## minnetonka A Newsletter from the City of Minnetonka March 2003

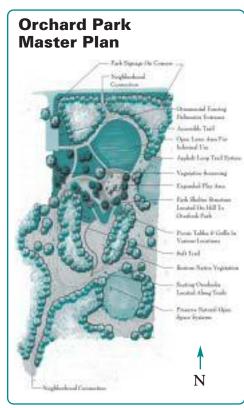
# Parks renewal and open space preservation is off to a great start 🐨

N 2001, MINNETONKA voters approved a \$15 million bond referendum to renew our city's parks and preserve open space.

The five-year parks renewal program is well underway, with planning complete or in progress for 15 of Minnetonka's 43 parks. Neighborhoods are actively involved in developing renewal plans for their parks, and several initial projects are already close to construction.

Those residents who have participated are enthusiastic about the process, and pleased that their voices are being heard. The city is committed to incorporating neighborhood choices into the new designs — from the overall layout to the color of the play structures. Please be sure to visit <u>eminnetonkaparksrenewal.com</u> for detailed information about the parks near you.

The City of Minnetonka has long been committed to open space preservation, and half of the referendum is dedicated for



Neighborhood residents participated in development of renewal plans for Orchard Park.

negotiation of easements to outright purchase. Conservation development agreements are being negotiated for some properties

to preserve as many of the natural features of the land as possible. Often a property owner will dedicate a conservation easement that prohibits future development activity.

These techniques were used to successfully preserve about 18 acres of a 28-acre site at the Clarion Hills Development. The Stone Trace Development was also successful in preserving

4.5 acres of this 8.93-acre site.

In addition to the acquisition of easements, other conservation techniques continue to promote the quality of the environment. These include smaller road widths, which allow more open space and less impervious surface, and rain gar-



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dens or infiltration systems to treat the storm water run-off and promote better water quality.

In other cases, the city is actively pursuing acquisition. These properties are generally smaller and along Minnehaha Creek or near the city's larger community parks, like Big Willow, Meadow, Purgatory, and Lone Lake.

Over the past several months, the city has successfully purchased four properties at or below their appraised values, and all within the Minnehaha Creek preserve. One property is near Big Willow Park, and two other properties are adjacent to other properties the city already owns. Eventually, the homes will be removed and the land converted to natural areas. Where feasible, trail access through the properties will be created.

For detailed information related to Minnetonka's open space preservation program, please visit the city's web site at <u>eminnetonka.com</u> to view these documents:

- City council policy on open space preservation
- Parks, Open Space and Trail System (POST) plan
- Minnehaha Creek Corridor master plan
- Natural resources restoration and management plan

## **Parks renewal** *continued on page 2*

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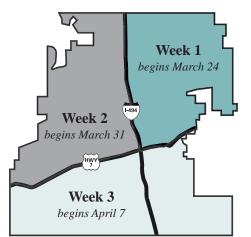
However, rapidly escalating land values require careful leverage of these newly available funds.

Accordingly, the park board and city council prioritized about 50 areas throughout the community for possible preservation. The rankings were based on such factors as sensitive environmental features. buffers for neighborhoods, high visibility, size, and linkage to other open areas.

Preservation strategies were developed for each of these areas, ranging from the

## Water main flushing begins March 24

THE UTILITY DIVISION of the Minnetonka Public Works Department will be flushing water mains throughout the city from March 24 through April 11. Flushing will be done weekdays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in most areas. Check the accompanying area map for specific dates.



Flushing in areas listed below will occur outside the above times:

- March 23 Ridgedale business area: 12 a.m. 4 a.m.
- March 30 Minnetonka Industrial Road, Twelve Oaks Center, Carlson Parkway: 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- April 2 Hwys. 7/101 area: 12 a.m. 7 a.m.
- April 5, 6 Opus, Beachside, K-Tel, Clearwater Drive, White Water Drive, Culligan Way: 10 p.m. on April 5; 8 a.m. on April 6

The flushing schedule may be adjusted because of weather conditions.

During the flushing period it is normal to experience some discolored water. This water is safe to drink. However, if you have a concern, please contact the Utility Division, (952) 988-8400, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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• Open space preservation priority map

Or, you may contact Assistant City Manager Geralyn Barone at (952) 939-8216 or gbarone@eminnetonka.com.

## **Reflections Award winners announced**

THE 2003 REFLECTIONS Award winners, Glen Lake Optimists Club and John Kokesh, were recognized recently by the Minnetonka City Council. This biennial program recognizes individuals, businesses, and programs whose outstanding contributions reflect positively on Minnetonka.

The Glen Lake Optimists Club, represented by Kent Dunder, was a co-winner of the award for its 50 years of dedicated service and community building. Through its annual holiday tree sale fundraiser, the group generously funds \$20,000 – 25,000 each year toward local programs that have a long-term impact on children and families in Minnetonka.

John Kokesh was selected for the award for his service to ICA (Intercongregation Communities Association). A volunteer for many years, John has served ICA in many

## Bothered by airplane noise?

CERTAIN AREAS OF Minnetonka, particularly the northeast section, occasionally experience increased aircraft noise. The incidence varies, depending on weather conditions and the airport's use of take-off and landing patterns that attempt to disperse noise impacts.

Residents can report bothersome airplane noise through the airport's noise complaint hotline: (612) 726-9411.

## Defensive driving classes scheduled

**D**<sup>RIVERS 55 AND over can brush up on driving skills and get a reduction on their auto insurance rate by enrolling in these "classroom only" classes held at the Minnetonka Senior Center. Call (952) 939-8393 for more information or to register.</sup>

- 4-hour renewal day class: Tuesday March 18, April 8, or April 29 Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost – \$17 (includes lunch)
- 4-hour renewal night class: Tuesday March 25, 6 to 10 p.m., \$14.50
- 8-hour intro night class: Thursday, April 24 and Tuesday, April 29
  Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Cost \$22



Kent Dunder and John Kokesh

capacities...from handyman to food worker to inventory control manager. For the past two years, John has volunteered to sleep outside in a tent during cold weather while ICA raised funds for its Housing Crisis Prevention Program.

## Homeland Security Advisory

On Friday, February 7, the Homeland Security Advisory Level was elevated from yellow to orange — "High." What does this mean for our residents?

The likelihood of a terrorist attack in Minnetonka is very remote, but it could be a possibility that the next attack might be on our infrastructure (internet, utilities, or economic structure) that would create disruption within our daily lives. The federal government is also making the public aware about possible chemical, biological, and radiological threats.

The City of Minnetonka is working closely with public safety officials within Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, and the federal government. The city has a well-thought-out Emergency Management Plan that can be immediately implemented in a natural disaster or in any situation needing reactive measures.

As always, residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 to report any-thing that is out of the ordinary.  $\Box$ 

## Natural Resource Notes

WETLANDS NEED BUFFERS just as people need clothing. We need clothing for protection from cold, rain, sunlight, and wind. Wetlands need buffers for protection from urban run-off and erosion.

Wetland buffers are areas of native vegetation that are upland of the wetland edge. Buffer areas consist of shrubbery and trees, native grasses and/or forbs that are not mowed, fertilized, or manicured in any manner. (Forbs are non-woody plants, such as flowers, that are not grasses).

Wetland buffers are an integral part of a wetland complex. Buffers filter upland run-off such as suspended solids, nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous, toxic substances and bacteria. Buffers of native vegetation can also provide increased soil stabilization due to their fibrous dense root systems which keep

### Wetland buffers

soils in place during periods of flooding or water fluctuation, moderate the micro climate of the system, support and protect fish and wildlife habitat and diversity, provide migration corridors and protect the wetland from human encroachment, especially as it relates to lawn care practices.

Last fall the City of Minnetonka passed a wetland buffer ordinance that requires buffers for wetlands when new construction is taking place or when certain variances or conditional use permits are granted. The width of the buffer may be 16.5, 25, or 50 ft. depending on the type of wetland; most are 25 ft.

Many of Minnetonka's wetlands are already buffered by woodlands, and for the most part they just need to be left intact. If you are building a new home on property with a wetland that has

no existing buffer, you may need to plant one. Or you may want to replace some sod with native vegetation to take better care of your wetland and enjoy the increased benefits that buffers can provide. Water bodies with buffers generally are cleaner and more fun because of the frogs, turtles, birds, and dragonflies that they support. Many colorful flowering plants grow at the wetland edge. As an added benefit, geese are less likely to walk onto a lawn when there is a fringe of taller vegetation along the shore.

If you want to plant a buffer, a good source of information is *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality* by Carroll Henderson, Carolyn Dindorf, and Fred Rozumalski. Or, you can contact Jo Colleran, the city's Environmental Resources Coordinator. She can be reached at (952) 939-8299.



## Planning Commission will consider amendments to grading /erosion control and public nuisance ordinances 🗊

**T**HE MINNETONKA PLANNING Commission has a public hearing tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., to amend the grading and erosion control ordinance and the public nuisance ordinance.

Currently, the city regulates any earthmoving activity, which results in the moving of more then 50 cubic yards, or 5,000 square feet, of earth. The proposed grading and erosion control ordinance will align the city's ordinance with the standards set forth by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. It addresses grading and erosion control permits in one area of the code, and it formalizes processes and policies that the city is currently following. The goal of this ordinance revision is to prevent sediment and erosion generated by construction activity from negatively impacting adjacent neighborhoods and the city's natural resources.

The proposed changes to the public nuisance ordinance will further protect the city's water resources. The first step is understanding that all of the city's storm water drains to a neighborhood wetland, pond, lake, or creek. The proposed changes will make it illegal to intentionally dispose of pollutants into the street, storm water system, or water resource, such as a wetland or pond. These pollutants include solvents, antifreeze, paint, pet feces, and the intentional discharge of leaves and grass clippings.

For a copy of the proposed language for either ordinance, you may access the city's website at <u>eminnetonka.com</u>, and then click on "Hot Topics." For more information, please contact Jo Colleran, Environmental Resources Coordinator, (952) 939-8299 or by email at jcolleran@eminnetonka.com.

### 2003 RECYCLING UPDATE

## The two steps to recycling in Minnetonka

#### Newspaper, Miscellaneous Paper Items, and Corrugated Cardboard

**Paper (includes the following):** Newspaper and all colored comics and ad supplements; glossy magazines and catalogs; direct mail advertising (sometimes referred to as unwanted or junk mail); letters, bills, receipts and envelopes; school and office paper; hard and soft covered books; telephone directories; toy, gift, shoe, and tissue boxes and tubes; laundry detergent boxes; beverage carriers (pop, water, beer); dry food packaging (cereal, cracker, cake, chip, pasta etc.)

Remove all product liners and flatten boxes. Shredded paper is accepted (in a paper bag only).

Place the acceptable paper into a paper grocery bag and set out in or next to the blue recycling bin. Newspaper may be placed in a separate paper bag, bundled, or mixed with the other paper products.

**Corrugated Cardboard (No minimum size):** Flatten boxes. Place next to the recycling container. That's all that's required. Small pieces of cardboard can be placed in the bag with miscellaneous paper.

#### **RECYCLING HINTS**

#### NOT EVERYTHING IS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

The materials accepted in the recycling program are wanted by industry as feedstock to make new items. Contamination by unwanted items is a problem. Placing unacceptable materials in your recycling bin is like throwing a bright red towel in with a load of white laundry — it ruins the whole effect!

## The following materials are NOT accepted for curbside recycling or at the drop-off center. *Throw these materials into your garbage!*

- all paper milk or juice cartons or boxes
- all plastic items (bags, toys, tubs, trays, pots, pails, buckets, packaging peanuts, medicine containers, motor oil bottles), except for bottles that come to a neck
- light bulbs, mirrors, window-plate-auto glass, glasses, plates, bowls, other dishes or cookware, ceramic dishes or bottles
- kitchen and bathroom paper products (food wrap, paper towels, tissues, plates, cups, napkins, coffee filters, etc.)
- gift wrap or wallpaper
- photographs, slides or carbon paper
- non-corrugated packaging such as pizza boxes, and packaging for all refrigerated or frozen foods (i.e. frozen entrees or waffles, cream cheese or butter boxes, yogurt containers, etc.)
- aerosol and paint cans, household scrap metal (pots, pans, etc.)

## 2 Glass Bottles and Jars, Metal Cans (includes aluminum foil and foil trays), Plastic Bottles with a neck

Rinse all containers clean. Discard all plastic caps, tops, lids, and pumps. Place containers loose into the blue recycling bin (mixed together) or into paper grocery bags. Place bags in or next to the blue recycling bin. **Only plastic bottles with a neck are accepted!** Throw all other plastic items (trays, bags, tubs, caps, covers, lids, and pumps) in your garbage!

Prepare your recyclable materials and place into one of the two groups. Do not mix the loose paper products and loose containers in the recycling bin.

#### **Collection day / Holidays**

**Collection day:** Recycling collection for residents west of I-494 is on Mondays. Residents east of I-494 have recycling collection on Tuesdays.

**Recycling holidays:** In 2003, only two holidays change recycling collection. Memorial Day (Monday, May 26) and Labor Day (Monday, September 1) holidays will delay recycling one day.

Please have your recycling materials out by 7 a.m.

#### **Container storage / Set out**

**Storage of recycling and garbage containers:** Your garbage and recycling container must be stored out of public view except for the evening before and the day of collection.

**Late set-out:** Recycling materials should be set out at your curb before 7 a.m. or the night before.

If your recycling is set out before 7 a.m. and not collected by 6 p.m., please call the Minnetonka Recycling Coordinator by noon the following day. You may leave a message on the 24-hour recycling hotline: (952) 939-8202 or call (952) 939-8217 during business hours.

If you have questions about recycling, please contact the Recycling Coordinator, Dean Elstad, (952) 939-8217 or email: <u>delstad@eminnetonka.com</u>.

## Thank you for recycling — your participation <u>does</u> make a difference!

#### **Telephone directories**

Telephone directories may be placed in the paper grocery bag with the other paper products. Do NOT include the plastic delivery bag either re-use it or throw it into the garbage. Directories are also accepted at the Recycling Drop-off Center.

### 2003 RECYCLING UPDATE

## **Year-round Hennepin County Drop-off Sites**

• *Household Hazardous Waste* (HHW) is accepted at both Hennepin County sites shown at right throughout the year. There is no charge to drop off HHW.

## 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.

• **Consumer electronics** accepted at both sites at no charge: TVs, radios, stereos, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers, monitors, printers.

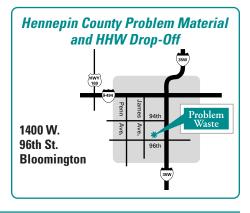
• Household appliances

(microwaves, water heaters, stoves, freezers, washers, dryers, etc.) are accepted for an \$15 fee for each item.

Both facilities are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sites are closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays.

For further information, call the Recycling Coordinator, (952) 939-8217 (please leave a message if you get voice mail). Additional information is available from Hennepin County, (612) 348-3777.





### Adopt-A-Sign Program open to residents

MINNETONKA'S ADOPT-A-SIGN program has proven to be a great success because of the wonderful efforts of families, civic organizations, and individuals who have adopted the various park signs around Minnetonka.

City crews will again prepare the 47 park sign sites, and an allowance will be provided for volunteers to choose annuals of their own preference to plant and maintain through the 2003 growing season. Last year's volunteers will be given first option to adopt the sign they cared for previously, but some will choose to "pass the trowel," so additional sites will be available.

If you or your organization would like to adopt a park sign, please contact Facilities Management, (952) 939-8390, or e-mail <u>mweseloh@eminnetonka.com</u>.

### House numbers must be visible

CITY ORDINANCES REQUIRE that each separate residential, commercial, or industrial building in Minnetonka must have a street number displayed on it which is visible from the street serving the building.

To assist public safety personnel in responding to emergencies and requests for help at your address, it is imperative that the numbers on your house or business be clearly displayed. If obstructed by shrubbery or landscaping, plan to do some pruning. If you're replacing the numbers, be sure they are large enough and that they contrast with your building. Having your address clearly visible could make a difference in an emergency.

## Free income tax help offered

**F**REE TAX PREPARATION is available to seniors, by appointment, every Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until noon through April 9 and every Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p.m. through April 10. (Complex tax returns, however, can't be handled at this site.)

This service is also available to residents with limited incomes. Call (952) 939-8393 to make an appointment.  $\Box$ 

## DID YOU KNOW?

You probably already know that the cost of city water is \$1.45 per 1,000 gallons...but did you know that the \$1 you pay for a 16 oz. bottle of water at the grocery store buys the equivalent of 5,500 bottles of clean, safe city drinking water, conveniently delivered to the taps in your home? That's not a typo—that's a bargain!

## 2003 Summer Employment Opportunities

#### Public Works (952) 988-8400

All seasonal positions start at \$9.25/hour with a year-end bonus available. Flexible scheduling is likely with all employees working 40 hours/week. Some positions will require working on weekends.

• Water/Sewer Utility Maintenance (3 positions)

*Duties include:* hydrant/equipment painting, maintenance of water/sewer system, mowing, landscape work, and maintenance of the sanitary collection system.

- **Park Maintenance** (*18 positions*) *Duties include:* mowing, trail maintenance, brush cutting, trimming, athletic field maintenance, and various park improvement projects.
- Fleet Maintenance (*1 position*) *Duties include:* servicing light equipment, assisting mechanics, parts pick-up, shop clean-up, and other miscellaneous duties.
- Street Maintenance (5 positions) Duties include: pavement maintenance, sign installation, brush and tree trimming, trail work, and miscellaneous drainage activities.

#### Recreation Services (952) 939-8203

Call for more information on any of these jobs. Minimum age restrictions may apply.

- Adult/Youth Programs: TENNIS INSTRUCTOR, Day/Evening, \$8–12/hr.
- Youth Programs: PLAYGROUND LEADER, M–F, \$7.50–8.25/hr.

BASEBALL INSTRUCTOR, Tues./ Thurs. morn., \$7–8.25/hr. T-BALL INSTRUCTOR, Day/Evening, \$7–8.25/hr. SOCCER OFFICIAL Weekday/Sat. evening, \$9.50–16.50/game

• Park Guest Services: ATTENDANT, Hopkins Valley Park and Burnes Park, Aft/Eve/Weekends, \$7.50–8/hr.

ATTENDANT, Minnetonka Lone Lake Park and Gro Tonka Park, Aft/Eve/Weekends, \$7.50–8/hr.

• Williston Fitness Center: SERVICE DESK ATTENDANT, Day/Eve/Weekends, \$7.50–8/hr. SPORTS CAMP COUNSELORS, M–F, 8–4, \$7–10/hr. CHILD CARE, M–F, Day/Eve, \$7.50–8/hr. BUILDING SUPERVISOR, Eve/Weekends, \$8–9/hr.

- Beaches & Swim Program: LIFEGUARDS, Beach/Pool, Day/Evening, \$8/hr. start
   WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS, M–F Day/Eve, \$9.50/hr. start
   CONCESSIONAIRE, GATE
   ATTENDANTS, Mon.–Sun., \$6.75/hr. start
   BEACH MAINTENANCE, Mon.–Sun, \$7/hr.
- Gray's Bay Marina: ATTENDANTS, \$8–9.50/hr. COORDINATOR, Customer service, dispense fuel, maintain building and grounds : April–Oct 31, AM/PM hours weekdays, weekends, holidays, \$10–12/hr.

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- City of Minnetonka Preliminary Application for 2003 Summer Employment
  To be considered for summer employment, an application must be submitted as soon as possible.
- Hiring is contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment screening.

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All <i>PUBLIC WORKS</i> positions a Some positions will require v	•		per week). Flex scheduling is likely.		
	-		Personnel Services, 14600 Minnetonka l w eminnetonka com "Seasonal Emplo		a, MN 55345

## Contacting an elected official?

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION will be useful should you wish to contact an elected official.

Minnetonka is in the 3rd Congressional District; State Senate Districts 33, 42 or 43, depending on where you live; Legislative Districts 33B, 42A or 43B, depending on where you live; 6th County Commission District; 4th Park District.

#### 2003 MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL

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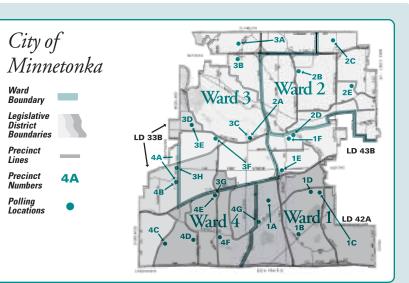
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#### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

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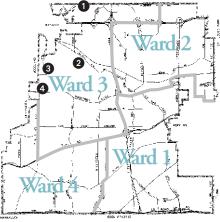


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City of							1	4 Citizenship Academy, 7 p.m.	18 Citizenship Academy, 7 p.m.
City of Minnetonka	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<b>5</b> Park Board, 7 p.m.	20 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
March	9	10	1	12	13	14	15	6 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.	24 Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.
	10							11 EDA, 6 p.m.; Citizenship Academy,	25 Citizenship Academy, 7 p.m.
2003	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	7 p.m.	<b>31</b> City Council, 6:30 p.m.
Call (952) 939-8200	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	12 Senior Advisory Board, 10 a.m.	
for meeting locations.	30	31						17 City Council, 6:30 p.m.	

#### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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

- Rezoning from R-1 to PID, final site/building plans for a 60-unit condominium project for Yellowstone Trail LLC at 408 Parkers Lake Road (03001.03a)
- 2 Conditional use permit for wireless communications tower for Mark Holm at 15501 McGinty Rd. W (03002.03a)
- 3 Variances to rebuild a house for Paul W. Pedersen at 17204 Gray's Bay Blvd. (02007.02b)
- Guide plan amendment, rezoning from R-1 to PUD, approving a master development plan, final site/building plans, preliminary plat for Halley's Custom Homes, Inc.'s "The Sanctuary" at 3230, 3306 Groveland School Rd. and 3305 Co. Rd. 101



## 🐨 Hot Topics 🖤

**TEMS IDENTIFIED WITH T** are listed as Hot Topics on the city web site, *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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