other cities and provides high-volume water users with a greater incentive to conserve water.
- To encourage water conservation by businesses, a three-tiered rate structure for commercial irrigation has been instituted, with the goal of encouraging greater conservation by the largest commercial irrigation users. This is similar to the tiered residential rate structure.
- Future increases to water and sewer utility rates will be increased by a percentage amount, rather than by a fixed dollar amount. The fixed five- and ten-cent increases of past years have represented a much lower percentage increase than the increases in annual operating costs. To bring rates into line with operating costs, future water rate increases will be

increased by 2.8 percent rather than by a fixed amount. Sewer rates will be increased to correspond to the increases passed on to the city by the Met Council for sewage treatment — 5.5% in 2008 and 2009, and 5.0% afterwards.

### Summary of Utility Rate Changes

All other account fees, late payment, state of Minnesota testing fees and meter maintenance fees will remain the same.

### Storm water utility fee increases

As with the future storm and sewer rate increases, storm water rates will be increased by a percentage rather than by a fixed rate. The 2008 rate increase of 6.25% — which translates to a charge of \$5.10 per month for residential properties — is necessary to accommodate funding for street reconstruction, state and federal mandates, inflationary costs, and for storm water projects included in the city's 2009–2013 Capital Improvements Program. ☺

Rate changes	Rate per 1,000 gallons	
	Old	New
<b>Residential water rate</b>		
Tier 1 (0–25,000 gallons)	\$1.65	\$1.70
Tier 2 (25,001–40,000 gallons)	\$1.85	\$1.95
Tier 3 (40,001–70,000 gallons)	\$2.15	\$2.45
Tier 4 (70,000+)	\$2.55	\$3.40
<b>Residential sewer rate</b>		
Standard rate	\$2.65	\$2.79
Minimum billing amount	15,000 gallons	
Senior discount	Actual consumption	
<b>Commercial/industrial water</b>		
Base rate	\$1.65	\$1.70
Summer surcharge (May–September)	\$1.90	\$1.95
<b>Commercial/industrial sprinkler accounts</b>		
Sprinkler I (0–75,000 gallons)	\$1.90	\$1.95
Sprinkler II (75,001–175,000)	n/a	\$2.45
Sprinkler III (175,001+)	n/a	\$3.40

## New repair loan available to homeowners

DO YOU NEED TO MAKE EXTENSIVE repairs to your home but don't have the money? Do you own your own home? For a limited time, the city of Minnetonka will be accepting applications for its Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan, which will provide a no-interest, no-payment, deferred loan up to \$20,000 for income-eligible homeowners to make certain home improvements. If you continue to own and live in your home for 10 years after receiving a loan, the loan will be completely forgiven!

To be eligible, your income must not exceed 60% of the Area Median Income (see chart). Funding for this program comes from a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Applications will be accepted for a limited time and on a first-come, first-serve

basis. Applications are available on the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or contact Stephanie Scott-Sims at (952) 939-8283 or [sscottsims@eminnetonka.com](mailto:sscottsims@eminnetonka.com). ☺

Household Size	Income Limit
1 person	\$33,978
2 person	\$38,832
3 person	\$43,686
4 person	\$48,540
5 person	\$52,423
6 person	\$56,306
7 person	\$60,190
8 person	\$64,073

## Comment on park regulations August 6

THE MINNETONKA PARK BOARD will continue to hear comments, concerns and feedback about current park regulations at its August 6 regular meeting, set for 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Feedback will be incorporated as the park regulations are updated. For more information or to provide feedback contact Perry Vetter, parks and trails manager, at [pvetter@eminnetonka.com](mailto:pvetter@eminnetonka.com) or at (952) 988-8412. ☺

# Don't miss these July Senior Services events!

**I**F YOU'RE A MINNETONKA RESIDENT who's 55 or older, 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 Senior Script, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

Call (952) 939-8393 to register for events and classes, for more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities. All class registration and payments should be directed to Minnetonka Senior Services. VISA or MasterCard are now accepted. Payment must be submitted at the time of registration for classes, trips or programs.

## Mills Landing Gift Shoppe

Stop by the Mills Landing Gift Shoppe, 12810 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, to browse a collection of homemade gifts. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information visit the store Web site at [www.millslandingshoppe.com](http://www.millslandingshoppe.com), or call (952) 933-5214.

## Save your books!

The Minnetonka Senior Center needs unwanted books for its first-ever book and pie sale, to be held September 18. So start saving those books!

## Defensive Driving Classes

Call the Minnesota Highway Safety Center at 1-888-234-1294 to register.

### Four-Hour Day Course

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

### Four-Hour Night Courses

Tuesday, July 29, 6–10 p.m.  
Refreshments provided but no lunch.

## Special Events

Call (952) 939-8393 to register.

### Intergenerational Picnic

Thursday, July 17, 12 p.m.  
Bring your grandchild or great-grandchild to enjoy a summer afternoon of entertainment and food. Cheryl Sawyer, storyteller extraordinaire, will entertain the imagination. Menu includes hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and “create your own

sundae.” Cost is \$6, due by July 14. Call (952) 401-6800 to register.

### Nutrition and You

Wednesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.  
Enjoy this fun, interactive presentation by Golden Living Center-Hillcrest of Wayzata dietician Julie Thorsen. Learn about the various food groups and the important role they play in keeping you healthy. Learn the difference between organic and regular foods.

### Adopt-a-Highway

Wednesday, August 6, 9 a.m.  
Volunteers needed for highway clean up. Meet at 9 a.m., and enjoy a picnic lunch at Burwell House after the clean up.

### Hike Minnetonka parks and trails

Join the Minnetonka Senior Center on monthly, two-mile hikes from 9–10 a.m. Bring your own water and meet at designated park listed below.

- **Tuesday, July 15:** Civic Center to the Minnetonka Mills Dairy Queen
- **Tuesday, August 19:** Purgatory Park
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16:** Lone Lake Park

## Special Interest Groups

### Nintendo Wii

Tuesdays, 9–11 a.m.  
Get active with the Nintendo Wii gaming system! Questions? Call (952) 939-8393.

### Digital Camera Help

Tuesdays, 9–11 a.m.  
Glen Keener will help you with your digital camera during half-hour segments. Call (952) 939-8393 to schedule an appointment. Bring your camera!

### Garden Club

2nd Monday, 1 p.m.  
Enjoy a variety of speakers, discussions, hands-on events and tours.

### Men's Discussion Group

Mondays, 10 a.m.  
Enjoy stimulation conversation each week.

### Sheephead Card Game

Wednesdays, August 6 and 26, 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Learn the game of Sheephead. Call (952) 939-8393 to sign up for these free classes.

### 500 Cards Daytime Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

## Trips

### Minnesota History Center

Wednesday, July 16, 9:45 a.m.  
Includes tour, lunch, transportation and escort. Cost is \$31.

### Historic Murphy's Landing

Thursday, July 31, 9:20 a.m.  
Includes guided tour at the Landing, lunch at Dangerfield's, transportation and escort. Call (952) 939-8393 for cost.

### Minnesota Twins Game

Wednesday, August 20, 11:30 a.m.  
Includes ticket, hot dog and soda, transportation and escort. Cost is \$33. ♪

## “Annie Get Your Gun” starts July 18

**M**INNETONKA THEATRE IS EXCITED TO announce that Broadway actress Jen Burleigh-Bentz will play Annie Oakley in its 2008 summer production of Irving Berlin's “Annie Get Your Gun,” with co-star John Trones, a Minneapolis native and familiar face on the theatre and music scene.

“Annie Get Your Gun” first opened in 1946 starring the great Ethel Merman then returned to Broadway in 1999 as an award-winning revival starring Bernadette Peters. The show was reshaped to create a Wild West show-within-a-show that frames the ageless “battle of the sexes” love story of sharpshooters Annie Oakley and Frank Butler.

Performances are July 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and August 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m., and July 23, 27 and August 2 at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call the box office/reservation line at (952) 401-5898 or visit [www.minnetonkatheatre.com](http://www.minnetonkatheatre.com) to purchase tickets. ♪



# Calendar

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Call (952) 939-8200 for meeting locations.
		1	2	3	4	5	3 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4 Independence Day, <i>city offices closed</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31			17 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 21 City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m. <i>(Topic: Environmental Ordinances);</i> History Commission, 6:30 p.m. 22 Special joint planning commission and comprehensive guide plan steering committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. 28 City Council, 6:30 p.m.; Community Commission, 6:30 p.m.

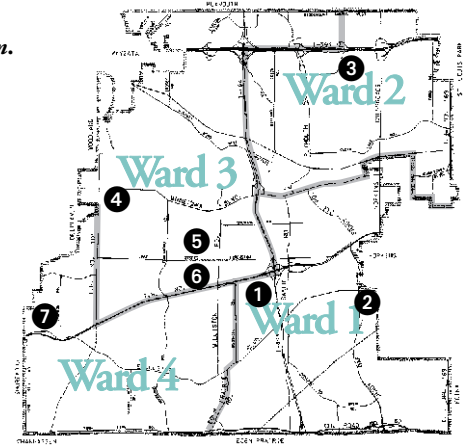
All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change—please check [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the latest information.

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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission in July. Please call (952) 939-8200 for updated information or visit the city Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Meeting agendas are posted on the site the Friday prior to each commission meeting.

- 1 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for T-Mobile to place a 90-foot low-profile monopole at the **Glen Lake Elementary School** as a telecommunications facility. (96011.08a)
- 2 Rezoning from residential to industrial at **4639, 4647 and 4653 Shady Oak Road** for Glacier Properties LLC. (02009.08a)
- 3 Variance for an addition to the home at **11820 Live Oak Drive**. (08031.08a)
- 4 Variance for deck and porch addition to the home at **3440 Larchwood Drive**. (08028.08a)
- 5 Variance to build an addition to the home at **4124 Skyview Road**. (08011.08a)
- 6 Items concerning redevelopment of existing property at **15400, 15306, 15401 and 15409 Hwy. 7**. (91005.08a)
- 7 Items concerning a nine-lot subdivision at **18601 and 18617 Woolman Drive**. (08029.08a)



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