



# minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
December 2007*

## 2007 photo contest winners named

**N**EARLY 50 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED FOR THE 2007 city of Minnetonka photo contest, hosted by the Minnetonka Community Commission. Entrants were asked to submit photos reflecting this year's theme, "What Minnetonka Means to Me." The community commission then evaluated the photos and chose the winners based on how well the photos conveyed that theme. New this year, visitors to the city's October Open House event were asked to vote for a People's Choice Award.

The winners were recognized at the Nov. 5 Minnetonka City Council meeting, with first-, second-, and third-place winners receiving a check and everyone receiving a certificate of recognition. Winners and photos are shown below. Look for these photos and more of the entries on the city's Web site, [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).



**First Place:** Jeff Adrian, "Lakeside Serenity"



**Second Place:** Stephanie Ferguson, "Winter to Spring"



**Third Place:** Tom Arnold, "Wading with Grandchildren in Minnehaha Creek"



**Honorable Mention:** Bob Launderville, "Beautiful Fall Colors"



**People's Choice:** Bill Vollink, "Minnetonka: Where Wildlife and Residents Co-Exist"

### Truth in Taxation hearing set for Dec. 3

**M**INNETONKA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS ARE INVITED TO participate in the city's annual Truth in Taxation budget hearing, set for Monday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka. For more information about the proposed 2008 budget, please see pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*, or see the October and November *Minnetonka Memos*, which also contained budget information.



# Implementing a shared vision for the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor

**I**N SEPTEMBER 2007, THE MINNETONKA City Council and Park Board, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board, Three Rivers Park District Board and Hennepin County's area commissioner joined together in an historic meeting to discuss a partnership to implement a shared vision for Minnehaha Creek.



## A Shared Vision

The Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor extends from the creek headwaters at Gray's Bay for six miles through the city of Minnetonka, encompassing nearly one-third of the creek's length. Upper Minnehaha Creek is unique in many ways. Most notably, about 85 percent of the adjoining land is in the public realm — either publicly owned or controlled. This creates an extraordinary opportunity to forge a collaborative partnership to translate a shared vision for the creek into reality.

The Upper Minnehaha Creek is envisioned in several complementary ways. It is, and will become, an even more valued, natural preserve, recreational and educational waterway, network of walking and biking trails, and scenic parkway through the historic Minnetonka Mills District.

Minnehaha Creek celebrates much of what Minnetonka is — a community that deeply values its natural environment.

## Implementation Plan

A policy steering committee, including representatives from the four partners, is guiding the effort to translate this shared vision into specific projects and programs. As planning progresses, numerous opportunities will be available for public input and involvement. A project link on the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) will provide updated information.

Some creek corridor improvements are already underway, and many more are in the works. Although planning is just beginning, initial ideas include the following.

- The Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor is a valuable **natural preserve**. The city of Minnetonka and others have already

accomplished a great deal of preservation and restoration throughout the corridor, including buckthorn removal and ecological improvements. Future projects will restore native plant, wildlife and ecological zones. Best practices will also be followed to achieve water management goals for watershed, stormwater drainage, bank stabilization and creek flow.

- Restoration of the creek's natural character through I-494 will provide an enhanced **gateway** entry to the city of Minnetonka. When the freeway was constructed, the creek bed was rechanneled with concrete culverts and stone riprap. Refurbishment of this creek passage will restore the natural experience for waterway users, pedestrians, bikers and motorists.
- The creek corridor is a **waterway** that can offer exceptional recreational and educational experiences for people of all ages. The new Headwaters Park at Gray's Bay, recently developed by the city and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, includes a new canoe landing, interpretive exhibit, shoreland restoration and boardwalk. The city also has invested heavily in improvements to its Civic Center campus bordering the creek, including a new canoe landing.
- Existing **landings** will be upgraded, and new canoe landings and launches developed to improve access and providing floating interpretive experiences throughout the corridor. The Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor offers a unique "boundary waters" experience, and a canoe/kayak rental and shuttle service is being considered to make that opportunity more readily available to all.
- The creek corridor will also incorporate new **pedestrian and bike trails** to connect users with the extensive existing network of local and regional pathways, and many creek and park amenities. As one recent example, a new boardwalk was built between the Civic Center and Jidana Park, which includes new facilities for summer youth programs. Three Rivers Park District recently installed new wayfinding signs and informational kiosks on its Lake Minnetonka Trail, which runs along Minnetonka Boulevard.
- New trails are being planned to provide **links** with the existing network, and multiple places for "trailhead" parking will be available throughout the corridor. The city recently acquired private properties between the Big Willow playfields and



## UPPER MINNEHAHA CREEK CORRIDOR

historic Minnetonka Mills District, and funding has been reserved to develop trails to link creek corridor activities with the city's loop trail system and Three Rivers Park District's regional trail.

- The historic **Minnetonka Mills District** will be recognized as the special area it has always been for the community. A new park is planned on both sides of the creek in the area between I-494 and Burwell House. The city has acquired four residential properties in the area, and has reserved funding to develop the new park, which is expected to incorporate unique botanical and art features, including those reflective of the historical nature of the area, ranging from early American Indian trails to milling operations.
- Guidelines will be developed to encourage future **public-private partnerships** in the commercial area east of Burwell House. Any renewal of this area will have to be compatible with the overall vision for the corridor, both in scale and use. An example of a recent investment is the gazebo built in partnership with St. David's School.
- A special **interpretive center** is also being considered somewhere near the Minnetonka Mills District to provide opportunities for school, nature and other groups to connect with the creek. The center would likely be a partnership of various parties, and experiential programs would be provided throughout the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor.
- A redesigned **Minnetonka Boulevard Parkway** is also being considered for Minnetonka Boulevard, between the Civic Center and Big Willow Park. This portion of the Upper Minnehaha Creek Corridor provides a distinct opportunity to integrate roadway, waterway and trails systems, so that drivers, bikers, walkers and paddlers can collectively and compatibly experience all that is good about the creek. ♻️



## Storm water meeting set for December 12

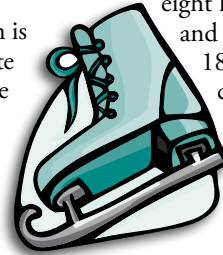
**R**ESIDENTS WHO WANT TO LEARN more about the city's Water Resources Management Plan and storm water pollution are invited to the city of Minnetonka's annual storm water informational meeting Wednesday, December 12, at 5 p.m. in the Boards and Commissions Room at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

After a brief presentation about the city's Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP), staff will answer questions and take comments regarding the city's current programs and future plans for storm water.

Copies of the WRMP and SWPPP may be examined at the engineering department in city hall during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) or on the city's website. For more information call Liz Stout, water resources engineer, at (952) 939-8233. ☺

## Sign up for skating lessons today!

**I**T'S THAT TIME OF YEAR — TIME TO SIGN up for skating lessons with the Minnetonka Ice Arena's All-Season Skating School! The lesson program is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute and offers instruction for skaters age 3 and up, including adults. The 12-week winter/spring session begins January 8, 2008. Class information and registration materials are available at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), or call (952) 939-8310. Register now — space is limited! ☺



## Outdoor ice rinks open soon

**W**EATHER PERMITTING, SKATING RINKS and warming houses will open at eight locations Saturday, December 15, and will remain open through February 18, 2008. Call (952) 939-TELL for conditions, closings and updates.

Locations include Boulder Creek, Covington, Gro Tonka, McKenzie, Meadow and Spring Hill parks and Gatewood and Glen Lake schools. Hours are weekdays, 4:30 to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 5 p.m. ☺

## Openings available on boards, commissions

**I**F YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE CITY OF MINNETONKA, consider applying to serve on a board or commission. In January 2008, openings on the planning commission will be available. In addition, various opportunities may be available for student representatives.

Applications are due December 15, with interviews taking place in January. Accepted applications are kept on file for one year to fill any unexpected vacancies, with interviews taking place as necessary. For an application, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). For more information, contact Karen Telega at [ktelega@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ktelega@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8211. ☺

## Back by popular demand, the spring tree sale!

**A**FTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR, MINNETONKA WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST A TREE sale program this spring, in order to encourage residents to replant after losing trees. Be sure to look in the February *Minnetonka Memo* for the order form and to learn more about each tree species. A wide variety of hardy disease- and insect-resistant tree species are offered for sale, in order to promote health and diversity in Minnetonka's community forest.



## Celebrate a *green* holiday this year

**B**ETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW Year's Day, household waste increases by twenty-five percent in the United States — that's 1,000,000 extra tons of waste each week. Here are several things you can do to reduce waste during the holidays:

1. Give gifts that conserve natural resources, such as certificates for your time shoveling snow or walking a dog.
2. Use real glasses and dishes for parties, rather than disposable. Consider renting if large quantities are needed.
3. Buy LED (light-emitting diode) lights and save 80-90% on energy costs.
4. Consider using recycled paper holiday cards, or send an online greeting.
5. Reuse gift wrap supplies, such as bows and boxes.
6. Buy a live Christmas tree and turn it into mulch after the holidays.

For expanded information, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us), search "waste reduction." ☺

# YOUR 2008 PROPERTY TAXES

## City taxes will go down for most homeowners

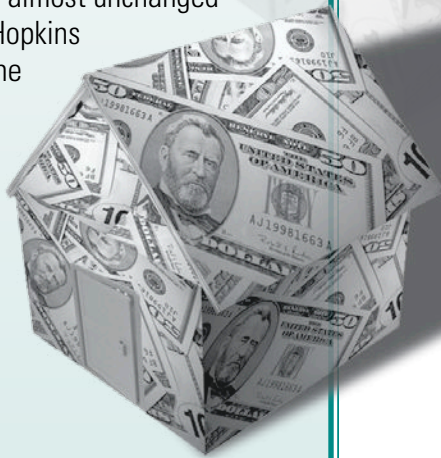
City taxes will decrease 2.9 percent for the average homeowner, and **seven out of ten Minnetonka homeowners will pay lower city property taxes.** City property taxes will increase for those properties that experienced an increase in value last year, most often due to location or the state's Limited Market Value program phase-out. Therefore, two of the remaining ten homeowners will experience a zero to three percent increase, and the last homeowner greater than three percent.

## Where your property taxes go

The city of Minnetonka accounts for about one-fourth of a **homeowner's** total property tax bill. Hennepin County and local school districts make up two-thirds of the total. Only 11 percent of property taxes paid by Minnetonka **businesses** go to the city. More than 60 percent of business property taxes leave the community for a state property tax and the fiscal disparities program that benefits other metro area communities.

### Property taxes vary by location

Your property tax notice will list taxes for the city of Minnetonka, Hennepin County, various metro districts and either the Hopkins, Minnetonka or Wayzata school district. Because school district taxes vary, total average homeowner taxes will remain almost unchanged for residents who live in the Hopkins district (about 60 percent of the community), decrease 1.6 percent for Wayzata district residents (10 percent), and probably remain unchanged for Minnetonka school district residents (30 percent), the latter depending upon the final impact of the school referendums.

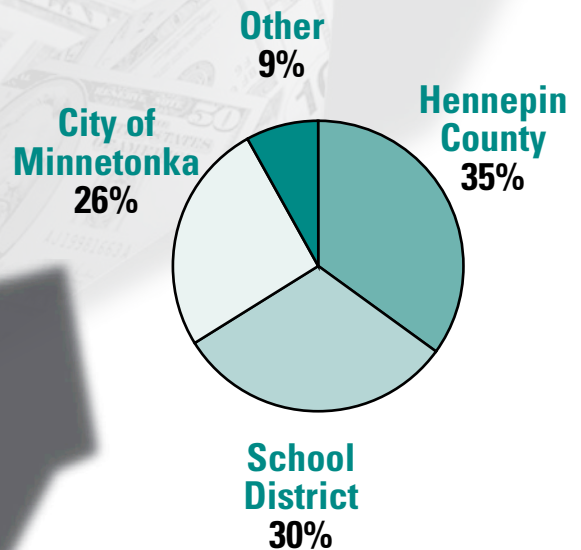


### Proposed 2008 Property Taxes

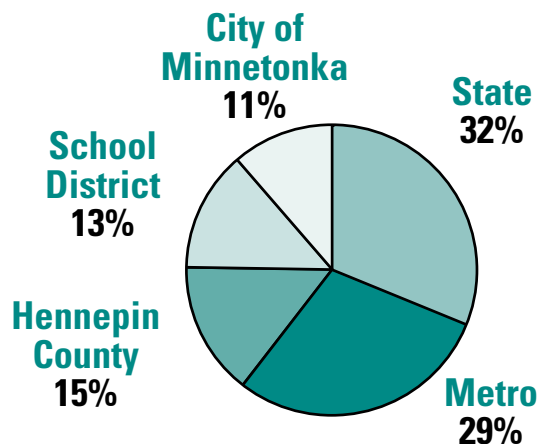
(average \$353,100 Minnetonka home)

	2007	2008
<b>County</b>	\$1,358	\$1,345
<b>City</b>	1,028	998
<b>School (based on Hopkins School District)</b>		
Voter approved	852	826
Other	308	335
<b>School Total</b>	1,160	1,161
<b>Metro Districts</b>	93	89
<b>Other Districts</b>	200	218
<b>Solid Waste Fee</b>	56	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,895</b>	<b>\$3,867</b>

### Homeowner property taxes



### Business property taxes





# MINNETONKA'S 2008 BUDGET

## Quality services at a reasonable price

Our citizens consistently rank Minnetonka's services as a **good value for the money**. The city manages your tax dollars with the future in mind to ensure our ongoing ability to provide residents and businesses with the quality services they have come to expect, and at a reasonable price.

Like all service businesses, the city continues to experience **budget pressures**. Unfunded state mandates as well as energy and fuel costs continue to challenge our ability to provide basic services. To meet our citizens' expectations for both service quality and taxes, the city council directed that projected 2008 property tax growth for basic services be limited and the city continue its aggressive energy conservation program adopted last year to reduce energy use.

The council also directed that the city enhance public safety services. The 2008 budget will enhance the city's **traffic enforcement** program to address our residents' continued concern with speeding. An additional dedicated traffic enforcement officer will provide for increased traffic contacts, pro-active truck and trailer enforcement, and expanded educational efforts.

At council's further direction, the 2008 budget includes resources to support the development of an updated long-term **fire service** strategy. To address future recruitment and retention needs, the new plan will likely include the adoption of a 24-hour duty crew model using our paid on-call firefighters. This would be similar to what is currently used by a number of other metro area fire departments.



**Your input is always welcomed and appreciated!**

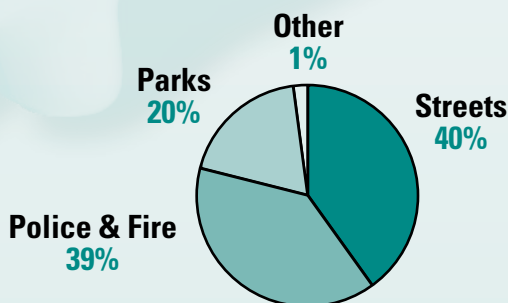
Additional information is available on the city's Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) so that interested citizens can learn more about the city's budget and property tax system and provide feedback. A formal **city budget hearing** will be held Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Questions can always be addressed to Minnetonka Mike at [mike@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mike@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8586, or to finance director Merrill King at [mking@eminnetonka.com](mailto:mking@eminnetonka.com) or (952) 939-8200.

## Property taxes support basic city services

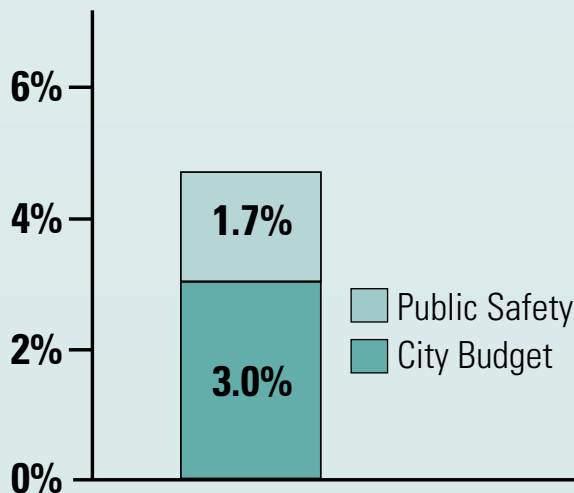
Eight out of every ten dollars of your city property taxes goes to maintain streets and provide police and fire protection. Since user fees fund many city services, most of the remainder of your city tax bill is for parks. The City of Minnetonka's 2008 levy increase compares favorably to other cities.

**While the average increase proposed by all metro cities is 8.1 percent, our total city tax levy will increase only 4.7 percent** — three percent for basic services, 1.4 percent for fire services, and 0.3 percent for traffic management.

### What city property taxes pay for



### 2008 Tax Revenue Increase (average \$353,100 home)



# Enjoy these senior events this December!

**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 *Minnetonka 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.

## Follow these holiday fire safety tips

**H**ELP PREVENT A VISIT FROM THE Minnetonka Fire Department this holiday season by following these fire prevention tips!

### Keep trees fresh

- Don't buy a tree that is dry and dropping needles.
- Keep your tree watered. A fresh tree can drink as much as a gallon of water a day.
- Keep your tree away from furnaces, radiators and fireplaces. Unplug tree lights before leaving or going to bed.

### Avoid lighting mishaps and candle disasters

- Never use interior holiday lights outdoors.
- Discard strings of lights that look old, frayed and worn.
- Place candles securely in non-tip candle holders on a stable surface, well away from drafts, curtains, children and pets.
- Snuff out candles out before leaving the room or going to sleep. Never leave burning candles in bathrooms.

### Keep fire in the fireplace

- Don't hang stockings from the mantel when the fireplace is in use.
- Never burn gift wrap and boxes in the fireplace. They burn too rapidly and generate far too much heat.

## Mills Landing Gift Shoppe

Are you looking for the perfect holiday gift? If so, browse a collection of handmade items at the Mills Landing Gift Shoppe, 12810 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. 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.

## Defensive Driving Classes

Please call the Minnesota Safety Council at (651) 228-7306 to register.

### Four-Hour Courses

*Thursday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*  
Refreshments provided but no lunch.

- Always use a screen or glass door in front of the fireplace to protect against flying sparks. Never leave the fire unattended or let it smolder.
- Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquids to start a fire. Use only seasoned and dried firewood. Don't use Christmas trees for firewood.
- Always place ashes in a metal container and store outside. ♪



## Need emergency home repairs?

**I**F 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. ♪

## Special Events

Call (952) 939-8393 to register.

### 1920's Style Show

*Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.*  
Cost is \$5 and includes refreshments.

### Rethink Recycling

*Monday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.*  
Learn creative, fun and earth-friendly ways to think about gifts this year. See gift wrapping alternatives, and get a list of organizations that take donations of used clothing and household goods. Lunch of soup and sandwich is included. Cost is \$2, payable by Dec. 7.

### Late Breakfast Brunch

*Thursday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*  
Enjoy baked cheesy eggs, baked omelet with mushroom and sausage, hash browns, potatoes au gratin with ham, pancakes, fruit bowl, assorted desserts, and coffee. Enjoy piano music by Vern Drilling. Cost is \$6, payable by Dec. 10.

### Holiday Gala

*Tuesday, Dec. 18, 12 p.m.*  
Enjoy entertainment by Steve Paris, as well as a meal of stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. Cost is \$8, payable by Dec. 12.

### Girl's Night Out (GNO)

Meets once a month on the third Thursday, with different activities. Call (952) 939-8393 for information about December's meeting. ♪

## Add "Scrooge: A Musical" to your holiday event list

**E**NJOY THE TIMELESS ENCHANTMENT OF Charles Dickens in a new musical adaptation of this holiday classic, presented on stage by the Minnetonka Community Theater with warmth and a touch of hilarity that both children and adults will enjoy.

Performances of "Scrooge: A Musical" are Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.; and Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. at the main stage at the Arts Center on 7, 18301 Highway 7, Minnetonka (at Minnetonka High School). Tickets are on sale now — to order call (952) 401-5898 or purchase online at [www.minnetonkatheatre.com](http://www.minnetonkatheatre.com). Call early for the best seats. ♪

## Seniors staffers reach 1,000,000 mark

**T**WELVE TIMES A YEAR FOR THE PAST 16 years, a group of senior volunteers, known as the “senior staffers” has gathered at the Minnetonka Community Center to stuff city utility bills. They arrive by 8 a.m., stuff envelopes, seal them, then sort them into the city’s four zip codes. This volunteer group saves the city about \$6,000 annually.

On October 31, 2007, these volunteers marked a significant milestone by stuffing their 1,000,000 envelope. Their achievement was celebrated with balloons, cake, and congratulations, delivered personally by Minnetonka Mayor Jan Callison and city staff. Thank you to the “senior staffers!”



*Bill Schwitzer and Evelyn Crane helped stuff utility bills at the community center.*

## New officers join the police department

**I**N EARLY NOVEMBER, THE MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED TWO NEW POLICE officers. Scott Baker (right) earned a degree in criminal justice from the University of St. Thomas, while Kristen Colby (left) earned a degree in criminal justice from Winona State University. Officers Baker and Colby were sworn in as police officers November 8, 2007. ☺



## Sign up for the 2008 Citizen Academy

**W**HAT’S THE ROLE OF THE CITY council? What are the city’s zoning and subdivision regulations? What recreational opportunities does the city offer? These are just a few of the questions you’ll be able to answer after attending the 2008 Minnetonka Citizen Academy.

This free program takes place over five Tuesday evening sessions—Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26—at Minnetonka City Hall. Throughout the sessions, you’ll hear from various city departments including police, fire, administration, community development, engineering, public works, recreation, legal and finance. Graduates receive special city council recognition upon completion of the program.

To enroll, email Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at [jl Larson@eminnetonka.com](mailto:jl Larson@eminnetonka.com) or call (952) 939-8207. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Registration deadline is Jan. 8, 2008. ☺

## December traffic enforcement planned

**D**URING THE 2007 HOLIDAY season, the Minnetonka Police Department has once again renewed its commitment to keeping roadways safe, so that residents will be home for the holidays! During the week of December 9, the city of Minnetonka has invited 19 surrounding law enforcement agencies to assist in conducting major traffic enforcement details, with the goal of reducing vehicle crashes through speed reduction and the removal of impaired drivers from roadways. In addition to the Minnetonka Police Department, participating agencies include the Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Edina, Golden Valley, Hopkins, Maple Grove, New Hope, Plymouth, St. Louis Park and Wayzata police departments, as well as the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office.

In September 2007, Minnetonka police officers issued 543 traffic citations, 300 of which were for speeding violations. To view monthly traffic citations issued by the Minnetonka Police Department, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ☺

### Keep your ears clear while driving

**M**INNESOTA LAW REGARDING THE USE OF HEADPHONES WHILE DRIVING IS very simple: you may not wear headphones or earphones in **both ears** while operating a motor vehicle.

Wearing headphones to listen to music or other programming makes it difficult for you to hear what is going on around you—for example, you may not hear the horn of another driving warning that you are drifting into another lane, or you may not hear the siren of an emergency vehicle.

This law does not prohibit drivers from using ear pieces for cell phones or hearing aids. ☺

**TRAFFIC CORNER**



# Calendar

City of  
Minnetonka

December  
2007

Call (952) 939-8200  
for more  
information.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**3** City Council (*Budget Hearing, see page 4 and 5*), 6:30 p.m.  
**5** Park Board, 7 p.m.  
**6** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
**11** Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.

**13** Comprehensive Guide Plan Steering Committee, 5:30 p.m.  
**17** City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
**25** Christmas (*city offices closed*)  
**27** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

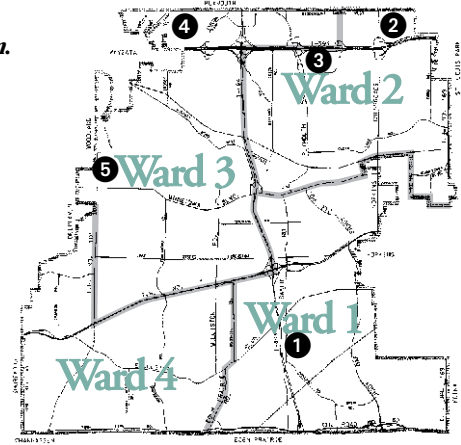
All meetings listed above are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change—please check [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the latest information.

Minnetonka City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel 16, and replays are available Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at noon, or anytime via videostream at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Agendas for council meetings are available on the city's Web site by the Friday afternoon prior to the meeting, and planning commission agendas are available by the Monday prior to the meeting.

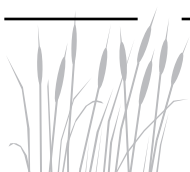
## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission in December. 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 Preliminary plat to reconfigure existing lot lines and wetland/floodplain alteration permits for construction of a new house at **5121 and 5125 Baker Road**. (07017.07c)
- 2 Request for a one-year time extension of previously approved variances at **18 Westwood Circle**. (01058.07a)
- 3 Site and building plan review with variances to construct a Trader Joe's grocery store on a newly created building pad site at Ridgedale Center, **12401 Ridgedale Drive**. (07050.07b)
- 4 Rezoning and preliminary plat to divide the existing property at **15549 Ranchview Court** into two lots. (06009.07a)
- 5 Request for a one-year time extension of previously approved variances at **2813 McKenzie Point Road**. (05027.07a)



CHECK OUT THE ONLINE EDITION OF THE *MINNETONKA MEMO* AT [EMINNETONKA.COM](http://EMINNETONKA.COM)



minnetonka  
memo December 2007



PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
CITY OF MINNETONKA

A publication of the city of Minnetonka  
14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345 • (952) 939-8200  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday

#### Mayor

Janis Callison . . . . . (952) 939-8389  
Home: (952) 935-7010  
jcallison@eminnetonka.com  
Meetings with the mayor may be  
scheduled by calling (952) 939-8211.

#### City Manager

John Gunyou . . . . . (952) 939-8200

#### Newsletter Editor

Jacque Larson . . . . . (952) 939-8200

E-mail: . . . . . comments@eminnetonka.com

Internet: . . . . . www.eminnetonka.com

#### Council

*At Large:* Dick Allendorf . . . (952) 933-6231 dallendorf@eminnetonka.com  
Terry Schneider . . . . . (952) 934-9529 tschneider@eminnetonka.com  
*Ward 1:* Bob Ellingson . . . . . (952) 931-3065 bellingson@eminnetonka.com  
*Ward 2:* Tony Wagner . . . . . (952) 512-1817 twagner@eminnetonka.com  
*Ward 3:* Brad Wiersum . . . . . (612) 817-3713 bwiersum@eminnetonka.com  
*Ward 4:* Al Thomas . . . . . (952) 949-9027 athomas@eminnetonka.com

**Minnetonka Mike** . . . . . (952) 939-8586 mike@eminnetonka.com

**POLICE-FIRE: Emergency** . . . . . 9-1-1

**Non-emergency** . . . . . (952) 939-8500 or 9-1-1

ECRWSS  
POSTAL PATRON