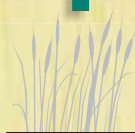


# Special Edition



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memo *A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka*  
June 2005

## Summer Festival & Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 25, 2005



# A special invitation for you and your family

WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND THE 27TH ANNUAL Minnetonka Summer Festival and Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 25. It's a grand day of celebration with something for everyone!

Activities range from an 8K race, 2-Mile Fun Run and Tot Trot to an adult-child golf tournament, pancake breakfast, Burwell House tours, antique market, kids' rides, police K-9 demonstrations, open ice skating, fireworks, musical entertainment, and much, much more! Look inside this special edition of the *Minnetonka Memo* for a full schedule and description of events.

This year's festival and ice cream social offer an exciting combination of free activities for children, teens and the entire family. Please plan to join us June 25 for a very special event you won't want to miss!



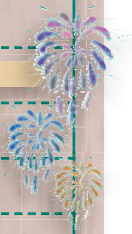
Mayor Karen J. Anderson



## Schedule of Events

**Please note:** Schedule is subject to change. For weather information call (952) 939-TELL (8355). This hotline will provide information about the status of live performances and the fireworks display in the event of inclement weather.

	6 a.m.	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.	10 p.m.
<b>Race Events:</b>	[Yellow bar]								
<b>Golf Tournament:</b>		[Green bar]							
<b>Softball Tournament:</b>			[Blue bar]						
<b>Burwell House:</b>				[Purple bar]					
<b>Civic Center:</b>							[Yellow bar]		
<b>Ice Arena:</b>							[Yellow bar]		
<b>Sports &amp; Activities:</b>						[Yellow bar]			
<b>Community Center:</b>		[Yellow bar]					[Yellow bar]		
<b>Main Stage:</b>						[Yellow bar]			



## Minnetonka Summer Festival

The 28th annual Summer Festival is set for June 25, 2005! 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 is included in this special edition of the *Minnetonka Memo*. Please call Recreation Services at (952) 939-8203 for more information, or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).

### Race Events:

**8K (5 Mile) Race:** \$15 *7:30 a.m.*

**2 Mile Fun Run:** \$10 *8:45 a.m.*

**Awards:** *9:15 a.m.*

**Tot Trot:** Free\* *10 a.m.*  
(ages 8 and under)

Pre-register for races by calling (952) 939-8203, 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.

\* T-shirts available for \$10.



### Family (Adult-Child) Golf Tournament: 8 a.m.

This event takes place at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. The cost is \$26 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will include one adult and one child (age 8-15) with an 8 a.m. tee-off. There will be special contests throughout the event. Space is limited. Call (952) 939-8203 to register. Please refer to Course #8376 when registering for this tournament.



### Softball Tournament:

This one-day men's softball tournament will take place at Big Willow (Minnetonka) and Central (Hopkins) parks. The tournament is limited to 12 teams, with each team guaranteed at least three games. Entry fee is \$90/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.*

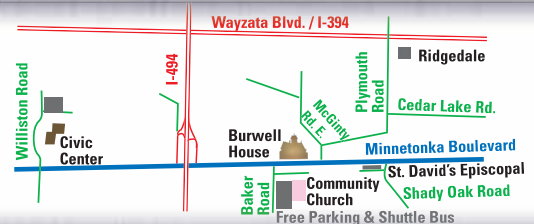
**Food/ice cream available to purchase:** *11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

**Free parking** available at Minnetonka Community Church and St. David's Episcopal Church

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 exercise your creativity! All participants will receive a treat!



## Civic Center Grounds:

### Festival Information Booth:

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Food and Fun:** A variety of food and beverages available to purchase.

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Outdoor BBQ:** Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and pop will be for sale. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### Fire Department Open House:

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.



**Minnetonka Police car and tracker display:** 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Free Pony Rides:** Cowboys and cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony! 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Recreation Services Tent:** Face painting, games, kids' arts and crafts. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Free Kids' Rides:** Giant Slide, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Titanic Adventure Slide. 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Remarkable Reptiles Program:** Learn about some friendly critters! 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Reptile Display:** 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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

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

**Special sale** of Neon Glo Sticks and Necklaces! 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

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

## 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.



## Sports & Activities:

### Mini Monster Truck Demo:

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### Basketball Sport Court:

4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Mini Race Cars:** 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.



**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. 4 p.m. – 9 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. – 6:30 p.m.

## Main Stage:

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

**Bill the Juggler:** Come see Bill's fast-paced act full of juggling, comedy and lots of fun! 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**Announcement of the day's contest winners** by Mayor Karen Anderson: 6:50 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**FEATURE SHOW:** Mick Sterling & the Stud Brothers—Mick Sterling promises an unforgettable evening of music, performing soul and R&B with the unique ability to make the audience experience both joy and sorrow in a deeply moving performance. The ten-piece band evolved in 1988, performing popular songs by renowned R&B artists such as Tower of Power, James Brown, and Etta James. Mick Sterling also appears annually in the Bayfront Blues Festival. 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.



## Celebrate National Night Out

**T**HIS 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, August 2, 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](http://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 22, 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!



## Filings open July 5 for fall election

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA WILL HOLD MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THIS FALL. The city positions that will be on the November 8 General Election ballot are mayor and council—at-large, seats A and B. Filings for these offices open on Tuesday, July 5, and remain open through Tuesday, July 19. Interested persons may file for these offices during regular city hall hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The filing fee is \$5.

To be eligible for office, candidates must be at least 21 years of age upon assuming office, and be a resident of Minnetonka for at least 30 days prior to the General Election.

A Primary Election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, if more than two people file for any of these offices.

All three school districts (Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Wayzata) will have school board positions on the fall ballot. We do not yet know if they will have referendum questions. People interested in filing for school district offices must contact the district offices. District filings may also trigger a primary election.

Questions about the election process or filings may be directed to the city clerk's office, (952) 939-8218 or (952) 939-8219, or by contacting [kmagrew@eminnetonka.com](mailto:kmagrew@eminnetonka.com) or [lronbeck@eminnetonka.com](mailto:lronbeck@eminnetonka.com).

## City to make roads a top priority

**D**OES IT SEEM LIKE YOU ARE DODGING MORE POTHOLES THAN USUAL on Minnetonka streets? Does the overall condition of our road system seem worse than it was a few years ago?

If you answered yes, we agree with you. Minnetonka has fallen behind on street maintenance. The freeze-thaw cycles of our recent mild winters are hard on street surfaces, but that's not the main reason our streets are in worse shape.

More importantly, available funding has not kept pace with rising construction and maintenance costs. City streets are supported with a combination of state gas taxes and city property taxes. While we've increased our local commitment, state funding has been frozen at the same dollar level for the past decade.

Despite the introduction of higher technology patching equipment, adoption of new paving techniques, and efforts to deploy road crews more efficiently, we're still losing ground to the potholes. In response, the city is developing a strategy to smooth the bumpy road for our residents.

The city council is now considering a comprehensive plan to renew our roads over the next decade, and keep them in shape for decades to come. As these plans for maintenance and reconstruction are enacted, we'll be sharing the details in future *Minnetonka Memos*.

## County Rd. 101 construction begins

**H**ENNEPIN COUNTY HAS BEGUN RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD 101 from north of Highway 7 to north of Minnetonka Boulevard, a project expected to last three years. Some work has already begun, including clearing trees on the west side of Cty. Rd. 101 for the relocation of electrical poles and grading operations to provide an area for utility relocation. Other plans for 2005 include:

- Construction of several retaining walls, followed by construction of temporary lanes on the east side of the roadway. This fall, traffic will be diverted to the temporary lanes, allowing permanent road reconstruction on the west side of Cty. Rd. 101 to begin in spring 2006.
- Relocation of fire hydrants; installation of a portion of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer; and installation of new water services.
- City street reconstruction on Powderhorn Drive, Powderhorn Circle, Arrowhead Trail and Arrowhead Court.

The new Cty. Rd. 101 will include a three-lane section from south of Lake Street Extension to Minnetonka Blvd., including a northbound, southbound and continuous center turn lane, as well as a new bike trail along the east side of Cty. Rd. 101 from Minnetonka Blvd. to the Super Target intersection; upgrades at the Cty. Rd. 101 and Minnetonka Blvd. intersection; addition of retaining walls along the length of the project; upgrades to storm and sanitary sewers; traffic signal upgrades at the Super Target intersection, Lake Street Extension and Minnetonka Blvd.; and a new signal at Ridgewood Road.

For more information visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and click on "City Services," then "Projects," then "County Road 101 Reconstruction."

## Coping with road construction

IF THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS ALREADY TESTING YOUR patience, consider this advice for maintaining your sanity and your safety, courtesy of the Minnetonka Police Department.

- Check out your route before you leave home, and plan an alternate route if necessary. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) for the latest information on local road projects and road closures, including I-494, or visit the Minnesota Department of Transportation Web site at [www.dot.state.mn.us](http://www.dot.state.mn.us).
- Use designated detour routes and avoid taking shortcuts through residential areas. Detour routes generally use non-residential roads that are able to handle a higher volume of traffic. This places less traffic on smaller residential streets where noise, speed and the safety of children is a primary concern. Remember, you wouldn't want your own neighborhood street turned into a freeway, so be considerate.
- Do not drive over, through or around any barricade, fence or obstruction erected for the purpose of preventing traffic from passing. Doing so places you and construction workers at risk of being injured, and also risks damage to your vehicle. Drivers who disobey these traffic control devices can be issued a traffic citation, a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$700 fine.
- As hard as it is, be patient. Road construction is inconvenient while underway but ultimately improves roadways and traffic flow. So relax, take a deep breath, and enjoy a new way of getting where you need to go.



## Look out for Dutch elm disease

LAST SUMMER, THE TWIN CITIES SAW A RISE IN THE OCCURRENCE OF Dutch elm disease, and this year is expected to be similar. The city of Minnetonka forestry staff will be doing everything possible to control the disease, including the use of tree inspectors certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture who will be working throughout the city to mark dead or dying elms. Here are some ways you can help.

### Identifying Dutch elm disease

Dutch elm disease occurs when a fungus, carried by a bark beetle, is introduced into the water-conducting system of the tree. Symptoms include wilting and yellow leaves. Where elm trees are growing close to each other, the disease also can spread directly from tree to tree because the root systems often fuse together.

### Controlling Dutch elm disease

A good Dutch elm disease program aims to keep the bark beetle population in check so that elm mortality stays low. You can help in the following ways:

- Call in and report dead or dying elm trees in Minnetonka.
- Dispose of elm wood by chipping or bring it to the city's brush drop-off site.
- If you have a diseased elm, please comply with the city ordinance that requires removal within 20 days.



*Nearly 60 volunteers gathered for this year's May Arbor Day/Earth Day planting event at Big Willow Park. The volunteers worked with Emily Barbeau, assistant city forester, to plant red cedar trees in an area of the park that has lost many elms to Dutch elm disease.*

Elm bark beetles feed in healthy elms and breed in dead or dying elms, including elm firewood with intact bark. As long as there are elms there will be bark beetles, but eliminating their breeding site helps to keep the population lower, which means less elms will die.

### Preventing Dutch elm disease

If you have large elms in your yard, consider having them injected with a preventive systemic fungicide such as Alamo or Arbotect. Many companies offer this service and will provide a warranty if the injection is done on healthy elms. When weighing the cost of fungicide application, also consider the value the tree brings in terms of shade, aesthetics, property value and energy savings.

For more information or to report a dead or dying elm, please call the Minnetonka Forestry Department at (952) 988-8400.

## Come volunteer!

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA HAS several volunteer positions available, including Hilloway Park restoration; history event staff; Juvenile Diversion Program leader; maintenance (Williston Center); Minnetonka Mike mascot; oral history interviewers/transcribers; police records assistant; and storm drain monitor.

For more information, visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) and click on "Volunteer Opportunities," or call Joan Post, volunteer coordinator, at (952) 939-8215.



## *Fiddler* set for July 22–Aug. 6

**M**INNETONKA COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS *Fiddler on the Roof* July 22–Aug. 6 at the Minnetonka ArtsCenter, 18285 Hwy. 7, Minnetonka (on the Minnetonka High School campus).

All seats \$10, and tickets are on sale now. Call (952) 401-5898 or visit [www.minnetonkatheatre.com](http://www.minnetonkatheatre.com) to reserve your seats!



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