

minnetonka memo

A newsletter from the city of Minnetonka
November 2006

Reflections Award nominations due Nov. 15

DO YOU KNOW OF AN INDIVIDUAL, BUSINESS or program that consistently works to make Minnetonka a great community? Then consider nominating that person or organization for a 2006 Reflections Award.

The biennial Reflections Award program was created in 1997 to recognize individuals, businesses and programs whose outstanding contributions reflect positively on Minnetonka. A citizen committee reviews applications and recommends awards to be presented by the Minnetonka City Council.

To be considered for the 2006 awards, to be presented at a council meeting in January 2007, the city must receive a completed application by November 15, 2006. For an application, visit the city's Web site at www.eminnetonka.com; pick one up at city hall; or call Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207, and one will be mailed to you. ☺



General election set for Tuesday, November 7

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS SET FOR Tuesday, Nov. 7, with the ballot to include U.S. senator, U.S. representatives, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, attorney general, state senators, state representatives and judicial offices, as well as a proposed constitutional amendment to the motor vehicles sales tax.

Polling places will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, and remain open until 8 p.m. If you are in line at 8 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.

Voters may only vote in person at their assigned polling place. To find your specific polling place, visit www.eminnetonka.com and click on "Election 2006," or call (952) 939-8200.

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. You will need to register if you have never registered to vote; if you have changed your name or address since you last voted; or if you have not voted in four years.

Minnesota state law requires specific forms of identification to register at the polling place. For information, visit www.eminnetonka.com. A person registered in your precinct who knows you may also vouch for you on Election Day.

Absentee voting is available if you cannot get to the polling place on Election Day due to absence from the precinct; illness or disability; religious observance; or service as an election judge in another precinct.

You may vote absentee in person at Minnetonka City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended voting hours are available Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday, Nov. 6, until 5 p.m.

You may vote absentee by mail by requesting an absentee ballot application at www.eminnetonka.com or by phone at (952) 939-8200. The voted ballot must be received at city hall by Election Day for the vote to count. Please allow sufficient time for postal delivery. ☺

Historical landmarks—not just your great-grandfather's home anymore

AS CHARLES BURWELL COMPLETED work on his Minnetonka home in the late 1800s, it's unlikely he ever imagined that 100 years later it would be restored and opened to the public as a museum, cherished as an important link to Minnetonka's past.

It's equally unlikely that Minnetonka's suburban "settlers" of the post-World War II years imagined their homes or businesses might ever be considered of interest as historical landmarks. Just as it was for Charles Burwell, these structures were simply places in which to live and work.

But now, as those properties reach the 50-year mark, it's important to consider how and why we might consider preserving them for future generations.

If this is a topic that interests you, the Minnetonka Community Heritage Commission invites you to attend "The Predicament of Post-World War II Properties," presented by Charlene K. Roise, Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

Roise is president of Hess, Roise and Company, a local historical consulting firm, and has served on the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She has written extensively on the plight of properties built in the last half of the 20th century.

Cookies and coffee will be served. Please reserve a seat by Tuesday, Nov. 21, by contacting Jacque Larson, community relations manager, via email at jl Larson@eminnetonka.com or by calling (952) 939-8207. ☺



Follow the election sign rules

WITH A PRIMARY ELECTION BEHIND US and the general election set for Nov. 7, it's important for Minnetonka residents to be aware of the city's zoning regulations related to posting political campaign signs. Temporary political campaign signs could be posted any time after Aug. 1, 2006, and must be removed by Nov. 17, 2006.

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

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

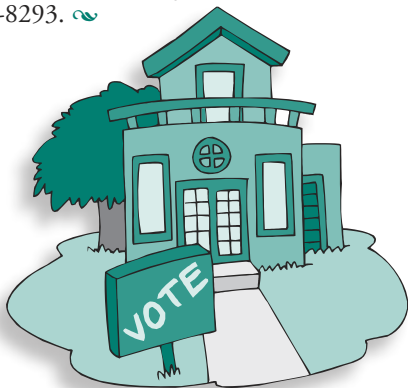
In accordance with state law, signs must contain the following language:

- Prepared and paid for by [insert name or organization here]
- Address

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7, the following rules apply to posting signs near polling places:

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

If you have questions or complaints about campaign signs, please call Jeff Thomson, Minnetonka planning division, at (952) 939-8293. ☺



\$250 service fee for private fire alarms

AS A REMINDER, IF YOUR HOME OR business is monitored by a private alarm monitoring company, and they initiate an automatic fire alarm to the Minnetonka Fire Department, be prepared to pay the city a \$250 service fee.

"Our fire department has a general duty to respond to emergencies that occur within the city," said Minnetonka Fire Department Chief Joe Wallin. "Fire alarm systems with central station service are a contract between a private party and a vendor, resulting in a service being performed by an uncompensated third party—the Minnetonka Fire Department. This level of services constitutes 'special duty,' which is not available to everyone unless they contract with a private alarm company.

"Because the Minnetonka Fire Department is primarily a paid-on-call

department, there are definite costs associated with each call for service, in contrast to a full-time department which has a fixed payroll cost whether responding to calls or not," concluded Chief Wallin.

The \$250 fee reflects the average additional cost incurred for each response to a fire alarm. In the event that the fire alarm system is the first notification of a true fire emergency, the fire chief may waive the service fee.

This fee does not apply to general 9-1-1 calls, alarm calls where the first notification of the alarm is a 9-1-1 call from the affected property, or alarm calls originated by an automatic fire sprinkler system. For more information call Deputy Chief Bob Eastham, Minnetonka Fire Department, at (952) 939-8311 or email beastham@eminnetonka.com. ☺

Speak out about stormwater by Nov. 21

THE MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED District (MCWD) invites comments on its latest Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan before November 21, 2006. The plan, which will guide the district's activities for the next 10 years, identifies activities and sets the stage for future rule revisions to help manage the lakes, streams and wetlands in the 181 square miles that drain into Minnehaha Creek, Lake Minnetonka and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

The MCWD Plan includes chapters for each of the 11 sub-watersheds in the district. Residents and officials may comment on the entire plan or, if they choose, limit their review and comments to portions of the plan specific to their neighborhoods. The plan, along with an electronic comment form, is available at www.minnehahacreek.org or by calling MCWD at (952) 471-0590. ☺

Anniversary prints—the perfect gift idea

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT for a friend or relative with ties to Minnetonka, consider purchasing an original watercolor painting by Minneapolis artist Nancy Patrick Carney, commissioned in honor of Minnetonka's 50th anniversary of incorporation as a village.

Purchase unframed limited edition, archival quality prints (\$50) or poster prints (\$15) of this artwork at Your Art's Desire, 12928 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, (952) 988-9772. All proceeds will be used to purchase furnishings for Burwell House.

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. ☺



City of Minnetonka's 2007 budget

What will your 2007 property taxes buy?

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA TAKES A responsible long-term perspective with financial planning and management. We make decisions 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.

Property taxes support basic city services. Eight out of every ten dollars of your city property taxes go to maintaining streets and providing police and fire protection — about \$35 a month for streets and \$34 for public safety. Since user fees fund many city services, most of the remainder of your city tax bill is for parks.

Like all service businesses, the city is experiencing budget pressures. Nearly a million dollars of state revenue cuts and unfunded mandates, and soaring energy and health insurance costs continue to challenge our ability to provide basic services. To maintain quality services at a reasonable cost, the city council directed that roads and public safety continue as the city's highest priorities, and that projected 2007 budget growth be reduced by \$300,000. Several new programs are planned:

In response to growing resident concerns, funding will more than double for the city's **road revitalization program**, which is designed to stabilize, repair and maintain our 250 miles of local streets. A cost-effective thin overlay process is being used to stabilize deteriorating pavement and prolong the life of city streets as major road reconstruction takes place. Since the state has not raised the gas tax for 18 years, the property tax remains the only funding option for local road repair.

Also in response to citizen concerns, a new **traffic management** program will work with neighborhoods to raise awareness and encourage personal responsibility to make changes in driving habits. Additional traffic enforcement and design strategies will be undertaken in areas with high levels of speeding violations.

Working with neighborhood groups, firefighters will help prepare residents and businesses to better deal with emergencies. **ReadyMinnetonka** guides will help participants evaluate risks and assemble preparedness kits.

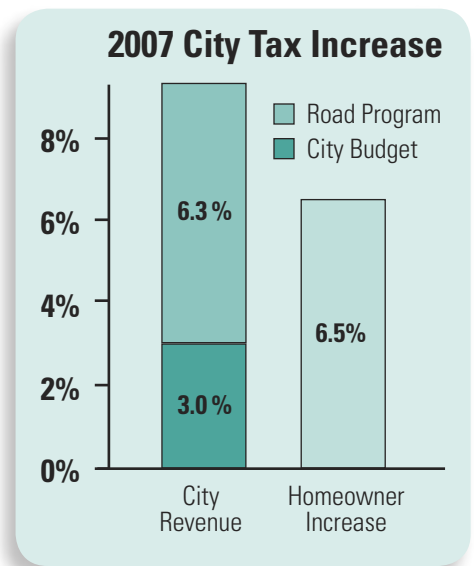
The city's **natural resources** program is being refocused to strengthen development oversight, restore natural areas and enlist residents in our efforts to maintain the health of Minnetonka's urban forest. Cost sharing programs will support private reforestation, shade tree treatment and stewardship.

City 2007 tax increase. City property tax revenue will increase 9.3 percent in 2007, with 6.3 percent dedicated to road revitalization. Revenue for operating and other capital needs will be held to a 3.0 percent increase, well below the growth in comparable cities. With adjustments in the city tax base, the average homeowner of a \$353,000 property should only see a total city tax increase of

City of Minnetonka Budget Hearing

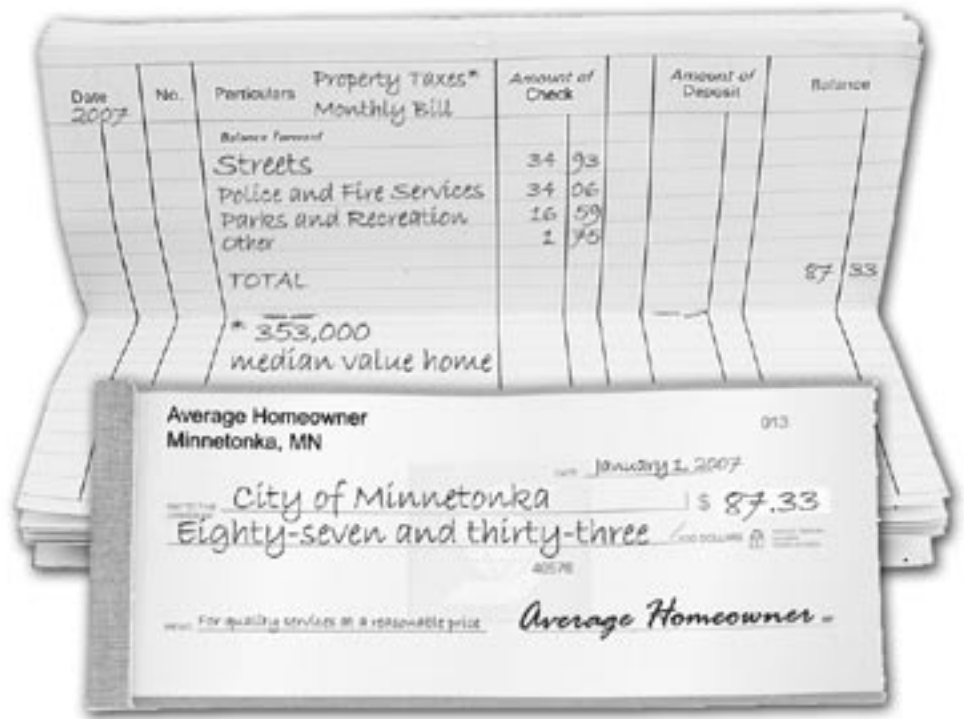
Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345
(952) 939-8200



about 6.5 percent, two-thirds of which goes for road repair.

Budget or tax questions can be addressed to Minnetonka Mike at mike@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8586, or to finance director Merrill King at mking@eminnetonka.com or (952) 939-8200.





2006 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE

Fall Leaf Drop-off Program

Saturdays: November 4 & 11
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

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

Saturday Leaf Drop-off Sites

1 Public Works Facility Parking Lot

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

Two areas: one for **bulk** leaf drop-off, one for **bagged** leaf drop-off; follow signs.

2 Groveland School Parking Lot

Minnetonka Blvd., east of Hwy. 101

3 Minnetonka Public Schools Service Center, North Parking Lot

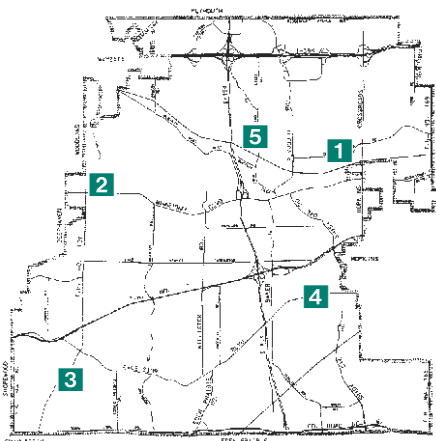
5621 Hwy. 101

4 West Oaks Community Church Parking Lot

Excelsior Blvd. west of Shady Oak Rd., upper
 parking lot

5 Meadow Park Parking Lot

Oakland Road across from Stone Rd.



BAGGED LEAVES — will be accepted at all sites on Saturdays, November 4 & 11.

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

BULK LEAVES — Truck and trailer loads of bulk leaves will be accepted only at Minnetonka Public Works and only during brush drop-off hours on the following dates:

- **Saturdays:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 4, November 11, November 18
- **Mondays:** Noon to 8 p.m. November 6, November 13
- **Tuesdays:** Noon to 8 p.m. November 7, November 14

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

Enter on the west side of the building across from the Big Willow ball fields. Residents will unload their own leaves onto the bulk pile — **(bring proper equipment to unload your own leaves).** Try using many layers of tarps between a foot or two of leaves to make unloading your leaves easier and faster.

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

Brush drop-off ends Nov. 18

The brush drop-off program for Minnetonka residents ends Nov. 18, 2006.

On Monday and Tuesday the site is open from noon to 8 p.m. On Saturdays, the site is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Branches up to 12" in diameter will be accepted.

This service is available only to Minnetonka residents and a valid I.D. is required. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

Please note: Trash, grass, loose leaves, lumber, or wood scraps are not accepted.

Loose leaves, pine needles, straw, plant and garden materials go into the leaf drop-off program. (The brush is ground into the mulch that the city gives away to residents for landscaping.)

Please do not transport firewood!

As you prepare for autumn bonfires or to heat your home with wood, please do not transport firewood from or into Minnetonka. Instead, buy or collect firewood locally. When traveling, purchase firewood in the area you are visiting, then burn it all before you leave — don't bring it home to Minnetonka.

At any given time, firewood can harbor a variety of insects and diseases that can harm Minnetonka's trees and forests, including emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, oak wilt, Dutch elm disease and Asian long-horned beetle. While Minnesotans are familiar with Dutch elm and oak wilt diseases, emerald ash borer and Asian long-horned beetle have yet to be identified in Minnesota. Gypsy moth is currently only a problem in northeastern Minnesota — not in Minnetonka.

Please help prevent or stall the introduction of these pests to Minnetonka — don't transport firewood or purchase it from door-to-door salespeople.

For further information, call Emily Barbeau at (952) 988-8421.

Snow Removal by the numbers

SNOW SEASON IS HERE, and the city would like to remind residents of snow removal procedures.

After a snowfall, clearing the streets is the number **1** priority. Plowing of trails, sidewalks and parking lots begins right away, but with a limited number of people until streets are cleared.

City-wide snow removal begins after **2** or more inches of snow have accumulated.

In a heavy snowfall, it takes a snowplow **3** passes to completely clear the streets. Mainline streets are plowed first and residential

streets and cul-de-sacs are plowed last. The first pass provides an initial access path down streets; full-width plowing starts a couple hours later after all streets have received a first pass; followed by final cleanup the next day.

Final cleanup includes intersection cleanup, application of treated salt, and plowing where vehicles were parked. A good time to shovel your driveway is between the second and third pass.

Snowplowing generally begins between midnight and **4** a.m. — the exact time depends on the predicted start and end of the snowfall and its intensity.

Minnetonka Public Works employees are on the roads by **5** a.m., **5** days a week, December through February, checking for frost, light snow or icy conditions. If they find these conditions, they spread treated salt to speed melting and improve traction.

To help snowplow operations, follow city ordinance and keep parked cars off city streets between 2 and **6** a.m., because illegally parked cars slow down plows. Call the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8500 if you're concerned about an illegally parked vehicle.

Here are few more snow removal tips:

- Save precious minutes in the event of a fire by adopting a hydrant and keeping it clear of snow throughout the winter.
- When clearing snow from your driveway, please don't push it into the street. City ordinance requires snow to be placed on the right-of-way adjacent to your property. This applies to contractors too, so if you hire someone to plow your driveway, please be sure they are aware of this ordinance.
- Don't forget, you are responsible for shoveling out your mailbox so the mail can be delivered. To keep things easy, start doing this right away after the first snowfall, before snow becomes so deep it becomes an impossible task.

The city doesn't rely on lucky number **7** to prevent damage from plows — instead, snowplow drivers are assigned to zones within the city, with drivers staying in that area for the entire winter. This allows drivers to become very familiar with the roadway features in their own area.

To help drivers even more, install curb markers to show the edge of your lawn or driveway. For free markers, stop by Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., or Minnetonka Public Works, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. Here are a few more tips about snowplow damage:

- The city will repair sod damage resulting from city snowplows, but will not repair sprinklers, fences or any private improvements installed in the city right-of-way. Sod repairs usually are made in May and June.

- Mailboxes that are physically hit by city snowplows will be repaired, but mailboxes damaged by the force of the snow coming off the snowplow will not be repaired.

- Residents can report damage through Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 or through Minnetonka Mike at www.eminnetonka.com.

Minnetonka Public Works staff spent **8** hours one day in September preparing for the snow season — checking snowplows and

vehicles, attending seminars on the latest snow removal techniques, and inspecting plow routes for overhanging tree branches and protruding manhole covers in the street.

If you have questions about snow removal

in the city, call Minnetonka Public Works at (952) 988-8400 or call Minnetonka Mike at (952) 939-8586. For general information, visit www.rwis.dot.state.mn.us.

In an average snowfall, the goal is to clear streets and cul-de-sacs of snow within **10** hours.

Sand is used on streets during freezing rain, and then only to provide traction — it doesn't melt the ice.

Before a storm, the city treats the main roads with a liquid anti-icer, which prevents snow from bonding with the pavement and allows the road to be plowed down to the surface easily. After a storm, salt that's been treated with a corn-based liquid is spread on roads. Because this treated salt is much more efficient than untreated salt at melting ice and snow — it works to temperatures of 20 below zero at the pavement surface, while treated salt only works to 20 degrees — much less can be used on the streets. ❄️

Seniors, check out these November activities!

IF YOU'RE 55 OR OVER, YOU'RE INVITED to join in the fun at the Minnetonka Senior Center! Events take place at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, unless otherwise indicated. Call (952) 939-8393 for information or to register for programs. The Senior Center will be closed Nov. 10, 23 and 24.

Adopt-a-Highway

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.

Volunteer to help clean the roadside, meet new people and enjoy refreshments.

Thanksgiving Party

Thursday, Nov. 16, 12 p.m., \$6

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal and entertainment. This is a popular event, so register early!

Defensive Driving Classes

Four-hour night class:

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6-10 p.m.

Four-hour day class:

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Drivers 55 and over save 10 percent on car insurance for three years by taking these classes. Registration required.

Wood Carvers

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Blood Pressure Checks

First and third Friday and second Wednesday of each month, 9:30-11 a.m. ☺

The Wizard of Oz returns to the Arts Center on 7

BY POPULAR DEMAND, MINNETONKA Community Theatre is restaging its production of *The Wizard of Oz* for the holiday season. Performance dates and times are: Dec. 14, 15, 16, 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 and 17 at 1 p.m.; and Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. All performances are at the Arts Center on 7, 18285 Hwy. 7. Reserved seats are \$10. For tickets call (952) 401-5898 or visit www.minnetonkatheatre.com. ☺

Safety tips for seniors

AS PEOPLE GROW OLDER, THEIR CHANCES of being victims of crime decrease dramatically. But a lifetime of experience, coupled with the physical problems associated with aging, often make older Americans fearful.

If you want to conquer fear and prevent crime, make these precautions part of your daily routine:

When out and about:

- Go with friends or family, not alone.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put wallets in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.
- Don't carry unneeded credit cards or large amounts of cash.
- Use direct deposit for Social Security and other regular checks.
- Keep car doors locked. Be particularly alert in parking lots and garages.
- Sit close to the driver or near the exit while riding public transportation.
- If someone makes you uneasy, trust your instincts and leave.

Make your home safe

- Install good locks on doors and windows and use them! Don't hide keys in mailboxes and planters or under doormats. Instead, leave a set of keys with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Ask for photo ID from service or delivery people before allowing them into your home. If it is a service you did not request, call the company to verify.
- Be sure your address number is large, clear of obstruction and well-lit so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly.

Watch out for con artists

- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true—including a free vacation, sweepstakes prizes, cures for cancer and arthritis, or a low-risk, high-yield investment scheme.
- Never give your personal information, credit card, phone card, Social Security or bank account number to anyone over the phone, on the internet or through the mail unless you initiated the contact and you trust who you are dealing with.
- Shred discarded documents such as bank statements, pre-approved credit card offers and insurance forms.
- Don't use your mother's maiden name, your birth date or the last four digits of your Social Security number when creating a password.
- Never carry your Social Security card, birth certificate or passport unless necessary. Store these in a secure place.
- Don't write your Social Security number on your checks or give it out to businesses.
- Don't put your credit card number on the Internet unless the site is encrypted on a secured site.
- Check your credit report regularly for unusual or fraudulent activity. Every 12 months you may obtain one free credit report from each of the 3 national credit agencies. For more information on this go to www.annualcreditreport.com.

If you are interested in having a presentation about senior safety and avoiding scams contact Nicole Nelson at the Minnetonka Police Department at (952) 939-8546 or via email at nnelson@eminnetonka.com. ☺

Volunteer at the city

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT volunteering for the city? If you have even an hour or two a month to contribute, there's a chance your talents can be put to work!

Residents can use their skills in working on various projects with city staff. Jobs could be one-time special events or short- or long-term projects. Some could involve group participation as well.

For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com or call Joan Post, volunteer coordinator, at (952) 939-8215. ☺



Celebrate the holidays with music

THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF Minnetonka (MAM) offers many holiday concerts throughout December, so mark your calendars now! Concerts are at the Arts Center on 7, 18285 Hwy. 7, unless otherwise indicated. Tickets are \$10 at the door, or at a discount from ensemble members.

For more information about MAM, visit www.musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954. New ensemble members are welcome for the next season, which begins Jan. 2, 2007.

🌸 Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Minnetonka Chamber Choir and the Choral Reflections Holiday Concert

🌸 Saturday, Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m.
27th Annual Messiah Community Sing-Along

Ridgewood Church, 4420 Hwy. 101 S. Free. Please bring your own score if you have one.

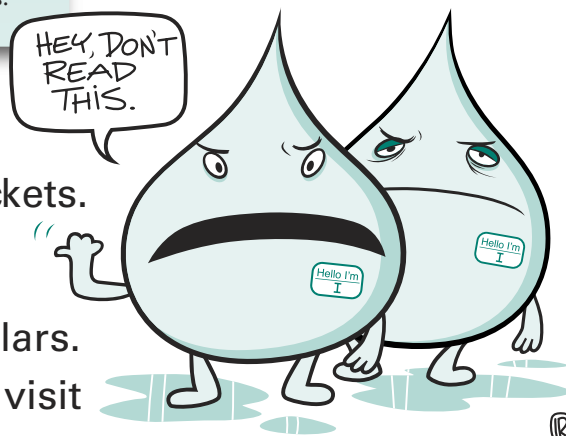
🌸 Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Sounds of Youth, featuring the Minnetonka Capella, Concert, and Chamber Choirs

🌸 Sunday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
The Many Moods of Christmas: Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Choir

🌸 Saturday, Dec. 16
4th Annual Toast to the Holiday
Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Join Choral Reflections of Minnetonka for food, fun and holiday music. Event is by reservation only — \$20 per person; \$140 for a table of eight. Call (952) 401-5954 for reservations.

Inflow and Infiltration are picking the city's pockets. Learn how to stop these drips from stealing your tax dollars. Call 952.988.8400 or visit eminnetonka.com.



2006 photo contest winners named

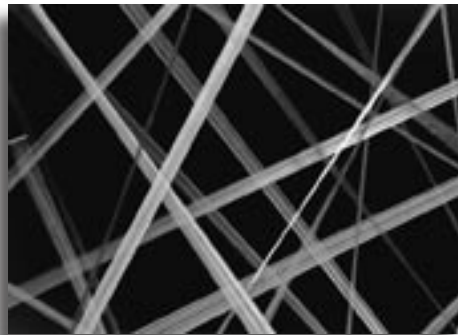
NEARLY 70 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED for this year's city of Minnetonka photo contest, in three categories: Natural Minnetonka, Minnetonka Lifestyle and Minnetonka's Heritage.

The winners were recognized at the Oct. 9 Minnetonka City Council meeting, each receiving \$25 and a Minnetonka anniversary poster. The winners are pictured at right and below.

Look for these photos and more of the entries on the city's Web site in upcoming months. ☺



Frederick Stechmann
"Soon Gone, But Not Forgotten"
Minnetonka's Heritage



Jonathan L. Eisenberg
"The Strings of Randy Walker II"
Minnetonka Lifestyle



Cathy Armajani
"Green with Envy"
Natural Minnetonka

Sign up for the 2007 Citizen Academy

WHAT'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 2007 Minnetonka Citizen Academy.

This free program takes place over five Tuesday evening sessions — Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 — at Minnetonka City Hall. Throughout the sessions,



Residents learning about how the city works.

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 or call (952) 939-8207. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Registration deadline is Jan. 9, 2007. ☺

Calendar

City of
Minnetonka

November
2006

Call (952) 939-8200
for more
information.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	1 City Council, Park Board joint meeting, 5:30 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2 Charter Commission Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	6 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	7 General Election, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30			9 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							10 Veterans Day observed, city offices closed
							14 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m., Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.
							20 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
							23/24 Thanksgiving holiday, city offices closed

Victorian holiday tea set for Dec. 3

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE BURWELL HOUSE Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. for a Victorian holiday tea hosted by the Minnetonka Historical Society. The event is free and open to the public. The Burwell House is located at 13209 East McGinty Road in Minnetonka. Parking will be available at St. David's Family Center. For more information call Florence Bogle at (952) 938-3758. ☺



Burwell House, site of Victorian holiday tea

Burwell House makes television debut

DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER DEBUT OF the Charles H. Burwell House on Twin Cities Public Television (Ch. 2). In a new series called "Almanac Hands-On History," host Mary Lahammer visits many historic places around the Twin Cities.

Lahammer spent an August morning interviewing Betty Johnson, city of Minnetonka official historian, about the Burwell House; then was taken on a tour of the house by Gayle Andrs, tour guide. This 30-minute segment will air in November as part of larger 90-minute program that

includes Dayton's Bluff and Anoka as well as Minnetonka.

According to information from Twin Cities Public Television, the program is slated to air as part of the "Almanac" program on Ch. 2 on the following dates and times: Nov. 1, 7 p.m.; Nov. 5, 1 p.m.; Nov. 24, 7 p.m.; and Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m. Watch for the program on Ch. 17 at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 and Nov. 25. Please check your TV listings for any changes to the schedule. For more information visit www.tpt.org. ☺

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