

# A Special Invitation for You


We invite you and your family to attend Minnetonka's grand day of celebration Saturday, June 26. The 27th Annual Minnetonka Summer Festival at the Civic Center and the Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the Burwell grounds will offer something for everyone.

Festivities begin at 7:30 a.m. with an 8K race, followed by the 2-Mile Fun Run and Tot Trot. Family golf tournaments get under way at Glen Lake Golf Course and Practice Center at 8 a.m. Minnetonka seniors will host a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

Tours and entertainment (Medicine Show Music Co., ragtime pianist Dan Fiskum, Westwind Community Band) begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 4 p.m. at the Burwell House. Food will be available for purchase throughout the event. Don't miss visiting the antique market held on the banks of Minnehaha Creek.

Beginning at 4 p.m. the Civic Center will be alive with activity: kids' rides (ponies too), caricaturists, a golf contest, karaoke, interactive displays for all ages, police displays, fire department open house and performances by the Music Association of Minnetonka choral groups and symphony orchestra. The Minnetonka Ice Arena will host a figure skating exhibition and a session of public skating complete with free skate rental. Many other fun activities have been planned – be sure to take time to enjoy them. The evening's main entertainment will feature Mick Sterling and the Stud Brothers, and, as always, the day concludes with a spectacular fireworks display at 10 p.m.

This year's festival and social offer an exciting array of free activities for children, teens and the entire family. Please plan to join us June 26 – you won't want to miss this very special event!

  
Karen J. Anderson, Mayor



## ★ Main Grounds

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
**COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**  
Refer to the Community Center schedule.

4-8 p.m.  
**FESTIVAL INFORMATION BOOTH**

Pick up a complete listing and map of festival events.

- Voter Registration
- Lost and Found
- Restrooms
- First Aid
- General Information



4-8 p.m.  
**OUTDOOR BARBEQUE**  
Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda will be available for purchase.

4-8 p.m.  
**FOOD AND FUN**  
A variety of food and beverages will be available to purchase.

4-5 p.m.  
**MINNETONKA FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

4-7 p.m.  
**MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPLAYS**

4-9 p.m.  
**RECREATION SERVICES TENT**  
Facepainting, games and kids' arts and crafts activities.

4-9 p.m.  
**FREE KIDS' RIDES**  
Giant slide, inflatable obstacle course, Titanic Adventure Slide

4-7 p.m.  
**FREE PONY RIDES**  
Cowboys and cowgirls, come ride your favorite pony!



4:30-5:30 p.m.  
**REMARKABLE REPTILES PROGRAM**  
Learn about some friendly critters!

5-8:30 p.m.  
**CARICATURISTS**  
Have your likeness created by professional artists — free to everyone!

5:30-9:30 p.m.  
**REPTILE DISPLAY**

5:30 & 7 p.m.  
**POLICE K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS**

8-10 p.m.  
**SPECIAL SALE OF NEON ITEMS**  
Buy glow sticks and necklaces at the Registration Booth!

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



## ★ Ice Arena Activities

4:30 p.m.  
**FIGURE SKATING EXHIBITION**  
Skaters from the Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club will entertain you.

5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**FREE ICE SKATING**  
Cool off at the skating rink! (Free skate rental)



## ★ On the Main Stage

4-5:45 p.m.  
**KARAOKE**  
Open to all ages!

5:50-6 p.m.  
**CONTEST WINNERS**  
Mayor Karen Anderson announces the day's contest winners!

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

7-10 p.m.  
**FEATURE SHOW: MICK STERLING AND THE STUD BROTHERS**  
Mick Sterling promises an unforgettable evening of soul and rhythm and blues music. The ten-piece band, which began in 1988, performs popular songs by well-known artists such as Tower of Power, James Brown and Etta James. Mick Sterling appears annually in the Bayfront Blues Festival.



## ★ Community Center

8-11 a.m.  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sponsored by the Minnetonka Senior Center

4:30-6:30 p.m.  
**PERFORMANCES BY THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA**

4:30 p.m.  
– Minnetonka Concert Choir  
5:30 p.m.  
– Choral Reflections  
6:30 p.m.  
– Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra



## ★ Athletic Tournaments/Events

7:30-10 a.m.  
**RACE EVENTS**  
Pre-register or register on race day beginning at 6:30 a.m. Races begin and end in front of Minnetonka City Hall. Participants in the 8K Race and 2-Mile Fun Run will receive long-sleeved t-shirts.

7:30 a.m. — 8K Race (\$15)  
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. Awards will be presented in each age group.  
8:45 a.m. — 2-Mile Fun Run (\$10)  
10 a.m. — Tot Trot (for ages 8 and under) FREE



8 a.m.  
**FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Any adult and child (ages 8-15) team is eligible to play in this tournament at the Glen Lake Golf and Practice Center in Minnetonka. Special contests will be held throughout the event. Pre-registration is required. Winners will be announced at 5:50 p.m. on the main stage.

9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
The 12-team men's softball tournament will take place at Minnetonka's Big Willow park and Hopkin's Central Park. Each team is guaranteed at least three games. Entry fee is \$90 with awards presented to the top three teams.

For more information or to register for any of these events call 952-939-8203.



## ★ Sports and Activities

4-8 p.m.  
**MONSTER TRUCK DEMO (New!)**  
4-8 p.m.  
**GOLF CONTEST**  
Closest to the pin wins prizes (for ages 16 and up).

4-9 p.m.  
**BASKETBALL SPORT COURT**  
4-9 p.m.  
**MINI RACECARS**

4-9 p.m.  
**SPORTS CHALLENGE**  
Activities for all ages including water balloon toss, hula-hoop contest, tug-of-war, relay races, football accuracy toss, sports trivia, name that tune, field goal accuracy and basketball shootout.

5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**FREE ICE SKATING**  
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## BURWELL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**T**he City of Minnetonka and the Minnetonka Historical Society invite you, your family and your friends to the annual Burwell House Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy free Burwell House tours, entertainment, an antique market and children's activities. Food and ice cream will be available to purchase throughout the day. Free parking is available at St. David's Episcopal Church and Minnetonka Community Church. Limited handicap parking is available at St. David's Family Center (formerly Burwell School). Free shuttle service will be provided from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. between the parking sites and the Burwell House.

### 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – ANTIQUE MARKET

### 10:30 a.m. – MINI PARADE

Join us for an old-fashioned hometown parade led by Minnetonka's first fire engine. Everyone is invited to join the parade beginning at the old Town Hall (on the grounds of Minnetonka Community Church) and proceeding to the Burwell House. Participants can decorate their bikes, make their own music or wear costumes. Join the growing number of entries in this fun parade. All participants will receive a treat.

### 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – ENTERTAINMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – *The Medicine Show Music Co. (back by popular demand!)*  
 1:15-2:15 p.m. – *Dan Fiskum (ragtime piano at its best!)*  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. – *Westwind Community Band (always a favorite!)*

### 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF THE BURWELL HOUSE

Take a self-guided tour of the historic Charles H. Burwell House. (Guided tours are available on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons through September. Visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call 952-939-8219 for more information.)

### 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wander through the history maze, play an old-fashioned game and enjoy a craft activity.

### 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – CONCESSIONS

Ice cream, hot dogs, bratwursts, vegetarian bratwursts, lemonade and bottled water will be available for purchase.

*Proceeds from this event benefit Burwell House furnishings and historic programs.*



## National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3

**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.



On Tuesday, August 3, between 6 and 9 p.m., residents city-wide 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 letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out is a great excuse to get outside and meet neighbors. Some neighborhoods have elaborate parties with tasty potluck dinners and musical entertainment, while others have punch and cookies, but everyone has a good time meeting people and greeting their neighbors.

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 be visiting 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. Forms must be turned in by Friday, July 16, to Colleen Klingelhutz, crime prevention specialist, Minnetonka Police Department.

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

## New Williston Fitness Center manager named

**T**HE CITY OF MINNETONKA is pleased to announce the promotion of Kelly O'Dea to the position of manager for the Williston Fitness Center, effective May 17, 2004.

O'Dea joined the Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services department as an intern in early 2000. Later that year, he was hired as the membership manager for the Williston Fitness Center. O'Dea has a bachelor's degree in recreation management and business administration from the University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse, Wis.

As manager, O'Dea will be responsible for managing, planning and organizing the activities and operations — including employee relations — for the Williston Fitness Center.

The City of Minnetonka is currently conducting a search for an assistant manager to fill the vacancy left by O'Dea's promotion.

## Scholarship money available for recreation programs

**H**OPKINS-MINNETONKA RECREATION SERVICES offers many programs for youth and adults this summer, and has scholarship money available for those individuals and families in financial need. If a financial crunch has you down this summer you still have an opportunity to participate — you just need to apply for a scholarship.

The Dick Wilson Scholarship Fund is for Hopkins and Minnetonka residents who are interested in participating in a variety of programs sponsored throughout the year by Recreation Services. Programs include swimming

lessons, Shady Oak Beach season passes, tennis, t-ball, golf, art camp, a fishing seminar, adult exercise, nature camp, youth soccer and many more activities.

For more information on scholarships and the above activities, or for a listing of all summer programs, visit the city Web site at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com) or call 952-939-8203.

## Burn permits available online

**I**F YOU'RE PLANNING to have a recreational fire, you may apply for a burn permit online at [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com). This permit does not have to be renewed annually, but it may be rescinded or cancelled at any time by the Minnetonka Fire Department. Residents are reminded that only clean, split firewood can be burned — no trash, leaves, brush or treated wood.

## Select proper hardware when building with treated lumber

**B**EFORE YOU BEGIN your summer project be aware that the newer chemicals being used to treat wood approved for outdoor use may be considerably more corrosive to metal. Product manufacturers make specific recommendations about what kinds of nails, fasteners, hangers and other hardware should be used with treated wood. These recommendations should be followed and all hardware should be carefully selected to avoid corrosion.

More information is available through the State of Minnesota Building Codes and Standards Division web site at [www.buildingcodes.admin.state.mn.us](http://www.buildingcodes.admin.state.mn.us), including a resource web link contact list. The American Wood Preserves Association at [www.awpa.com](http://www.awpa.com) has published information about the issue and includes links on its web site to several wood product companies.

## You're invited to the Minnetonka ArtsCenter

**T**HE MINNETONKA COMMUNITY Theater, sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education and Services, will present two productions this summer at the Minnetonka ArtsCenter. The Minnetonka ArtsCenter adjoins Minnetonka High School, 18301 Hwy. 7.

- "Honk!" runs June 18-26.
- "The Music Man" runs July 23-31.

For more information, including ticket prices, call 952-401-5748 or e-mail [minnetonkacommunitytheater@msn.com](mailto:minnetonkacommunitytheater@msn.com).

## Enjoy music in the park

**R**ECREATION SERVICES HAS scheduled several free "Music in the Park" performances this summer at Westridge Pavilion (11280 Wayzata Blvd., next to Galyan's). Programs begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Remaining performances include John Filipczak and the Classics (polka) on Tuesday, June 29; and Meg Lawson (blues) on Tuesday, July 13.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for more comfortable seating. Aren't sure of the weather? Call the weather hotline at (952)939-8355.

## Fall photo contest scheduled

**I**N CONJUNCTION WITH the city's open house Tuesday, Oct. 5, a photo contest has been announced. Prizes will be awarded. Watch for more details, along with an entry form, in an upcoming *Minnetonka Memo*.

### Natural Resource Notes

## Litter — An unwelcome addition to the neighborhood

**A**S YOU DRIVE or walk around the city, have you noticed an increased amount of litter? I was really surprised to see all of the litter that appeared as the snow melted this spring. Thank you to the great volunteers who were out in full force this past month to make our roadways clean!

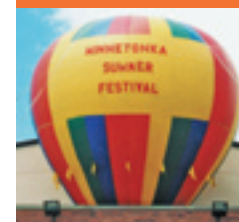
In Minnetonka we are fortunate to have trails and parks that allow us to watch birds, enjoy walks in the woods and experience our natural surroundings. Most of our Minnetonka neighborhoods have a "woody" feel. Litter and our natural worlds do not mix.

Litter is not just escaping from our garbage cans with the assistance of the helpful neighborhood raccoon. It is being flung out of car windows, blown from the back of pickup trucks and dropped by children at the bus stop — even though it is so easy to contain properly. Just about every convenience store, grocery store, big box store and gas station has a garbage can. Yet if you visited your neighborhood park or pond you would see plastic garbage bags, fast food wrappers, candy wrappers and pop cans in the woods and at the pond's edge. We must do a better job controlling our trash.

Be a good steward. Don't litter, and if you see trash, pick it up. Talk to your family members about the proper disposal of trash. Don't be a "litter bug," and as Woodsy the Owl used to say, "Give a hoot, don't pollute." We as a community are fortunate to have all of our natural surroundings and we must do our part to take care of them.

*Natural Resource Notes is written by Jo Collieran, environmental resources coordinator for the City of Minnetonka.*

### MINNETONKA WEATHER INFORMATION



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.

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Summer Fest

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Ice Cream Social

The 27th annual Summer Festival is set for June 26, 2004. 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 the day's activities follows. Please call Recreation Services at 952-939-8203 for more information or visit [www.eminnetonka.com](http://www.eminnetonka.com).  
 (Please note: Schedule is subject to change.)

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