

# minnetonka memo

A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka  
February 2005

## Family fun planned for February 13

**F**EBRUARY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED nationally as “We Love Our Kids” month. This community-wide celebration strengthens families and children by promoting friendly activities and community asset building. To help celebrate, Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services will host Kids’ Fest Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

A variety of activities and programs will be conducted at the Minnetonka Community Center, Minnetonka Ice Arena and Williston Center. Please help restock local food shelves by donating a canned

good at the event — drop-off locations will be at all three facilities hosting events.

All activities are free and include dog sled rides, bingo, mini golf, activity fair, medallion hunt, magician, open swimming, face painting, baseball/softball hitting and open ice skating.

Proceeds from concessions sales will be donated to the Richard Wilson Recreation Services Scholarship Fund. A shuttle will run between all three facilities for ease of transportation. For more information, please see the winter/spring recreation brochure or call (952) 939-8203. □



*Bingo and face painting were popular activities at last year’s Kids’ Fest.*

## Planning a home project? Ask the pros!

**M**INNETONKA RESIDENTS ARE INVITED to the 13th annual Home Remodeling Fair Sunday, Feb. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy. 7, Hopkins.

Sponsored by the cities of Minnetonka, Golden Valley, Hopkins and St. Louis Park, as well as Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minnetonka Community Education, the Home Remodeling Fair is designed to promote improvements to these communities’ housing stock.



Seminar topics include: kitchen and bathroom remodeling trends; decks and patios; window replacement; wood floor refinishing; finishing a lower level; tree, shrub and lawn care; preventing cold weather problems; and others. For the “do-it-yourselfer,” seminars on home plumbing repairs, closet organizing and color coordinating your home also will be available.

Advance registration is not required and admission is free. Food concessions will be available at the Wetlands Cafe.

Fairgoers may park at Eisenhower Community Center or take the **free shuttle bus** from the Maetzold Field parking lot, 1215 First Street, Hopkins. (*Directions to Maetzold Field:* From Eisenhower Community Center/Hwy 7, go south on 12th Avenue one-half mile to First Street, turn right onto First Street, then right into the lot. Look for signs).

For details and seminar times, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com), then go to: “Hot Topics — Upcoming Events” or call (952) 939-8200. □



Fairgoers can visit more than 75 displays by remodeling contractors, architects, landscapers, electricians, tool rental services, roofers, siding and window contractors, and lenders. Minnetonka planning department staff and city inspectors also will be at the fair.

Architects, landscape designers and interior designers will staff the “Ask the Pro” booth and provide free, no-obligation advice to visitors; fairgoers are encouraged to bring their photos or sketches.

## Volunteers needed for Kids’ Fest

**W**OULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP with activities at Kids’ Fest Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Minnetonka Community Center? Volunteer to serve any time between 1 and 4 p.m. as a mini-golf helper, dogsled ride helper, shuttle bus driver, or Minnetonka Mike character. For more information, call Joan Post, volunteer coordinator, at (952) 939-8215, or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) (click “volunteer opportunities”). □

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## Reflections Award winners recognized HT

AT ITS MONDAY, JAN. 24, MEETING, the Minnetonka City Council recognized the winners and nominees of the 2005 Reflections Award. The city of Minnetonka began its Reflections Award program in 1997 in an effort to recognize individuals, businesses and programs whose outstanding contributions reflect positively on Minnetonka. The award is presented every other year and takes its name from the Reflections sculpture at the entrance to the Minnetonka Community Center.



*Ruth Kloser, Michael Kelly and Kari Hoyt received 2005 Reflections Awards.*

This year's winners are:

- **Kari Hoyt, We Can Ride, Inc.**  
For more than 10 years, Kari has volunteered as a therapeutic horseback-riding instructor, even earning certification in 1999 from the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. For the past five years she has also been instrumental in organizing and coaching We Can Ride's Special Olympics Equestrian Team. We Can Ride, Inc., is a program for adults and children living with disabilities.
- **Michael Kelly and Ruth Kloser, owners, Great Harvest Bread Co. - Minnetonka**  
Michael and Ruth have baked and donated more than 8,500 rolls to be served at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Hunger, which in turn has raised more than \$217,000 in donations for the ICA Food Shelf and Hopkins-Minnetonka Family Resource Center. In addition, each year Michael and Ruth host the "Baker for a Day" fundraiser, which allows community non-profit organizations to run the bakery for one day and keep all of the resulting proceeds.



Additional nominees include:

- **Terri Bonoff**  
Terri has been an active volunteer with the Hopkins Schools for many years, serving in many different capacities. She also is a current member of the Minnetonka Planning Commission.
- **Rivel Greenberg**  
Rivel has been a volunteer tour guide at the Walker Art Center since 1983. She has also served on committees, helped with special events, assisted with tour and curriculum development and trained new guides.
- **Hugh Kurtzman**  
As a 50-year member of the Minnetonka Y's Men Service Club, Hugh participates in many of the club's volunteer activities, including the annual Christmas tree sale. Hugh also is a Minnetonka Senior Center volunteer.
- **Mark Johnson**  
As assistant manager of the Cub Foods in Minnetonka, Mark has supported the Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA) by providing regular food and monetary donations.
- **Dagmer Locke and Jean McSwiggen**  
For 20 years, Dagmer and Jean have co- led the "Over 50 and Fit" exercise group, building a fitness program that is safe, fun and interesting, as well as an excellent social venue for local seniors.
- **Kris Newcomer and Julie Woolfrey**  
Since joining the Hopkins Education Foundation Board of Trustees three years ago, Kris and Julie have donated countless hours and worked on many projects, including raising more than \$200,000 to save programs in the Hopkins Schools.
- **Lynda Summerville**  
Since 2001, Lynda has donated more than 300 hours to children, staff and families at Children's Hospital and Clinics in Minneapolis, volunteering in the infant care center, hospice program and surgery family waiting room.  
  
If you know of a Minnetonka resident whose volunteer contributions are worthy of recognition, you don't have to wait for the 2007 Reflections Awards. Consider nominating him or her for a Minnetonka Community Action Recognition Award. For more information, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) (click on "City Services," then "Award Programs"). □

## Caring Youth to be honored HT

EACH YEAR THE CITIES OF Minnetonka, Hopkins and Golden Valley, in conjunction with the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts, host a Caring Youth Recognition event to honor the contributions of caring young people. This year's event is set for Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka.

The youth to be recognized were nominated by the organizations they serve, and met at least one of the following criteria:

- ✓ Live in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley;
- ✓ Attend school in Minnetonka or Hopkins; and/or
- ✓ Volunteer (unpaid and not as a requirement for a class or co-curricular program) in Minnetonka, Hopkins or Golden Valley.

For more information, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call Jacque Larson, community relations manager, at (952) 939-8207. □

## ECO-Fair set to bloom on March 19



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE about trees, native plants or managing suburban wildlife? Do you want to hear more about the urban forest and removing buckthorn, or get some tips on designing your yard?

Then plan to attend the city of Minnetonka's second annual ECO-Fair Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.

The ECO-Fair will include seminars and displays by both city departments and outside vendors. Check out the March *Minnetonka Memo* or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for more detailed information. □

# Contacting an elected official

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL SHOULD YOU WISH TO CONTACT an elected official. Minnetonka is in the 3rd Congressional District; State Senate Districts 33, 42, or 43, depending on where you live; Legislative Districts 33B, 42A or 43B depending on where you live; 6th County Commission District; and 4th Park Commission District.

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# Think summer!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOURSELF or your children for summer Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation activities, mark March 3 on your calendar! That's the day summer registration begins for residents, with non-resident registration starting March 17. The summer brochure will be mailed to homes in March and posted online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). For more information call (952) 939-8203. □



# Find out more about Minnetonka developments HT

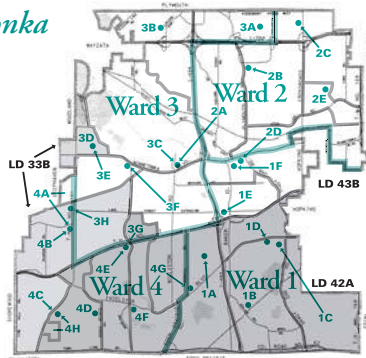
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS THE CITY has reviewed some interesting and controversial development proposals. Many of these proposals have resulted in developments that implemented conservation strategies to restore or enhance the site's natural resources, or provided conservation easements over portions of the property to protect trees or wetland areas. Highlighted projects include:

- Meadow Woods (located north of Ridgewood Road, just west of Hwy. 101)
- Portico (Crosby Road)
- Crosby Cove (Crosby Road)
- Co-Par/Groveland Place (Groveland School Road)
- The Sanctuary (located between Hwy. 101 and Groveland School Road)

For more information about these projects, including how open space preservation was encouraged, please visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). □

## City of Minnetonka

- Ward Boundary
- Legislative District Boundaries
- Precinct Lines
- Precinct Numbers **4A**
- Polling Locations



# Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200  
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information.

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2 Park Board, 7 p.m.

7 City council study session, 6:30 p.m.

8 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.

9 Joint Recreation Board, 6 p.m.

10 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

13 Kids' Fest; Home Remodeling Fair

14 City Council, 6:30 p.m.

21 Presidents' Day, *city offices closed*

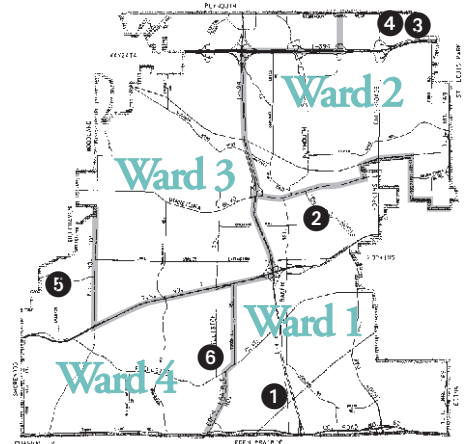
24 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

28 City Council, 6:30 p.m.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission in February. Please call (952) 939-8200 for updated information or visit the city Web site: [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Meeting agendas are posted on the site the Friday prior to each commission meeting.

- 1 Rezoning and site and building plan review for a parking lot expansion at **5735 and 5801 Baker Road**. (04088.04a)
- 2 Preliminary plat, with a variance, for a two-lot subdivision at **3564 Shady Oak Road**. (04085.04a)
- 3 Lot combination and redivision for two lots, **13 and 15 Westwood Road**. (04090.04a)
- 4 Buildable area, side yard setback, and front yard setback variances for construction of a new home at **18 Westwood Circle**. (01058.04a)
- 5 Preliminary plat and lot width at the right-of-way variance at **18724 Ridgewood Road**. (04089.04a)
- 6 Guide plan amendment from low-density residential to institutional; rezoning from low-density residential to planned unit development; preliminary plat; and site and building plan review with a parking stall variance at **5431/5439 Williston Road**. (04037.04a)



## Official newspaper for 2005 selected



**T**HE *Lakeshore Weekly News* HAS BEEN SELECTED AS Minnetonka's official newspaper for 2005. It will publish the city's legal notices, ordinances and other official information, plus general information about the city. The newspaper is available at several locations throughout the city. Call (952) 473-0890 for the pickup location nearest to you. □

### HT Hot Topics HT

**I**TEMS IDENTIFIED WITH HT are listed as Hot Topics on the city Web site, [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). Please refer to the site for additional information on these selected topics. For more information, call Minnetonka Mike, (952) 939-8586, leaving your name and address. □

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