



minnetonka memo

*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
May 2004*

Register now for Minnetonka Summer Festival events

THE MINNETONKA SUMMER Festival will be held on the Minnetonka Civic Center grounds on Saturday, June 26. Entertainment will be provided for the entire family, including children's rides, face painting, ice skating, and stage shows.

In conjunction with the festival, there will be an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Burwell House, complete with free tours, entertainment, an 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 next month's newsletter to be mailed mid-June.

Registrations are now being accepted for the following events:

5 Mile Race, 2 Mile Fun Run and Children's Tot Trot

The 5 Mile race begins at 7:30 a.m. The course is set in a beautiful wooded area which is generally flat with some rolling hills. The 2 Mile Fun Run starts at 8:45 a.m., and the Children's Tot Trot is scheduled for 10 a.m. Races begin and end in front of Minnetonka City Hall.

Softball Tournament

This one-day men's softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 26. The tournament is limited to 12 teams with
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Silver Skates Ice Revue is great family entertainment

MINNETONKA ICE ARENA'S All Season Skating School will present its 30th Annual Silver Skates Ice Revue entitled "Celebrate the Magic" May 6, 7, and 8. Over 280 skaters of all levels from Minnetonka and surrounding areas will perform in this tribute to Disney's 60th anniversary. Show times are listed below:

Thursday, May 6—6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 7—7 p.m.

Saturday, May 8—5 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for school-aged children and free for pre-school children. Senior citizens and individuals with special needs are granted free admission to the Thursday night performance at 6:30 p.m. Don't

forget to bring a coat or blanket, as it does get chilly in the ice arena.

Interested in skating lessons? Summer skating lessons for both youths and adults are held Monday evenings beginning June 14. Call the Minnetonka Ice Arena, (952) 939-8310, for more information and for a registration brochure, or log on to www.eminnetonka.com and find a downloadable version of this brochure on the Minnetonka Ice Arena page. □



"Dads and Daughters" are always a highlight of the Silver Skates Ice Revue.

Celebrate Earth Day/Arbor Day May 13 HT

EVEN THOUGH EARTH Day and Arbor Day were celebrated nationally last month, the City of Minnetonka will commemorate both days on Thursday, May 13, with a planting event. This later date was selected to prevent frost from killing the plants.

You're invited to the Minnetonka Public Works building, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd., just east of Big Willow Park, to learn about rain gardens and their environmental benefit to storm water management. Environmental Resources Coordinator Jo Colleran and City Forester Mark Simenson will talk about the relationship of trees, vegetation, and water quality. You can get your hands dirty by working some compost into the soil and adding more plants to further improve the quality of the rain gardens.

Your help is needed and appreciated, so bring a great attitude and a concern for the environment and meet at the public works building from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event is free; supplies, a limited number of t-shirts, and treats will be provided.

Call (952) 939-8203 to register; please indicate the number of individuals attending and their t-shirt size. □

Finance Director Dale Eggenberger to retire

DALE L. EGGENBERGER, Minnetonka's finance director since 1974, is retiring the end of this month. He's been employed by the city since 1972 and is responsible



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for the past 20 years. In 1989 Dale won the national GFOA Award for Excellence in Government Finance for creating a community investment fund. Through the years, he's received a number of awards recognizing his extraordinary services both to the City of Minnetonka and to other organizations as well.

Dale and his wife, Sharol, are planning trips to Ireland and Switzerland to celebrate his retirement. After that, it will be time for golf, relaxing, and spending more time with the grandkids.

A public reception honoring Dale will be Tuesday, May 25, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., in the Minnetonka Community Center. Everyone is welcome. □

Burwell House tours set to begin June 5

THE 2004 BURWELL HOUSE tour season begins Saturday, June 5, and continues through September 25. Tour hours have been extended this year as follows:

Tuesdays — noon to 3 p.m.

Saturdays — noon to 4 p.m.

Sundays — 1 to 3 p.m.

The house is located at 13209 E. McGinty Road. Free guided tours offer information about Minnetonka's early history, the Burwell family, flour milling, and Victorian times. The house has been beautifully restored and furnished to its 1894 state. New acquisitions and exhibits are always being added.

Plan a picnic along Minnehaha Creek, add a tour to your bike trip on the loop trail system, or bring out-of-town guests for one of the best historic house museums in the area! Contact Laura, (952) 939-8219 or Ironbeck@eminnetonka.com for more information. □

What every dog owner needs to know

MINNETONKA POLICE HAVE been receiving more complaints from residents regarding dogs...loose dogs, dogs not leashed while being walked, barking dogs, and dog owners who don't pick up after their pets. Having a pet brings responsibilities, and pet owners should familiarize themselves with city regulations.

Excessive barking

Most every dog barks and makes noise... they wouldn't be much help in the "watch-dog" department if they didn't. However, no one likes a nuisance barker. A dog is con-

sidered to be a nuisance if it barks excessively or continuously. Excessive barking is described as "repeated noise over at least a ten-minute period" (Ord. 925.085-5).

Dogs at large

Dogs being off leash or running at large can cause serious problems for neighbors or other walkers. It is a violation of city ordinances which state, "an owner must not cause or permit his/her dog to run at large within the city limits, including within a public park or trail" (Ord. 925.085-1). To report a dog at large, call Minnetonka police, (952) 939-8500.

You are encouraged to be a good neighbor and respect the rights of others. Individuals who use our parks, trails and sidewalks will appreciate your clean-up efforts. (A plastic bag makes a convenient clean-up device.) Remember, everyone loves his/her own pet, but not everyone loves *your* pet.

Minnetonka public service officers will be doing extra patrol in the coming months to enforce city ordinances and educate the public. □

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each team guaranteed at least three games. The tournament will take place at Minnetonka's Big Willow and Hopkins' Central Parks. Entry fees are \$90 with awards presented to the top three teams. Call (952) 939-8203 for a registration form.

Golf Tournament

A family-oriented golf tournament (adult/child) will be held Saturday morning, June 26, at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. The cost of each tournament is \$26 per team and includes a free meal at the festival. Teams will be comprised of 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 #7358 (Adult/Child at 8 a.m.) when registering for this tournament. □

Shady Oak Beach passes now available **HT**

SHADY OAK BEACH will open June 11. Hours during June and July will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; during August, the beach will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shady Oak Beach offers two sand play areas, a water play area, sand volleyball court, concession stand, and restroom/changing areas for male, female, and family use.

Passes for Shady Oak Beach will only be sold through the Recreation Services' office at Minnetonka City Hall and are available for purchase by phone, mail or in person. Visa or MasterCard is accepted. Season passes will not be available to purchase at the beach. Those not interested in purchasing a season pass can purchase a daily pass for entry and parking at the gate.

Libbs Lake Beach will be closed for construction this summer because of a park renewal project.

For more information, call (952) 939-8203, consult your summer Recreation Services' brochure, or visit the city Web site, www.eminnetonka.com. □

Note

THE NEXT *Minnetonka Memo* will be sent mid-June. It will contain up-to-the-minute information about the Minnetonka Summer Festival and Burwell Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social to be held Saturday, June 26. □

Natural Resource Notes

Trees aren't just for Arbor Day – they're for life!

You've heard the adage, "Puppies aren't just for Christmas, they're for life." Believe it or not, the same idea applies to trees. On Arbor Day, celebrated last month, millions of trees were planted. But then what happens?

Quite often, we forget about young trees for the rest of the year. We make them "fend for themselves." After all, they are out in nature, so what more could they need?

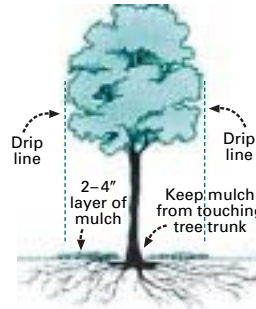
First of all, nature and the environment have changed. We have a fast-paced world, which includes human actions and environmental consequences. International travel and exchange of plant material have brought a myriad of non-native insects and fungal pathogens that many Minnesota trees are not used to fighting.

Building and road construction lead to soil movement and compaction, as well as watershed alterations. Soil loss and compaction make it harder for tree roots to get the water, nutrients, and oxygen they need to support the rest of the tree. These are only a few of the challenges trees in the 21st century must buffer on a daily basis. What tree researchers and experts have found is that the consequences of human "development" are not temporary and fundamentally change the landscape forever.

Like our immune system, when a tree is stressed and doesn't have the basic elements needed for survival, it will become more susceptible to insects and fungal attacks. There are a few easy things you can do to help a new tree get established and stay healthy for years to come. We'll call it a "Tree's Wish List."

A Tree's Wish List

- 1) One of the best actions you can take on behalf of your tree is to water it in periods of dry weather between spring and fall. The rule of thumb is that it is best to water infrequently, but deeply. Put the hose on low-flow and place it near the base of the tree to provide moisture to the first 6 – 8 inches of soil. Watering for a few minutes everyday only encourages shallow root development, which will make the tree more susceptible to winter injury and summer heat stress.
- 2) Put a wood-based mulch around the tree, making sure not to pile it right next to the trunk, and avoiding a "volcano" appearance. In general, putting a mulch layer 2 – 4 inches deep in a



circle as wide as the tree's canopy will moderate soil temperature extremes, keep tree roots moist, and add to soil fertility. Remember, as your tree grows, the roots will grow out at least as far as the tree is tall. This means that you should extend the zone of mulching as the tree grows.

- 3) Place a light-colored tree guard around your young tree in the winter to prevent rodent and deer damage; that being said...
- 4) Do not leave plastic labels, Christmas tree lights, or stem protectors on season after season. As the tree grows these items can girdle the tree, making the stem or branch more susceptible to breakage.
- 5) Wait about one year until you fertilize your tree, and get a soil test done first, so you know what and how much you need to add to the soil. Too much fertilizer can harm the tree and will run off into streams and lakes. The University of Minnesota can perform this test for a small fee.

More Information

If you're interested in learning more about tree care, visit some of the Web sites below. If you have additional questions, consider calling a certified arborist (a tree expert).

University of Minnesota Forest Resources Extension: <http://www.cnr.umn.edu/FR/extension/>

University of Minnesota Soil Testing Lab: <http://soiltest.coafes.umn.edu/>

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Ag, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences: www.herl.uiuc.edu

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Web site: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/urban/index.html>

Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Council's (MnSTAC) Legislative report: <http://www.mnstac.org/WWA/Legislature/legislature.htm>

Minnesota Division of the US Department of Agriculture: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/>

Minnesota Society of Arboriculture: <http://www.isa-msa.org/>. □

New phosphorus law is in effect

The state's new phosphorus law went into effect January 1. The law was written to prevent the use of phosphorus fertilizer but not the sale of it. So when you're buying fertilizer this spring, check the middle number on the fertilizer bag. It should be a zero.

Listed below are the key points of Minnesota's phosphorus lawn fertilizer law:

- As of January 1, 2004, all aspects of the law are in effect.
- Lawn fertilizer content is limited to 0% phosphate in the metro area. There may be different restrictions in other locations.
- Phosphorus lawn fertilizers can still be used when a *need* is indicated. This includes lawns where a soil test indicates need, establishing a new lawn, trees, flower and vegetable gardens, agricultural crops, or on golf courses when applied by trained staff. For soil testing information, contact the UM Soil Test Lab at (612) 625-3101 or visit them at the "Yard and Garden" section at www.extension.umn.edu.

Remember, it is the homeowner's responsibility to use fertilizer properly. Sweep up any spilled fertilizer and keep it off hard surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets.

For more information on the phosphorus law, visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Web site at www.mda.state.mn.us, click on "Water & Land," then click on "Lawn Care and Water Quality," scroll down to the section on phosphorus.

Or obtain a copy of "New phosphorus lawn fertilizer law aims to protect Minnesota lakes and rivers." This publication can be found on the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance's Web site at www.moea.state.mn.us/campaign/download/phosphorus.pdf.



A "zero in the middle" indicates this fertilizer is phosphorus-free. A number other than zero indicates the fertilizer contains phosphorus.

Please respect the rights of others

WARMER WEATHER MEANS more folks use our parks, our trails, and our roadways. To promote peaceful co-existence and safety, please respect the rights of others, and familiarize yourself with these safety tips and suggestions.

Trail users

Bicyclists:

- Proceed at a reasonable speed (15 mph max.)
- Travel on the right side. Single file usage is preferred. If you stop, move off the trail.
- Obey all traffic signs. Turn only when safe. Signal your turn.
- Pass on the left, only when safe to do so, in single file. When overtaking fellow trail users, warn them by activating a bell, horn, or whistle, and say, "passing on your left," or "passing."
- Proceed slowly around blind curves, down steep hills, and over bridges

Walkers with dogs:

- Dogs must be on a close leash (6' or less) or "at heel."
- Pick up and properly dispose of pet droppings.

Trails are open from dawn to 10 p.m. Call (952) 93-TRAIL, or (952) 938-7245, at any time with your comments, concerns, or to receive a trail map. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Bicyclists

- Obey all signs and signals and drive on the right side of the road (as far to the right as possible) with traffic, in single file.
- Signal your turns.
- State law requires bicyclists riding on a roadway or shoulder of a roadway to ride no more than two abreast and not to impede the normal, reasonable movement of traffic; on a laned roadway, they should ride within a single lane.
- Wear a helmet and bright colored clothing.
- When riding on a city street, bicyclists become bike drivers... traffic participants subject to the same "rules of the road" as automobile drivers. Remember that your bike is a legal vehicle, and you're in the driver's seat.

Walkers/runners

- When walking, running, or using a wheelchair along a roadway, move to the left side of the road or its shoulder to give way to oncoming traffic. If there are sidewalks provided, it is unlawful for walkers or wheelchairs to use the roadway.

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Resident receives citizen's award for life saving

AT ITS APRIL 12 meeting, the Minnetonka City Council recognized Minnetonka resident Jeff Seel for his life-saving efforts in a recent fire in his neighborhood.

Last December, the Minnetonka Fire Department responded to a house fire on Crestview Lane. Arriving units reported heavy fire and smoke coming from the house. The fire was quickly extinguished. However, the homeowner suffered second and third degree burns on ten percent of her body when she tried to rescue her pet cats. When she found her path of escape blocked by fire and smoke, she attempted to get out through a window, where she became trapped. Her neighbor, Mr. Seel, heard her cries for help and ran to her aid. At considerable risk to himself, he pulled her from the window, saving her from further injury or possible death.



In appreciation of a job courageously well done, a plaque was presented to Jeff Seel by the Minnetonka City Council and members of the fire department.

Minnetonka Drinking Water Report

THE CITY OF MINNETONKA is issuing laboratory test results for the drinking water provided to residents during 2003. Each of the past six years, the Minnetonka Utilities Department has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year. 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. This year's report again delivers good news: **no contaminants have been found that exceed levels set by EPA for safe drinking water.**

If you have questions about your drinking water, please contact Jim Malone at jmalone@eminnetonka.com or (952) 988-8400. If you would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact the public works department, (952) 988-8400.

Water Source

The City of Minnetonka operates 18 wells that draw water from the Prairie Du Chien-Jordan aquifer. The wells range in depth from 405 to 575 feet. The Prairie Du Chien-Jordan formation consists of limestone and granular sandstone that was deposited on the shores of an ancient sea millions of years ago. The water resides in cracks and spaces in the rock. This formation 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 humans. Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Listed on the back of this page are test results for the City of Minnetonka water supply.

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more sources of your drinking water is susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call (651) 215-0800 or (800) 818-9318 during normal business hours. Also you can view it on line at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/>.



Are Contaminants a Concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants found 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. EPA/Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial*

contaminants can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, (800) 426-4791.

Drinking Water Regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that 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 that 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 Drinking Water Hotline, (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 hand-held 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 from the public works department director.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered, and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. If you have questions about these regulations, or need to obtain a permit, call (952) 988-8400 for details.

Minnetonka Drinking Water Report

Water supplied by the City of Minnetonka is regularly tested by the Minnesota Department of Health for nearly 100 contaminants regulated by EPA. Test results for 2003 are listed in the table below. Only those substances that were detected are listed in the table. **No contaminants were found that exceed limits for safe drinking water.**

Monitored substances can be divided into five testing categories:

Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural operations, and wildlife

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or come from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses

Organic chemicals, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems

Radioactive contaminants, which can occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities

Water Testing Terms and Definitions

The **Amount Found** can be the highest amount found or the average of all samples tested, depending on the regulation. If multiple samples were tested in 2003, the lowest and highest level detected are listed in the **Range of Detections**.

Regulated substances have Maximum Contaminant Levels (**MCLs**) set by EPA. This is the highest level allowed in drinking water. Some contaminants also have MCL goals (**MCLGs**). This is the level of a substance where there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available water treatment processes.

Unregulated substances do not have MCLs. They are assessed by state standards known as health risk limits. If an unacceptable amount of any substance is ever found in the water, the City of Minnetonka will notify residents and take action to eliminate the problem.

The MCL for lead and copper is known as the **Action Level**. This is the concentration which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements a water system must follow. Ninety percent of all samples tested must be below this concentration. Lead and copper get into tap water via corrosion of home plumbing systems. Minnesota Department of Health lab tests show Minnetonka is in compliance for lead and copper.

Other Definitions

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter; **ppm**: parts per million or milligrams per liter; **pCi/L**: picocuries per liter, a measure of radioactivity; **ND**: Not Detected

Radon is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater and is caused by the erosion of natural deposits. Testing during 2001 showed average radon levels of 60.0 pCi/L in Minnetonka water. It poses a lung cancer risk when gas 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 4000 pCi/L may apply in states that have adopted an indoor air program, which compels citizens, homeowners, schools, and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the 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: 2003

Detected Substance	Units of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Amount Found	Range of Detections	Typical Source in Drinking Water (likely source in italics)
Alpha Emitters 5/15/02	pCi/L	15	0	6.5	—	<i>Erosion of natural deposits</i>
Arsenic 6/20/02	ppb	50.0	0	1.68	—	<i>Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production wastes</i>
Barium 6/20/02	ppm	2.0	2.0	0.11	—	<i>Discharge of drilling wastes, metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits</i>
Combined Radium 5/15/02	pCi/L	5.0	0	1.6	—	<i>Erosion of natural deposits</i>
Fluoride	ppm	4.0	4.0	1.13	1.1–1.4	<i>Additive for dental health, aluminum and fertilizer factories</i>
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	10.0	10.0	0.63	nd–0.63	<i>Erosion of natural deposits, fertilizer runoff, septic tanks, sewage</i>
Total Trihalomethanes 5/15/02	ppb	100	0	10.7	—	<i>By-product of drinking water disinfection</i>
Lead	ppb	90% of samples must be <15 ppb	—	90% of samples <2.0	0 out of 30 homes >15 ppb	<i>Corrosion of home plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits</i>
Copper	ppm	90% of samples must be <1.3 ppm	—	90% of samples <1.32	3 out of 30 homes >1.3 ppm	<i>Corrosion of home plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits</i>
Sodium 6/20/02	ppm	No established EPA limits		6.8	—	<i>Erosion of natural deposits</i>
Sulfate 6/20/02	ppm	No established EPA limits		9.9	—	<i>Erosion of natural deposits</i>

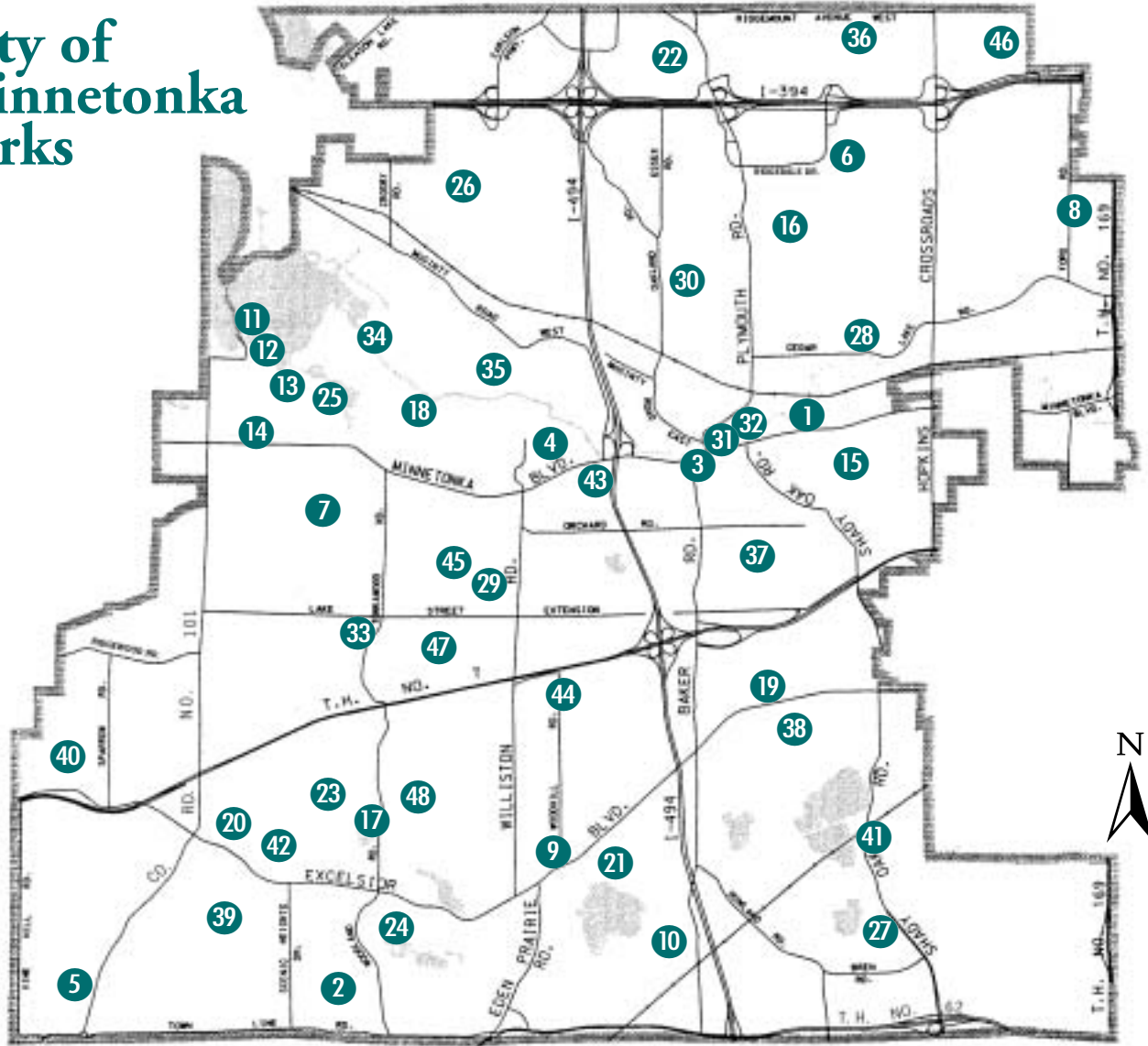
City of Minnetonka Park Facilities

Map Key

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 ○ Indicates handicap accessible C Horse ring F Family garden plots I Senior citizens' crafts L Full court basketball

City of Minnetonka Parks



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| 1 Big Willow – 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. | 25 Libbs Lake Beach – 16515 Park La. |
| 2 Boulder Creek – 5948 Stoneybrook Dr. | 26 Linner – 2022 Linner Rd. |
| 3 Burwell – 13207 McGinty Rd. E. | 27 Lone Lake – 5624 Shady Oak Rd. |
| 4 Civic Center – 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. | 28 Mayflower – 2835 Mayflower Ave. |
| 5 Covington – 18920 Manchester St. | 29 McKenzie – 14950 McKenzie Blvd. |
| 6 Crane – lot north of 12201 Ridgedale Dr. | 30 Meadow – 2725 Oakland Rd. |
| 7 Elmwood-Strand – 3610 Elmwood Pl. | 31 Mills – lot west of 13008 Minnetonka Blvd. |
| 8 Ford – 2115 Ford Rd. | 32 Mills Landing – 12810 Minnetonka Blvd. |
| 9 Glen Lake – 5240 Glenview Dr. | 33 Mini Tonka – 16001 Lake St. Ext. |
| 10 Glen Moor – 5700 W. Glen Moor Rd. | 34 Minnehaha Creek Headwaters – 16501 Gray’s Bay Blvd. |
| 11 Gray’s Bay Causeway – east side of Hwy. 101, north of Gray’s Bay bridge | 35 Mooney – 2910 Oak Lea Dr. |
| 12 Gray’s Bay Marina – 2831 Co. Rd. 101 | 36 Oberlin – 11597 Oberlin Rd. |
| 13 Groveland – 16710 Cottage Grove Ave. | 37 Orchard – 12595 Orchard Rd. |
| 14 Gro Tonka – 3201 Beverly Pl. | 38 Pioneer – 4622 Nelson Dr. |
| 15 Guillian Field– 12101 Minnetonka Blvd. | 39 Purgatory – 17315 Excelsior Blvd. |
| 16 Hilloway – 12415 Hilloway Rd. | 40 Reich – 18601 Beaver Tr. |
| 17 Holiday Lake – 5230 Woodland Rd. | 41 Shady Oak Beach – 5200 Shady Oak Rd. |
| 18 Jidana – 3333 Jidana La. | 42 Spring Hill – 16714 Seymour Dr. |
| 19 Junction – 12305 Junction Rd. | 43 Sunrise Ridge – Minnetonka Dr./Sunrise Dr. |
| 20 Kelly – Excelsior Blvd./Clearspring Dr. | 44 Tower Hill – 4550 Woodhill Rd. |
| 21 Kinsel – 14017 Kinsel Rd. | 45 Victoria-Evergreen – 3801 Victoria St. |
| 22 Knollway – 895 Horn Dr. | 46 Westwood – 9 Westwood Rd. |
| 23 Lake Charlotte – 16500 Norwood Dr. | 47 Wilson – 1230 Victoria St. |
| 24 Lake Rose – 5728 Lake Rose Dr. | 48 Woodgate – 5090 Highland Rd. |

 **2004 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

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

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 and 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

Thursday, May 13
Friday, May 14
Saturday, May 15

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ice Arena Parking Lot
 (upper parking lot)
 Minnetonka Civic Center
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

- Electronics (television, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, VCR, or radio)

There is no charge for dropping off HHW. If the above dates are not convenient for

you, consider bringing your HHW to one of the sites below.

Please note: This 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 and non-profit organizations.

Appliances, copiers, motor oil and motor oil filters, compressed gas cylinders, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive materials, infectious waste or household garbage are NOT accepted at the community HHW collection.

For information, call the Minnetonka Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217, or Hennepin County, (612) 348-3777.

Year-round HHW Drop-off Sites

Residents may also bring household hazardous waste (HHW) to either of Hennepin County's permanent HHW drop-off facilities throughout the year:

8100 Jefferson Hwy., Brooklyn Park
1400 W. 96th St., Bloomington

There is no charge to drop off HHW.

Facilities are open Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday until 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

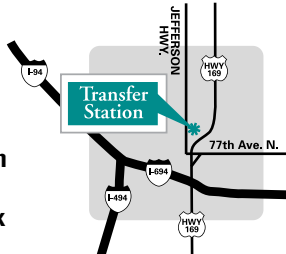
Household hazardous waste includes items such as paint, stain, thinners, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, gasoline, oil, oil filters, aerosol cans, fluorescent and HID lamps, thermostats, switches and thermometers containing mercury, rechargeable appliances, and batteries. Also accepted for no

charge are consumer electronics (TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors, printers).

Household appliances (microwaves, water heaters, stoves, freezers, washers, dryers, etc.) may be dropped off for a \$15 fee.

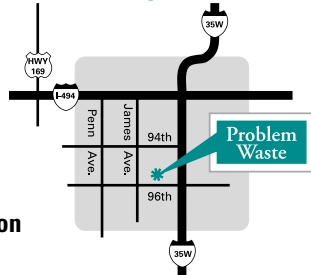
For further information, call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217 (please leave a message if you get voice mail) or Hennepin County, (612) 348-3777 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Hennepin County Transfer Station and HHW Drop-Off



**8100 Jefferson Hwy.
Brooklyn Park**

Hennepin County Problem Material and HHW Drop-Off



**1400 W. 96th St.
Bloomington**



Special One-day Drop-off

Saturday, June 5, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ice Arena Parking Lot, Minnetonka Civic Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Minnetonka residents may drop off the materials listed below. The charge for dropping off each item, if any, is listed in parenthesis.

Appliances (\$12 each)

Washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, oven, cooktop, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, water heater, water softener, home furnace, trash compactor, garbage disposer, humidifier or dehumidifier

Air conditioner (\$20)

Electronics (No charge)

Television, stereo console, computer, printer, monitor, radio, or VCR

Carpet & Padding (\$1 per square yard for carpet and \$1 per square yard for padding)

Determine the number of square yards of carpet or room size the carpet came from. Roll carpet and tape or tie rolls. Rolls of carpet *must not* exceed 6 feet in length and must be less than 12 inches in diameter.

Tires (\$2 for each car, trailer, or light truck tire or \$3 if tire is still on rim; \$10 for tractor or truck tire on split rim)

Batteries (No charge)

All car, truck, motorcycle, and garden tractor batteries are accepted, as well as household batteries (D, C, AA, AAA, 6 & 9 volt cells, button batteries and rechargeable batteries).

Fluorescent Bulbs (No charge)

Up to 10 fluorescent bulbs will be accepted per vehicle. **No bulbs will be accepted from business or commercial use.** Please transport bulbs in a manner to avoid breakage.

Clothing and Household Goods (No charge)

Clothing, small working appliances, small working portable TVs and stereos, games and toys, hardware and tools, lamps and domestic goods will be accepted. All goods must be in good working and saleable condition. Salvation Army reserves the right to decline your donation.

Lumber (\$2 minimum, based on \$25 per cubic yard)

No railroad ties or concrete

Mattresses and Box Springs (\$8 per piece for single or twin size, \$12 per piece for double, queen, or king size)

Chairs (\$5 small, \$10 large)

Love Seat (\$15 each)

Couch/Sofa (\$20 each)

Hide-a-bed (\$30 each)

Scrap Metal (no charge for clean scrap metal such as pipe, gutters, swing sets, barbecues, ducting, fencing, etc.)

Scrap metal must be clean (all plastic, concrete, rubber, wood, and hazardous materials must be removed).

\$5 charge for "dirty" scrap metal items

such as: bicycle with tires, lawn chair with webbing, or lawn mower with wheels and/or plastic parts still attached. (All engines must have oil and gas drained.)

Additional charges apply for riding mowers, garden tractors, snow blowers, or other large items.

Propane Tanks: \$1 small; \$6 large (anything larger than a two-pound tank)

Toilets, sinks (\$5 each)

PLEASE NOTE: NO GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Payment will be accepted in cash or local checks payable to the City of Minnetonka. If you have any questions about this special drop-off, please call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217, during business hours or visit the city Web page, www.eminnetonka.com, and go to Hot Topics.

Can't make the June 5 drop-off day? Tired of waiting in long lines?

The Hennepin County Solid Waste & Recycling Transfer Station in Brooklyn Park accepts all the materials above *except upholstered pieces and propane tanks.*

Disposal fees for items are similar; however, there is a minimum charge of \$15 for up to one cubic yard of material. Facility staff will determine the charges for each vehicle. See page 9 for a map to the site and additional hours. For more information, call Hennepin County, (612) 348-3777.

Memorial Day Recycling Collection Note

The Memorial Day holiday on Mon., May 31, will delay the recycling collection one day. Residents west of I-494 will have recycling collection on Tues., June 1; residents east of I-494 will have collection on Wed., June 2.

2004 Brush Drop-off Program

The 2004 brush drop-off program is now in operation at the Minnetonka Public Works facility, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. The site will be open during the week on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**, noon to 8 p.m., and on **Saturdays** from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. through November 20. (The brush drop-off site will be closed Memorial Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 5; Labor Day, September 6.)

Branches up to 6" in diameter will be accepted. A valid I.D. proving Minnetonka residency is required to drop off brush. No brush will be accepted from commercial tree or lawn services.

Please note: trash, metal, concrete, lumber, fences, or wood scraps are not accepted. **DO NOT** bring these materials with your load of brush. Find the appropriate disposal option. *Anyone caught dumping unacceptable materials will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.* **DO NOT** put grass, loose leaves, dirt, or sod in with the brush pile; this material is only accepted in the leaf drop-off program.

Call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217, during business hours or leave a message anytime to obtain more information.

 **2004 MINNETONKA RECYCLING UPDATE**

Spring Leaf Drop-off Program HT

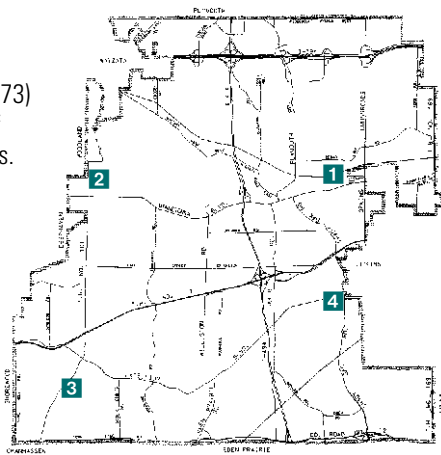
Saturday, May 8 • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Minnnetonka residents may bring *bagged* leaves and yard and garden materials to one of the four drop-off sites shown on the accompanying map on the date and time listed above. *Brush larger than 1/2" in diameter will not be accepted at the leaf drop-off sites.* (See brush drop-off article.)

SATURDAY LEAF DROP-OFF SITES

- 1 Public Works Facility Parking Lot**
(11522 Minnetonka Blvd., 1/4 mile west of Co. 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.)



BAGGED LEAVES accepted at all sites on Saturday, May 8 only

City staff will assist residents with unloading bags of leaves on Saturday. Residents will be asked to take empty bags home for re-use or disposal. **Loosely tie bags for easy emptying.**

BULK LEAVES (loads of leaves must be covered during transport) – only accepted at the Public Works Facility, 11522 Minnetonka Blvd. on these days and times:

- SATURDAYS:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 8, May 15, May 22
- MONDAYS:** noon to 8 p.m. May 10, May 17

TUESDAYS: noon to 8 p.m. May 11, May 18 Leaf drop-off ends May 22.

Residents will unload their own leaves onto the bulk pile (bring proper equipment to quickly unload your own leaves). Using many layers of tarps between a foot or two of leaves makes unloading your leaves easier and faster. Try it!

Information about composting and yard waste management is available from the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217; leave a message anytime.

Citizenship Academy graduates recognized

AT ITS APRIL 12 meeting, the Minnetonka City Council recognized 21 graduates of the 2004 Citizenship Academy. For four weeks participants learned about different areas of the city, including general services, development, recreation, public works, and public safety. Graduates expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about how their city government operates, and many positive comments were received. Individuals who graduated included Rudy Allebach, Ken Bush, Ellen Cabacungan, Andrea Fiterman, Christopher Gilson, Dave Gripp, Dewey Hassig, Michael Hupp, Roger Lillemo, Bob Lueben, Carole McConnell, Sally McNamee, Suzette Meakins, Coral Moore, Lisa Nixon, Bunny Robinson, Maria Rudd, Bill Sperber, Renata Sperber, Wendy Steinmetz. □

Twenty-one residents were enrolled in this year's Citizenship Academy to learn more about how their city operates. Several of the graduates are pictured here. Watch this newsletter for information about next year's class.



Rights *continued from page 4*

- Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk, or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.
- When walking or running in low light conditions, dusk or dark, wear light-colored clothing or reflective safety tape to create the most visible profile for traffic.

Motorists

- Please stay aware of cyclists and pedestrians, especially children. Give them adequate space.
- Remember, when stoplights are not in place or in operation, you as a driver of a vehicle need to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. □

Calendar

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Call (952) 939-8200
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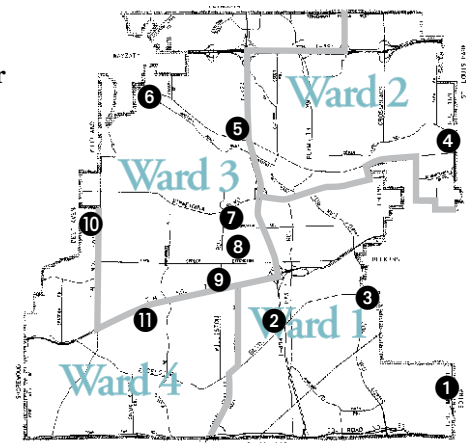
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- 3 Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Jt. Recreation Board, 6 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.; Silver Skates Ice Revue, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Silver Skates Ice Revue, 7 p.m.
- 8 Silver Skates Ice Revue, 5 p.m.
- 10 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.; EDA, 6 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Memorial Day — city offices closed

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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

- 1 Rezoning; site/building plan review for a proposed 164 condominium development for JLT Group, Inc., at **5621 Smetana Dr.** (00033.04a)
- 2 Variance for a two-car garage addition for Bill and Marcia Anderson at **4818 Caribou Dr.** (04025.04a)
- 3 Site plan review with variances; conditional use permit; sign variances for CVS Pharmacy at **11525 Excelsior Blvd.** (95052.04a)
- 4 Amendment to master development plan; final site/building plans; preliminary plat for Minnetonka Hills Townhomes project for Minnetonka Hills Apartments L.L.P. at **2800, 2828 and 2855 Jordan Ave.** (86157.04a)
- 5 Conditional use permit for antennas and ground equipment on an existing Xcel power transmission tower for Voicestream Minneapolis, Inc. at the **northwest corner of Stone Rd./I-494** (93039.04a)
- 6 Preliminary plat for two-lot subdivision for Chad Winter at **16451 McGinty Rd. W.** (03067.03a)
- 7 Guide plan amendment; rezoning; site/building plan review with variances for Keenan & Sveiven, Inc. for a landscape design studio at **14600 Minnetonka Dr.** (04015.04a)
- 8 Side-yard variance for Lesley Murray at **14509 Spring Lake Rd.** (04010.04a)
- 9 Conditional use permit for transient sales for Sever's Farm Market at Oasis Market parking lot at **15114 State Hwy. 7** (04018.04a)
- 10 Agreement between the cities of Deephaven and Minnetonka to annex property for Steve Scott Development at **3660 Co. Rd. 101** (04017.04a)
- 11 Front-yard setback variance for a second garage and second-story addition for A & H General Building Contractors at **16616 Temple Dr. No.** (04024.04a)



Historical Society will meet

ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 7 p.m., the Minnetonka Historical Society will meet at the Minnetonka Community Center, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Speakers will be Albert Kranz and Helen Vavra, co-authors of *The Dvoraks of Minnetonka*. The meeting is open to the public. □

HT Hot Topics HT

ITEMS IDENTIFIED WITH HT are listed as Hot Topics on the city Web site, 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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