

A special invitation for you and your family

WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO MINNETONKA'S BACKYARD — the newly renovated Minnetonka Civic Center campus — to attend the 29th annual Minnetonka Summer Festival and Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 24. This year's celebration is very special as we commemorate Minnetonka's 50th anniversary of incorporation as a village and officially open the new Civic Center campus!

New this year, take a walk along the trail from the Civic Center to Jidana Park, and don't miss the Step Up to Health activities. Be sure to stop by the 50th anniversary tent to learn more about Minnetonka's history and purchase original Minnetonka artwork by artist Nancy Patrick Carney. Kids of all ages won't want to miss special musical entertainment by the Rockin' Hollywoods, including limbo, hula hoop and bubble blowing contests to further honor the city's 50th anniversary!

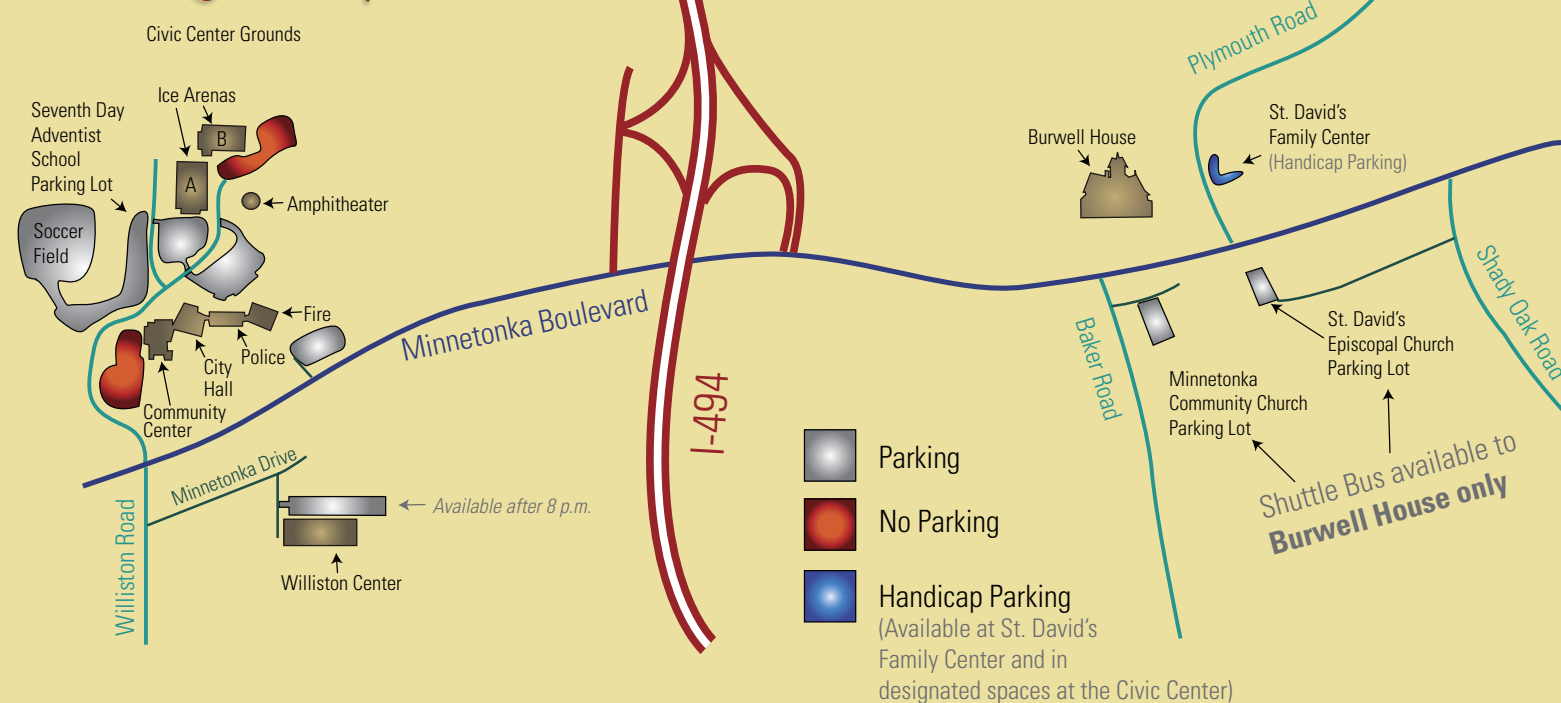
This year's festival and ice cream social offer an exciting combination of free activities for children, teens and adults. Please join us June 24!



Jan Callison

Mayor Jan Callison

Parking Map



Minnetonka Summer Festival

The 29th annual Summer Festival will take place June 24, 2006! Events will be held at the Burwell House grounds with a parade kick-off at 10:30 a.m., as well as the Civic Center grounds with main events beginning at 4 p.m. A schedule of activities for this action-packed day follows. Please call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 for more information, or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

Race Events

- 7:30 a.m.** 8K (5 Mile) Race **\$15**
- 8:45 a.m.** 2-Mile Fun Run **\$10**
- 10 a.m.** Tot Trot **Free**
(ages 8 and under)



Register for the 8K and 2-Mile Run by phone at (952) 939-8203, online at www.eminnetonka.com, or register on race day beginning at 6 a.m. Races begin and end in front of Minnetonka City Hall. The 8K race is run on a certified course in a beautiful wooded area with rolling hills, and is police patrolled. Two water stations are provided.

Family (Adult-Child) Golf Tournament

This event is held at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. Cost is \$26 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will include one adult and one child (ages 8-15) with an 8 a.m. tee-off and special contests throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register and refer to Course #10206.



Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament will take place at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka and Central Park in Hopkins. Tournament is limited to 12 teams, with each team guaranteed at least three games. Entry fee is \$90 per team with awards presented to the top three teams. Call (952) 939-8203 for a registration form.

Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social:
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Musical entertainment:
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Antique market:
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Children's activities:
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Food/ice cream available to purchase: 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Free parking is available at Minnetonka Community Church and St. David's Episcopal Church, with limited handicap parking at St. David's Family Center.

In addition, an old-fashioned hometown mini-parade will take place at 10:30 a.m., led by Minnetonka's first fire engine. Everyone is invited to join the parade, beginning at the old town hall (on the grounds of the Minnetonka Community Church) and proceeding to the Burwell House. Participants can decorate their bikes, wear costumes, and make their own music. This is a great opportunity to reveal your creativity! All participants will receive a treat!



Civic Center Grounds (by ice arena B):

4 p.m. – 10 p.m.

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

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. **Fire Department Open House**

4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- **Minnetonka Police car and tracker display**

- **Free Pony Rides:** Cowboys and cowgirls, ride your favorite pony!

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

- **Wacky Hairdos**

- **Wood Boat Display:** Bob Speltz Land-o-Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society presents an on-land classic wood boat display.

4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- **Recreation Services Tent:** Face painting, games, kids' arts & crafts.

- **50th Anniversary Tent:** Learn more about Minnetonka's history!

- **Step Up to Health Activities:** Get active and get a free t-shirt!

- **Kids' Activities:** Bouncer, Obstacle Course, Titanic Adventure Slide, Kiddie Pillar.

- **Vertical Climbing Wall**

- **Tub Racers**

- **Sports Challenge:** Activities for all ages will include water balloon toss, hula-hoop contest, tug-of-war, relay races, football accuracy toss, sports trivia, name that tune, field goal accuracy, and basketball shoot-out.

- **Water Wars**

4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Caricaturists:** Have your likeness created by professional artists—free to kids of all ages!

5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Police K-9 Demonstrations**

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. **Jidana trail grand opening and trail walk:** Meet at Jidana trailhead near community center parking lot.

8 p.m. – 10 p.m. **Special sale** of neon glo sticks and necklaces!

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



Restrooms are available in the ice arenas, the police department, city hall, the community center, and on the Summer Festival grounds.

Weather Hotline: (952) 939-8355

Please note: Schedule is subject to change.

Ice Arena Activities:

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

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

Community Center Activities:

Pancake breakfast (sponsored by the Minnetonka Senior Center):
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka:
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- 4:30 p.m. Choral Reflections
- 5:30 p.m. Minnetonka Concert Choir & Chamber Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

Outdoor Amphitheater:

Karaoke: Open to all ages 4 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Tricia and the Toonies: The Toonies serve up a unique mixture of music, puppets, skits and laughter. Critics of all ages give high marks to this exciting, interactive and fun-filled musical adventure. 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

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

FEATURE SHOW: The Rockin' Hollywoods promise an unforgettable evening of music celebrating Minnetonka's 50th anniversary with "solid gold rock-n-roll" from the 1950s and 1960s. Music and choreography, as well as bubble-gum-blowing, hula hoop and limbo contests, will provide energy and excitement to captivate audiences of all ages! 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.



Order your 50th anniversary artwork!

THE COVER OF THIS MONTH'S *Minnetonka Memo* FEATURES A reproduction of an original watercolor painting by Minneapolis artist Nancy Patrick Carney, commissioned in honor of Minnetonka's 50th anniversary of incorporation as a village.

While the original artwork hangs outside the council chambers for the enjoyment of visitors, Minnetonka residents may purchase a limited edition, archival quality print or a poster print of this artwork (both unframed). Both versions measure about 16"x20". Limited edition prints are \$50; posters are \$15.

While supplies last, prints and posters may be purchased at Your Art's Desire, 12928 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, (952) 988-9772. Prints and posters also will be available for sale at the 50th anniversary tent at the Minnetonka Summer Festival Saturday, June 24. For questions, please call Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207.

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 initial printing costs; and by Your Art's Desire, which donated framing for the original artwork and labor and materials for packaging prints and posters. ☺

Celebrate National Night Out Aug. 1

THIS AUGUST, MINNETONKA residents are invited to join thousands of other communities across America in supporting National Night Out, a unique crime prevention project sponsored by National Town Watch Association.

Tuesday, Aug. 1, between 6 and 9 p.m., residents citywide and across the nation will be asked to turn on their outside lights, lock their doors and spend an evening visiting with neighbors. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate. A representative from one of the following – Minnetonka Police Department, Minnetonka Fire Department, Minnetonka Public Works or Minnetonka Recreation Services – will visit the first 80 parties to register. See the city's Web site at www.eminnetonka.com for a registration form, or pick one up at the Minnetonka Police Department, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 14, to the Minnetonka Police Department.

It has been proven that neighborhoods where people know one another often see a reduction in criminal activity. Celebrate National Night Out! ☺



New fields available at Civic Center

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE MINNETONKA CIVIC CENTER CAMPUS has undergone major renovation, including the development of a large athletic field space just north of Ice Arena B. This space, which is the equivalent of two regulation-size soccer fields, is designed to fill a shortage of practice field space for several community sports organizations.

Construction of fields began in the fall of 2005 and included several measures to ensure quality turf conditions, including special drainage design, irrigation systems, and high quality seeding to accommodate intensive use. The new athletic fields space will be ready for play this September.

The Minnetonka Park Board recently developed recommended scheduling guidelines for use of the field, which were then approved by the city council in late April. The policy states that the new athletic field will be available for city program use as a first priority, followed by community soccer organizational use, then use by other community field sports including football, lacrosse, field hockey, rugby and ultimate Frisbee.

For more information on scheduling or other park board-related activities, please call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203. ☺

Free summer playground programs

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN A FREE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM through Minnetonka Recreation Services: Tiny Tots (age 3); Summer Adventure Club (ages 4-5); and Supervised Playgrounds (ages 6-12). Programs are filling fast, so don't hesitate to sign up for this long-standing park tradition. For a list of playground locations, visit the city Web site at www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8203. ☺

New voting technology introduced

AS PART OF THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT, A NEW TECHNOLOGY called Assistive Voting Technology (AVT) will be implemented in the city of Minnetonka for the 2006 election season. This technology allows voters with disabilities to vote independently and privately.

In Minnetonka and statewide, the certified AVT is a ballot marking device called the ES&S AutoMARK, which marks the voter's paper ballot via touch screen, touch pad or sip/puff tube. All ballots voted in Hennepin County during the 2006 election, whether the voter uses a pen or the new ballot marking device, will be inserted in the precinct ballot counters that have been used in the county since 2000. The state of Minnesota requires that all elections have a paper ballot as a "paper trail" for election recounts.

The ballot marking device will be available for demonstration starting July 5 and continuing through Sept. 11, at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Laura Ronbeck at (952) 939-8219 or at Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com. ☺

Visit the Senior Center

PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE JUNE EVENTS AT THE MINNETONKA Senior Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Also, volunteers are needed to work at the senior center food stand at Minnetonka Summer Festival June 24. Call (952) 939-8393 to volunteer, or for more information about the events below.

Father's Day Lunch

Friday, June 16, 12 p.m.

Enjoy a grill-out meal with all the trimmings and a wonderful musical entertainer.

Summer Festival Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 24, 8 – 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited!

MAM presents June concerts

DON'T MISS THESE JUNE CONCERTS BY THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION of Minnetonka. Visit www.musicassociation.org for more information.

Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Excelsior Band Shell

Summer Pops by the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, June 24

Minnetonka Summer Festival

See schedule in this *Memo* for performance times

Sunday, June 25, 3:30 p.m.

Ridgewood Church, 4420 Hwy. 101, Minnetonka

Bon Voyage Concert for the Chamber Choir, which will be touring parts of South America in July.

Enjoy Music in the Park!

THE NEW MINNETONKA CIVIC CENTER AMPHITHEATER, LOCATED AT 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, will host this summer's Music in the Park concert series. Enjoy a variety of free, live concerts by local musicians Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., June 27 through August 15 (no concert July 4). Light refreshments will be available for purchase. June and July concerts include:

- 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*)

Fighting Dutch elm disease

MINNETONKA IS ONE OF MANY METRO-AREA CITIES TO EXPERIENCE above-average rates of Dutch elm disease in the past few years. However, many beautiful elms remain in Minnetonka, and now is the time to consider protecting them from Dutch elm disease.

The best way to manage the disease is to remove, chip and burn dying elms and elm wood piles so that bark beetles do not have a place to lay their eggs. The only way to prevent an elm from contracting Dutch elm disease is by injecting it with a chemical that prevents the disease from establishing itself in the tree, and spring and summer is the time for these injections. To help make a decision on injection, consider the following commonly asked questions and their answers. For more information call (952) 988-8400, or visit www.eminnetonka.com.

How do I decide if a tree should be injected?

Before deciding to inject a tree against Dutch elm disease, you should be able to answer yes to the following questions, and keep in mind the financial commitment that must be made very two to three years to keep up on the injections necessary to protect the tree.

- Is the tree structurally sound and in good health?
- Does the tree shade a large portion of your yard or home, thus offering potential energy savings in the summer?
- Does the tree add significant aesthetic and real estate value to your property?

What is tree injection?

To protect a tree against Dutch elm disease, a chemical is injected near the base of the tree. When the chemical is injected correctly, the tree takes it up into the crown of the tree where it is evenly distributed to protect the elm against bark beetles, which transmit about 80 percent of all new Dutch elm disease cases. The other 20 percent of DED infections occur through shared root systems between healthy and diseased elms.

What chemicals are used? Can I do it myself?

Two main chemicals are used to protect a tree from Dutch elm: thiabendazole hypophosphite (known as Arbotect) and propiconazole (known as Alamo and other generic brands), neither of which are sold at retail stores. The procedure should be conducted by a certified arborist or a tree care specialist who is trained in tree injection.

Can injections save an elm that is already diseased?

The injections may be used therapeutically in certain cases when the disease is caught very early, and is only effective if the disease infects five percent or less of the tree's upper canopy. After a therapeutic injection, the diseased branch portion must be removed. The chemical is not effective if the tree contracted the disease through shared roots from a nearby diseased elm or if it is present in a branch too close to the trunk. Tree inspectors make residents aware of the possibility of therapeutic injection before marking a diseased elm for removal on private property. Keep in mind the disease progresses each day, so swift treatment is necessary to save the tree.

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What if an elm becomes diseased in the two- to three-year time period it was supposed to be protected?

Most companies offer a warranty when they inject a healthy elm, so that if the tree gets Dutch elm within the protection period, your money is refunded. Each company's warranty varies so it is important to get the details before you decide on a treatment. Obtain quotes from at least two companies and have the warranty in writing. Most companies have kept track of their success and failure rates, and are willing to share them if you ask. Several full-service tree care companies who work in Minnetonka offer injection services. If your elm tree is diseased and you have hired a company to perform therapeutic injection and pruning, please contact Emily Barbeau, city forester, at (952) 988-8400 to avoid unnecessary tagging by a tree inspector. ☺

Wizard of Oz is July 21-Aug. 5

MINNETONKA COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS THE WIZARD OF OZ July 21 — Aug. 5 at the ArtsCenter on 7, 18285 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka (on the Minnetonka High School campus). All seats are \$10, and tickets are on sale now. Call (952) 401-5898 or visit www.minnetonkatheatre.com to reserve your seats! ☺

Independence Day and recycling

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY WILL DELAY RECYCLING COLLECTION for residents east of I-494 only — these residents will have recycling collection on Wednesday, July 5. Residents west of I-494 will have regular recycling collection on Monday, July 3. ☺

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