

# minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
May 2007*

## Register now for Minnetonka Summer Festival events

**B**RING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO THE Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 23, for children's rides, a petting zoo, ice skating, musical entertainment and much more! It all takes place on the grounds of the Minnetonka Civic Center campus.

Also on June 23, don't miss the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social at Burwell House, complete with free tours, entertainment, antique market, fine arts fair and food concessions.

The day will conclude with the annual fireworks display — a grand finale to the day's events. A detailed schedule of events will be published in the June *Minnetonka Memo*.

Registrations are being accepted now for the following athletic events held in conjunction with the Summer Festival:

### **8K Race, Two-Mile Fun Run and Children's Tot Trot**

Starting at 7:30 a.m. June 23, this certified 8K race course travels through a beautiful wooded area that is generally flat, with some rolling hills. The Two-Mile Fun Run starts at 8:45 a.m.; followed by the Children's Tot

Trot at 10 a.m. Races begin and end in front of the Minnetonka Ice Arena. Call (952) 939-8203 to register or for more information.

### **Softball Tournament**

This one-day men's softball tournament is held Saturday, June 23, at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. The tournament is limited to 12 teams with each team guaranteed at least three games. Awards are presented to the top three teams. Entry fee is \$95 per team. Call (952) 939-8203 to request a registration form.

### **Adult/Child Golf Tournament**

A family-oriented golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 23, at 8 a.m. (check-in at 7:30 a.m.) at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. The tournament uses a shotgun start, with special contests throughout the tournament. The entry fee of \$28 per team includes a meal at the Minnetonka Summer Festival. Children must be at least 8 years of age and experienced golfers. Call (952) 939-8203 to register and refer to Course #12077. ♪



*More than 450 runners participated in last year's Summer Festival race event.*

## Arbor Month, Earth Day celebration is May 9

**C**ELEBRATE ARBOR MONTH AND EARTH DAY AT GRO TONKA Park in Minnetonka Wednesday, May 9, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Participants will plant trees and shrubs to replace plants lost in the last few years to storms and Dutch elm disease. In the process, you'll have fun digging in the soil, learn how to plant a tree and enhance the park environment.

Snacks and planting supplies will be provided. Participants will receive a free Tree City USA t-shirt, tree seedlings, and tree care information packets. Dress for the weather and bring your own gardening gloves, your questions and your spring enthusiasm! This event is free of charge.

Gro Tonka Park is located at 17003 Prospect Place. From the Minnetonka Civic Center, take Minnetonka Boulevard west to Woodlawn Avenue. Take a right, then another right on Prospect Place to reach the parking lot.

For more information, call Emily Barbeau, city forester, at (952) 988-8400. ♪



# Attention, Parents!



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May 2007

Dear Parents:

Prom and high school graduation celebrations are just around the corner. This is an exciting time for teenagers and their parents. Unfortunately, all too often, the temptations of alcohol use enter into these festivities.

If you are planning on hosting a party for your teen, consider your responsibilities in doing so. Please remember that selling, furnishing and/or serving alcohol to minors is illegal and puts you at risk for criminal prosecution. In addition, adults supplying or serving alcohol to minors who subsequently suffer or cause injury, can and have been held personally liable for damages in Minnesota civil courts.

It is extremely important that you have ongoing, open and honest conversations with your teen regarding the illegality and dangers of under-age alcohol use. These discussions give your teens the strength to resist alcohol misuse not only now when they may be particularly vulnerable to peer pressure, but long into their future.

As police officers and parents ourselves, we sincerely care about the safety of your children. Through the combined efforts of parents, educators and law enforcement, we can reduce under-age drinking making the upcoming high school celebrations safe and pleasantly memorable for all.

Sincerely,

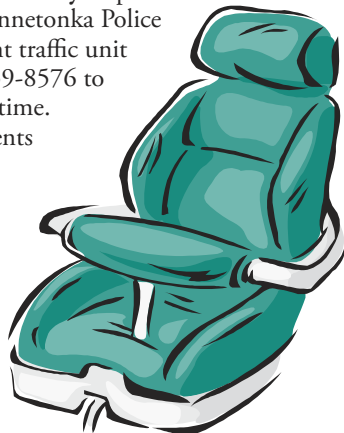
MARK D. RAQUET

Minnetonka Police Chief

And the officers of the Minnetonka Police Department

## Car seat inspection clinic is May 19

**T**HE MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT will offer a free, hands-on car seat installation and inspection clinic Saturday, May 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Minnetonka Fire Station #2, 1815 Cty. Rd. 73. Certified police officers will conduct an inspection of your child's car seat, and provide proper installation and information on transporting children safely in your vehicle. Inspections are done **by appointment only** — please call the Minnetonka Police Department traffic unit at (952) 939-8576 to schedule a time. Appointments are 30 minutes each. ☺



## Minnetonka Explorer Post receives awards

**T**HE MINNETONKA POLICE Department Explorer Post and its members recently were recognized by the Northern Star Council in three categories.

Officer Kelly Phillips received the Explorer Advisor of the Year award; Explorer Eric Gunderson received the Explorer of the Year award; and the entire post received the Marketing Award for a video they created to enhance recruiting.

“The Minnetonka Explorer Post has been recognized as one of the best in the state year after year,” said Chief Mark Raquet. “The program continues to be strong due to its members and strong leadership by the advisors.” ☺



*Explorer Eric Gunderson and Officer Kelly Phillips*

## Sergeant Warosh named Officer of the Year

**M**INNETONKA POLICE Sergeant Dennis Warosh has been named the 2007 Officer of the Year by the Glen Lake Optimists, and will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Optimists Tuesday, May 8.

Sgt. Warosh has served with the Minnetonka Police Department for 13 years, spending nine years on patrol and the past three years as patrol sergeant. Sgt. Warosh has served as a member of the Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force and as a Hopkins High School police liaison officer. He has served on the police



*Sgt. Dennis Warosh*

department's Emergency Response Team, is a "use of force" instructor and currently supervises the department's bike patrol unit.

"In the award nomination, Sgt. Warosh was described as having the ability to communicate with anyone and everyone," said Chief Mark Raquet. "He is always in a good mood and his personality tends to draw people in around him. He takes his supervisory responsibilities very seriously, and creates a positive work environment for everyone. This is a well-deserved honor for Sgt. Warosh." ∞

## New Minnetonka police officers sworn in

**T**WO NEWLY HIRED Minnetonka Police Department officers were sworn in at a ceremony Wednesday, April 11, in the Minnetonka City Council Chambers. Officer Ryan Hodge was formerly a Minnetonka Reserve Officer, while Officer Derek Black recently moved from Michigan, where he served as a police officer for ten years. ∞



*Officer Derek Black*



*Officer Ryan Hodge*

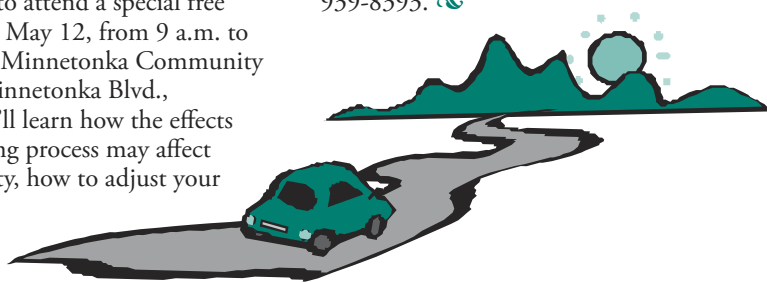
## May 12: Learn to drive safely while aging gracefully

**D**RIVING IS A KEY TO INDEPENDENCE from the moment we receive our first driver's license, and most of us want to hold onto that key as long as possible. However, the effects of aging may impair your ability to drive safely.

The Minnetonka Police Department invites drivers over the age of 55, and their family members, to attend a special free seminar Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. You'll learn how the effects of the natural aging process may affect your driving ability, how to adjust your

driving habits during the aging process, and how to evaluate when it may be time to hand over the keys.

Join the Minnetonka Police Department at this seminar, and help ensure the road to your golden years may still be driven by you! For more information or to register, call Minnetonka Senior Services at (952) 939-8393. ∞



## Prevent head trauma with a helmet

**D**ID YOU KNOW THAT 75 PERCENT OF all bike-related injuries and deaths involve some type of head trauma? And that wearing a bike helmet during a crash can reduce the chances of a brain injury by 88 percent? Without a helmet, even a low-speed fall can cause a serious head injury or death.

Helmets are designed to give protection from head injuries that are common for the activity they are sold for, so it's important to choose the helmet made specifically for your activity. Here are some starting guidelines:

- Choose a helmet that meets the specific standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Check for recalls prior to purchase.
- Make sure the helmet sits level on the head and fits snugly but comfortably. Helmets should be appropriately sized for the wearer.
- The brim of the helmet should sit one to two centimeters above the eyebrows to protect the brain.
- Adjust the chinstraps so the helmet stays in place when tugged forward or side to side. The helmet should not tilt backwards and should be tight enough that it will not move.
- Make sure the chinstrap is always buckled. After fastening, test the chinstrap buckle so it will not shake open.
- Always replace a helmet that is five years old or has been used during a crash. ∞

## Headwaters grand opening is May 24

**J**OIN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE city of Minnetonka, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and other agencies Thursday, May 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. in celebrating improvements to the Minnehaha Creek Headwaters, located at 16501 Gray's Bay Boulevard, Minnetonka. Improvements include a new 920-foot boardwalk spanning the wetlands that mark the start of Minnehaha Creek, and a viewing deck placed over the control structure for Minnehaha Creek and Grays Bay. Hear brief presentations from officials, then enjoy activities for children and families and free refreshments. Look for more information about this event and parking/shuttle logistics at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). This event is co-sponsored by the city of Minnetonka and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. ∞

# Shade tree disease control starts June 4

**O**N JUNE 4, THE CITY'S SHADE TREE disease control program starts again, with the goal of controlling Dutch elm disease and oak wilt. The city forester and two seasonal tree inspectors, all certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, will inspect public and private properties for trees showing symptoms of Dutch elm disease or oak wilt until mid-September, when it becomes difficult to identify diseases by their leaf symptoms. On private property, inspectors will knock on the door to identify themselves before inspecting the tree.

If you see a tree with Dutch elm or oak wilt on your property or elsewhere in the city

you may report it starting the first full week in June by calling (952) 988-8400. Please provide the address and a detailed description of the tree's location.

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. Both of these tree diseases are



regulated by a state statute and a city ordinance.

## If a tree is marked, what should I do?

If a tree has been identified as having Dutch elm disease or oak wilt, the city paints an orange ring around the tree and staples a pink work order tag on each tree. The work order tag is used to track the location and number of trees throughout the city. Each underlying property

owner is notified by a notice on the door on the day the tree is marked, and with a mailed follow-up letter. Both diseases have different management strategies, so be sure to read the letter carefully.

It is the property owner's responsibility to hire and pay for the costs associated with tree removal. If the tree is along the road edge, the city will pay for half of the tree removal. When grinding is appropriate, the city will also pay for half of the stump removal. When the tree is in a park or other city-owned property, the city of Minnetonka will pay for the full removal costs. The notification on the door and mailed letter will explain how you should take action.

## What about other tree diseases?

The city does not regulate other tree diseases or damaging insects because, at this time, they are not considered epidemic. Because the city engages in active management of Dutch elm and oak wilt disease each year, it helps to mitigate a full epidemic. The Twin Cities metro area, including Minnetonka, saw a dramatic increase in Dutch elm disease cases in 2004, mostly due to drought conditions and warmer winters that have allowed beetle populations to increase. Since the beetles are the primary way Dutch elm disease spreads, it has been a challenge to keep the disease at bay. There may be an increase in all tree disease and insect attacks this summer as a result of last year's drought conditions. To learn more about common tree diseases, visit the U of MN forest resources page at <http://fr.cfans.umn.edu/extension/>, or call Emily Barbeau, city of Minnetonka forester, at (952) 988-8400. ♪

## Does your yard contain treasure?

**M**ANY NATIVE WILDFLOWERS and some trees and shrubs are becoming quite hard to find in Minnetonka due to competition from invasive plants, browsing by deer and rodents, and soil factors related to soil moisture, erosion and the leaf litter/duff layer.

If you have one of these plants growing on your property, you have a treasure! If you've spotted one of these in a Minnetonka park please let us know; we'd like to document your find. Call Janet Larson at (952) 988-8423.

### Bitternut Hickory

This is the only hickory tree that is native in Hennepin County. It is an uncommon, rarely planted, slow grower. Sulfur yellow naked buds, with no bud scales, make winter identification unmistakable. Bark is smooth silvery-gray with small vertical white lines when young. Leaves are compound, alternate with five to seven leaflets. Nuts are born in a thin husk that splits at maturity.

### Showy Orchis

This flower is a low growing orchid (6-20cm) with one pair of ovate basal leaves and a single stout and often stubby flower stalk bearing from one to ten flowers. The flowers appear two-parted with a deep pink upper "hood" perched above a white lower petal which forms a spurred lip. It generally blooms from mid-May to June. This plant does not tolerate much competition.



### Nodding Trillium (above)

This woodland wildflower is in the lily family. Its single white flowers are easy to miss, because they hang beneath the leaves in May. Trillium refers to the three-part leaf and three flower petals.

### Juneberry/Serviceberry

Juneberry can be identified when dormant by its smooth gray bark, and maroon red buds with tiny white hairs along the margin. White flowers in May are followed by red fruit in June turning deep blue in July. Fall color is orange-red.

### Fragrant Giant Hyssop

This plant can be found in restored prairie areas in Minnetonka. In July, lavender-purple bottlebrush-like flower spikes of 2 to 3 inches top the stems, blooming summer into fall. It is a wonderful butterfly and hummingbird plant for your full-sun garden. It is also a great honey plant much loved by the bees. ♪



## Pop Quiz

How prepared are you for an emergency? Find out with the ReadyMinnetonka quiz at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) — ten quick questions will assess your emergency readiness!

## Rules regarding door-to-door sales

**M**ANY LEGITIMATE ORGANIZATIONS go door-to-door to sell their products or ask for donations. However, there may be “enterprising” individuals whose goals are less than honorable. The city of Minnetonka Ordinance for Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers (Section 630) requires peddlers and solicitors to have a license.

When a peddler or solicitor knocks on your door, ask to see their license (a city-issued photo identification card). If the person is unable to produce the identification card, immediately call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 and report the violation.

### Regulations are as follows:

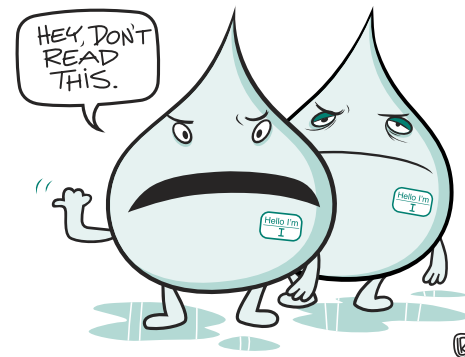
- For-profit sale of products or services requires a license from the city. Only licensed peddlers and solicitors will have photo identification card issued by the city. The city does not endorse nor research a specific product or service by the issuing of this license.
- Charitable organizations conducting door-to-door sales or solicitations do not need a license. However, the city does request that charitable organizations register at City Hall, with proof of their tax-exempt status.
- Every resident and business has the right to prohibit peddlers and solicitors from their property. If you post a sign on your home or business that prohibits solicitors, they are not permitted to approach your property.
- For more information, or to see a current list of city-approved non-profit and for-profit organizations, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

## An update on city I and I inspections

**A**S PART OF THE CITY OF MINNETONKA’S five-year effort to reduce the flow of clear water into the Met Council’s overburdened sanitary sewer collection, home inspections are underway in the areas of the city identified as having the highest probability of clear water discharge. So far inspections have been completed and water meters have been installed at more than 450 homes.

If a homeowner is found to have illegal discharge into the sanitary sewer system, the city is providing a matching grant program to assist homeowners in making repairs.

Along with an inflow and infiltration inspection, each homeowner is receiving an upgraded water meter. These new meters feature automated reading via radio technology, allowing meter readers to drive through neighborhoods to check meters rather than stopping at each home and conducting a manual. This will also allow residents more timely information on water use.



All inspections and water meter installations are being conducted by SL-serco company, not by city inspectors. The only tasks of these outside contractors are to conduct the I and I inspection and to install a new water meter.

Residents in the first three areas slated for inspection have been receiving notification via mail of the inspection and meter installation details.

For more information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 988-8400.

## Don't be a drip — help give I and I the boot!

**C**ITIES ARE BEING ASKED to reduce inflow and infiltration because the Met Council estimates it would cost the region a minimum of \$900 million to build the infrastructure just to convey the excess flows to wastewater treatment plants. Costs to expand treatment plants are also prohibitive due to the lack of available building space. And remember — this excess flow is clear water, which doesn't even need to be treated as wastewater.

So, why should you care?

First, I and I may affect your home — clear water reduces capacity in the regional wastewater collection and treatment system and, during heavy rainfall, can cause sewer backups and overflows.

Second, if not addressed, I and I will affect the city's utility rates. The Met Council has identified Minnetonka as a major contributor to the I and I problem — and under a currently proposed surcharge system, Minnetonka would be charged nearly \$400,000 annually to treat the city's waste.

Minnetonka has five years to correct its I and I problem, during which time



the money the city would have paid in surcharges may be used for education, inspections and repairs designed to reduce the I and I problem. This includes home inspections to identify improper connections to the sanitary sewer system and funding a matching grant program to assist homeowners with necessary repairs.

Learn more about I and I and how it affects you by visiting [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or call (952) 988-8400 for more information.

# 2006 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report



**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA IS ISSUING the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2006. Each of the past nine years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

This report fulfills an obligation the city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water, please contact Jim Malone at [jmalone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jmalone@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 988-8400. For information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400.

## Water source

The city of Minnetonka operates 18 wells ranging in depth from 405 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the city of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water

standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more of the sources of water is potentially susceptible to contamination.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call (651) 201-4700 or (800) 818-9318 (press 5) during normal business hours. Visit [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa) for the full report.

## Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health

risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## Lawn watering schedule

To effectively conserve the community's water resources, city of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar day before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Water of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call (952) 988-8400. ♻️



# Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2006

The results contained in the following table indicate an exceedance of a federal standard. Some other contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected last year.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Water Testing Terms and Definitions

### MCLG — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

### MCL — Maximum Contaminant Level

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

### MRDL — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

### MRDLG — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

### AL — Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

### 90th Percentile Level

This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest

result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

### pCi/l — PicoCuries per liter

A measure of radioactivity.

### ppb — Parts per billion

This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

### ppm — Parts per million

This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

### nd — No Detection

### N/A — Not Applicable

Does not apply.

### Average level found

This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Range (2006)	Average level found	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	15.4	0	6.9–9.8	8.55	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	ppm	2	2	N/A	0.15	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	5.4	0	4.0–7.6	5.3	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1–1.2	1.1	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	nd–0.47	0.47	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	80	0	N/A	0.8	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Trichloroethylene	ppb	5	0	nd–.1	0.03	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Radon	pCi/l	--	--	26–117	87.5	Erosion of natural deposits
Radon is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater. It poses a lung cancer risk when gas is released from water into air (as occurs during showering, bathing, or washing dishes or clothes) and a stomach cancer risk when it is ingested. Because radon in indoor air poses a much greater health risk than radon in drinking water, an Alternative Maximum Contaminant Level (AMCL) of 4,000 picoCuries per liter may apply in states that have adopted an Indoor Air Program, which compels citizens, homeowners, schools, and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 300 pCi/l may apply. Minnesota plans to adopt an Indoor Air Program once the Radon Rule is finalized.						

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Range (2006)	Average level found	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	0.3–0.9 Monthly Avg.	0.62 Quarterly Avg.	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead	ppm	15	N/A	2	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	ppm	1.3	N/A	1.92	10 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
The city of Minnetonka is in exceedance of the action level for copper. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor. In response to this issue, the city performed a corrosion control study to make the water less likely to absorb materials such as copper from your plumbing.						

### Unregulated contaminants

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These unregulated contaminants are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected:

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	Range (2006)	Average level found	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium	ppm	6.9–15	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	ppm	4.09–28.4	28.4	Erosion of natural deposits



## 2007 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# Spring Leaf Drop-off Program

**Saturdays: May 5 & 12**  
**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Minnnetonka residents may bring **bagged** leaves, yard and garden materials to one of the five drop-off sites on the dates and times show below. Brush larger than ½ inch in diameter **will not** be accepted at leaf drop-off sites. (See the brush drop-off article.)

If you have other means of handling your leaves such as collection by your garbage hauler or backyard composting, **please use that option!** All garbage haulers offer curbside collection of yard waste on the same day as your garbage collection for a reasonable annual or monthly fee. The garbage hauler yard waste collection programs typically run mid-April through mid-November. **Check with your garbage hauler for details.**

### Saturday Leaf Drop-off Sites

#### 1 Public Works Facility Parking Lot

11522 Minnetonka Blvd., ¼ mi. west of  
Cty. Rd. 73, **use west entrance**

Two areas: one for **bulk** leaf drop-off, one for  
**bagged** leaf drop-off. Follow the signs.

#### 2 Groveland School Parking Lot

Minnetonka Blvd., east of Hwy. 101

#### 3 Minnetonka Public Schools Service Center North Parking Lot

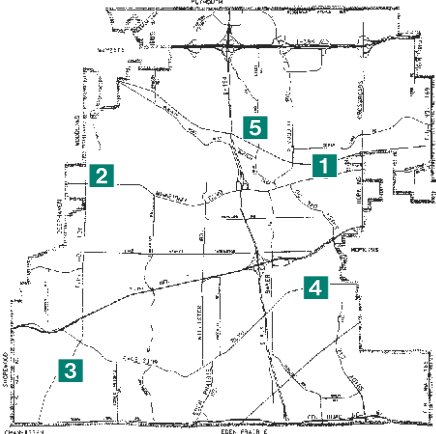
5621 Hwy. 101

#### 4 West Oaks Community Church Parking Lot

Excelsior Blvd. west of Shady Oak Rd.

#### 5 Meadow Park Parking Lot

Oakland Road across from Stone Rd.



**BAGGED LEAVES** — will be accepted at all sites  
on Saturdays, May 5 and May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

City staff will assist residents with unloading bags of leaves on Saturdays. Residents will be asked to take empty bags home for reuse or disposal. Loosely tie bags for easy emptying.

**BULK LEAVES** — will be accepted at Minnetonka Public Works  
only on the following days and times:

- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5, May 12
- **Mondays:** Noon to 8 p.m. May 7, May 14
- **Tuesdays:** Noon to 8 p.m. May 1, May 8, May 15

Loads of leaves **must** be covered during transport!

Residents will unbag and unload their own leaves onto the bulk pile — please bring proper equipment to unload your own leaves. Try using many layers of tarps between a foot or two of leaves — it makes unloading your leaves easier and faster.

Information about composting and yard waste management is available from Dean Elstad, recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430.

### 2007 Brush Drop-off Program

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. Brush drop-off ends November 17, 2007.

The brush drop-off site will be closed on the following holidays: Memorial Day (May 28) and Labor Day (Sept. 3).

Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency (driver's license or utility bill) is required to drop off brush.

**Please note:** trash, grass, loose leaves, dirt, sod, lumber, fencing, or wood scraps are not accepted. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

For more information call Dean Elstad, recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430.

### Keep streets and storm drains clean

Minnnetonka City Ordinances (see below) prohibit blowing and/or leaving grass clippings or other organic materials in the street.

**Please mention this to your lawn service.**

#### 845.010. Public Nuisances Affecting Peace, Safety and General Welfare. 17.

Prohibits the intentional discharge of items such as leaves, grass clippings, solvents, antifreeze, oil, fireplace ashes, paint, and cement rinsings into a street, storm sewer system, or water resource such as a wetland, creek, pond or lake.

### Memorial Day delays recycling collection

The Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 28, will delay recycling collection one day. Residents west of I-494 will have recycling collection on Tuesday, May 29, while residents east of I-494 will have collection on Wednesday, May 30.



 **2007 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

# Hennepin County Community Collection for Unwanted Garden and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

**Thursday, May 17**  
**Friday, May 18**  
**Saturday, May 19**  
**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Minnetonka Public Works  
 11522 Minnetonka Blvd  
 East entrance by recycling center

*Can't wait until May? Tired of waiting in lines? Saturday, May 19, is the busiest day, with longer waits in line. Consider bringing your household hazardous waste to one of the permanent facilities during the week (see article below).*

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 businesses, including home businesses or non-profit organizations.

**The following HHW and problem materials are accepted:**

- Paint, stains, paint strippers, wood preservatives, thinners, gasoline (container will not be returned), lighter fluid, insecticides, herbicides, solvents, acids, adhesives, caustics, degreasers, rodent poisons, moth balls, spot remover, chemistry sets, photo chemicals, mercury, drain or oven cleaners, floor finishes, metal or furniture polish, aerosol cans, driveway sealer. *This is not a complete list. Call (612) 348-3777 for more details.*

- Fluorescent or HID (high intensity discharge) lamps and ballasts (maximum 10 bulbs)
- Household batteries (flashlight, D, C, AA, AAA, 6 and 9 volt cells)
- Lead acid vehicle batteries
- Rechargeable batteries and rechargeable appliances
- Electronics: television, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, VCR, or radio

**There is no charge for dropping off HHW or the above listed items.**

The following items are **not accepted** at the community HHW collection: Appliances, copiers, motor oil and motor oil filters, compressed gas cylinders, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive materials, infectious waste or household garbage.

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

## Year-round HHW 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.

There is no charge to drop off residential HHW, but 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](http://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, oil filters, aerosol cans, fire extinguishers, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats,

switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries.

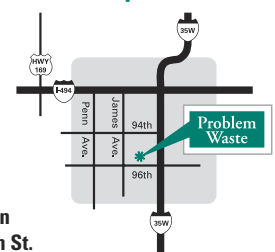
Also accepted for no charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers).

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 \$16. The fee and acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff.

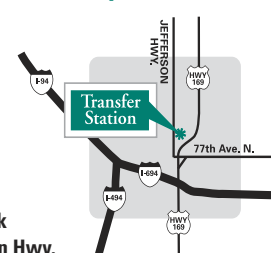
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**Hennepin County Problem Material and HHW Drop-Off**



**Bloomington**  
**1400 W. 96th St.**

**Hennepin County Transfer Station and HHW Drop-Off**



**Brooklyn Park**  
**8100 Jefferson Hwy.**



## 2007 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

# 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).
- **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 and tape or tie rolls. Rolls of carpet must not exceed six feet in length or 12 inches in diameter.
- **Copier or fax machine (\$35)**
- **Electronics (\$1 for any item, including TVs up to 32"; \$5 for TVs larger than 32")**  
TV, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, radio, or VCR.
- **Fluorescent bulbs (No charge)**  
Up to ten fluorescent bulbs will be accepted per vehicle. No bulbs will be accepted from business or commercial use. Please transport bulbs in a manner to avoid breakage.
- **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**)
- **Scrap metal — clean (no charge)**

**Saturday, June 2**

**8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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

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, bikes with tires, lawn chair 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 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)**

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:** There will **not** be a charitable organization at the Special Drop-off accepting clothing and household goods.

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

- **Bethesda Thrift Shop**  
913 Mainstreet, Hopkins  
(952) 939-0988
- **Goodwill Industries**  
1025 Hill Street, Hopkins  
(952) 935-2760
- **ARC Hennepin-Carver**  
Pickup route information  
(612) 866-8820
- **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 or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

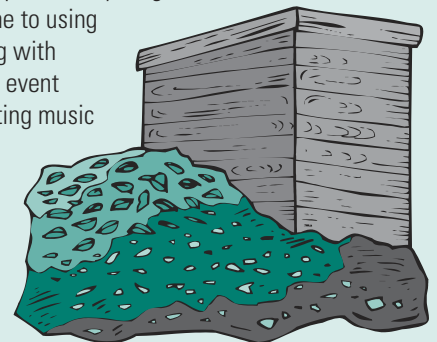
## 2007 Living Green Expo is May 5 & 6

The 2007 Living Green Expo features over 200 exhibitors showcasing things in many shades of green. Come and connect with others, find resources, and get in on the latest green technologies.

Learn from the experts in more than 50 workshops on everything from how to compost and reduce toxicity in your home to using the latest energy-saving technology and cooking with organic, locally grown food. This family-friendly event features art displays, activities for kids, an exciting music lineup, and the best in local and organic foods.

Parking is free, secure bike storage is available, and the Expo is accessible by bus.

Visit [www.livinggreen.org](http://www.livinggreen.org) for more information on exhibitors, workshops, and activities.



## Two CAR awards presented

**T**HE MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL recently recognized two Minnetonka Community Action Recognition award winners, Sheila Wilson and Vera Atwood.

Minnetonka resident and Hopkins High School student Sheila Wilson created and donated a three-dimensional model of a late-1800s-era garden, to be displayed at the Charles H. Burwell House in Minnetonka. Sheila undertook this 15-month project in order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest project award bestowed by the Girl Scouts of America. This project will be of continuing value to tour guides who interpret the Burwell House for school children and other visitors by providing another window into the everyday life of the Burwell family.

Minnetonka resident Vera Atwood is the neighbor people count on to help in times of need, and she has been especially neighborly to the parents and children of the Minnetonka Heights apartments and town homes. She offers a safe haven for families in times of crisis, picking up children at school, keeping them overnight, then getting them back to school the next day. She involves children in extracurricular activities at school, at church and through other community organizations. In addition, Vera is very active in the lives of her own three children, participating in school activities and often volunteering at Clear Springs Elementary School. ♪



*Mayor Jan Callison (right) presents the CAR award to Sheila Wilson (left).*



*Mayor Jan Callison (right) with CAR award winner Vera Atwood (left).*

## Burwell House tours start June 2

**T**HE 2007 BURWELL HOUSE TOUR season starts Saturday, June 2, and continues through Sept. 1. Tour hours are Tuesdays, noon to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Special group tours also can be arranged.

The Burwell House, located at 13209 East McGinty Road, has been meticulously restored and furnished to its 1894 state, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a guided tour and learn about Minnetonka's early history, the Burwell family, flour milling and Victorian times. New acquisitions and exhibits are always being added. In addition, the Burwell House is air conditioned so individuals may comfortably tour the home even on the hottest of summer days!

Plan a picnic along Minnehaha Creek, add a tour to your bike trip on the trail system, or bring guests for one of the best historic house museums in the area! And, mark you calendar now for the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, held on the Burwell House grounds Saturday, June 23 — check out the June Minnetonka Memo for specific times and activities.

For more information about Burwell House tours, or to schedule a special group tour, call (952) 939-8219 or email [lronbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lronbeck@eminnetonka.com). ♪

## Music in the Park starts in June

**T**HIS YEAR'S MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES WILL ONCE AGAIN TAKE PLACE AT THE NEW outdoor amphitheater located on the Minnetonka Civic Center Campus, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. Concerts are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and feature local performers playing a wide variety of music. Bring along a blanket or chair, and enjoy an evening of free entertainment for the whole family!

New this year, a special performance has been added to the Music in the Park schedule — on July 17, the Minnetonka Community Theatre will perform *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the stage version of the popular 1971 Broadway play and cartoon classic. Additional performances of this play are set for Thursday, July 12, at 2 p.m., Friday, July 13 at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, July 17, at 11 a.m. All performances are free of charge, thanks to the generous financial support of Lunds and Byerly's.

**June 12**  
Celebration Brass  
(classical, jazz, Dixie)

**June 19**  
Justin Roth (folk)

**June 26**  
Lehto & Wright  
(Celtic, folk rock)

**July 10**  
Erin Rogue  
(Irish, blues)

**July 17**  
*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* — presented by the Minnetonka Community Theatre

**July 24**  
Don King Band  
(blues, jazz, rock)

**July 31**  
Signe Hensel (jazz)

**August 7**  
Minnetonka Civic Orchestra  
(classical)

**August 14**  
Mark Yannie Trio (jazz)

## Add a little music to your spring

**A**DD A LITTLE MUSIC TO YOUR spring by attending a free Music Association of Minnetonka concert! For more information call (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org).

**Young People's Concert**  
Sunday, May 6, 3:30 p.m.  
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church,  
301 Cty. Rd. 19, Excelsior

**Music for Spring**  
Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church,  
8400 France Ave., Bloomington

**Music for Spring**  
Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Messiah Methodist Church,  
17805 Cty. Rd. 6, Plymouth

**Voices of Spring**  
Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Cross View Lutheran Church,  
6645 W. McCauley Trail, Edina

# Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
for more  
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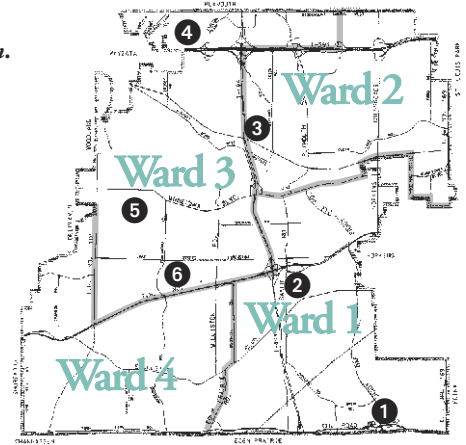
  

2	Park Board, 7 p.m.	11	Silver Skates Ice Revue, 7 p.m.
7	City Council, 6:30 p.m.	12	Silver Skates Ice Revue, 5 p.m.
8	Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.	21	City Council, 6:30 p.m.
10	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.; Silver Skates Ice Revue, 6:30 p.m.	24	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
		28	Memorial Day, <i>city offices closed</i>

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission in May. 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.

- Items concerning construction of a new building and two drive-through lanes at **10995 and 10999 Red Circle Drive** for DJD Partners. (07018.07a)
- Final plat to divide the existing property at **9701 Data Park Drive** into two lots for Welsh Companies. (06060.07a)
- Preliminary plat to divide the existing properties at **2700 and 2714 Oakland Road** into seven lots for Otto Associates Engineers and Land Surveyors. (07019.07a)
- Sign plan review, with variances, for wall-mounted signs at **1000 Twelve Oaks Center Drive** for Nordquist Sign Company. (07008.07a)
- Preliminary plat to divide the existing property at **3515 Meadow Lane** into two lots for Thomas Fretham. (07012.07a)
- Site plan review for improvements to **Wilson Park, 4230 Victoria Street**, for the city of Minnetonka. (07016.07a&g).



## Silver Skates Ice Revue is May 10, 11 and 12

MINNETONKA ICE ARENA'S ALL SEASON SKATING SCHOOL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE 33rd Annual Silver Skates Ice Revue, "Highways and Byways." More than 300 skaters of all levels from Minnetonka and surrounding areas are featured this year. Show times are Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.; Friday, May 11, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, May 12, 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for school-aged children, and free for pre-school children. As always, senior citizens and individuals with special needs are granted free admission to the Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. performance. Don't forget to bring a coat or blanket, as it does get cold in the ice arena. ♡



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