

# minnetonka memo

A newsletter from the city of Minnetonka  
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## Minnetonka Steps Up to Health

**T**HE STATISTICS ARE UNAVOIDABLE — Americans are facing a huge health crisis as the number of obese adults and children continues to rise.

According to recent surveys, 64 percent of adults are overweight or obese — a 60 percent increase over the last ten years. In addition, 15 percent of youth ages six to 19 are overweight, a rate that has tripled in the last 40 years. Each year, 400,000 deaths — 17 percent of all deaths nationwide — are attributed to obesity.

Cited as significant reasons for the nation's health crisis are changes in the way we live, work, and play; unhealthy diets; and lack of physical activity.

Now, Minnetonka Recreation Services will be taking the lead in combating obesity rates by participating in Step Up to Health, a new initiative of the National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) designed to fight the nation's health crisis by increasing the awareness of the benefits of physical activity, and making people aware of the resources available through

local parks and recreation departments. As a result of Minnetonka Recreation Services' involvement in the initiative, the city of Minnetonka has already been identified as a Step Up to Health community by the NPRA.



NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

The role of parks and recreation departments in the Step Up To Health initiative is to provide access to parks and recreation facilities; provide opportunities to participate in active recreation; provide

leadership in starting community-wide initiatives; and inform and educate the public about healthy lifestyle choices. Minnetonka Recreation Services is committed to, and excited about, fulfilling this role.

Throughout the next year, watch for more information from Minnetonka Recreation Services about the Step Up To Health initiative, as well as more information about how recreation services can support you in choosing a healthy lifestyle. To learn more, call (952) 939-8203. ☺

## It's not too late for team sign up!

**T**HERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER YOUR team for co-rec kickball, five-player basketball, and the daytime golf league. Call Minnetonka Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 for registration information — space is limited! ☺

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## What's being done about city roads?

**F**ROM THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY survey, to the March and April listening sessions with the Minnetonka City Council, to Minnetonka Mike's online request system — the question on everyone's mind is, what is the city doing about deteriorating road conditions?!

Whether Minnetonka residents or not, city staff drive Minnetonka's roads every day and we see the same issues as you do. We understand your frustration and share your concern.

The city is addressing the issue of deteriorating roads most noticeably through the city-wide road revitalization program, approved last summer by the Minnetonka City Council.

Turn the page to read more about city street repairs and reconstruction, and for updates on county and state projects, including the I-494 reconstruction project. You'll also find information about who to contact if you have questions about any of these projects, and instructions for subscribing to weekly email updates via Hot Topics, the city's e-newsletter.

We appreciate your patience as we work to restore Minnetonka's roads. ☺

## Listening sessions conclude: Learn more about your concerns in future Memos

**I**N MARCH AND APRIL, MAYOR JAN Callison and members of the council hosted four listening sessions for residents, one in each ward of the city. Residents who attended shared their comments and concerns about a variety of topics, from deer and other wildlife to street maintenance to residential speeding to redevelopment in the city.

We have heard your concerns. In this edition of the *Memo*, you'll find a full-page article detailing planned road construction over the next decade, and explaining the process for local street repairs and replacement.

Future editions of the *Memo* will include information about how the police department is working with neighborhoods to reduce residential speeding; hints for living peacefully with the wildlife in Minnetonka (please don't feed the deer!), and some tips for dog owners to ensure they and their four-footed friend are good neighbors (for starters, make sure you clean up after your pet!).

As always, if you have questions or comments about the city, please contact Minnetonka Mike, the city's online request system, at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call Minnetonka City Hall at (952) 939-8200. ☺

# Update: Repairing and revitalizing

**L**AST JULY, THE MINNETONKA CITY Council approved a road revitalization program to respond to residents' growing concerns about road conditions in the city. Almost a year later, and with another winter having taken its toll on city streets, here's an update on what's happening with the program.

## Overview

The road revitalization program approved by the council employs a two-pronged approach for stabilizing, fixing and maintaining city roads: the first approach is thin overlay, a cost-effective method for stabilizing deteriorating pavement and prolonging the life of city streets by five to eight years. About 13 miles of city streets will be covered each year in thin overlay under the road revitalization program.

The second approach is complete road reconstruction, which is very expensive and can be done on only a limited number of streets each year. The worst roads are scheduled within the next ten years as part of the city capital improvement plan (CIP), with thin overlay used to buy time until reconstruction of remaining streets can take place.

## Triaging the roads

Each year, a city-hired engineering consultant travels the city's streets, using specialized equipment to test for a variety of conditions from stress cracks to the condition of the soil under the streets. All city streets are tested over a four-year period, with one-quarter of the streets done each year.

Once that data is collected, the city's engineering department analyzes the information and groups the streets according to what kind and how badly repairs are needed.



*Crews install thin overlay on a street.*

## Why are city streets deteriorating?

**R**ECENT WINTERS HAVE BEEN HARD ON street surfaces, but the main reason the city has fallen behind on road repair is simple—lack of money. Available funding has not kept pace with rising construction and maintenance costs.

Consider this: ten years ago, the city was spending \$3 million annually on local road reconstruction—half from local property taxes and half from Municipal State Aid (MSA)—aid which comes from gas taxes. Today, the city is spending about \$2 million annually on local roads, all funded by local property taxes.

Making matters worse, the state has not raised gas taxes for 17 years, so the city's \$1.5 million MSA funding allocation has remained frozen over the past decade. In the past few years all of these funds have been required for local matches to county and state road projects, such as County Road 101, I-494, and others.

In short, available funds have dropped from a \$3 million annual road maintenance program to a \$2 million annual program—when a \$4 million program is really needed to keep the city's

roads in good repair.

In an effort to do more with less, Minnetonka has already introduced high-tech patching equipment; adopted new paving techniques; and deployed road crews more efficiently. In addition, the Minnetonka City Council approved a road revitalization program to stabilize, fix and maintain road conditions, using a two-pronged approach:

- **Thin overlay:** Begun as a pilot program in 2004 and 2005, thin overlay has proven to be a cost-effective method for stabilizing deteriorating pavement and prolonging the life of city streets by five to eight years. This unique program will be substantially expanded.
- **Road reconstruction:** Complete road reconstruction is very expensive, so only a limited number of streets can be done each year. The worst roads will be scheduled within the next ten years, with thin overlay used to buy time until reconstruction of remaining streets can take place in the coming years.

“Streets with surfaces in really bad shape aren't candidates for thin overlay, just as you wouldn't paint a car that is rusted through,” explains Virg Herrmann, project engineer for the city of Minnetonka. “Instead, we place those streets on a track to be reconstructed. If the surface is in good enough shape to be saved, the street then becomes a candidate for thin overlay.”

By the end of May, engineering finishes assessing street conditions, public works has completed street sweeping and hydrant flushing, and serious road work can begin. A complete map of the city showing which streets have been selected for thin overlay this year will be published in the July 2006 *Minnetonka Memo*, although work will have begun long before that date.

## Upcoming road work

This year, roads in the Acorn Ridge and Cimarron Trails area, as well as Eastwood Road and Eastwood Circle, are slated for complete reconstruction. Set for reconstruction in future years are Ridgewood Road (2008); Dominick Drive (2009–10); Vine Hill Road (2010–11); Highwood Drive (2012); Sparrow Road (2013); and Orchard Road (2015).

“Road repair and reconstruction is a shifting target,” explains Herrmann. “For instance, Hennepin County's plan to reconstruct Shady Oak Road, which is now a two-year project slated for 2007-08, delayed the reconstruction of Dominick Drive because it will be one of the few ways in and out of that area during that time. As a result, it didn't make good fiscal sense to reconstruct the road until after the county finishes its work.”

In addition, Herrmann explains that when spring comes, damage caused over the winter may result in some roads being moved up the priority list while others with less damage are moved down.

While maintaining the city streets is expensive and creates an inconvenience for drivers, the deteriorating condition of the city's roads is a problem that isn't going away. Without attention, city streets will only get worse—and more expensive—to fix. By investing in our road infrastructure, we are investing in Minnetonka's future as a livable, vital community.

# Minnetonka's street system

## County projects

In addition to work underway on County Road 101 between Minnetonka Boulevard and Hwy. 7 (a three-year project set to finish in 2007), and planned replacement of the Hopkins Crossroad bridge that will close County Rd. 73 north of Minnetonka Boulevard from March to October 2007, the county has planned these other projects within the city:

- Shady Oak Road (Cty. Rd. 61) from Bren Road to Excelsior Boulevard (2007–08); then from Excelsior Boulevard to Hwy. 7 (2009–10)
- County Road 101 from Minnetonka Boulevard to Hwy. 12 (2009–10)

## State projects

I-494 reconstruction through Minnetonka is slated to finish this August (see below for more information), but the Minnesota Department of Transportation has been discussing plans to reconstruct I-494 from I-394 north to Maple Grove, in the event that money is appropriated in this year's legislative session. If money is approved, the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2009.

## I-494 reconstruction

According to MnDOT contractor Granite McCrossan, the I-494 reconstruction project is on schedule to finish in late August. However, residents and commuters

through the area may still have a few more obstacles to tolerate before the project concludes. Here's a quick summary of the major items planned for this summer, provided by Dan Galvin, public information coordinator at Granite McCrossan.

The Orchard Road bridge closed April 10 for three weeks so the final installation of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, bridge approach panels and ornamental railing could be completed. Pedestrian traffic was allowed during this closure, and the completed bridge was expected to reopen by the end of April.

Completion of the Excelsior Boulevard bridge over I-494 will require a closure of at least 30 days, beginning in early May. This closure is necessary to eliminate vibrations from passing traffic so bridge deck concrete can cure properly. This closure also will allow the two halves of the bridge to be connected and the roadway restriped for its final configuration. Pedestrian traffic will still be allowed.

As for the closures that have been in place for a while, the relatively mild winter allowed Granite McCrossan to continue working on the I-494 bridges over Baker Road, the Hennepin County Bike Trail, and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks. Baker Road was expected to reopen in late April, while the bike trail will likely remain closed until sometime in June.

Sound wall installation has begun again now that stockpiles of lumber have been



*Water main work at Orchard Road*

restored. As reported last year, Hurricane Katrina wiped out the Gulf Coast lumberyards that supplied southern yellow pine used to construct sound walls, and it took several months for supplies to recover. Fortunately, all of the lumber needed to complete the walls has been purchased and is currently being installed north of Excelsior Boulevard. Crews will continue working their way north to complete all the remaining walls by the end of the summer.

Once the ground has dried out, work will begin on excavation and paving along the freeway mainline. Demolition remains to be done on the old pavement in several locations, and as with the west side of I-494, that work will be followed by excavation of the roadbed and its replacement with three feet of sand and a layer of crushed concrete recycled from the old roadway. Drivers might have noticed this recycled concrete stockpiled at Hwy. 7 and I-494.

## Learn more

For more information about road construction in Minnetonka, including weekly updates on I-494 traffic restrictions and planned construction on city streets, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Or, to receive updates directly to your email inbox, subscribe to the Hot Topics, the city's weekly e-newsletter. To sign up, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and click on "Sign up for our e-newsletter." ☺



*Girders for the Baker Road bridge were set last fall by MnDOT contractors.*

# Ask Minnetonka Mike

## Minors and alcohol: a deadly mix

**S**PRING IS HERE, AND WITH IT COMES prom and graduation season. Because the Minnetonka Police Department is all too aware of the tragedies that can result from mixing alcohol with these celebrations, Minnetonka Mike sat down with Minnetonka Police Department Chief Joy Rikala to talk about what parents can do to communicate with their children about the dangers of underage drinking, and also to remind parents of their responsibilities when hosting parties.

**MM:** Chief Rikala, at this time of year, teenagers will be attending many celebrations, including proms and graduation parties. What can parents do to help prevent children from drinking at these events?

**CR:** It takes more than threats and citing the law to prevent underage drinking. Instead, try speaking openly and honestly with your children about issues that really matter—it's one of the most valuable gifts families can share.

**MM:** What should parents be aware of as they plan to host post-prom or graduation parties at their home or a local hotel?

**CR:** Parents should carefully consider their responsibilities as hosts. Selling, furnishing or serving alcohol to minors is a criminal offense in Minnesota. In addition, any adult who knowingly provides alcohol to a minor can be exposed to personal liability for injuries that occur from that minor's intoxication.

**MM:** What does contributing to the delinquency of a minor mean?

**CR:** According to state law, it's a gross misdemeanor for any person to in any way encourage, cause or contribute to the delinquency or deprivation of any minor. Providing alcohol or drugs is contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**MM:** What are the consequences for contributing to the delinquency of a minor?

**CR:** Legally, contributing to the delinquency of a minor is considered a gross misdemeanor, which carries a maximum fine of \$3,000, one year in jail, or both. Civil consequences include lawsuits filed against the adult who provided the alcohol or drugs, should any injury occur. For example, if a minor acquires alcohol in your house, then injures or kills someone else in a car accident, the resulting civil lawsuit could be for damages limited only by the decision of the jury.

**MM:** Can you explain the dram shop law?

**CR:** Sure. The dram shop law makes liable any person who knowingly supplies

alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21, or to an intoxicated person. This law applies to individuals and businesses.

**MM:** Then what's social host liability?

**CR:** Social host liability is an extension of the dram shop law, and it stipulates that a person serving or supplying alcohol to a minor is liable for damages in a civil lawsuit.

**MM:** Can parents or social hosts face criminal charges?

**CR:** Absolutely. Any adult who supplies a minor with alcohol could face charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, which is a gross misdemeanor and carries a maximum fine of \$3,000, one year in jail, or both.

**MM:** What penalties do beverage dealers face in providing alcohol to minors?

**CR:** Beverage dealers could have their license suspended or revoked. The person making the sale would face criminal charges for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and if damages or injuries result from the sale, the dealer could be named in any lawsuit.

**MM:** Are there limits to the amount of personal liability in a civil lawsuit?

**CR:** No. A persuasive lawyer and a sympathetic jury could produce awards in the million-dollar-plus range. Personal assets may not be protected from this judgment.

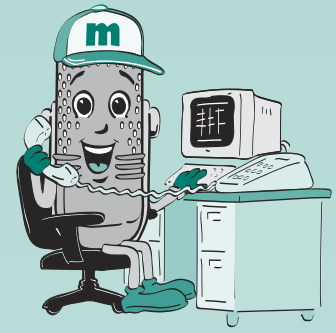
**MM:** Does homeowners' insurance cover liability when alcohol is involved?

**CR:** A violation of the law, such as providing alcohol to minors, could eliminate any responsibility on the part of the insurance company.

**MM:** Can parents be held liable if a minor child consumes alcohol obtained from his or her home?

**CR:** The parents could be liable in a civil lawsuit, especially if they knowingly and willingly provide the alcohol to the minor. If the parents did not have a locked liquor cabinet and the alcohol was accessible to the minor, the parents probably would be held liable even if it was consumed without their knowledge. The parents also could be held liable if their minor child provides alcohol to another minor even if the parents didn't know about it. Alcohol is a controlled substance and parents need to ensure it isn't readily accessible to minors.

**MM:** If parents rent a hotel/motel room for their minor child, and alcohol is consumed there, could parents be held liable?



**CR:** Yes, the parents could be held liable even if they didn't know alcohol was being consumed. And again, if some injury should occur in which the minor was at fault, there is no limit to the amount of damages that could be recovered in a civil lawsuit.

**MM:** What resources are available for minors in need of help with alcohol and/or drug problems?

**CR:** Several local agencies provide services or can direct you to the appropriate agency. Parents or children can consult any of the following: Relate Counseling Center, school staff or counselors, Native American program offices, treatment centers, clergy or church staff, or law enforcement.

**MM:** One last question, what happens to minors who are caught drinking and driving?

**CR:** They can kiss their drivers' license goodbye. In Minnesota, it's illegal to drink if you're under 21. Minors who drink and drive are subject not only to the state's DWI laws, but also to Minnesota's "Not a Drop" law, which stipulates that minors who have been drinking and are observed by an officer to be operating a motor vehicle may lose their license for 30 to 180 days, depending on the prior record.

**MM:** Thank you very much for taking the time to talk with me today, Chief Rikala. Do you have any other thoughts you'd like to add?

**CR:** As police officers and parents, we are concerned about the temptations of alcohol use and care about the safety of children in our community. Through the combined

efforts of parents, law enforcement, educators and community leaders, we hope to work together to help our young people make the right choices. Thanks for your help, Mike, in getting the word out about minors and alcohol use!

**MM:** It's my pleasure. Anyone who has further questions about the items discussed with Chief Rikala can call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500.

If you have a question, comment or concern about the city of Minnetonka, let Minnetonka Mike know. It's easy to set up an account. Just visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and click on "Minnetonka Mike Online Service Request System." Follow the directions to set up your account, then go ahead and submit your comment. ☺

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## Reminders for bicyclists and motorists

**T**HE WEATHER IS WARMING UP, AND bicycles are out in force sharing the roads and trails with vehicles and pedestrians. To keep everyone safe, here are some reminders about the rules of the road.

### Motorists:

- Be aware, bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- When passing a bicyclist, motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance between their vehicle and the bicyclist.
- Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.

### Bicyclists:

- Always ride on the right-hand side of the street, in the same direction as vehicle traffic. Use bike lanes or bike routes whenever possible.
- Always ride single file on the street — side-by-side bike riding on the street is dangerous for bicyclists and motorists.
- Use hand signals with your left arm: left turn — look behind you, hold your arm straight out to your left, and ride forward slowly; right turn — look behind you, bend your elbow, hold your arm in an “L” shape, and ride forward; stop — look



behind you, bend your elbow, point your arm downward in an upside-down “L” shape, and come to a stop.

- When passing other bikers or people, always pass on the left, and call out “On your left!” so they know you are passing.
- Obey all traffic control signs and signals, including red lights and stop signs, just as motorists do.
- Always wear a properly fitting helmet. Never wear headphones while biking!
- Reflectors and a battery-operated headlight are required for after-dark bicycling.
- At all times, fluorescent- or bright-colored clothing makes you more visible to others. Wear lightweight clothes to avoid becoming overheated, and be sure pant legs aren't so loose they will get caught in the bicycle chain. Backpack straps should be tied so as not to get tangled in spokes.
- Wear shoes that grip the bike pedals — no cleats or shoes with heels, and never bare feet!
- When leaving a driveway, alley or curb, stop and check for traffic in both directions. Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars leaving driveways.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars — doors may open suddenly. Walk your bike across busy intersections, using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.
- Only one person on a bicycle at a time — don't allow others to ride on the back of the seat or on the handlebars. ∞

## Attend a free May MAM concert

**T**HE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka will present three concerts in May, all free to the public.

### Brahms' *German Requiem*

Sunday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church  
125 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Sunday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.

ArtsCenter on 7  
18285 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka

In honor of the 173rd anniversary of the birth of German composer Johannes Brahms, the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present Brahms' *German Requiem*. Written shortly after the death of Brahms' mother, and unlike traditional requiems written for the soul of the dead, this beautiful piece of music deals

with the living and grieving — a universal human experience, rather than a religious or liturgical one.

### 13th Annual Varen: *Voice of Spring*

Sunday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Cross Lutheran Church  
6645 McCauley Trail, Edina

The Minnetonka Cappella, Concert and Chamber Choirs present a special spring concert. The ensembles represent some of the ten musical groups sponsored by the Music Association of Minnetonka, which are open to everyone in the greater Minnetonka area.

For information on joining an ensemble, call (952) 401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org). ∞

## May senior center events planned

**Y**OU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF the following events in May at the Minnetonka Senior Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Call (952) 939-8393 for more information, or to receive the *Minnetonka Senior Script*, a monthly publication detailing events and services offered by the senior center. The *Script* may also be viewed online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). ∞

### Stroke: When Minutes Matter

Wednesday, May 10, 12:45 p.m., free

Learn the symptoms of strokes and health measures to avoid strokes.

### Hearing Screening

Thursday, May 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

Call (952) 939-8393 to schedule a free screening by a licensed audiologist.

### Defensive Driving Classes

8-hour class — May 18 and 23

4-hour classes — May 25, June 13

People 55 and older save 10 percent on auto insurance by taking these classes.

Call (952) 939-8393 to register. ∞

## You're invited to Music in the Park!

**T**HE NEW MINNETONKA CIVIC CENTER amphitheater, located at 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, will host this summer's Music in the Park concert series. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy live music Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Local artists and bands will perform a variety of music styles throughout the summer. Concerts are free to the public, so bring your friends and family! This year's schedule is as follows (no concert July 4):

- **June 27** — The Blue Drifters (*bluegrass, jazz, folk*)
- **July 11** — Celebration Brass (*classical, jazz*)
- **July 18** — Justin Roth (*folk*)
- **July 25** — Erin Rogue (*Irish, blues*)
- **Aug. 1** — Cathy & Tom (*blues, folk*)
- **Aug. 8** — Signe Hensel (*jazz*)
- **Aug. 15** — Lehto & Wright (*Celtic, folk rock*)

# 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, 2005. Each of the past eight years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking 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. Again this year, the report delivers good news: no contaminants were found that exceed levels set by the EPA for safe drinking water.

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 Prairie Du Chien-Jordan formation consists of limestone and granular sandstone deposited on the shores of an ancient sea millions of years ago. The water resides in cracks and spaces in the rock, a formation that covers much of the Upper Midwest.

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 from 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) 201-4670 or (800) 818-9318 (press 5) during normal business hours. You can also view the report online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/sup/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/sup/swa).

## 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. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control 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 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 Water Drinking 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 days before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering 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. ♻️

# Minnetonka Drinking Water Report

In drinking water supplied by the city of Minnetonka in 2005, **no contaminants were found that exceed levels set by the EPA for safe drinking water.**

The table below shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year.

Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2005. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date detection occurred.

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 byproducts 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

**90th Percentile Level:** This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of samples taken that had the highest level. *Note:* In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

**AL — Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**Average Result:** The value used to determine compliance with federal standards. Sometimes it's the highest value detected and sometimes it's an average of all the detected values. If it's an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

**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. Unregulated contaminants, which include sodium and sulfate in the table below, do not have MCLs established for them. They 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.

**MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

**MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

**N/A:** Not applicable (does not apply)

**nd:** No Detection

**pCi/l:** PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppb:** Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter

**ppm:** Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter

**Radon** is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater. It poses a lung cancer risk when it 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, school 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.

## Laboratory Results for Minnetonka Tap Water: 2005

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Range (2005)	Average level found	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters (10/19/04)	pCi/l	15.4	0	N/A	10.4	Erosion of natural deposits.
Arsenic (6/20/02)	ppb	50	0	N/A	2.01	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (6/20/02)	ppm	2	2	N/A	0.16	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (10/19/04)	pCi/l	5.4	0	N/A	2.5	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1-1.1	1.13	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
Mercury, inorganic (6/20/02)	ppb	2	2	N/A	0.01	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrate (as nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	nd—0.48	0.48	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	80	0	N/A	1	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Radon (8/6/01)	pCi/l	--	--	N/A	183	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (6/20/02)	ppm	--	--	N/A	11	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (6/20/02)	ppm	--	--	N/A	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	0.3-0.6 Monthly Avg.	0.45 Quarterly Avg.	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (8/29/03)	ppm	90% of samples must be <1.3 ppm		3 out of 30 homes > 1.3 ppm	90% of samples <1.32	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (8/29/03)	ppm	90% of samples must be <15 ppb		0 out of 30 homes >15 ppb	90% of samples <2.0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

**2006 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

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

**Thursday, May 18**  
**Friday, May 19**  
**Saturday, May 20**

**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**New site:**

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

*Saturday, May 20, 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.

A new policy effective March 1, 2006, limits 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, used motor oil, aerosol cans, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and

thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances and batteries.

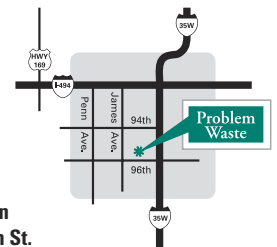
Also accepted for no charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors and printers).

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 \$15. The fee and acceptable materials are determined by Hennepin County staff.

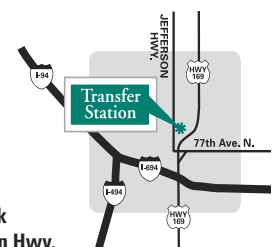
For more information call Dean Elstad, city of Minnetonka recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430, or Hennepin County at (612) 348-3777. ♻️

**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.**





## 2006 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 (\$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 square yards of carpet or size of the room 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 (New this year, a charge for consumer electronics: \$1 — any item, including TVs up to 32"; \$5 — TVs larger than 32")** Television, 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 businesses. 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)**  
Clean scrap metal means all plastic, rubber, wood, concrete and hazardous

**Saturday, June 3**

**8 a.m. — 3 p.m.**

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

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)**
- **Water softener (\$20)**

Payment will be accepted in cash or local checks payable to the city of Minnetonka.

## Memorial Day delays recycling collection

The Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29, will delay recycling collection by one day. Residents west of I-494 will have recycling collection Tuesday, May 31. Residents east of I-494 will have collection Wednesday, May 31.

## Free wood mulch available to residents

Free wood mulch is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in a bin on the east side of Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Boulevard. Please bring your own containers and hand tools for loading. For more information call (952) 988-8400.



## 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 Greater Twin Cities**  
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).



## 2006 brush drop-off program

The 2006 Minnetonka brush drop-off site, located at Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., is open Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The brush drop-off site will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.**

Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted. Proof of Minnetonka residency is required.

Please note: trash, metal, concrete, lumber, fences, or wood scraps are not accepted. **Do not** bring these materials with your load of brush. **Do not** put grass, loose leaves, dirt, or sod in with the brush pile. Find the appropriate disposal option for the unacceptable items.

No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services. Brush drop-off will end November 18, 2006. Please call Dean Elstad, recycling coordinator, at (952) 988-8430 for more information.

## Register now for June 24 Minnetonka Summer Festival events

**B**RING THE ENTIRE FAMILY

to the Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 24, for children's rides, face painting, ice skating and stage shows, as well

as special activities to celebrate Minnetonka's 50th anniversary of incorporation as a village. It all takes place on the grounds of the newly reconstructed Minnetonka Civic Center campus!

Also on June 24, don't miss the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social at Burwell House, complete with free tours, entertainment, antique market 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 24, 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 Minnetonka City Hall. Call (952) 939-8203 to register or email [lburns@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lburns@eminnetonka.com) for more information.

### Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament is held Saturday, June 24, 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 \$90 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 24, 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 \$26 per team includes a meal at the Minnetonka Summer Festival. This activity is for children between 8 and 15 years old. Call (952) 939-8203 to register and refer to Course #10206. ☺

## Celebrate Earth Day

**D**O YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT how to plant and care for trees? Are you curious about the role of trees in the natural environment? Then celebrate Arbor Month and Earth Day at a tree-planting event hosted by staff from the city of Minnetonka's natural resources and forestry department.

You'll plant trees and shrubs at Gray's Bay Marina Wednesday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Planting supplies and treats will be provided. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and tree seedlings. Dress for the weather, and be prepared to dig in the soil! No advance registration is required—just meet near the berm at the Gray's Bay Marina parking lot, 17232 Cty. Rd. 101. ☺



Planting trees on Earth Day, 2005

## Burwell House tours start June 3

**T**HE 2006 BURWELL HOUSE TOUR SEASON starts Saturday, June 3, and continues through Sept. 3. Tour hours are Tuesdays, noon to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 3 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.

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 your calendar now for the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, held on the Burwell House grounds Saturday, June 24—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 [ironbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:ironbeck@eminnetonka.com). ☺

## Your talents are welcome here!

**W**OULD YOU LIKE TO MEET PEOPLE and share your special talents? The city's volunteer program helps civic-minded individuals become involved in providing enhanced services to the community. Volunteers are needed in several areas, including to adopt a park sign; Burwell House tour guide; flower gardener; Juvenile Diversion Program leader; Minnetonka Mike mascot; Summer Festival volunteers (June 24); storm drain monitor; and wetland health evaluators. Positions may be for one-time events, short-term, or ongoing. For more information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call Joan Post, volunteer coordinator, at (952) 939-8215. ☺

Volunteer Corner



## Order your 50th anniversary artwork!

AT ITS APRIL 24 MEETING, THE Minnetonka City Council received an original watercolor painting by Minneapolis artist Nancy Patrick Carney, commemorating Minnetonka's past and present landmarks on the occasion of the city's 50th anniversary of incorporation as a village.

While the original artwork will hang in Minnetonka City Hall for the enjoyment of visitors, Minnetonka residents are invited to purchase a limited edition, archival quality print or a poster print of this artwork. Both versions measure 16"x20", with the archival quality print costing \$50 and the poster print \$15. Neither version is framed; prints will be packaged flat and posters will be rolled.

To view the painting, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). While supplies last, limited edition prints and posters may be purchased at Your Art's Desire, 12928 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, (952) 988-9772. Some prints and posters also will be available for sale at the Minnetonka Summer Festival and Burwell House Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 24. For questions, please call Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207.

For more information about Nancy Patrick Carney, visit [www.nancypatrickcarney.com](http://www.nancypatrickcarney.com). This project, developed by the 50th Anniversary Committee, was made possible by the generous donation of SEH, Inc., which paid the artist's fee and printing costs; and by Your Art's Desire, which donated framing for the original artwork and labor and materials for packaging prints. ♪

## 2006 Open House

AFTER A ONE-YEAR HIATUS DUE TO Civic Center construction, the Fire Department and City-Wide Open House returns this fall, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Minnetonka Civic Center campus.

With the Open House comes the return of the city photo contest, open to all residents. Entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at 4:30 pm. Detailed entry rules will be published in the August 2006 *Minnetonka Memo*. In the meantime, keep those shutters clicking throughout the spring and summer — we look forward to seeing your photos! ♪

## Preserving Minnetonka's open spaces

IN 2001, MINNETONKA RESIDENTS approved a \$15 million referendum, half to be used for preserving open space and half to renew the city's 42 parks. Read on for an update on the city's progress on preserving open space, and be sure to read the July *Minnetonka Memo* for the latest on parks renewal.

To date, more than \$1.4 million has been expended on land acquisitions. In addition, 120 acres have been preserved through negotiated conservation easements. The remaining funds have been committed for the following:

- Additional planned acquisitions — including \$2.5 million for the centerpiece of the open space program, 30 acres of pristine land located between Meadow Park and I-494 that will pass to the city once the current owner, Ann Cullen Smith, leaves the property.
- Restoration and stewardship on acquired parcels
- Minnehaha Creek property acquisition and restoration

- Other parcels adjacent to existing city open space identified for acquisition

The Minnetonka City Council set aside \$500,000 of the bond proceeds for the Neighborhood Match Program, designed to help neighborhoods save environmentally sensitive areas that might otherwise be developed. The program expired March 31, 2006, and although there were some inquiries from residents, no grants were approved.

The city now plans to take a more proactive approach by contacting certain residents who own parcels of two or more acres with environmentally sensitive features and encouraging the voluntary placement of a conservation easement on the property. The city would help these residents pay for the costs related to granting the easement—but the city would not pay for the value of the conservation easement. Placing land into a conservation easement can create a tax benefit as well as a memorable legacy for the property owner. Residents who think they might qualify and who are interested may contact Geralyn Barone at (952) 939-8216 or [gbarone@eminnetonka.com](mailto:gbarone@eminnetonka.com). ♪

## Oak trees, shade trees and milfoil

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS provided courtesy of the city of Minnetonka's natural resources division. For more information about any of these items, call (952) 988-8400.

### Stop pruning oak trees

High-risk season for oak wilt transmission began April 12 and will continue through the end of June. The high-risk season corresponds to the formation of fungal spore mats on diseased red oaks. Oak wilt may spread when sap beetles land on the spore mats, then fly to oak trees with open wounds. Low-risk season is between July and October. The forestry department recommends pruning oaks between November and March.

### Shade tree disease control program

The city's shade tree disease control program, aimed at controlling Dutch elm disease and oak wilt, will resume May 29. To request elm or oak inspections, or for more information about this program, residents may call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 beginning June 5 and continuing through Sept. 15.

### Oak Anthracnose versus Oak wilt

Does your oak tree have wilting, curled leaves near the lower part of the canopy, or on the top? During a cool, wet spring

like that of 2005 the fungal leaf disease anthracnose affects many oaks and ash trees. It usually appears in the spring and early summer on the leaves in the lower part of the tree, but will not kill a tree like oak wilt. Oak wilt first appears in the upper canopy of the tree and is usually evident in mid to late summer. For more information visit [www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu)

### Milfoil demonstration project begins this summer at Gray's Bay

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, the Lake Minnetonka Association and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are collaborating on a milfoil control demonstration project this summer in Gray's Bay. The project seeks to determine the effectiveness of herbicides and mechanical harvesting to control Eurasian watermilfoil, an invasive non-native plant that interferes not only with the ecology of the lake, but also with navigation and recreation. For more information, call the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District at (952) 745-0789. ♪

# Calendar

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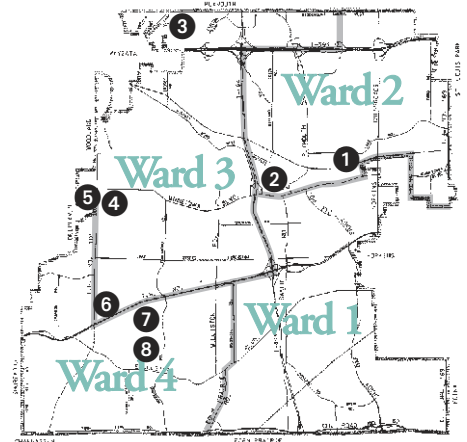
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	3	Park Board Tour, 5 p.m.	11	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4,5,6	Silver Skates Ice Revue	15	Community Heritage Commission, 6:30 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	8	City Council, 6:30 p.m.	22	City Council, 6:30 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	9	Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.	25	Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
28	29	30	31						29	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.

- 1 Rear yard setback variance for a sunroom addition at 3078 St. Albans Hollow Circle.
- 2 Items concerning the Wentworth Woods three-lot subdivision at 3212 Wentworth Trail. (06001.06a)
- 3 Items concerning an extension of Ranchview Court and single family homes at 15549 Ranchview Court. (06009.06a)
- 4 Conditional use permit for outdoor seasonal display at 17501 Minnetonka Blvd.
- 5 Conditional use permit for an outdoor eating area associated with a new building at 3432 County Rd. 101.
- 6 Conditional use permit for a cellular antenna at 4801 County Rd. 101.
- 7 Front yard setback variance for a garage addition at 16425 Norwood Drive.
- 8 Preliminary plat to divide the existing properties at 5342 and 5356 Picha Road into a total of four lots.



## Planning a concrete driveway?

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO INSTALL A CONCRETE DRIVEWAY AT YOUR HOME, MINNETONKA Public Works reminds residents to end the concrete driveway two feet short of the road. Residents may then contact Minnetonka Public Works to have an asphalt apron installed. This will, for the most part, prevent damage to your driveway from snowplows. If damage does occur the city can then make repairs to the asphalt apron — currently, public works does not repair concrete driveways that are installed to the edge of the street. For more information, call Jeff Dubay, street maintenance manager, at (952) 988-8414. 



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