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*A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka
August 2004*

Thumbs up to Minnetonka, say residents

HOW'S THE QUALITY of life in Minnetonka? Excellent, say most residents who responded to this year's community survey. Many residents surveyed rated the quality of life as excellent or good, placing Minnetonka among the top two or three metro-area suburbs in terms of quality of life and city service ratings.

Members of the Minnetonka City Council heard more results of the 2004 Minnetonka community survey at a May meeting. Dr. Bill Morris of Decision Resources, Ltd., presented the findings. Here are some highlights from the survey:

- In comparison with the rest of the metro area, Minnetonka remains among the top two or three suburbs in terms of overall quality of life and city service ratings.
- Of residents surveyed, 97% rated the quality of life in Minnetonka as excellent or good, with 55% percent ranking it as excellent. Those figures are well above the norm for other suburban communities.
- Minnetonka's ratings for police, fire, recycling, recreation and snowplowing services were among the highest in the metropolitan area.
- Of those residents who expressed dissatisfaction with services, 13% wanted faster road repairs, and 10% wanted faster snowplowing.

- For the first time in Minnetonka, a majority (52%) indicated a willingness to increase taxes to maintain city services at the current level.
- About 80% would favor additional regulations regarding trees and forested areas, with only 13% opposing. Of those surveyed, 79% percent believed that the city was successful in maintaining a balance between environmental protection and property rights.
- About 80% of the responders rated the value they received for their tax dollars as good or excellent. This is a stunningly high rating in comparison with other suburban communities, and is a favorable endorsement of the service Minnetonka residents receive.
- Minnetonka's residents have far more contact with city hall than citizens in other communities and their evaluation of these contacts is overwhelmingly favorable, with service, courtesy, ease of reaching staff, and efficiency ranked

at 89% (excellent or good). In customer service norms, 80% is the threshold for top-notch customer service in the private sector, and 70% is the norm in the public sector. Minnetonka has consistently been above these norms.

- Minnetonka's information system has always been the most effective in the metro area. The city's linkage with its citizens qualifies as a best practice for the metro area. When asked the open-ended question about their preferred primary source of information, 62% said it was the *Minnetonka Memo*.

Morris summarized the survey results as excellent. Morris concluded his report by saying he and his staff like to do Minnetonka's surveys "because residents tend to be friendly, cooperative and thoughtful."

For complete survey results, see the May 10 minutes of the Minnetonka City Council at www.eminnetonka.com. □

City council receives American flag

THE MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL received a very special gift at its Monday, June 14, meeting, when members of the Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) presented the city with an American flag that flew in Iraq.

Roger Hoel, director of MAM, explained, "Last year, the girl's chamber choir was performing in an international choral festival in St. John's, Newfoundland, when we met some members of the Minnesota Air National Guard 133rd Airlift Wing. The soldiers were returning from Oman, where they had been stationed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The girls performed for them and, in appreciation, the soldiers gave the group an American flag that had flown in Iraq." The chamber choir has now presented the flag to the Minnetonka City Council.



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A certificate accompanying the flag reads,

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Minnetonka Community Action Recognition Award

Ann Cullen Smith honored for land donation

IT'S THE "CROWN JEWEL" of Minnetonka's Open Space program — 30 acres of pristine land located between Meadow Park and Interstate 494, the largest single unspoiled parcel of land located in Minnetonka. The land will remain that way forever, thanks to the generosity of its owner, Ann Cullen Smith.

At its June 28 meeting, the Minnetonka City Council awarded Ann Cullen Smith a Minnetonka Community Action Recognition (CAR) award for her generous donation to the Open Space program. Ann has had a longstanding interest in Minnetonka's open space, becoming an active observer when the Open Space Preservation Task Force formed in the late 1990's. The recommendations of this group pointed to the need for a referendum, and in 2001, Minnetonka voters approved a \$15 million referendum to preserve open space and renew the city's park system.

It was apparent that the \$7.5 million allocated from the referendum for open space was not sufficient to buy all of the remaining open space within the city. After study and prioritization, Ann Cullen Smith's land emerged as the most important to purchase.

Ann moved to the property in 1937 and raised her family there. She has always been committed to the environment and wildlife and to this day spends much of her time pursuing those interests. While developers often made lucrative offers to develop her property, Ann turned them down. However, when the city approached her about the open space program, Ann agreed to sell her land to the city for less than half of what she could have received from a developer.

Ann's property will not pass to the city until she leaves it, and even then, the Minnesota Land Trust will hold a permanent conservation easement to ensure that the land remains in a natural state. Only walking paths will be allowed on the property, and the land will remain available for the wildlife Ann loves.

The residents of Minnetonka for generations to come will benefit from Ann's forward thinking, which kept this land in its natural state; and from her generosity, which allowed this property to become the centerpiece of the open space program.

To learn more about Minnetonka's Open Space program, visit www.eminnetonka.com. □



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Ann Cullen Smith

Minnetonka Community Action Recognition Award

Scouts receive awards

ALSO RECEIVING A Minnetonka Community Action Recognition award in June were Janice Dummer and members of Cub Scout Pack 426 and Boy Scout Troop 430, who annually organize and run a garage sale, then use the proceeds to benefit a charity. At its third annual sale in 2003, the troop raised enough money to purchase and donate 150 new sleeping bags to Caring and Sharing Hands.

"This project is one important way for the boys to realize how fortunate they are to have a bed to sleep in, plenty of food to eat and a roof over their heads — something most kids and adults take for granted," wrote nominators Nicole and Joshua Reid. "They are learning they can make a difference in the lives of kids who struggle with meeting basic needs. How empowering for these boys!" □



Janice Dummer and several members of Cub Scout Pack 426 and Boy Scout Troop 430.

About the Minnetonka Community Action Recognition Award

MINNETONKA'S UNIQUE character comes from the individuals, organizations and businesses that contribute so much to the community, and



we think it's important to recognize and celebrate those contributions. To do this, we've created the Minnetonka Community Action

Recognition Award program.

This program targets those projects that enrich the quality of life in this community, show human connections, preserve natural resources, beautify the community or exemplify good citizenship.

The nomination process is simple. If you're aware of a project you think merits recognition, send us information about who should be recognized, what was done, and how their project benefited Minnetonka. Projects that fit the goals of the program will be recognized in our Minnetonka Memo and at our annual open house. Recipients will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Minnetonka City Council at a council meeting.

Send nominations or questions via email to Mike@eminnetonka.com or fill out an online nomination form at www.eminnetonka.com. For more information call Jacque Larson at (952) 939-8207. □

Calling all amateur historians

IF YOU APPRECIATE history, consider applying to fill a vacancy on the Community Heritage Commission. The commission meets about six times a year and is involved in history-related projects and events, including the Burwell House and annual Ice Cream Social. The commission works cooperatively with the Minnetonka Historical Society. For more information about the commission visit www.eminnetonka.com. For an application call or email Karen Telega at (952) 939-8211 or ktelega@eminnetonka.com. □

State primary election set for September 14 HT

FEDERAL, STATE EXECUTIVE, legislative, county and judicial offices may be on the ballot for the state primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 14. No local issues will be on this year's ballot. The purpose of the primary election is to determine the candidate from each party who will advance to the general election, set for Nov. 2, 2004.

City staff is available to help you with election information. You can obtain more detailed or specific information by calling city hall at (952) 939-8200, or visiting the city's web site at www.eminnetonka.com (click on City Services, then Elections). This article will help you with the following topics:

- How are statewide primary elections different from other elections?
- How do I vote absentee?
- Why should I pre-register?

Statewide primaries

Minnesota's primary election is a little different from the more publicized primaries held earlier this year in other states. In those primaries, people usually registered with a political party, and only received a ballot for that party's candidates.

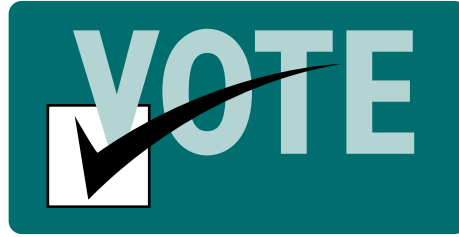
In Minnesota's primary election, voters receive a ballot that lists candidates for all eligible parties. They may vote only for candidates within one party. If they "crossover" (that is, if they vote for a candidate from one party for one office, and a candidate from another party for a different office), the ballot is considered defective and the votes on that ballot will not count. If this happens at the polling place, an election judge will advise the voter and offer a replacement ballot. If this happens with an absentee ballot, there is no method to correct the vote.

This concept is often confusing to voters. A sample ballot will be posted on the city's web site as soon as one is available. If you don't have Internet access, a sample ballot will be posted in the city hall lobby.

Absentee voting

Absentee voting is available for those who are unable to get to the polling place on primary election day due to:

- Absence from the precinct
- Illness or disability
- Religious observance
- Service as an election judge in another precinct



Absentee voting may be done in person or by mail. Absentee ballots will be available beginning Friday, Aug. 13, 2004.

In person

Minnetonka voters may vote absentee at the Minnetonka City Hall or at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended absentee voting hours will also be available at both locations on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Monday, Sept. 13, until 5 p.m.

By mail

Absentee voting also may be done by mail. *Remember, the voted ballot must be received at city hall by primary election day for the vote to count.* Please allow sufficient time for postal service delivery.

The first step to vote absentee by mail is to complete an application. To receive an application, call city hall at (952) 939-8200; visit the city's web site at www.eminnetonka.com; or fax a request to (952) 939-8244. Upon receipt of an application, the city will mail a ballot with instructions.

Pre-registering to vote

Minnesota allows voters to register at the polls on the day of elections. However, since the lines can be long it is to your advantage to register before that time. Pre-registration for the primary election closes Tuesday, Aug. 24, to allow the county time to update the precinct voter lists for primary election day. If you would like to pre-register, contact city hall for a voter registration application form. You will need to register if:

- You have never registered.
- You have changed your name or address (including just moving to another apartment in the same building) since you last voted.
- You have not voted in four years.

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New park equipment destroyed by arson HT

IN THE EARLY morning hours of July 21, the Minnetonka Police and Fire departments were called to a fire at Meadow Park, 2725 Oakland Rd. Officers who responded to the call found the play equipment fully engulfed in flames.



The fire has been determined to be arson and remains under investigation by the Minnetonka Police Department. Damage is estimated at about \$65,000, and will be covered by the city's insurance.

Meadow Park is currently undergoing renovation as part of the city's Parks Renewal process, and the play equipment — chosen by neighborhood children — had been installed only three weeks before the fire.

"It's very disheartening to see something like this happen, especially to a project that was the result of a lot of planning and hard work by both neighbors and the city," said Craig Sinclair, City of Minnetonka parks manager. "We are moving ahead with plans to replace the equipment, but it's likely to be near the end of September before new equipment is installed."

If you have any information about the fire, please call the Minnetonka Police Department at 952-939-8500. Cash rewards are available for information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspects in some cases. □

Know the rules for school buses

THE APPROACH OF autumn also means the start of a new school year and the reappearance of school buses. The



Minnetonka Police Department reminds drivers to drive safely and obey Minnesota laws concerning school buses. These laws are designed to protect children and are strictly enforced by the police department.

Minnesota statute number 169.444 states that when a school bus is stopped on a street or highway and is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing lights, drivers are prohibited from doing the following:

- Stopping closer than 20 feet from the bus.
- Passing the bus on the right, even if there is an available lane to the right.
- Passing the bus from any direction, including oncoming, unless the bus is stopped on the opposite side of a separated highway.

A violation of the law is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 90 days in jail and a fine up to \$1,000. If school children from the bus are standing outside the bus at the time of the offense, the violation becomes a gross misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of one year in jail and a fine up to \$3,000. *A police officer does not need to be present at the time of the violation in order for prosecution to occur.*

As the new school year begins, please keep in mind the safety of children and follow the laws designed to protect them. □

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“This U.S. flag is gratefully presented to the Minnetonka Chamber Choir. The flag was flown into Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom by members of the 109th Airlift Squadron of the Minnesota National Guard. Thanks for all your performances in St. John’s, Newfoundland.” The certificate is signed by Robert Cayton, Lt. Colonel of the 109th Airlift Squadron.

A photo of the chamber choir posing with Minnesota Air National Guard members, as well as the flag and certificate, are on display in the Minnetonka City Hall lobby. □

Tips for recognizing alcohol and drug use in teens

DURING THE SUMMER months, the Minnetonka Police Department has encountered many young people in possession of a variety of substances from marijuana to methamphetamine. The incidence of juvenile drinking parties has also been on the rise.

It’s often difficult to tell if your child is using drugs or alcohol because many of the symptoms of drug or alcohol use — changes in mood or attitude, unusual temper outbursts, changes in sleeping habits, and changes in hobbies or other interests — are common to teenagers.

Parents should be on the lookout for signs of depression, withdrawal, hostility or carelessness with grooming. It’s also important to take into account how well your child is doing in school, whether or not he or she is getting along with friends and if he or she is taking part in sports or other activities.

These changes often signal that something harmful is going on, and it might involve alcohol or drugs. If you suspect this, consider taking your child to a doctor for a drug and/or alcohol screening, which may involve a urine or blood drug test.

Some of these signs also may indicate a deeper problem with depression, gang involvement or suicidal thoughts. By watching for these signs, you may spot the problem before it goes too far.

The Minnetonka Police Department has school liaison officers assigned in both the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts, as well as an officer assigned to the Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force. These officers are excellent resources for assistance if parents need information or help, and they may be reached by calling (952) 939-8500. □

Symptoms of teen drug or alcohol abuse

- Changes in friends
- School absenteeism or declining grades
- Increased secrecy about possessions or activities
- Use of incense, room deodorant or perfume (to hide smoke or chemical odors)
- Increased secrecy and use of “coded” language in conversations with friends
- Change in clothing, including fascination with clothes that highlight drug use
- Increase in requests to borrow money
- Drug paraphernalia such as pipes, rolling papers, etc.
- Evidence of use of inhalant products such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid or common household products. Rags and paper bags are sometimes used as accessories.
- Bottles of eye drops, which may be used to mask blood-shot eyes or dilated pupils
- Use of mouthwash or breath mints (to cover up the smell of alcohol)
- Missing prescription drugs, especially narcotics and/or mood stabilizers

More About DSL Service

ABOUT A YEAR ago, the *Minnetonka Memo* reported the results of a city survey about the availability of DSL Internet service to Minnetonka residents. The city had hoped to ask for greater availability during proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission. Unfortunately, now those proceedings will not be held due to the Minnesota Legislature’s action to postpone them for a number of years. On the positive side, the local telephone company (Qwest) has extended DSL service to more Minnetonka residents. If DSL service is still not available to you, the best option is to contact Qwest and ask for it. The more who do, the more likely they will be to further extend service in the city. □

Skating lessons offered at Minnetonka Ice Arena

SIGN UP NOW for fall skating lessons with the Minnetonka Ice Arena's All-Season Skating School! This lesson program offers beginning and advanced skating instruction for children (ages 3 and up) and for adults and is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute.

Classes are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays depending on the class level. Sign up for the daytime tot program on Tuesdays; hockey skating skills and power classes on Saturday mornings; Wednesday night adults-only classes or many other class options.

For class information, fees, registration forms and a lesson brochure visit www.eminnetonka.com or call the Minnetonka Ice Arena at (952) 939-8310. The 12-week session begins Sept. 14, 2004, with registrations being accepted until Sep. 13, or until classes are full.

Enroll your child and yourself in dance

HOPKINS-MINNETONKA Recreation Services is offering two new dance classes this fall: youth ballet lessons and adult ballroom lessons. Children entering kindergarten through second grade are invited to enroll for youth ballet classes, which meet Thursday afternoons beginning Sept. 9.

Adult couples are invited to enroll in ballroom dance classes, which meet Friday evenings beginning Sept. 10.

Both classes meet at Williston Recreation and Fitness Center, 14509 Williston Drive in Minnetonka. For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8203.

Picture this!

READY, SET, AIM...your cameras for the 2004 City of Minnetonka photo contest. The city is sponsoring the contest as part of the October 2004 Fire Department and City-Wide Open House, and residents are invited to participate. Prizes are \$100 for first place; \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Here are the rules

- Photographers must be residents of Minnetonka.
- Photos must have been taken in Minnetonka within the last two years.
- Only three photos per person may be submitted.
- Submit up to three color or black-and-white unmounted 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" prints, with captions on the back. No slides please.
- Digital photos must be submitted on photographic paper.
- Entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, 2004.
- Each entry must be submitted with a completed entry form that can be photocopied. Entry forms will be available in the September *Minnetonka Memo*.



Cindy Schaefer's photo "Back to School" took first place honors in the 2003 City of Minnetonka Photo Contest.

Any submitted photos become the property of the City of Minnetonka and may be used in city publications with proper credit. The city will not be responsible for lost entries. The photographer is responsible for obtaining approval from identifiable people in a photo taken in a non-public space.

The winning entry will be featured in this newsletter, on www.eminnetonka.com and in city hall. City employees and their families are not eligible to enter. Questions? Call (952) 939-8207.

Don't miss *The Music Man!*

THERE'S JUST ONE weekend left to catch *The Music Man* at The ArtsCenter, performed by the Minnetonka Community Theatre. Performances are set for Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 5-7, at 7:30 p.m.

The perennially popular musical by Meredith Willson, *The Music Man* tells the story of "Professor" Harold Hill, a smooth-talking and smooth-singing con man who makes a stop in 1912 River City, Iowa. Hill convinces the townspeople that he can create a "magnificent boys band" by way of his "think" music system. In the plan, Hill doesn't expect to fall for the town's librarian, Marian Paroo, who eventually provides the reason for Hill to make River City his home. The show features such well-known songs as "76 Trombones" and "Till There Was You."

Tickets are \$10 and may be ordered by phone at (952) 401-5898. To purchase tickets in person, visit the box office located in the lobby of the Minnetonka ArtsCenter, at the east end of Minnetonka High School, 18285 Highway 7 in Minnetonka. Hours are 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information visit the Minnetonka Community Theatre web site at www.minnetonkatheatre.com. To learn more about upcoming events at The ArtsCenter, visit www.eminnetonka.com.

City reviews environmental ordinances

MINNETONKA IS KNOWN for its fine environmental resources which have been protected through the years in part by city ordinances. Protecting the city's natural resources while also giving homeowners and developers an incentive to work with the existing environment is always a careful balancing act. In pursuit of an even better balance of these two interests, as well as to increase protection of natural resources, the city has been reviewing potential changes to the environmental protection ordinances. Wetland, floodplain, shoreland and tree protection ordinances are under review.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2004, to review proposed changes to the wetland and floodplain ordinances. The shoreland and tree protection ordinance revisions will be introduced to the city council later this year.

Floodplain Changes

Since being presented to the city council and announced in the *Minnetonka Memo* in the spring of 2003, the proposed floodplain ordinance has undergone many changes. Revisions are designed to update the city's floodplain ordinance as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Department of

Natural Resources (DNR), as well as to better align the ordinance with the city's existing storm water policies.

The proposed ordinance also would allow administrative approval of minor floodplain impacts, allow additional uses in the floodplain, and reduce existing floodplain setbacks. This amendment will continue to provide the same level of flood protection as now exists in the city, thus maintaining the city's current flood insurance rating.

The major changes that would affect the city's residents and businesses are that new boathouses would not be allowed in the floodplain; setback requirements would decrease in most cases; and elevation-above-floodplain requirements would increase (see chart for setback and elevation requirements).

Wetland Changes

The proposed changes to the wetland ordinance that would affect the city's residents and businesses are:

- The alteration of type 1 wetlands will be regulated. However, wetland alteration permits will not be required for the alteration of vegetation of type 1 wetlands.
- Incidental wetlands, or those wetlands created for purposes other than to create

a wetland, will be exempt from the city's wetland ordinance. This includes storm water ponds, ditches or other areas that receive artificial hydrology and take on wetland characteristics.

- With staff approval, removal of debris and sediment that has eroded into wetlands will be allowed.
- Wetland alteration permits will not be required for the removal of vegetation from wetlands if the applicant has a restoration plan approved by staff. Staff also will approve any algae or duckweed control measures proposed by an applicant. This does not require the submittal of a restoration plan.
- Wetland alteration permits will not be required to remove vegetation in a contiguous width not to exceed ten feet in order to install a dock or gain access as permitted.

If you would like more information or a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact Jo Colleran, environmental resources coordinator, at (952) 939-8299 or by email at jcolleran@eminnetonka.com. You may also view a copy of the proposed floodplain or wetland ordinances on line by visiting the city's website at www.eminnetonka.com. □

Proposed Setback and Elevation Requirements

Use	Current setback regulation	Proposed setback regulation	Current required elevation above floodplain	Proposed elevation above floodplain
Principal structures	35 feet	20 feet	Lowest floor 2 feet	Lowest floor 2 feet
Attached decks, patios, stairways, porticos and cantilevered building areas	25 feet	10 feet	0 feet	1.5 feet
Accessory structures	35 feet	10 feet	0 feet	1.5 feet
Parking and driveway areas (other than single family homes)	20 feet	10 feet	0 feet	1 foot
Single family driveway areas	0 feet	0 feet	0 feet	1 foot

Highway 169 work set for August 2–27

THE RESURFACING OF two bridges on Highway 169 in Minnetonka will cause traffic to be reduced to one lane in both directions on Highway 169 from Aug. 2 through Aug. 27. Highway 169 bridges that cross Highway 62 and Minnetonka



Boulevard will both be resurfaced, while railings on the Minnetonka Boulevard bridge will be replaced. All work is being done by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Motorists may expect Highway 169 to narrow to one lane for several hundred feet in both directions as they approach and leave the area of both bridges. It's also important to note that Highway 62 ramps to and from Highway 169 will be closed from Aug. 2 through Aug. 16 to accommodate this work.

It is expected that this work will cause tremendous traffic delays on Highway 169, and motorists who regularly use this stretch of highway are advised to find an alternate route. For more information about this project, visit MnDOT's Web site at www.dot.state.mn.us. □

I-494 Update

THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of Transportation (MnDOT) is in the process of upgrading I-494 between the I-394/I-494 interchange and the Minnesota River. Work between I-394 and extending through Minnetonka to Hwy. 5 in Eden Prairie is slated to begin this fall and last two years. Upgrades include replacing pavement and bridges and adding one lane of capacity in both directions along the corridor. Watch the city's website (www.eminnetonka.com), the *Minnetonka Memo* and local newspapers for continuing information about the progress of this construction. □



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Upcoming election information

Information about the following will be in the September *Minnetonka Memo*:

- The hours the polls will be open on primary election day
- Polling place locations, including changes to polling places from last year
- Availability of primary election results
- Absentee voting for the Nov. 2 general election

This promises to be a busy election season, and we encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Please let us know how we can help. □

Senior supper set for Aug. 12

A PORK CHOP SUPPER is set for Thursday, Aug. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Minnetonka Community Center. The menu includes grilled seasoned pork chops, potato salad, three-bean salad, applesauce, rolls, cookies and coffee. Dick Macko will provide entertainment.

Cost is \$5/person in advance (must be paid by Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 4:30 p.m.) or \$6/person after Aug. 10. For more information visit www.eminnetonka.com or call (952) 939-8393.

This event is sponsored by the City of Minnetonka and Senior Community Services. □

Minnetonka Memo editor retires

JOAN POST, LONG-TIME editor of the *Minnetonka Memo*, retired this June after 30 years of service to the City of Minnetonka. In May, the Minnetonka City Council recognized Joan for her many years of dedicated work for the city. She will continue to serve the city in volunteer capacity, coordinating a program to incorporate more volunteering into the city's day-to-day functions.

Jacque Larson, hired in May as Minnetonka's community relations manager, took over editorship of the *Minnetonka Memo* with the June 2004 edition. She brings more than 10 years of communications and public relations experience to the city and most recently worked for Robbinsdale Area Schools. If you have questions or concerns about the *Minnetonka Memo*, please contact Jacque at (952)939-8207. □

Police officers sworn in



Two newly hired Minnetonka Police Department officers (above) were sworn in at a ceremony Friday, July 23, in the Minnetonka City Council Chambers. Officer Darlene Ford (right) was formerly a Wright County Sheriff Patrol Deputy, while Officer Aaron Wiemiller (left) was a McLeod County Sheriff Deputy/K-9 handler. Robin Shoen (not pictured), recently hired as records manager by the department, also was welcomed at the ceremony.

Calendar

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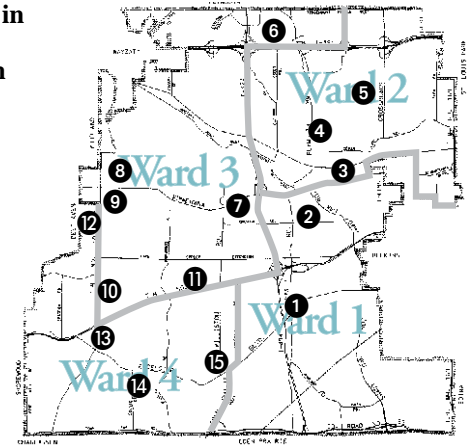
Call (952) 939-8200
for meeting
locations.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3 National Night Out
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	4 Park Board, 7 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	5 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	9 City Council regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.
29	30	31					10 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.
							10 Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m.
							11 Joint Recreation Board, 6 p.m.
							19 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
							23 City Council regular meeting, 6:30 p.m.
							30 City Council study session (preliminary budget review), 6:30 p.m.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The following items are tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission in August. 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 Conditional use permit and site plan review for construction of a convenience store, service/repair area and car wash at **13118 Excelsior Blvd.** (86165.04a)
- 2 Front yard setback variance for a shed at **3726 Farmington Rd.** (96055.04a)
- 3 Variances for three baseball scoreboards at **11800 Minnetonka Blvd.** (Big Willow baseball complex). (97053.04a)
- 4 Preliminary plat to divide one lot into three lots at **2637 Plymouth Rd.** (90011.03a)
- 5 Front yard setback variance for an addition to the home at **11705 Live Oak Dr.** (04046.04a)
- 6 Building plan review and conditional use permit for site improvements at Knollway Park at **895 Horn Dr.** (04049.04a)
- 7 Guide plan amendment, rezoning, site and building plan review and seven variances for a landscape design studio at **14600 Minnetonka Dr.** (04015.04a)
- 8 Conditional use permit for a detached garage at **3128 Woodlawn Ave.** (04047.04a)
- 9 Preliminary plat and variance to divide the existing lot at **3634 Rainbow Dr.** into three lots. (04042.04a)
- 10 Conditional use permit for a vegetable stand at the northwest corner of the **Westwind Plaza Shopping Center.** (88030.04a)
- 11 Front yard setback variances for two buildings at **15114 Hwy. 7** (northeast corner of Hwy. 7 and Highland Rd.). (04045.04a)
- 12 Agreement between the cities of Minnetonka and Deephaven for the annexation of the Minnetonka part of the property at **3660 County Rd. 101** to Deephaven. (04017.04a)
- 13 Rezoning, conditional use permit, site/building plan review to remodel vacant B. Dalton book store at **5101 County Rd. 101.** (02037.04a)
- 14 Aggregate side-yard setback variance for an addition to the home at **16623 Jealam Rd.** (04048.04a)
- 15 Rezoning, guide plan amendment, preliminary plat, site/building plan review, with parking stall variance to build a four-story, 86-unit senior housing structure with underground parking at **5431/5439 Williston Road.** (04037.04a)



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